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Please join

Republican Women of Purpose  
for our May meeting

We welcome our guest speaker  
Lt. Commander Kathy Desjarlais, USN Ret.

Wednesday, May 2, 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, April 27.

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.

**Bio of Lt. Commander Kathy Desjarlais, USN Ret.**

Kathy has many insights into the changing role of women during her 24 years in the Navy. Since retiring Kathy has become invested in helping veterans with her work at the West TN Veterans Home, VA Women's Clinic, and a plethora of other organizations.

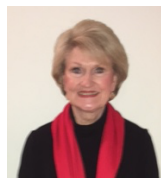
Holly Swogger, President, Board Chair, will also give an update on the progress of the Veterans Home.

**Congratulations RWOP Members on Your Appointments**



Rieta Selberg

Maggie's List  
Tennessee State Chair



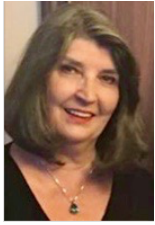
Kay Kelsey

Tennessee State  
Textbook Commission



Millie Gump

NFRW Legislative &  
Research Committee



Better late than never! Our April speaker, John Ryder, experienced a traffic jam and was a little late to the party, but was it worth the wait! He always delivers an insightful, concentrated view of the political atmosphere from Shelby County to Washington, D.C. Our sincere thanks to him—he's definitely a favorite of ours.

Our 25 RWOP members who attended Ladies Day on the Hill packed a lot into one day: we started at the capitol where TFRW President Barbara Trautman presented Governor and Mrs. Haslam with Certificates of Appreciation; we then heard from four of the gubernatorial candidates; enjoyed lunch at the Doubletree Hotel with some of our legislators, and heard from Congressman Marsha Blackburn, radio personality Phil Valentine, and Scott Golden, State Party Chair. Later that evening, we attended a fantastic RWOP reception for our legislators and friends - a resounding success due to the efforts of Julie Ethridge and Kathy White - many thanks to both for planning and hosting such a wonderful evening.

We are always happy when our members are recognized and/or receive appointments of distinction. Congratulations to Kay Kelsey on her appointment to the TN State Textbook Commission; to Rieta Selberg who was appointed TN State Chair for Maggie's List, an organization that promotes women in U.S. Congress and Senate; and to Millie Gump, Area VP, who was appointed to the Legislative & Research Committee for the NFRW at their recent meeting in Washington, DC. All of these ladies are perfect choices and very deserving of the positions. We are so proud of you all!

The "BIG" fundraiser is upon us. I know you are all eager to support this event in whatever way possible to ensure success. Proceeds from this rummage sale are our donations to very worthwhile projects and organizations: the Shelby County Republican ballot, West TN Veterans Home, and Alpha Omega are just a few that will benefit.

Our May program will feature Lt. Commander Kathy Desjarlais, USN Ret. Kathy's experience as a woman veteran, her involvement with the West TN Veterans Home and the VA Women's Clinic will give us a unique perspective on the life of women in service. Holly Swogger, President, Board Chair, will also give us an update on the progress of the Veterans Home.

Also, in conjunction with National Baby Shower week for VA women veterans, we will "shower" approximately 15 expectant moms with baby gifts. Please see Caring for America article for list of needed items and bring unwrapped gifts (or cash donations) to the luncheon. I realize a baby shower may not seem to go with a Cinco de Mayo Mexican buffet/cash bar, but it has become a May luncheon tradition for us! Please join and help us celebrate the day after the primary

## Ladies Day on the Hill



## Save the Date

June 6, 2018

Annual Republican Women of Purpose BBQ  
"Meet the 2018 Candidates"

Mix and mingle with candidates running in 2018  
Enjoy BBQ, Beer, & Wine

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Halle Plantation Clubhouse

APRIL MEETING



## Membership

by Gayle Bennett

We have been working hard renewing and recruiting new members. We are proud to have 191 regular members! So close to our goal of 200 members but we still have time to recruit new members and reach our goal. We have sent our new directories to the printer and hope to have them available at the May meeting. Please stop by the membership table to pick up your copy! Remember, MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!!!!

