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*Happy Valentines Day*



Please join  
Republican Women of Purpose  
for our February meeting  
as we celebrate Valentine's Day with special door prizes.

We welcome our guest speaker who will present  
information on  
Nutrition and Healthy Aging



*Leslie Ely*  
Registered Dietitian  
Baptist Memorial Health Care

Wednesday, February 7, 2018  
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, February 2.

RSVP to Suzanne Jones at 901-833-1898 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 Suzanne.



A record breaking crowd braved frigid temperatures to hear our “fabulous five” state legislators, Senator Brian Kelsey, Representatives Jim Coley, Ron Lollar, Kevin Vaughn, and Mark White, share their vision for the coming year. As an added bonus, Congressman David Kustoff was in the house and gave an overview of the election year ahead, as well as the importance of continuing to work against voter apathy. What a wonderful way to start our 2018 luncheon meetings. We thank them all for taking time from their busy schedules to be a part of our program and remember, let’s get out there and support our great legislators in 2018 to maintain that Republican majority.

Very important events coming up: Lincoln Day, February 24 - this will be a tough and important election year, so let’s show our support for the county party with our RWOP attendance; Ladies Day on the Hill, April 2 in Nashville – a great time to meet and interact with Republican women from all over our state.

Occasionally this year, I will be recognizing members of RWOP for their constant dedication and the work they do for our Club. Our Newsletter Chair, Carol Henderson, is one of those special people. She continually does an outstanding job of producing our newsletter, “The Republican Voice”, which we often take for granted. This is an extraordinary effort on her part, and she does it with such a sweet spirit. Thank you, Carol!

You will not want to miss our February meeting. Not only will we be celebrating Valentine’s Day with several door prizes for lucky members, we are also happy to welcome Leslie Ely, nutritionist with Baptist Health, who will educate us on healthy aging – something we are all facing. Please join us and invite your friends and family to enjoy fun, fellowship and an informative meeting.

Feb 2	<h3>National Wear Red Day</h3> <p>Awareness of <b>heart disease</b> in women.</p>	Feb 14	<h3>Valentine's Day</h3> 
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**TFRW Board of Directors from RWOP**

Left to Right: Barbara Trautman, President; Millie Gump, Area 9 VP/Achievement Awards Chair; Peggy Larkin, Campaign Activities Chair; Sharon Ohsfeldt, Protocol Chair; Christina See, Photographer; and Lyna Medlock, RWOP President. Not pictured, Carol Henderson, TFRW Webmaster.



**RWOP January Meeting**

Guest speakers from left to right: Representative Kevin Vaughn, Senator Brian Kelsey, Representative Mark White, Congressman David Kustoff, Representative Ron Lollar, and Representative Jim Coley.

Feb 24	<h3>The Republican Party of Shelby County's 43rd Annual Lincoln Day Gala</h3> <p>The Gala will be held at the Holiday Inn – University of Memphis. The speaker will be announced in the next few days. Purchase tickets online at <a href="https://www.shelbygop.org">https://www.shelbygop.org</a>.</p>
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## Membership

by Gayle Bennett, Membership Chair

### Welcome New Members!

**Regular Members:** Ann Schmidt, Suzanne Cunningham, and Madison See; **Associate Member:** Chip Trouy

Thank you to those who have renewed your membership for 2018. If you have not paid your dues, please mail them to Gayle Bennett, 4562 Whisperwood Dr., Collierville, TN 38017. For your convenience, we are now accepting membership renewals via credit card at our monthly meetings. Please see Gayle or Mindy at the next meeting to renew! We currently have 68 regular members, so please renew and help us reach our goal of 200 regular members for this year.

## RWOP ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

APRIL 26-28, 2018

by Terri Boatwright, Third Vice-President

The holidays are now behind us and as we pack up all our holiday decorations and discover we have more to put away than we started with, this would be an excellent time to consider donating all the excess decorations to our rummage sale. As we move on to spring cleaning and reorganizing closets to free up needed room, consider gathering items to help our club by supporting our biggest fundraiser! Maybe it's linens, blankets, bedding, kitchen items, etc., we'll take it all! We are especially in need of furniture!

Did you know we only wear 20% of what is in our closets? True fact - so think about freeing up some extra room and supplying our rummage sale with your purged items. We need clothes and accessories of all varieties: men, women and children's, plus hats, scarves, gloves, vests, jackets, jewelry, handbags, wallets, and belts. We even have a Boutique for the nicer items. Our members are some of our best shoppers too!

I know we are all fussing about the cold weather right now, but it will be spring before you know it! I'll be urging everyone to go through the rest of the house again next month. Don't forget, we will also need your physical support when we put it all together in April.

If you need to make arrangements for a pickup, contact me at: [Teriz62@yahoo.com](mailto:Teriz62@yahoo.com); 901-487-4639 (cell); or 901-850-9509 (home). If you would like to take your items to the storage unit, you may pick up the key from Beth Webb. The unit is located off Highway 72, 698 Commerce Pkwy. Code to the unit gate is on the key fob, and **the new unit number is 175 in row C. Our other unit is full, so please do not add anything more to that unit.** Please be considerate when you place your items in the storage unit, place all items neatly and hang all clothing on the hanging rack. No bags of clothes and please no breakable items thrown in boxes! Wrap breakable and put in sturdy boxes or plastic bins!

### RWOP Name Tags

Need to order a name tag or replace an old tag?

Contact Betty Rome at phone number 833-9190 or email [bettyrome@bellsouth.net](mailto:bettyrome@bellsouth.net).

The cost is \$10.

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## Ladies Day on the Hill

by Julie Ethridge

Please save the date of Monday, April 2, 2018, to join us in Nashville for this popular event. The headquarters will be at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Downtown Nashville, and we have rooms reserved at a special rate for both Sunday and Monday nights. The starting time for the House Chamber gathering is 9:30 a.m. and the Luncheon at the DoubleTree begins at 11:30 a.m. Please make plans to be with us because this is a very special year. We hope to have a large representation from our club present to honor Barbara Trautman as our new TFRW President.

Contact Julie Ethridge by email at [jvethridge507@yahoo.com](mailto:jvethridge507@yahoo.com) or phone 901-848-2153 for more information and reservations. The deadline for all room reservations is March 1st. I look forward to hearing from all of you!

## Steakhouse for Simmons

Bobby Simmons for Juvenile Court Clerk

Let's honor Bobby in support of his candidacy for Juvenile Court Clerk. Meet and Greet the candidate at the Side Porch Steak House in Bartlett. Please make plans to attend and bring family and friends. T-shirts, voter registration, yard sign volunteers, poll volunteers, food, refreshments for all. It will be a fun night.



### Side Porch Steak House

5689 Stage Road  
Bartlett, TN 38134

Monday, January 22, 2018  
5:30-7:30

RSVP 901-573-7000

Please let everyone know about this event.



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

Join Republican Women of Purpose  
**\$35-Regular member and \*\$25-Associate member**

\*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 Lyna Medlock at  
 901-268-6726

### 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

February 7	10:30 a.m. Social/11:00 Meeting	February Meeting/Luncheon	TPC Southwind
February 21	10:00 a.m.	February Board Meeting	TPC Southwind
February 24	TBA	Lincoln Day Gala	Holiday Inn - U of M
March 7	10:30 a.m. Social/11:00 Meeting	March Meeting/Luncheon	TPC Southwind
March 21	10:00 a.m.	March Board Meeting	TPC Southwind



Thank you RWOP for your support!  
 I could not have gotten this far without the help of each  
 member in this club.

Barbara Trautman, TFRW President