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

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

11:00 a.m.

Ridgeway Country Club

Guest Speaker

***Shelby County
District Attorney General Amy Weirich***

Please make reservation by May 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.

Amy P. Weirich was appointed by Governor Bill Haslam as Shelby County District Attorney General in January 2011. General Weirich is the first female to hold the office in Shelby County.

Prior to her appointment, General Weirich served as Deputy District Attorney General under former District Attorney Bill Gibbons.

General Weirich is a veteran prosecutor who started serving in the Shelby County D.A.'s office in 1991. Over the past 20 years, she has served in many leadership roles in the office, including chief prosecutor of the Gang and Narcotics Prosecution Unit and division leader for the Special Prosecution Unit in criminal court.

General Weirich has received many honors for her skills in the courtroom, including the Board of Directors' Trial Award for Outstanding Advocacy in Capital Cases from the Association of Government Attorneys in Capital Litigation. She has been a frequent lecturer at training seminars for the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference and the National District Attorneys Association. General Weirich is also a member of the Leo Bearman, Sr., American Inn of Court.

A graduate of Germantown High School, General Weirich earned a bachelor's degree from The University of Tennessee at Martin and a law degree from the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at The University of Memphis.

General Weirich and her husband have four children. She is an active member of St. Louis Catholic Church.



From the President, Carole Pruett

Wasn't our May speaker, Susan Danielik's topic timely? Her message about her husband, James Danielik's experiences in the Middle East came three days after Osama Bin Laden's demise. Seeing the slides brought the War for Freedom really close and personal. Thank you Susan, thanks to the Navy Seals, all our military and God Bless America!

I again want to thank Julie Ethridge and her crew for another successful garage sale. If you attended, bring one of your "finds" to the June luncheon to show just what good "stuff" we get.

Also a huge thank you to everyone who brought items for "Caring for Amercia". Sandra Beibers will be collecting items at our June luncheon.

Everyone will want to hear the comments of our June speaker, District Attorney General Amy Weirich.

If you are a delegate or alternate to the Area 9 convention, remember it is Saturday, June 11, 1:00 PM, at the Cordova Library.

There will not be a luncheon meeting in July. I hope everyone enjoys the July 4 holiday, and what a privilege it is to live in a free country!

The board and I wish you a fun filled summer, and we will see you again in August!

From Bylaws Chairman, Mary Jane Anderson

Proposed bylaw amendments were approved by the Board at the April 20 Board meeting and were emailed to all Regular members (or mailed to members without email addresses) for their review before the May 4, 2011, General Meeting. The amendments call for the creation of the office of President-Elect (formerly the 1st VP). The First VP becomes the program chair. The 2nd VP is the membership chair and the 3rd VP remains the fundraising chair. These amendments were announced at the May General meeting and will be presented for a vote at the June General Meeting.

Call to Area 9 Convention

The Area 9 Convention will be held on **June 11, 2011, 1:00 PM**, at the Cordova Branch Library, 8457 Trinity Rd, Memphis, TN 38018, 754-8443, "for the purpose of electing an Area Vice President and to take up any other business the Convention delegates deem appropriate."

According to the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women Bylaws, "A club shall be entitled to one delegate for every ten (10) memberships paid to the State Federation within thirty (30) days after the Call to the Area Convention." "Delegates and alternate delegates must have been members at least sixty (60) days before their election."

Our club elected 16 Delegates and 16 Alternates to this convention at our May 4 Membership Meeting. Delegates: Mary Jane Anderson, Mary Kay Ball, Tracy Chism, Mary Jane Davis, Lucy Doane, Betty Kimbrough, Pat Melvin, Kim Perry, Jane Pierotti, Carole Pruett, Betty Rome, Paula Sedgwick, Rieta Selberg, Phyllis Vincent, Beth Webb, and Annabel Woodall. Alternates: Terri Boatwright, Greta Coger, Betty Cotton, Sandy Drewry, Mary Ann Epperson, Ruth Henderson, Kay Kelsey, Sharon Ohsfeldt, Anne Truett, Peggy Voeller, Betty Yambrek, Gina Johnson, Sherri Gallick, Diane George, Mary Ann Harding, Ann Gallina.

At this convention, we will be electing the Area 9 Vice President who will represent us on the TNFRW Board of Directors for 2012-2013. Barbara Trautman is presently our Area 9 Vice President and has done an outstanding job in her leadership! The Area 9 Nominating Committee met and has unanimously nominated Barbara for a second term. We congratulate Barbara for the confidence placed in her by the women who represented the clubs in Area 9.

The special guest at the Area 9 Convention will be Kay Hodgson from the Pickwick Lake area. Kay is chair of the TFRW Convention which will be held at the Pickwick State Park Lodge, October 21-23. Kay will be filling us in on the details of the upcoming convention and letting the clubs in Area 9 know how they can help make the convention the best ever for TFRW. All RWOP members should make plans to attend the state convention!

