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Please join

Republican Women of Purpose

at our March meeting

for a question & answer forum

with

Shelby County Mayoral candidates



David Lenoir
Shelby County Trustee



Terry Roland
Shelby County
Commissioner



Joy Touliatos
Juvenile Court Clerk

and



Moderator
Lee Mills

Chairman, Shelby County Republican Party

Wednesday, March 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, March 2.

RSVP: Suzanne Jones at 901-833-1898 / email rwoplunch@gmail.com

Reservations must be canceled or you will be billed \$25.

**For questions about our standing reservations list, contact Suzanne.*



President's Message

by Lyna Medlock



Our thanks to Leslie Ely for reminding us of the importance of eating healthy to live longer by “filling our plates correctly!” Congratulations to all those lucky winners of the door prize drawings, and hope everyone enjoyed the Valentine table treats as well. We have a busy and fun year ahead for RWOP and appreciate your continued support and participation.

Lincoln Day is fast approaching – February 24 to be exact. The speaker is none other than Senator Tim Scott of South Carolina – I know you will enjoy hearing what he has to say. Once again on behalf of RWOP, Lucy Doane has graciously donated one of her beautiful oil on canvas paintings for the Lincoln Day Silent Auction. Thank you, Lucy! Don’t miss the opportunity to bid on it. Amber Mills gave a strong plea for Lincoln Day involvement as well as the importance of joining the Republican Party of Shelby County if you are not already a member. This is a crucial year for elections and funds will be needed for the county ballot, advertising, etc. Your support of our county party is greatly needed to keep Shelby County red to the roots. Please lend your support and make your plans now to attend!

Julie Ethridge and Kathy White have planned an exciting event for our Ladies Day on the Hill Monday evening social. You will not want to miss it! Make sure you read about it in their article this month, and make your reservations now to attend, visit with our legislators, check out their new offices, and meet Republican women from all over Tennessee on April 2 in Nashville.

Our annual rummage sale fundraiser is April 26-28. Proceeds from this sale provide the funds that help us support all our projects, such as Caring for America (West Tennessee Veterans Home, Alpha Omega Veterans and others) as well as supporting the Shelby County Republican Party Ballot. All the hard work making this event a success each year is always rewarded by the sharing, socializing, and lasting friendships made by working together. Please plan to join us. We need and welcome your participation.

Our March meeting will feature the Shelby County Republican mayoral candidates in a question and answer forum, moderated by RPSC chairman, Lee Mills. You don’t want to miss this opportunity to hear the candidates relate their vision and plans for making Shelby County the best county in TN. Make your reservation soon, invite your neighbors, friends, and family. We look forward to seeing you there.



Tennessee Secretary of State
Secretary of State Tre Hargett

Division of Elections
Mark Goins, Coordinator of Elections

Key Dates for the 2018 Election Cycle

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 County Primary (if called by August 21, 2017)

First Day to Pick Up Petitions	Friday, November 17, 2017
Qualifying Deadline	Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 12:00 Noon
Withdrawal Deadline	Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 12:00 Noon
Voter Registration Deadline	Monday, April 2, 2018
Early Voting Period	Wednesday, April 11 – Thursday, April 26, 2018

Thursday, August 2, 2018 Primary and General Election

Primary elections will be held for Governor, U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, Tennessee Senate (odd-numbered districts), and Tennessee House of Representatives. General elections will be held for applicable county offices, as well as for state judicial offices where a vacancy has occurred.

First Day to Pick Up Petitions	Friday, January 5, 2018
Qualifying Deadline	Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 12:00 Noon
Withdrawal Deadline	Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 12:00 Noon
Voter Registration Deadline	Tuesday, July 3, 2018
Early Voting	Friday, July 13 – Saturday, July 28, 2018

Tuesday, November 6, 2018 General Election

First Day to Pick Up Petitions	Friday, January 5, 2018
Qualifying Deadline	Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 12:00 Noon (for offices on the August ballot) Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 12:00 Noon (for municipal elections held with November general)
Withdrawal Deadline	Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 12:00 Noon (for offices on the August ballot) Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 12:00 Noon (for municipal elections held with November general)
Voter Registration Deadline	Tuesday, October 9, 2018
Early Voting	Wednesday, October 17 – Thursday, November 1, 2018

Membership

by Gayle Bennett, Membership Chair

Thank you to our renewing members. Your continued commitment will allow us to press on with our mission of electing qualified candidates to further the cause of good government. We are striving for a membership goal of 200 regular members for 2018, and we are halfway there!!

