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Peggy Larkin, Chair, Barbara Trautman, Betty Rome, Beth Webb, Annabel Woodall, Alternates, Gayle Bennett and Cheryl Lombardo

General Meeting and Luncheon
Wednesday, October 5, 2011

TPC Southwind
11:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker

Adam Nickas

Executive Director, Tennessee Republican Party

Please make reservation by
Friday, September 30, 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. Make check payable to RWOP.**

Adam Nickas is the Executive Director at the Tennessee Republican Party. Nickas was named Political Director at the state party in May 2010. Prior to being Political Director at the Tennessee Republican Party, Nickas served as Political Director for Bill Gibbons' campaign for Governor in Tennessee. Nickas previously worked on the campaigns of Senators Bob Corker and Lamar Alexander, Mike Huckabee's presidential campaign in Iowa, Haley Barbour's re-election campaign in Mississippi, a Congressional race and state legislative races in Mississippi, and Tennessee. Nickas attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where he studied Journalism and Electronic Media and graduated from the University of Memphis with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. Nickas is a native of Germantown.

Reminder: New meeting location—The Tournament Players Club at Southwind. From Poplar Pike turn right onto Hacks Cross, left onto Players Club Pkwy. and left onto Tournament Drive. Second right is TPC entrance. If you're coming from Collierville, you will turn left on Hacks Cross from Poplar Pike.



From the President, Carole Pruett

Haven't these last warm days of summer been wonderful? As the autumn breezes recharge us, let us also recharge our commitment to RWOP! Our upcoming fundraiser is one that everyone will like—a "no show" event. Gina Johnson and Becky Coleman will be sending an invitation soon and I hope that you will respond with a contribution. Thank you in advance for contributing to RWOP as we support our candidates and Caring for America.

Sandra Beibers is working hard on our Caring for America project—Wreaths Across America. This organization was founded to continue and expand the annual wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman, Morrill Worcester, in 1992. The ultimate goal is to honor every veteran who gave his/her life for our country. In 2010, volunteers laid over 220,000 wreaths at 545 locations in the United States and beyond. This was done with the help of 902 fundraising groups, corporate contributions and donations of trucking, shipping and thousands of helping hands. Wreaths Across America is committed to teaching younger generations about the value of their freedoms, and the importance of honoring those who sacrificed so much to protect those freedoms. RWOP is proud to be a part of this project in 2011. Read more about this project of page 3 of this newsletter and send your check today so that we can honor our veterans at W TN Veterans Cemetery. Saturday, December 10 has been designated as Wreaths Across America Day.

Mary Jane Anderson and I will be representing RWOP at the NFRW Convention in Kansas City September 29—October 2. We thank you for the opportunity to attend this event and we hope to bring home much information and many awards for RWOP.

Nominating Committee Chair, Peggy Larkin

The 2011 Nominating Committee of RWOP is pleased to announce the following slate of officers for 2012:

- President: Mary Jane Anderson
- President-Elect,: Pat Melvin
- First Vice-President (Program): Rieta Selberg
- Second Vice-President (Membership):
Becky Coleman
- Third Vice-President, (Fundraising):
Linda Robertson
- Treasurer: Tracy Chism
- Assistant Treasurer: Millie Gump
- Finance Chairman: Mary Jane Davis
- Recording Secretary: Ruth Henderson
- Corresponding Secretary: Terri Boatwright.
- Nominating Committee: Chairman, Carole Pruett;
Julie Ethridge; Lucy Doane; Peggy Larkin; Peggy Voeller.
- Alternates: Mary Kay Ball and Gayle Bennett.

These talented women will be presented to the membership for election at the November general meeting.

A big thank you to the 2011 Nominating Committee: Barbara Trautman, Beth Webb, Betty Rome, Annabel Woodall, Gayle Bennett and Cheryl Lombardo. Thank you ladies for all you do for the RWOP!

Literacy Chairs, Kay Kelsey and Alison Ely

The September meeting, which is designated as NFRW literacy month, was attended by almost ninety people anxiously awaiting information on education reform presented by our guest speaker, Chris Barbic, the newly appointed Superintendent of the state's Achievement School District. Mr. Barbic believes that the upcoming school merger in Shelby County is a great opportunity. He shared his five guiding principles: have great leaders and great teachers, focus on data, implement best practices of best teachers, operate with courage, and root work in results. In his role as ASD superintendent, Mr Barbic will implement turn-around efforts at the state's lowest performing schools, oversee efforts that create the conditions under which teachers and students can succeed, and work toward sustainable progress. If the success of his charter school program in Houston, TX, is any indication, TN will soon see tremendous progress in our low performing schools!

Special guests at the meeting were Altruria Elementary Assistant Principal, Keith Hamsley, and Guidance Counselor, Sherry Semrau. They were presented with dictionaries for each third grade student at Altruria. This is the third year that RWOP has proudly participated in The Dictionary Project. The goal of The Dictionary Project is to assist all students in becoming good writers, active readers, creative thinkers, and resourceful learners by providing them with their own personal dictionary. Since its implementation in 1995, over fifteen million children have received dictionaries.

On behalf of RWOP, Senator Brian Kelsey presented Altruria Elementary with United States and Tennessee flags, along with a copy of the TN Blue Book.

