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*The members of
Republican Women of Purpose
cordially invite you to attend their*

*Installation of 2018 Officers
And
Christmas Open House*

*Sunday, December 3, 2017
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM*

*At the home of:
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ethridge
507 Rocky Point Road
Cordova, TN 38018*

*Installation of Officers to be
conducted by:
Congressman, TN 6
The Honorable Diane Black*

*There is no charge for this event;
however,
Reservations are REQUIRED*

*(Standing Reservations DO NOT APPLY)
RSVP no later than December 1st to:
Stephanie Hube*

rwoplunch@gmail.com or 901.854.6674

Merry Christmas

Republican Women
of Purpose

President's Message

by Kay Kelsey



Major Michael McCusker made our November program one of the best programs of the year. His personal account of his tour of duty in Afghanistan touched at our hearts and was sprinkled with humor. We deeply appreciate the sacrifices made by our veterans and Major McCusker for the preservation of our freedoms and liberty.

Our TFRW Convention held in Memphis on October 20-21 was a huge success! We had a large attendance of members from across the state. The speakers were outstanding! Our event was the first time all gubernatorial candidates had been present for a forum. We were also proud to have our very own Barbara Trautman unanimously elected president of the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women. It was a fun-filled weekend of delicious meals, great speakers, and Republican fellowship.

It is hard to believe that this is my last message of the year! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to serve as president of the Republican Women of Purpose. It was an honor to serve a club that is so hard working, willing to volunteer, and filled with a positive attitude. I know Lyna will feel the same way next year.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our Christmas Reception and Installation of Officers on Sunday, December 3 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the beautiful home of Julie and Jim Ethridge.

You are all among my many Thanksgiving blessings! Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

Membership

by Gayle Bennett, 2nd VP

Renewals

We are now accepting Membership Renewals for 2018.



Please bring your renewal check to the December Meeting or Mail to Gayle Bennett, 4562 Whisperwood Drive, Collierville, 38017. Membership Dues are \$35.00 for Regular Members and \$25.00 for men and those already a member of another Federated Women's Club. I look forward to seeing everyone in December.

BRING ON THE JOY for the SENIOR ANGELS

Bring donations – Items or Cash - to the Christmas Party

For several years, RWOP has adopted three Senior Angels through The Salvation Army. Our members are so caring and generous that we furnished everything on our adopted Angel's wish list as well as other items they can use. Our club also provides many items for the Forgotten Angels. Those are the Angels people adopt and then do not bring the items on the wish list back to The Salvation Army. Having those extra items on hand allows The Army to fulfill the requests of all Senior Angels.

This year our Angels are:

Frances: Clothes size 2X; Shoes 9 ½; Purse
Loretta: Bathrobe size 16; Vibrating Foot Bath
Joe: Clothes XL; Pants 38/42; Cookware

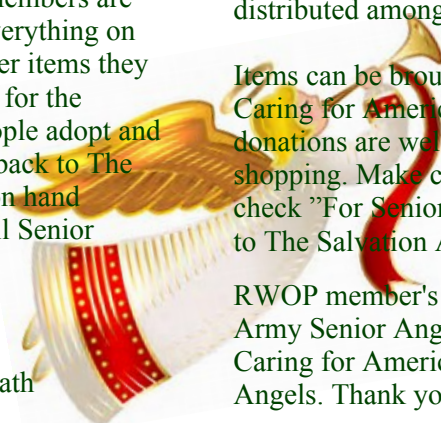
The requests above are quite modest, but Salvation Army staff has advised that most Angels can always use bath

towels and washcloths, fleece throws, cookware, sweaters, socks, gloves, flashlights, and umbrellas. Don't be concerned about duplicate items; they will be distributed among the Angels.

Items can be brought to the Christmas Party, and the Caring for America committee will collect them. Cash donations are welcome, and the Committee will do the shopping. Make checks to the RWOP and note on the check "For Senior Angels". Do not make the check out to The Salvation Army.

RWOP member's very generous support of The Salvation Army Senior Angel Tree program through the RWOP Caring for America program brings joy to many Senior Angels. Thank you for your support.

Rjeta Selberg, Caring for America Chair; Melinda Selberg and Linda Miller



31st Biennial TFRW Convention

by Millie Gump, Chair

There are so many people to thank for such a successful 2017 31st TNFRW Biennial Conference. Ladies - You Did Good!!! For our Convention Committee, the West TN Clubs - Shelby County Republican Women's Club, Tipton County Republican Women, Pickwick Republican Women - to Barbara Trautman whose encouragement always kept me going, and to all of you who volunteered to help out in every area necessary - another good example of "Teamwork" - this could never have happened without you. You have my heartfelt appreciation.

