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*Happy New Year*

*Please join*

*Republican Women of Purpose  
for our January meeting  
on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.*

*Meet, greet and welcome our  
Shelby County State Legislators:*

*Representative Jim Coley  
Representative Kevin Vaughan  
Representative Mark White  
Representative Tom Leatherwood*

*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, December 27, 2018.*

*RSVP to Betsy Landers at 901-604-9520 or email [rwoplunch@gmail.com](mailto:rwoplunch@gmail.com).  
Reservations must be guaranteed. If you do not attend, you will be billed \$25.*



# President's Message

by Sharon Ohsfeldt



## President's Message

First, I want to thank Lyna Medlock and everyone who worked so hard to make 2018 a great year. TOGETHER we worked and elected Bill Lee, a second consecutive Republican governor, and Marsha Blackburn, the first female senator from Tennessee! We also helped TN District 31 Senator Brian Kelsey keep his seat! Many of you made phone calls, held signs, door knocked, and worked polls. EVERY contact was important.

A special thanks to Jim and Julie Ethridge for opening their home for our Christmas reception and to Dorrie Simms and her team for planning the event. It was a personal pleasure to have our own Barbara Trautman, TFRW President, install our officers. To the dedicated women who were elected to office and others who committed to serve on the 2019 board, you have my admiration and appreciation.

2019 is starting with a primary in January to fill Mark Norris's TN District 32 Senate seat. Early voting starts Jan 4. On Sunday, February 3rd, the Shelby County Republican party will hold precinct caucuses to elect delegates to the Shelby County Republican convention which is Sunday, February 24th. This county convention will elect the Shelby County Republican Party Chairman and other officers for the next two years. This is your opportunity to participate at the grass roots level in Republican politics. Please plan to attend the caucus for your precinct, everyone is needed.

January 2nd, our first meeting in January, will be here before we know it. This meeting will focus on our Shelby County state legislators; make your reservations now and plan to attend. Have you renewed your RWOP membership? If not, please do so at the January luncheon. Last year we were the largest club in the state with 210 members. With the help of you and your friends we will easily exceed 220 members.

It is a high honor to serve as your president for 2019. You are wonderful, willing, talented, Republican women. May this find you enjoying the holidays and looking forward to the New Year.

## 2018 Christmas Reception, A Wonderful Celebration



Left to right: Barbara Trautman, TFRW President; Sharon Ohsfeldt, RWOP President; Peggy Larkin, 1st VP Programs; Dorrie Simms, 2nd VP Membership; Kelly Ellington, 3rd VP Fundraising; Mary Ann Epperson, Recording; Betsy Landers, Assist. Treasurer; Melinda Selberg, Corresponding Secretary



Julie Ethridge's beautiful home provided the perfect location for the annual reception and installation of the 2019 Board Officers.





## Membership

by Dot Wieters, Membership Chair

2019 is a great year to be a Republican Woman of Purpose! Let's make it even better than last year, when we elected a new Republican governor, a new Senator, and are returning our representatives back to Congress. This was accomplished through many hours of volunteering. It is now time to focus on making our club even bigger and better. Begin the year by renewing your membership at the check in table at the January meeting.

Dues are still \$35.00 for a regular membership and \$25.00 for an associate. Checks may be mailed along with your membership form to Dorrie Simms, 2152 Glenalden Dr. Germantown, 38139. Think of friends and neighbors who might be interested and invite them to join us. Your early payment will be greatly appreciated.

## Caring for America

by Peggy Voeller

Thank you to all our members for your generous donations to the Salvation Army Senior Angels and Forgotten Angels. We collected \$1149 and were able to get everything on our wish list and more!

## RWOP Fundraising

### Rummage Sale News

Happy 2019! As we begin this New Year and consider New Year's resolution of organizing, deep cleanig and prging unnecessary clutter, DO NOT FORGET RWOP'S RUMMAGE SALE1.

We use our funds for so many positive, conservative causes as well as donate to many local community serices. Do consider donating unwanted used decor, clothes, furniture, household items (indoor and outdoor)...anything you have that might be another's "Treasure."

Also consider volunteering to makethis fundraising a success which requires many giving hads and time and provides a special way to meetyour RWOP sisters (and is sooo fun!!!).

Contact Kelly Ellington for donation pick-up:

(317)698-9679

kbsellington@gmail.com

## Lyna's Legend

by Phyllis Vincent

*RWOP has really been blessed  
With top of the line leaders  
And each and everyone  
Has passed the test.*

*Now this brown-eyed beauty  
Came on board  
Thanks to Past President Melvin  
Who really did score.*

*It wasn't too long  
Before she became  
Our Assistant Treasurer  
And was tops at that game.*

*Moving on to Treasurer  
Then Financial Chair  
She did it so well  
Without a snare.*

*If you have never seen her  
In action at our Rummage sale,  
You have really missed out  
She's beyond the Pale!*

*Now suddenly we knew  
She could handle it all  
So now was the time  
To give her a call.*

*With some reluctance  
She agreed to be  
Our next President-Elect  
And said "I'll see."*

*She was convinced  
During the President-Elect year  
She couldn't put it off  
She had some fear.*

*Since she hailed from Arkansas  
She figured "That's it!"  
"We will move back there  
And I'll have to quit."*

*Lucky for us  
Dan was our friend  
He even show up  
To see her sworn in!*


*She has done a fine job  
Her fears overcome  
She has been a GREAT prez  
And she didn't succumb!*

## 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.

	<i>Ladies Day on the Hill</i>
Please save the date of Monday, April 1, 2019, 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.	



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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 Dorrie Simms, 2152 W. Glenalden Dr.,  
Germantown, TN 38139.

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 Sharon Ohsfeldt at  
901-590-7946

### 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

January 2	10:30 a.m. Social/11:00 Meeting	January Meeting/Luncheon	TPC Southwind
January 9	10:00 a.m.	January Board Meeting	TPC Southwind
February 2	Brentwood Country Club	TFRW Winter Board Meeting	
February 6	10:30 a.m. Social/11:00 Meeting	February Meeting/Luncheon	TPC Southwind
February 13	10:00 a.m.	February 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