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June Meeting - Phyllis Vincent

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Please join
Republican Women of Purpose
for our June Meeting

SAVE THE DATE - MAKE YOUR RESERVATION EARLY

JUNE 7, 2017

5:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

**HALLE PLANTATION CLUBHOUSE
2490 DIBRELL TRAIL DRIVE, COLLIERVILLE, TN**

KICKING OFF
"KEEP US RED AHEAD"
REPUBLICANS PUSH FOR 2018!

TWO GREAT SPEAKERS!



John Ryder
State of Our Union



Scott Golden
State of the State

★COME MIX AND MINGLE WITH CANDIDATES

★BEER, WINE AND B-B-Q

★OPPORTUNITY DRAWINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR FABULOUS PRIZES

Standing reservations will be honored, but please contact Stephanie for the addition of spouses, friends, and cancellations.

Reservations are required - \$25 per person
Please make checks payable to Republican Women of Purpose
Reservation deadline: Monday, June 5

RSVP to **Stephanie Hube** at 901-854-6674 or email 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 **Stephanie.*

President's Message

by Kay Kelsey



What a great program our very talented and informed members provided for us at our May meeting! Barbara Trautman presented information on our national organization, NFRW. Beth Webb on the difference between Republicans and Democrats, and Gayle Bennett presented on membership. These topics don't normally lend themselves to exciting programs, but the wit and knowledge of these ladies made for a very entertaining and enlightening meeting. In celebration of Cinco de Mayo, we also enjoyed a delicious Mexican buffet and specialty drinks.

Our annual rummage sale, which is our largest fundraiser of the year, was another huge success. I want to thank all of you who helped with a special thanks to Lyna Medlock, Terri Boatwright, and Kelly Ellington for serving as chairmen, to Gayle Bennett and Beth Webb for moving storage articles and logistics, to Stephanie Hube for serving as treasurer, to Barbara Trautman for coordinating tasty snacks and lunches for all of the volunteers, and to our new members who generously donated their time. Your donations of food, merchandise, and time were all appreciated and contributed significantly to the success of this project.

Please mark your calendar for our meeting Wednesday, June 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Halle Plantation. We are fortunate to have two speakers, John Ryder and Scott Golden, for our program. Each possesses expert knowledge on the affairs of the State of Tennessee and of the Nation. We are also providing a forum for various candidates running in the 2018 elections. Please encourage your spouses, family members, neighbors, and friends to attend. I hope to see all of you on June 7!



Flag Day is Wednesday, June 14; this is a special day set aside to honor the United States flag.

We will not meet in July nor will there be a July newsletter, but we wish everyone a happy and safe 4th of July!

May



Meeting



Thank you, Barbara Trautman, for speaking to us about TFRW and NFRW; Gayle Bennett for speaking to us about Membership; and Beth Webb for all your stats and interesting facts in regards to Republicans and Democrats.

Your presentations were educational and enjoyable.

Job well done!

Women of Distinction 2017

Nashville, TN



(L) Kellyanne Conway

(C) Barbara Trautman

(R) Congressman Marsha Blackburn



RWOP members, left to right: Terri Boatwright, Millie Gump, Phyllis Vincent, Pat Melvin, Sharon Ohsfeldt, Barbara Trautman, Senator Mark Norris, and Chris Norris

Congressman Marsha Blackburn hosted the Women of Distinction 2017 in Nashville, TN. The annual event recognizes the achievements of outstanding women. This years guest speaker was Kellyanne Conway.

Membership

by Gayle Bennett, Second Vice-President

Save the Date – All 2017 New Members

All new regular members who joined in 2017, please plan on attending our September meeting. I would like to take a group photo to publish in our newsletter. Please plan on attending our September meeting!

Members

I am pleased to announce that our new Membership Directories are here. If you did not pick one up at the May meeting, they will be available at the membership desk at our monthly meetings. Please see Gayle Bennett or Nancy Tapp for a new directory.

As of May 1st, the Republican Women of Purpose currently has 189 regular members and 45 associate members. We are still recruiting new members. If you would like some recruitment brochures, please stop by the membership desk at our monthly meetings. Thanks for all you do.



Area 9 Convention

by Peggy Larkin, Area 9 Vice-President

The 2017 Area 9 Convention will be held on Saturday, June 10, at 10:30 am at the Germantown Public Library, 1925 Exeter Road, Germantown, TN 38138, 901-757-2323, “for the purpose of electing an Area Vice President and to take up any other business the Convention delegates deem appropriate.”

Thank you to those willing to serve as delegates/alternates of the RWOP Club:

Delegates – Kay Kelsey, Phyllis Vincent, Mary Ann Epperson, Beth Webb, Judy Pearson, Lyna Medlock, Gayle Bennett, Barbara Trautman, Rieta Selberg, Millie Gump, Julie Ethridge, Terri Boatwright, Ruth Henderson, Kelly Ellington, Becky Coleman, Pat Scroggs, Pat Melvin, and Sharon Ohlsfeldt.

Alternates – Anne Truett, Carol Henderson, Betty Rome, Natalie Williams, and Terrie Hall.



Rummage Sale Thank You

by Lyna Medlock, President-Elect

A huge thank you to all for another successful RWOP rummage sale fundraiser!! We cannot stage an event like this without dedicated people. Many thanks to each contributing participant. Your support of this project by the donation of items, refreshments, and your time was greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to Terri Boatwright, Gayle Bennett, Beth Webb, and Barbara Trautman for their hard work and extra effort to make my job easier.



Beth Webb Appointed to Horse Racing Advisory Committee

RWOP member, Beth Webb has been appointed by Governor Haslam to serve on the Horse Racing Advisory Committee. This seven-member committee includes five public members, a member with a background in law enforcement, and a member with a background in accountancy. Beth and the committee chair, Joe Coury of Jackson, represent West Tennessee.

Signed into law by Governor Haslam on April 28, 2016, Senate Bill 1738 allowed for the formation of the committee and directs the committee to “complete a comprehensive report and develop recommendations for legislation related to the establishment of horse racing in this state, with the ultimate goal of authorizing a state governmental entity to regulate” it. The panel is given power to “investigate, study and report on any programs, initiatives, topics or other matters” it deems appropriate and “to further the establishment of horse racing.” The committee will begin meeting on May 16, 2017, and must submit its report within a year.



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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 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

June 7	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	June Meeting	Halle Plantation
July 19	10:00 a.m.	July Board Meeting	TPC Southwind

* There will not be a June board meeting or a July general meeting and luncheon.

