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General Meeting and Luncheon
Wednesday, September 7, 2011

TPC Southwind

11:00 a.m.

Join us as

Republican Women of Purpose
Celebrates Literacy Month
and Honors Our Educators

Guest Speaker

Chris Barbic

Superintendent of the Tennessee Achievement District

Please make reservation by:

Thursday, September 1, 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.

Note Meeting Location Change to TPC Southwind...Directions: From Poplar Pike turn right on Hacks Cross, left onto Players Club Pkwy. and left onto Tournament Drive. The TPC will be on the second right. If you're coming from Collierville, you will turn left on Hacks Cross from Poplar Pike.

The National Association of Republican Women designates September as Literacy Month. We are very privileged this year to have *Chris Barbic*, the newly appointed superintendent of the Tennessee Achievement District, as our speaker. Mr. Barbic will lead the state's effort to turn around the state's lowest performing schools which include several in Memphis. Mr. Barbic created YES Prep School in 1998, a network of high performing 6-12th grade public charter schools. The system serves 4000 students in eight schools in the Houston, Texas area. To date, YES Prep has graduated 11 classes of seniors, 100% of whom have earned acceptance to a four-year college or university. Prep's multiple campuses have consistently been recognized among the best in the nation and ranked among the top 100 public high schools in the nation by *Newsweek* and *U. S. News and World Report*. "Chris brings a track record of success to this position, and I look forward to working with him as we work to improve the classroom for every child in every classroom," said Governor Bill Haslam.

Altrua Elementary School in Bartlett has been chosen as the recipient of our dictionaries this year. We are providing a Student Dictionary for each child in the third

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grade. Senator Brian Kelsey is presenting on our behalf to the school a U. S. flag and a Tennessee flag which have flown over the state Capitol and a Tennessee Blue Book.

Mr. Barbic is based in Nashville and has gone to great efforts to include our RWOP meeting into his very busy schedule. Let us make this a record attendance month by making our reservations today and inviting friends. This is a great time for us to refresh our friendships, introduce others to our club, and to rebuild our momentum in working for conservative values for our nation and for our children's future.



From the President, Carole Pruett

"Things change, People change, Minds change, Love changes, Hearts change, Life is change." (Author unknown). Add to that meeting locations change.

REMEMBER our SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND

NOVEMBER luncheon meeting will be at the Tournament Players Club at Southwind.

As explained in my e-mail, Ridgeway Country Club was anticipating changes that were not compatible with our budget - increases in menu price and meeting fees among them. Pat Melvin and the luncheon committee are very pleased with the reception we received from the TCP. Beth Webb was very helpful in the transition. Be sure to make your reservations with Pat Melvin for lunch, September 7, at 11:00AM. Luncheon prices remain the same \$25.00. Hope to see all of you there.

TFRW is busy making plans for the bi-yearly convention at Pickwick Lake State Park. The dates are October 21 to October 23. There will be forms at the luncheon for anyone interested. We can have 17 delegates and 17 alternates. Checks should be made out to RWOP and given to Mary Jane Davis, along with the registration form.

Mary Jane Anderson and I will be representing RWOP at the NFRW National Convention in Kansas City. We are looking forward to representing our club, and hopefully getting many rewards. Remember all those volunteer hours - they will count!

We're more than half way through the year but still have many new and exciting events to look forward to. Gina Johnson and Becky Coleman will have news of our October fundraiser that you won't want to miss. If you want to be on the luncheon agenda, please let me know at least 48 hours prior to the luncheon.

Peggy Larkin, Nominations Chair

The RWOP Nominating Committee will meet in September. Our purpose is to fill the following positions: President Elect, First VP (Program Chair), Second VP (Membership Chair), Third VP (Fundraising Chair), Assistant Treasurer (Fundraising Chair), Recording Secretary (minutes of meetings), and Corresponding Secretary (sends meeting notices and cards). Please feel free to submit your name or someone else for consideration of these positions.

Sherri Gallick, Communications & Website Chair

The RWOP has been very busy over the summer. RWOP.org is new and improved. Please add the site to your favorite's toolbar and 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

Our Facebook page, Republican Women of Purpose, has also improved. If you have not joined our fan page, we encourage you to "like" the page. We are all in this together and we want your comments and post! We are trying to build the fan count and want to encourage people to get involved. If people discover like-minded folks on our page, we hope to recruit new members. We currently have 274 fans and our goal is to grow. If you know someone that might "like" our page, please suggest the page or invite, him or her. There are only 15 months until the next big election and we need to plant seeds now!

