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**Republican Women of Purpose
General Meeting & Luncheon**

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

11:00 a.m.

Ridgeway Country Club

Guest Speaker

Mayor Mark Luttrell

Please make reservation by

Friday, February 25, 2011

to

Pat Melvin – 755-5699 or patriciamelvin@att.net

Reservations must be guaranteed. If you make a reservation and do not attend, you will be billed \$25.00 for lunch. Thank you.

RWOP is requesting that you pay by check rather than cash if at all possible. This enables us to balance our check-in figures more quickly and efficiently. Thank you very much! We look forward to seeing all of you in March. Come and please bring a guest.

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Note: Everyone who would like to replace their regularly scheduled luncheon entrée with a chicken salad plate should designate that request when you schedule your reservation. It must be done in advance so that it can be designated accordingly. The cost of the plate is the same - \$25.00.

Mayor Luttrell was born in Jackson, Tennessee and spent his early years in Bells, Tennessee. He moved to Memphis as a teenager and graduated from Bartlett High School. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Union University and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Memphis.

His first job after college was teaching history at Bradford County High School, Starke, Florida. He served two years in the Army, stationed in Louisiana, Texas and Germany. Returning to Memphis, Mayor Luttrell began his career in criminal justice at the Shelby County Penal Farm serving as the vocational training director.

He joined the United States Bureau of Prisons in 1977 and served with that organization until his retirement in 1999. He also served as warden of federal prisons in Texarkana, Texas; Manchester, Kentucky; and Memphis, Tennessee. He was then appointed Director of the Shelby County Division of Corrections and served there until his election as Sheriff in 2002 and again in 2006. During his tenure, the Shelby County Jail men's and women's divisions were removed from federal court oversight and went on to receive

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Mayor Luttrell continued...

national accreditation by the American Corrections Association. The jail medical units also received separate national accreditation certifications. Additionally, the law enforcement division of the Sheriff's Office was also accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies. As sheriff, he graduated from the FBI National Executive Institute (NEI) and in 2009 was named "Sheriff of the Year" by the National Sheriffs' Association. He was also selected as Lawman of the Year for the Kiwanis' Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee Districts. Now Mayor Luttrell continues his desire to help Shelby County become one of the most effective and efficient governments in the nation.

He is a member of the Germantown Kiwanis Club and serves as a board member of the Memphis-Shelby Crime Commission, Operation Safe Community, Memphis Second Chance, University of Memphis Arts and Sciences Advisory, Union University Alumni Advisory and a member of Second Baptist Church.

Mayor Luttrell is a Leadership Memphis graduate and a distinguished recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award of the University of Memphis, College of Arts and Sciences.

He and his wife, Pat, have three children; Lynnette, Mark and Margaret and five grandchildren.



President Message, Carole Pruett

Are you thinking Spring - or even warm weather? March does that for me - St. Patrick's Day, March 17, the beginning of Spring, March 21, and baseball spring training in Florida and Arizona - I can almost feel the sunshine. Before I get too carried away, there are some important happenings for RWOP this month—our monthly meeting and luncheon on March 2. Our speaker will be County Mayor Mark Luttrell, who will be explaining the ever-changing school consolidation issue. Be sure to make your reservation with Pat Melvin.

Thank you to our February speaker, Don Johnson. His discussion on the Shelby County Republican Party caucus and convention and Lincoln Day were informative. He also advised and encouraged Shelby County Republicans to participate in the caucus and convention, and to work hard to choose competent candidates in the 2012 elections.

Gina Johnson and Connie Stanfield have started planning for Ladies Day on the Hill. I hope everyone is planning to attend. As a special extra, we will be going on a tour of the Governor's Mansion. Rooms have been reserved at the Hermitage Hotel - \$209.00 per night double. You make your own reservations, but you should let Gina or Connie know you will be attending.

RWOP is building a college fund for young Republican women. It's an opportunity for honorariums and memorials, and also to give assistance to deserving young Republican women. Our March luncheon is March 2, and anyone wanting to make an announcement, should contact me at least 48 hours prior to the luncheon to be put on the agenda.

An old Irish Blessing:

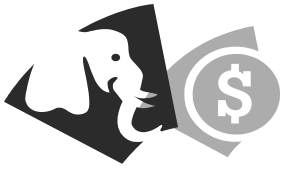
May joy and peace surround you,
Contentment latch your door,
And happiness be with you now,
and bless you evermore.

TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Ladies Day on the Hill

April 6, 2011

Mark your calendars for April 6 for LDOH in Nashville!! We will be going up on Tuesday, April 5 and staying at the beautiful Hermitage again! Our room rate is \$209 for queen double. Reservations should be made by March 5. For reservations call 1-888-888-9414 and tell them you are with RWOP. We will be taking our Super 7 to dinner on Tuesday night at the Germantown Cafe. There is also a luncheon at the Hermitage Hotel on Wednesday. Cost for that is \$37.00. This is always a great time for everybody!! Please don't miss it!! If you have any questions, call Gina Johnson at 481-7801.



The 2011 RWOP Fundraiser...Garage Sale is quickly approaching and we need your help!

Set up day is Thursday, April 28th, and sale days are April 29th and 30th. The location is at the home of Anne Truett. Please check your attic, garage, cabinets, closets and drawers for gently used items of any description to donate to the sale. Items may be brought directly to the sale site on, or just prior, to set up day.

If you prefer, you may take them to our storage unit located at Green and Sons Storage facility in Collierville. The address is Commerce Dr. just off Highway 72. Our unit number is 187 and a key is located in the office. Pick up for large or heavy items is available. Please e-mail or call Julie Ethridge for more information. We need the help of every member to make this very important fundraiser a success.

Please sign up to work at our March Luncheon meeting or contacting Julie Ethridge. Thank you in advance.

LINCOLN DAY *Gala*

Lincoln Day Gala

The Date for the Lincoln Day Gala Auction has been changed. PLEASE mark your calendars! **The new date is Friday, March 18th.** The location is the same, the Holiday Inn at the University of Memphis. The SCRП is currently shoring everything up for the speaker and the information will be announced soon.

VIP Tickets include the VIP reception at 5:30PM, the auction at 6:00 - 7:30PM and the dinner. The cost is \$125.00 per person. Regular Tickets include the silent auction at 6:00 -7:30PM and the dinner. The cost is \$85.00 per person

Tickets can be purchased on line <http://www.shelbygop.org/events/LincolnDay/order.html>, or you can purchase at the Shelby County Republican office. If you have questions, please contact the SCRП at 682-3335 for more information. *We hope to see you there!*

SCRП Precinct Caucus & Convention

The Shelby County Republican Precinct Caucus is at 7PM, Monday, February 21st at Houston High School, 9755 Wolf River Blvd, Germantown, TN 38139. If you are planning to attend, please arrive by 6:50PM, as the doors will be locked and the event will begin promptly at 7PM. The caucus should only take 30-60 minutes, so please plan to attend. **The actual convention will be on March 20th at 3PM.** If you have questions, you can always contact the SCRП office for additional information. We encourage everyone to get involved. Everything starts at the local level!

RWOP Membership

The 2011 RWOP - Republican Women of Purpose Directory will go to print on February 28th. That means we need your membership payments no later than February 21st. If you have not paid your 2011 dues, we value your membership and you are important to the organization!! Regular membership is \$35 and an associate membership is \$25. If you have questions or need information, Mary Kay will be happy to assist you. Mary Kay can be reached at mkdball@comcast.net or 737-5001.

From Phyllis Vincent, Corresponding Secretary

Since the first of January 2011, we have sent "Get Well" cards to Susan Hoback, Charles Harding, James Kelsey, Dottie Pugh, John Willingham, George Selby and Bob Pittman. In addition, we have sent "Sympathy Cards" to the families of Anna Frances Houston, Adrienne Stock, John Ryder (loss of mother-in-law) and Sgt. Meisner, a fallen soldier from Cordova.

If any of you are aware of anyone who needs cards of encouragement please let me know at v_cliffo@bellsouth.net or call 901-753-0359. Thank you.



Thinking of You...In great sadness we have learned that James Kelsey, husband of Elizabeth Kelsey, and father-in-law of Kay Kelsey has passed away. Both Kay and Elizabeth are RWOP members. James Kelsey is also the grandfather of State Senator Brian Kelsey.

Please keep Elizabeth, Kay, Brian and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

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PLEASE KEEP UP WITH YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS!! Manual volunteer tracking sheets are available at the RWOP meetings. Please make sure you turn in your hours to Betty Kimbrough.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2	11:00 a.m.	RWOP Luncheon Mtg.	Ridgeway Country Club
March 16	10:00 a.m.	RWOP Board Mtg.	Ridgeway Country Club
March 18		Lincoln Day	Holiday Inn-University Memphis
March 20	3:00 p.m.	SCRIP Convention	Houston High School
April 5-6		Ladies Day on the Hill	Nashville, TN
NO APRIL GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON			
April 20	10:00 a.m.	RWOP Board Mtg.	Ridgeway Country Club
April 29-30		RWOP Fundraiser—Garage Sale	Anne Truett's home

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\$35-regular member, \$25-Associate member —available to men or women who are regular members of another NFRW club.

Send to Mary Kay Ball, 8413 Trondheim Drive, Cordova, TN 38018, Ph. 737-5001
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