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Please join

**Republican Women of Purpose**

at the April meeting to hear our own

Tennessee Republican Star John Ryder speak to us on

**"HOW WE GOT HERE AND WHERE WE ARE GOING"**

A report card for Republicans on the first 100 days



John Ryder,

the Republican National Committee's general counsel from Tennessee, and a Trump delegate to the National Convention has intriguing insight and knowledge of what we hear on the news and plans for the future of our party

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

10:30 am Social/11:00 am Meeting and Luncheon

Tournament Players Club at Southwind

3325 Club at Southwind

Memphis, Tennessee

Reservations are required - \$25 per person

Please make checks payable to Republican Women of Purpose

Reservation deadline is Friday, March 31st.

RSVP to **Stephanie Hube** at 901-854-6674 or email [rwoplunch@gmail.com](mailto:rwoplunch@gmail.com). Reservations must be guaranteed. If you do not attend, you will be billed \$25.

\*To be removed or added to the standing reservations list, contact **Stephanie**.

# Happy Easter

## President's Message

by Kay Kelsey



Our March meeting fell on Ash Wednesday and our speaker, Ephie Johnson, presented the perfect program for the season, "Love Thy Neighbor." We all enjoyed hearing her inspirational journey from childhood to her involvement as director of the Neighborhood Christian Center. She also entertained us with an outstanding rendition of "America the Beautiful."

The Shelby County Republican Party's annual Lincoln Day fundraiser was a huge success. Over 400 people attended, over 60 of whom were RWOP members and friends who provided a great cheering squad for our many honorees. Congratulations to the following members for winning awards:

**Barbara Trautman:** Peggy Hemperly Grassroots Volunteer Award; **Millie Gump:** "Elephant Trunk's" Fundraising Award and RWOP Member of the Year; **Nancy Tapp:** Thelma Williams Headquarters Volunteer Award; **Peggy Larkin:** Republicanism Award; **Annabel Woodall:** Lewis R. Donelson Award; **Sharon Ohsfeldt:** Chairman's Award

The Republican Women of Purpose also won the Club of the Year Award! It takes a village to win this award, and we are very blessed to have an abundance of dedicated, hardworking members.

Ladies Day on the Hill is just around the corner, April 3. There is still time to sign up if you are interested in going. Julie Ethridge and Peggy Voeller are taking checks for \$40, which will cover lunch and registration.

The season of Lent is a great time for decluttering your house and closets. Please donate your cast-offs to our rummage sale which is April 17-22. This is our largest fundraiser of the year, so we need everyone's participation. There are many opportunities to be involved: monetary donations, household and clothing donations, food for workers, and especially, working a shift.

Please mark your calendar for our next meeting on April 5. We are privileged to have as our speaker John Ryder. He is involved not only in local politics but also on the national level. He has served as the RNC general counsel and was named Republican Lawyer of the Year by the Republican National Lawyers Association. There has been a lot of controversy over the media's coverage of Trump's first hundred days, and we are fortunate to have Mr. Ryder bring clarity to the current state of affairs. I hope you will make your reservation and join us.



**Republican Party of Shelby County Convention**  
Sunday, March 19, 2017 Houston High School  
Check in before 2 pm  
Election of Party Chairman and County Officers



If you were elected a delegate at the March 2nd caucus, please make every effort to attend the convention. We have been assured that it will last only an hour. They need your vote.

## Area 9 Convention – 2017

The Area 9 Convention will be Saturday, June 10, at 10:30 am at the Germantown Public Library, 1925 Exeter Road, Germantown, TN 38138, 901-757-2323. "for the purpose of electing an Area Vice President to take up any other business the Convention delegates deem appropriate."

According to the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women Bylaws, Article IX Conventions, Section 3, Area, one representative shall be elected from each club within Area 9. These representatives shall compose the Area Nominating Committee. These representatives "shall be considered one of the delegates in the Area Convention quota. The Committee shall elect its own Chairman and Secretary." The meeting location and time will be Sunday, April 23, 2:30 – 3:00 pm, at the Wendy's at 9981 Highway 64 at Canada Road. "The Nominating Committee shall submit by mail their nominee to the Area Vice President and each Club President within that Area thirty (30) days prior to the Area Convention." This means by May 10<sup>th</sup>.

By May 10<sup>th</sup>, "each club shall elect delegates and alternate delegates to "the Area 9 Convention. "A club shall be entitled to one delegate for every (10) memberships paid to the State Federation within thirty (30) days after the Call to the Area Convention." This means by May 10, your club memberships must be paid to TFRW "Delegates and alternate delegates must have been members at least sixty (60) days before their election."