## Caring for America

by Peggy Voeller

### Nationwide Baby Shower for Veterans Week

As a Caring for America project, RWOP is supporting a baby shower sponsored by the VA Women's Clinic on May 8 for expectant and new veteran mothers. We are asking all members to bring a baby item(s) from the list below to the May meeting. Cash donations are welcome as well and will be used to buy items on the list. It would be GREAT to have 100% participation!

- Diapers – sizes 1, 2, or 3 (no newborn)
- Onesies
- Crib sheets/receiving blankets
- Sets of bibs
- Baby hygiene items (shampoo, baby wash, lotion)
- Q-tips)
- Comb and brush sets
- Baby nail clippers/scissors
- Baby wipes

If you will not be at the May meeting and would like to mail a check, make payable to RWOP and mail to me at 7026 May Woods Lane, Germantown, TN 38138.

## Thank You

*Special thanks to InteriorScapes for the beautiful flowers provided for our April luncheon.*

## Where to Vote

by Pat Scroggs

On Election Day, you can only vote at your assigned precinct polling place; it will be listed on your registration card. You can also find it on [www.shelbyvote.com](http://www.shelbyvote.com).

During Early Voting, you may vote at any Early Voting Location in Shelby County.  
To vote by Absentee ballot, please call (901) 222-1200.

## Rummage Sale

by Terri Boatwright

The 2018 RWOP rummage sale is happening folks!

The location is in City Center, 642 West Poplar, Collierville, on April 26th, 27th, and 28th (same location as last year's sale).

Our members have been busy gathering tons of household items into two storage units, committee members' garages and dining rooms! We have a lot of items this year which is great for reaching our goal.

We start early drop off and set up Friday, April 20th. If you have items you want to bring by the location, the dates and times are listed below. Our committee is super busy, so if you can get your items to the location yourself, that is a big help to them. However if you do need someone to come pick up, contact Terri Boatwright, 487-4639, Lyna Medlock, 268-6726, or Beth Webb, 826-6186, and we will set up a time to pick up for you.

I know everyone is busy, and I **do** understand busy, but if each of our members could participate in this fundraiser by helping to set up, work a shift, work on Sunday, April 29th to clean up, or make a monetary donation, it would surely make this year our best yet! Please consider giving a few hours over the course of the week to our club, Your help is always needed and much appreciated!

### Drop off dates:

Friday, April 20th	4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 21st	10:00 am to 12:00 noon
Sunday, April 22nd	2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

### Sale prep dates:

Monday, April 23rd - Thursday, April 25th, we need to be ready to open to the public by noon on Thursday!

### Sale dates:

Thursday, April 26th	Noon to 7:00 pm
Friday, April 27th	7:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday, April 28th	7:30 am til we are done!

### Clean up date:

Sunday, April 29th 2:00 pm



TFRW President, Barbara Trautman, will have these badges for sale at the May luncheon. Price is \$3.00 each or 2/\$5.00.



Invitation to a Meet & Greet Supporting Wayne Mashburn  
Thursday, May 10th  
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM  
Shady Creek Clubhouse  
8745 Maple Grove Drive  
Germantown, TN 38139



Republican Women of Purpose  
 P.O. Box 381283  
 Germantown, TN 38183-1283

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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

April 25	10:00 a.m.	April Board Meeting	642 West Poplar
April 26-28		Annual Rummage Sale	642 West Poplar
May 2	10:30 a.m. Social/11:00 Meeting	May Meeting/Luncheon	TPC Southwind
May 16	10:00 a.m.	May Board Meeting	TPC Southwind
June 6	5:30 p.m.	BBQ - Meet the Candidates	Halle Plantation

Thank you to the members of RWOP who attended Ladies Day on the Hill. Once again, you were the Club with the most attendees!

Thank you for your support.

Barbara Trautman, TFRW President