Caring For America Chair, Sandra Beibers

Our new Caring for America project is “*Wreaths Across America*”. Wreaths for the West TN Veterans Cemetery are \$15 each with a bonus of one additional wreath for each two wreaths purchased by RWOP members and friends. The wreaths will be delivered to the cemetery in December. Make the check to RWOP and put this code on the check, TNRWP001. Checks may be mailed to RWOP, P.O. Box 382762, Germantown, TN 38183, or brought to the monthly luncheons. The deadline for the purchase of the wreaths will be the November 2 luncheon. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 901-483-6756. Please announce this worthy project in your neighborhood association newsletters or emails and to friends and family! Visit WreathsAcrossAmerica.org and learn about this amazing organization! The photographs and videos are wonderful!

Corresponding Secretary, Phyllis Vincent

Since our June 1st luncheon, I have sent congratulation cards to D.A. Amy Weirich and Shelby County Mayor Mark Luttrell for their awards from the Rotary Club for Outstanding Leadership. Congratulations were also sent to John Selberg for his promotion to Germantown Fire Chief. We know Mom Reita is proud. Get well cards were sent to Dr. Robert Trautman, Carol Caldwell, Elizabeth Kelsey, Paula Sedgwick and Betty Kimbrough. A sympathy card was sent to Jean Drumwright for the loss of her husband Bill on September 2.

I would like to bring everyone up to date on Betty Kimbrough. She is now residing with her daughter, Gini, in Taft, TN. She has been a loyal Republican for 65 plus years and her contributions to the Republican Party and RWOP are invaluable. She will be missed. Her new address is Betty Kimbrough, c/o Gini Carver, 38 Spring Valley Road, Taft, TN 38488. I know she would like to hear from all of you.

Communications and Website Chair, Sherri Gallick

RWOP.org is new and improved! Please use it for a source of information. The website features information about the club, membership and our newsletters. We also have a calendar that displays upcoming events, links to other Republican clubs, our Facebook feed and a photo gallery. Please visit www.RWOP.org

If you have not joined our Facebook page, we encourage you to “like” the page. We are trying to build the fan count and want to encourage people to get involved and hopefully recruit new members.

TFRW STATE CONVENTION—OCT. 21—23

Thank you to the following Delegates and Alternates who will be representing RWOP at the state convention:

Delegates: Gayle Bennett, Becky Coleman, Mary Jane Davis, Lucy Doane, Mary Ann Epperson, Julie Ethridge, Sherri Gallick, Millie Gump, Kay Kelsey, Peggy Larkin, Cheryl Lombardo, Pat Melvin, Sharon Ohsfeldt, Carole Pruett, Paula Sedgwick, Rieta Selberg and Beth Webb.

Alternates: Sandra Beibers, Betty Bray, Jo Hall, Doris McClendon, Phyllis Vincent and Betty Yambrick.

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RWOP Fall Fundraiser

*We are all so very busy these days,
We don't know what to do!
There's always some place we have to be,
On weekends and the weeknights too.*

*We are asking for your help
In the form of a donation.
We will follow up next year,
With a party and celebration!*

*Thank you for giving generously
Of your talents and your time.*

*Our RWOP supporters
Are the best that can be found!!*

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*Please send your donations to
RWOP
P.O. Box 382762
Germantown, TN 38183-2762*

Membership Chair, Mary Kay Ball

Welcome New Members: Mary Blackwood, Lindsey Donovan, Linda Miller, Martha Pollan, Libba Schatz, Kristi Stanley, Lyn Windsor. We now have 179 Regular Members!

For address, e-mail or phone changes contact:
Mary Kay Ball - Membership chair
mkdball@comcast.net.

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

Republican Women of Purpose
 P.O. Box 382762
 Germantown, TN 38183



Vote October 6—Memphis City Elections

Last year, Republicans swept the county-wide offices because we raised our voices and we showed up at the polls! We proved that Republicans can win in Shelby County. We have a tremendous opportunity to keep two great conservative candidates for City Council but we will not win unless we get our Republican neighbors to the polls. SCRIP is endorsing Kemp Conrad (Dist. 9) and Bill Boyd (Dist. 2). Help get out the vote! Vote and get your friends and neighbors to vote!

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 30—Oct. 2		NFRW Convention	Kansas City, Missouri
October 5	11:00 a.m.	RWOP Luncheon Meeting	TPC Southwind
October 6		Memphis City Elections	
October 19	10:00 a.m.	RWOP Board Meeting	TPC Southwind
October 21-23		TFRW Convention	Pickwick Landing State Park

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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

As a service to its members, **The Republican Voice** will gladly print notices of candidates' fundraising events for members of RWOP only.

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Happy October Birthdays to: Kathryn Byer, Carol Caldwell, Suzanne Canepari, Barbara Chase-Googe, Jayne Creson, Pam Dickson, Lucy Doane, Julie Ethridge, Liza Kirk, Peggy Larkin, Sheila Mashburn, Susan McCord, Katie Sarno, Margaret Simpson, Pat Stanley, The Honorable Chris Turner, Phyllis Vincent, Sarah Walne, and Betty Yambrek. If we've missed anyone, please accept our apologies and Happy Birthday!