Deadline for 2018 RWOP Member Directory is March 31st. If you have not renewed by March 31st, you will be dropped as an active member and will not appear in the 2017 directory

Renewal letters with a stamped self-addressed envelope will be going out in the next few weeks to those who have not renewed for this year. Please just drop a check in the mail to renew.

In April we would like to host a "Special Guest Day" at our regular meeting. Please plan to bring a guest to the meeting. Look forward to seeing you there!!!!

RWOP ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

APRIL 26-28, 2018

by Terri Boatwright, Third Vice-President

Hopefully you have started collecting your rummage sale donations. We are really in need of furniture items so please keep that in mind as you sort through the items you no longer need or use. Don't forget to check storage rooms, sheds and garages for lawn mowers, weed eaters, garden tools, sporting goods, and camping gear, etc. You name it, we'll take it! Let's all pitch in to make this year's sale the best. Here are a few ways you can make a difference to ensure this will be the best one ever.

- Donate items of your own, or ask friends and family to consider donating their unwanted items.
- Sign up to work as many shifts as possible during the sale.
- Volunteer to staff an early drop-off time the weekend before (Friday, April 20-Sunday, April 22) at the sale location.
- Volunteer to help with setting up for the sale Monday, April 23-Thursday, April 26.
- Volunteer to work daily shifts during the sale days.
- Volunteer to help pack up and clean the location space after the sale on Sunday afternoon (April 29). This is when we need a little "teamwork" and not leave the cleanup to those who have worked all week.
- We also need volunteers to bring food/drink for the workers each day. Barbara Trautman will have sign-up sheets for food items in the next few weeks.
- If you cannot commit to any of the above, your contribution to the success of the sale could be in the form of a cash contribution.

As Chairman of this fundraiser, I am willing to work hard for our club, and I hope you will make that commitment as well. It is a great way to spend time with friends and to make new ones. So sign up, show up, and give your time to a worthwhile cause. We need you and cannot do it without you!



by Julie Ethridge

TFRW Ladies' Day on the Hill will take place on Monday, April 2, at the Tennessee State Capitol Building in Nashville, with a luncheon to follow at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Nashville Downtown. The cost of registration is \$40; please make your check payable to RWOP no later than March 7. You may bring it to the next Board meeting, or send directly to me at 507 Rocky Point Rd, Cordova, TN 38018.) A block of rooms has been set aside for TFRW members at the rate of \$170 plus taxes. To receive this rate, you must reserve your room by Friday, March 2.

You will not want to miss the very interesting program planned for this year to be held in the House Chambers. Our gubernatorial candidates will participate in a conversation moderated by Scott Golden, Chairman of the Tennessee Republican Party. This will be followed by our luncheon featuring Phil Valentine, well-known syndicated talk show host. In the evening, thanks to Kathy and Mark White, we will host a reception for our members, legislators, and special guests in the Social Room at the Cumberland Building.

This is a very special year for us since our own Barbara Trautman is now President of TFRW. Nothing would be more fitting than to have a large representation from the Republican Women of Purpose in attendance this year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



You are invited to a fundraiser in honor of Judge Mary Wagner

Sunday, March 4 at 3:30pm-5:30pm

Suggested donation \$250 per person/couple

Home of: Sandy & Jim Rout, 1015 Snowden Farm Road, Collierville, TN

RSVP to Kim Perry at KimPerryStrategies.com or 901-237-9435



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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

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

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
April 2		Ladies Day on the Hill	Nashville, TN
April 4	10:30 a.m. Social/11:00 Meeting	April Meeting/Luncheon	TPC Southwind
April 18	10:00 a.m.	April Board Meeting	TPC Southwind
April 26-28		Annual Rummage Sale	TBA

March is National Women's History Month

Women play an important role in shaping our nation and world. We celebrate RWOP women for their courage, strength, commitment, and dedication to making a difference in the great state of Tennessee and our nation.