A special thank you to Lee Mills, Chairman of the Republican Party of Shelby County - don't know what we would have done without him. He not only took care of our AV needs but also was pulled into service as a speaker/moderator, an auctioneer, etc., and kept the mood light with his great humor. Thank you, Lee.

An Excerpt from The Iris Messenger by Linda D. Buckles, TFRW President

No one can really imagine all the volunteer hours and planning that goes into organizing large events like our TFRW State Convention. It was a wonderful Convention and I am so proud of the great job Chairman Millie Gump and her committee did putting it all together! There were three educational workshops on Friday afternoon and on Friday night there was a forum with all the Gubernatorial Candidates moderated by our TNGOP Chairman, Scott Golden. Saturday started with a Memorial Breakfast followed by the Opening of the General Session One to hear reports including the Nominating Committee report, voting on officers and voting on the Bylaws revisions. At lunch on Saturday we heard from Representative Debra Moody and Senator Dolores Gresham. Following lunch Resolutions were presented, the Awards were presented and Chattanooga and Johnson City bid for the TFRW Convention in 2019. Johnson City won the bid for the Carnegie Hotel to have the next TFRW Convention in 2019! Saturday night we heard from Congressman David Kustoff and Congressman Marsha Blackburn. After the speeches Lee Mills, Shelby County Republican Party Chairman, did our live auction and then helped with the Opportunity Drawing. After the auction, Congressman Marsha Blackburn installed the new TFRW Executive Committee and the new Area Vice Presidents. To finish the night Alicia Lundquist lead the crowd in a melody of patriotic songs.

It has been an honor to serve the TFRW for 2 terms. I have really enjoyed traveling across the state, meeting so many ladies and making so many new friends! The last four years are ones I will never forget!



**You're invited to an event to support Bobby Simmons
in his campaign for Juvenile Court Clerk of Shelby County**

*Please join us at The University Club of Memphis
1346 Central Avenue Memphis, TN 38104
on Thursday, November 30, 2017 | 5:30 until 7:00 in the evening*

Bobby's Host Committee:

Alan Higdon	Joe and Lynn Getz
Bobby and Kim Winstead	Judge and Terry Lafferty
Bob and Paula Morris	Larry and Jan Crawford
Brent and Megan Weirich	Les and Penny Owens
Brian and Paige Alexander	Mayor Terry Jones and Mary
Bubba and Jane Pleasant	Michael and Muffy Turley
Cary and Lalanah Vaughn	Mitch and Kelly Jo Graves
David and Becky Parsons	Nelda Marr
Ed and Kay Haley	Paula Sedgwick
Dr. George Flinn	Ray and Jean Harvell
Jack and Jennifer Sammons	Ron and Brenda Lollar
Jay and Mary Balee	Scott and Michele Sammons
Jim and Kellie Childers	Tom and Lisanne Marshall
Jimmy and Barbara Moore	Mayor William "Bill" Morris

Contributions are appreciated.

Mitch Graves 901-237-8351
Bobby Simmons 901-573-7000
bobbysimmons@bellsouth.net

Friends of Bobby Simmons, P.O. Box 1, Ellendale, TN 38029

Please Join Us for
a Birthday Celebration
and
State Senate Re-election Fundraiser
for
BRIAN KELSEY



40 for \$40

Guess Who's Turning 40!

Thursday, December 21 5p.m.-7p.m.

FedEx Event Center

Shelby Farms Park

415 Great View Drive East

Cordova, TN 38018

RSVP to jennifer@briankelsey.org



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\$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
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Would you like to sponsor our
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\$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

December 3	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Christmas Reception	Julie Ethridge's home
December 13	10:00 a.m.	December Board Meeting	Kay Kelsey's home
January 3	10:30 a.m. Social/11:00 Meeting	January Meeting/Luncheon	TPC Southwind
January 17	10:00 a.m.	January Board Meeting	TPC Southwind



Founding President and member of Republican Women of Purpose, Barbara Trautman, was elected President of The Tennessee Federation of Republican Women at its 31st Biennial Convention.

We congratulate you Barbara and are proud of all the work you have accomplished. You have served Shelby County well, and we know you will be successful as you lead Tennessee's GOP women over the course of your elected term. God Bless!