From Julie Ethridge, 3rd Vice President

Our "Annual Garage Sale" is behind us for 2011! Due to the dedication and hard work of many wonderful RWOP members, we were able to net \$3969. Many thanks to everyone who participated by donating items, bringing food, and working tirelessly during the sale. The week began with some stormy weather, but the skies cleared and gave us 3 gorgeous days for our set up and sale. With only Thursday to set up, our members rallied and we were ready for business early Friday morning.

I want to give special recognition to Anne & Ed Truett for allowing us to take over their home that weekend, and to Shirley & Jack Henry, for providing a truck and much needed man power. Thank you, RWOP members!!



Julie Ethridge, Betty Rome, Betty Kimbrough, Pat Melvin, and Annabel Woodall taking a break from the sale.

The next agenda for the Republicans...from Debbie Jarvis, Legislative Chair

Over the course of the next month or so, the Republicans will be fighting two of the biggest battles that are coming down the pike....the Debt Ceiling Limit and the Budget for 2012. These battles will determine where the Republicans stand, and if we stand strong on these two items it will send a message that we mean business about cutting the budget and stopping the big spending. If we crack and do not hold the party together on these issues, it will send a message to the American people that we are no different now than we were in years past when we were in control of both the House and Senate. This is a do or die time for our party so please contact your Representative and Senators. It looks as if **Obamacare** will be heard by the US Supreme Court by mid-June of 2012...election year.

In the past 7-10 days, Haley Barbour, Mike Huckabee and Donald Trump have announced their decision NOT to run for President. It looks as if Barbour will release his staffers and voters to Romney and he may run the Romney campaign or play an important role in his campaign. Jon Huntsman was courting Huckabee for his vote and could be a surprise in the campaign. He has bought a house in Washington, DC, and is putting together an exploratory committee so it looks as if he will run. Mitch Daniels could be getting ready to throw his hat in the ring, and Michelle Bachmann may decide to join the fray now that Barbour and Huckabee have dropped out. It is anyone's guess as to what can happen over the next few months. The rumors are flying that Rep. Paul Ryan may run for Senator Kohl's seat in the Senate for 2012. The Republicans need to pick up at least 6 to 8 seats in the Senate to take back control of the Senate, and it looks good for that to happen if the economy, jobs and the budget remain unchanged in 2012. These will be the key issues for the 2012 election, so we must remain focused for the battle ahead, and make no bones about it...**IT WILL BE THE BIGGEST BATTLE THAT WE HAVE EVER FOUGHT!**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Regular Members

Betty Jo Hamby
Charlene Sorrels

Associate Member

Bill Oldham

A Very Special Thank You To

Chris Norris, Yearbook Chairman

For our wonderful 2011 DIRECTORY!

Address, e-mail or phone changes:

Mary Kay Ball - Membership Chair

mkdball@comcast.net

For RWOP Name Badges, Contact Betty Rome - 755-3726 bettyrome@bellsouth.net

From Sherri Gallick, Communications Chair

All RWOP members are important! If you have not been receiving emails from the Republican Woman of Purpose, please send contact Sherri Gallick at sagrusa@aol.com or republicanwomenofpurpose@gmail.com to make sure the club has your correct information and email address. We want to connect to all members.

Are you on facebook? PLEASE join us on our facebook fan page. Below is the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Republican-Women-of-Purpose/112948558254> or you can search for Republican Women of Purpose. We have been posting information on upcoming events, notices and even pictures from events. We also welcome your posts!

Notice...Need a Notary? Peggy Larkin is a licensed and bonded Notary Public. Also, please send any information for the TRUNKLINE news to Peggy Larkin, plarkin177@aol.com or call 901-755-7500

Republican Women of Purpose
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DATES TO REMEMBER

June 1	11:00 a.m.	RWOP Luncheon Mtg.	Ridgeway Country Club
June 11	1:00 p.m.	Area 9 Convention	Cordova Branch Library
June 15	10:00 a.m.	RWOP Board Mtg.	Ridgeway Country Club
June 16-18		Republican Leadership Conference	New Orleans, LA
August 14		Women for Weirich Fundraiser	Home of John and Sue Williams

Reminder: No July Meeting

From Corresponding Secretary and Historian, Phyllis Vincent

Sympathy cards were sent to Joyce Avery for the loss of her husband, Charles, and to Representative Mark White for the loss of his mother, Peggy White. A get well card was sent to Becky Coleman who had foot surgery. Photos were taken at "Marsha Blackburn Day" in Nashville on April 25. Several club members attended this event and Naomi Judd was the guest speaker. Photos were also taken at our successful "Annual Garage Sale."

Caring for America, Sandra Biebers, Chair

RWOP has "adopted" the platoon of member Sherri Gallick's stepson, who is serving in Iraq. We are collecting the following items for the boxes: chewing gum, hard candy, pencils, pads, playing cards, DVDs, and other things that they might enjoy. Also, money may be contributed as the postage runs about \$12 a box.

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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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