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!!*

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

Caring For America Chair, Sandra W. Beibers

Thank you for your donations for our troops in Afghanistan. Five boxes were mailed and confirmation received that they reached their destination.



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 taken to the monthly luncheons. The deadline for the purchase of the wreaths will be the November 2nd luncheon. If you have any questions I

TFRW Biennial Convention at Pickwick, Oct. 21-23

It is time to make your plans to attend the upcoming 28th Biennial Convention of the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women. Every two years the TFRW holds a convention to celebrate its successes and elect new officers. This year the Convention will be held at Pickwick State Park Inn from October 21 - 23, 2011.

“A club shall be entitled to one delegate and one alternate for every ten (10) memberships paid to the State Federation no later than sixty (60) days before the Convention.” “Names and addresses of each club’s delegates and alternates shall be submitted to the State President and to their respective Area Vice President no later than thirty (30) days before the Convention.”

Our club needs to elect 17 Delegates and 17 Alternates to this convention at the Sept. 7 Luncheon Meeting. If you would like to be a delegate or alternate, please contact Peggy Larkin at 901-755-7500 or plarkin177@aol.com as soon as possible.

If you are interested in attending the Convention, all attendees must complete the registration form and along with your registration fee of \$100.00 (made out to RWOP) send to our treasurer, Mary Jane Davis, 10085 Markwood Oak Dr., Lakeland, TN 38002. TFRW has requested that only one check be submitted per club.

You may obtain registration forms by contacting Barbara Trautman at bbtbabs@aol.com. You may obtain room rates and reservations for the Pickwick Landing State Park Inn by calling 731-689-3129 or 800-250-8615. When you call to make your reservations, please tell them that you are with TFRW as TFRW has booked the entire hotel. The special rate deadline is Sept. 1.

Pickwick Landing State Park, Park Road | PO Box 15 | Pickwick Dam , TN 38365 Office: 731-689-3129 | Toll Free: 1-800-250-8615 .

Women for Weirich

What a great turnout we had for our Aug 14 fundraiser for District Attorney General Amy Weirich. It was a fitting tribute to have our first female US Congressman Marsha Blackburn be our honored guest for the event where we supported our first female District Attorney General in Shelby County.

Thank you to over 30 members of RWOP who helped make this day a real success.

RWOP MEMBERSHIP NEWS

WELCOME ...Regular Members: *Betty Bray, Doris McClendon, Libby Schielke, Cynthia Thompson, Nancy Toms and Associate Member, Theta Rone.* This brings our Membership to a total of 171!

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 bettyrome@bellsouth.net

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



DATES TO REMEMBER

September 7	11:00 a.m.	RWOP Luncheon Meeting (Note: change of meeting location)	TPC Southwind
September 21	10:00 a.m.	RWOP Board Meeting	TPC Southwind
September 30—Oct. 2		NFRW Convention	Kansas City, Missouri
October 5	11:00 a.m.	RWOP Luncheon Meeting	TPC Southwind
October 19	10:00 a.m.	RWOP Board Meeting	TPC Southwind
October 21-23		TFRW Convention	Pickwick Landing State Park

JOIN REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF PURPOSE

\$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.

Would you like to sponsor one of our monthly newsletters? For a \$100 donation to RWOP, your name or business could be displayed here! Contact Cheryl Lombardo, 757-4953 or mclobard@comcast.net



Happy Birthday to members celebrating August Birthdays:

Wanda Barzizza, Connie Cromwell, James Danielik, Lin Fryman, Elizabeth Kelsey, Penny Keras, Tom Leatherwood, Linda Robertson, Barbara Trautman and Annabel Woodall.

In September:

Tracy Chism, Susan Danielik, Lissa Duston, Letty Fisher, Millie Gump, Kelly Hankins, Jana Kearney, Becky McGehee, Pat Miller, Sharon Ohsfeldt, Roseann Painter, Patricia Parker, Libby Parks, Helen Stark and Julia Wickens