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Please join Republican Women of Purpose as we welcome our

# FABULOUS FIVE STATE LEGISLATORS

Senator Brían Kelsey Representatíve Jím Coley Representatíve Ron Lollar Representatíve Kevín Vaughan Representatíve Mark Whíte

Wednesday, January 3, 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, December 29th.

RSVP to Suzanne Jones at 901-833-1898 or email <u>rwoplunch@gmail.com</u>. Reservations must be guaranteed. If you do not attend, you will be billed \$25.

#### **President's Message**



by Lyna Medlock





The holiday season is upon us and with it all the different emotions we each feel at this time of year--joy, reflection, remembrance and many others. With the new year fast approaching, my wish for you is one of peace, strength, happiness and commitment to make 2018 the best year yet.

I am so honored to serve as your president for the coming year. Thanks to Kay Kelsey and the 2017 board for their outstanding leadership and hard work. To the dedicated women who were elected to office and others who committed to serve on the 2018 board, you have my admiration and appreciation. What a special honor it was to have our own Barbara Trautman, the newly elected TFRW president, install our officers.

Beautiful weather, wonderful food and lots of good fellowship were on hand for our Christmas party and installation of officers held in the lovely home of Jim and Julie Ethridge. My thanks to the Ethridges and to Kathy White and committee for planning such an outstanding event for our club.

Our first meeting of the new year is just around the corner, so please make your reservations now and plan to attend on January 3 when we have the pleasure of hosting and featuring our Shelby County state legislators. This meeting always provides us with lots of information regarding the upcoming legislative session as well as the opportunity to personally visit with each one.

Renewing your memberships and continuing to invite others to visit and join our club is an ongoing goal. We were so close to 200 members last year; let's try to exceed that and take back our "largest club in the state" title in 2018! I look forward to working with all RWOP members to continue to grow our club and to elect Republicans across Tennessee!



# **Christmas Open House**

by Kathy White, December Special Events Chair

I would like to thank my wonderful, hard-working Committee: Peggy Larkin, Beth Webb, Gayle Bennett, Terri Boatwright and Lyna Medlock. We had a record turnout of 110 guests, delicious food, and perfect weather. Also a BIG thanks to Julie & Jim Ethridge for so graciously opening their beautiful home for our event. We were VERY honored that our own RWOP member and newly elected president of TFRW, Barbara Trautman, conducted the Installation of our new 2018 Officers. A VERY special thanks to the RWOP Ladies who volunteered to prepare our delicious food or donated money to the event. And, a final special 'Thank You' to our fantastic 'bartenders' - Bob Bennett and Tom Webb!!! It was a wonderful afternoon and start of holiday festivities!

Congratulations to our new 2018 Officers and a BIG 'Thank You' to Kay Kelsey for the outstanding year RWOP enjoyed under her Leadership as our President!!







Kay Kelsey, H Class Hct by Phyllis Vincent

Always a lady Come what may A real class act Is our gal named Kay.

For many years She's been the chair Of our education program Without a snare.

The Diamond Award We should once again win She burned the midnight oil Getting those great stats in.

Her family is first And will always be What a wonderful asset That all can see.

Now that her job is done She has new fish to fry. Next on her list A wedding is nigh.

Her son, my friend, our senator Will take a bride And oh what a thrill She is so filled with pride.

> So let's all get on board And help make it fun. To re-elect Brian Our favorite son.



#### SAVE THE DATE

The Republican Party of Shelby County has announced that it will hold its annual Lincoln Day Gala on February 24, 2018.

For complete ticket information and to purchase tickets, go to the Republican Party of Shelby County website at <u>https://www.shelbygop.org</u>.





#### **Membership** by Gayle Bennett, Membership Chair

Our 2017 Membership Drive is underway! Annual dues are \$35.00 for Regular Membership and \$25.00 for Associate Membership. Associate Membership is available to men or women who are regular members of another NFRW club.

Please bring your renewal to our January meeting and stop by and see Gayle and Kelly; or mail to Gayle Bennett, Membership Chair at 4562 Whisperwood Drive, Collierville, TN 38017. Renew this month and help us get renewals in before March 1st.

Speaking of new members, do you have a friend, coworker, or neighbor that may be interested in joining our club? Invite them to one of our meetings to learn more about our organization.

# **RUMMAGE SALE**

by Terri Boatwright, Third Vice-President

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. As we begin the new year, please keep in mind that our Rummage Sale will be taking place in April. And no, it is never too early to bring up the rummage sale. If you're like me, every year at this time you start asking yourself "why do I have all this stuff"?

My New Years resolution is to purge, purge, purge! Think about it: how many Christmas decorations do we need; did you get one of those gifts that you don't want; got something fabulous that doesn't fit; maybe it's just not you; can't use that Snuggle from Walgreen's after all; may not unwrap the Chia Pet from your mother-in-law again this year; got another bottle of cologne that attracts flies? Then start a box or bin for our fantastic, fun, treasure-laden sale! I promise you will be amazed at how great it feels to clear out those cabinets, closets, and bins!

Good news - we have an additional storage unit this year. I will be happy to arrange to pick up your items from you if you are unable to bring them to a meeting or drop off at our storage unit. My contact info is Terri Boatwright, <u>Teriz62@yahoo.com</u> and my cell is (901) 487-4639.

Thank you and let's all work together to make our 2018 Rummage Sale the VERY BEST EVER!



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

Download a Membership application at <u>www.rwop.org/membership</u>

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**

 January 3
 10:30 a.m. Social/11:00 Meeting

 January 17
 10:30 a.m.

 February 7
 10:30 a.m. Social/11:00 Meeting

 February 21
 10:30 a.m.

 February 24
 TBA

January Meeting/Luncheon January Board Meeting February Meeting/Luncheon February Board Meeting Lincoln Day Gala TPC Southwind TPC Southwind TPC Southwind TPC Southwind TBA



We SO appreciate your continued support and friendship, especially this past year! We are VERY grateful to you and for you and thank you for all you do! We wish you and your families much Joy and many Blessings in 2018!

Mark and Kathy White