Names and addresses of each club's delegates to the Area Convention shall be submitted by mail to the following individuals, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Area Convention: (1) the State President; (2) the Area Vice President; and (3) the State Membership Chairperson." This means by May 25<sup>th</sup>.

"The incumbent Area Vice President shall function as the presiding officer of the Area Convention."

"The floor must be opened for other nominations following the report of the Nominating Committee. Such other nominees shall have given written consent to serve if elected. A majority of delegates attending the Area Convention shall constitute a quorum. A simple majority of votes cast shall constitute election of their Area Vice President." "The Vice President-elect will be installed at the following State Biennial Convention (October 20-22) And will assume office January 1<sup>st</sup> following installation; term expiring December 31<sup>st</sup>, two years hence."

# RUMMAGE SALE

by Lyna Medlock, Finance Chair

## Rummage Sale is Coming Soon!!!

Location: 642 W. Poplar, Collierville (City Center, between Oh My Ganache Bakery and Sears)

Sale Dates: Thursday, April 20 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 21 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 22 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Early Drop Off of Items: Friday, April 14 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 15 from 10:00-12:00 noon

Set Up: Monday, April 17 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday/Wednesday, April 18-19 Start at 9:00 each day

Volunteer sign up sheets will be available at April luncheon, so make sure your name is written down on one of them!! If you would like to help provide refreshments during the sale, please contact Barbara Trautman at [bbtbabs@aol.com](mailto:bbtbabs@aol.com). We have such a great group of ladies. We work hard, laugh frequently, and eat and drink a lot! It's a great way for our newer members to get to know us better.

Please continue to gather items for our sale. We still need lots of everything, but could really use more furniture. This is our main fundraiser for the year and its success determines what programs our club will be able to support. Call Lyna Medlock, 268-6726, or Terri Boatwright, 487-4639, if you need to drop off at storage or if you need help transporting larger items there. You can also bring items to April luncheon if need be.

## Membership

by Gayle Bennett, Second Vice-President

### New Members

We are pleased to have so many new members join us this year. We would like to recognize each new member with a picture in our newsletter so we can all get to know each other better. Please see Gayle Bennett at the membership table in April to have your picture taken!

Thank you Ellie Perry, Sue Lynn Perry, Sue Fraizer-Weaver, Betsy Landers, Peggy Duke, Shannon Lenoir, and Laurie Steward for your membership. Your continued commitment will allow us to make a difference in good government.

### Important - Directory Notice

Deadline for 2017 RWOP Members Directory is March 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have not renewed by March 31<sup>st</sup>, you will be dropped as an active member and you will not appear in the 2017 directory. Not sure if you have renewed your membership? Just send an email to [rwop@republicanwomenofpurpose.com](mailto:rwop@republicanwomenofpurpose.com) with your name and address. We will let you know if you are current or need to renew for this year!



Sue Fraizer-Weaver



Jennifer Martinez



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Betsy Landers

### March Meeting



Guest Speaker Ephie Johnson & RWOP President, Kay Kelsey



(L-R) Germantown Board of Education member Betsy Landers, BoE Chairman Linda Fisher, Alderman Forrest Owens, Alderman & Vice Mayor Mary Anne Gibson, and BoE member Suzanne Jones



### Ladies Day On The Hill

There is still time to join us for Ladies' Day on the Hill. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, March 15th. Please contact Julie Ethridge if you would like to be part of this fun trip.



Republican Women of Purpose  
 P.O. Box 381283  
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## Membership

Join Republican Women of Purpose  
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\*Associate Membership is available to men or women who are regular members of another NFRW club.

Please send dues to Gayle Bennett at 4562 Whisperwood Dr.,  
 Collierville, TN 38017.

Download a Membership application at  
[www.rwop.org/membership](http://www.rwop.org/membership)

Would you like to sponsor our  
 newsletter one month?

\$100

Contact Kay Kelsey at  
 901.683.3695

### NOTICE

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

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

|          |                                 |                        |                   |
|----------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| April 3  |                                 | Ladies Day on the Hill | Nashville, TN     |
| April 5  | 10:30 a.m. Social/11:00 Meeting | April Meeting/Luncheon | TPC Southwind     |
| April 19 | 10:00 a.m.                      | April Board Meeting    | Rummage Sale Site |
| May 3    | 10:30 a.m. Social/11:00 Meeting | May Meeting/Luncheon   | TPC Southwind     |
| May 17   | 10:30 a.m.                      | May Board Meeting      | TPC Southwind     |



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