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Please join Republican Women of Purpose as we welcome our Veterans Day guest speaker



Major Michael McCusker Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service in Afghanistan

Wednesday, November 1, 2017 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, October 27.

RSVP to Stephanie Hube at 901-854-6674 or email <a href="mailto:rwoplunch@gmail.com">rwoplunch@gmail.com</a>. 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 Stephanie.



# President's Message

by Kay Kelsey







Rachel Summer Haaga, director of Restore Corp, along with District Attorney General Amy Weirich, provided an outstanding program at our October meeting on a subject most of us were unaware of: the presence of human trafficking right here in Shelby County. Ms. Haaga explained that her organization existed to eradicate human trafficking by empowering survivors, equipping communities, and seeking justice through systemic change. It was comforting to know that programs and laws are in place for the prevention and punishment of these appalling crimes.

We are excited about helping host the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women 2017 Convention to be held October 20-21 at the Holiday Inn University of Memphis. Many interesting workshops and outstanding speakers are slated for the weekend. A gubernatorial candidate forum will be led by Tennessee GOP chairman, Scott Golden, on Friday night; state Senator Dolores Gresham and state Representative Debra Moody will discuss education at lunch on Saturday; and U.S. Congressman and Senatorial candidate Marsha Blackburn and Congressman David Kustoff will speak Saturday night. Mark your calendar and join us for a fun and informative weekend.

November is approaching, and what better time is there to show our thanks to the many veterans who have bravely served our country and protected our freedom? Our November meeting will focus on Veteran's Day, and our speaker will be U.S. Army Major Michael McCusker, a Bronze Star recipient. Please take this opportunity to invite a veteran to join us for our November meeting. I hope to see all of you on November 1 as we honor and express our appreciation for the men and women who are serving or have previously served in our United Stated Armed Forces.



## **About our November Speaker**

by Judy Pearson, 1st VP

Please join the Republican Women of Purpose on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> as we welcome guest speaker Major Michael McCusker as our guest speaker. Major McCusker, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service in Afghanistan, is a Memphis Attorney who serves as the division leader for criminal court as an Assistant District Attorney for Shelby County. Major McCusker has an impressive resume that also includes...special assistant to the U.S. Attorney, as well as a young law clerk in 2000 for David Kustoff, our new US Congressman.

We want to encourage you to bring a veteran as your special guest to hear this wonderful speaker. We will have a special treat as Kinsey Moline, a talented, local singer will open the meeting with the National Anthem.



## Fall Is In The Air

by Kelly Ellington, 3rd VP

Remember this seasonal change to clean out, declutter and donate items that will be someone else's treasure for RWOP's 2018 annual Spring Rummage sale.

Thank you each for your generosity which has caused us to open another storage unit! The key and code to our new unit can be accessed at Beth Webb's home in Collierville, TN.

Please contact Kelly Ellington for questions at 317-698-9679. Please do not take donated items to the old unit.

# **Nominating Committee Report**

by Millie Gump, Chair



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

### THANK YOU 2017 BOARD

The election of the Republican Women of Purpose 2018 officers was held at our October general meeting. They are as follows:

President: Lyna Medlock President Elect: Christina See First Vice President-Programs: Keely Burton Second Vice President-Membership: Gayle Bennett Third Vice President-Fundraising; Terri Boatwright Treasurer: Mindy Fischer Assistant Treasurer: Suzanne Jones Recording Secretary: Sharon Ohsfeldt

Also elected at this meeting was our 2018 Nominating Committee. Our Bylaws were recently updated and one of the changes mandated by the TFRW is the manner in which we nominate this committee. The club membership now nominates and elects said Committee. Nominations were called for, the following members were nominated and elected: Peggy Larkin, Carol Henderson, Beth Webb, Linda Joyner, Kay Kelsey, Anne Truett and Karen Dunavant.

Peggy Larkin



# **Caring for America Article**

by Rieta Selberg, Chair & Linda Miller

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 provided 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.

Corresponding Secretary:

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 us 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.

You can bring items to the November meeting and the Caring for America committee will collect them. You can also make a cash donation. Make checks to RWOP and note on the check "For Senior Angels". Do not make the check out to The Salvation Army.

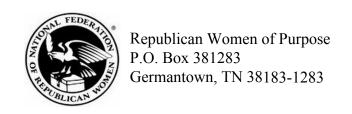
Your very generous support of The Salvation Army Senior Angel Tree program through the RWOP Caring for America program has brought joy to many Senior Angels. Thank you for your support.

Rieta Selberg, Chair; Melinda Selberg and Linda Miller



Republican Women of Purpose honors all veterans who served or are serving our great country.

May God bless each of you for your service, and may He bless our beloved nation, the United States of America!



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Please send dues to Gayle Bennett at 4562 Whisperwood Dr., Collierville, TN 38017.

Download a Membership application at <a href="https://www.rwop.org/membership">www.rwop.org/membership</a>

Would you like to sponsor our newsletter one month? \$100 Contact Kay Kelsey at

## NOTICE

901.683.3695

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**

November 1 10:30 a.m. Social/11:00 Meeting November Meeting/Luncheon **TPC Southwind** November 15 November Board Meeting **TPC Southwind** 10:00 a.m. 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

I am THANKFUL to everyone for the love, prayers and support

bestowed on our family during a most difficult journey.

Peggy Larkin