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*Republican Women of
Purpose*

As Republican Women, we are conservative. And as conservatives, we are cautious. In accordance with the CDC directive, we are canceling our meeting on April 1, 2020.

We will continue to monitor the situation and will keep our members informed of any changes in our regular schedule.

We hope to see the candidates for US Senate at our June BBQ, scheduled for June 3rd at Halle Plantation Clubhouse from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m..

Welcome New Members!

Joanna Young, jyoung0525@gmail.com; Gail Weaver; Jan Winterburn
janwinterburn@gmail.com; Lauran Wingo; Dana Kendrick,
dana9871@aol.com

Associate Members: Brandon Weise, Naser Fazlullah, Ben Landers,
Gail Weaver, John Paul Miles, Nancy Rose, The Honorable Paul Rose,
John Gillespie, Charlotte Kelly



President's Message

by Mindy Fischer



"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those that see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes."

-Mr. Rogers

These are interesting times we are living in. Like most things, there is a wide range of opinions about COVID-19. Many of us have a hard time not being in control. There is something important we all can control: our attitude. This is OUR community. Let's all be the heroes that Mr. Roger describes.

Check on friends and family that are at a higher risk. We can be all together 'virtually' and make a difference and take care of each other.

Stay safe, wash your hands and be kind.

Mindy



Celebrating the War of the Roses

At our March meeting, it was exciting to hear about the Women Suffrage Centennial. TFRW President Barbara Trautman shared Tennessee's pivotal history and the stories of the courageous women integral to the passage of the 19th Amendment. Additionally, several of our members dressed as Suffragettes marched through the audience. The Suffragettes shared a few words from the movie *Mary Poppins* which we have printed below. Every luncheon attendee received the newest Tennessee Blue Book with a yellow cover in honor of the 19th Amendment. The special editions were provided by State Representative Mark White and had information about the War of the Roses. Each table was graced with a vase of yellow roses. The meeting made every attendee proud to be from Tennessee!



Sister Suffragette from *Mary Poppins*

"We're clearly soldiers in petticoats
And dauntless crusaders for women's votes
Though we adore men individually
We agree that as a group they're rather stupid!
Cast off the shackles of yesterday!
Shoulder to shoulder into the fray!
Our daughters' daughters will adore us

And they'll sing in grateful chorus
'Well done, Sister Suffragette!'
From Kensington to Billingsgate
One hears the restless cries!
From ev'ry corner of the land:
"Womankind, arise!"
Political equality and equal rights with men!
Take heart! For Missus Pankhurst has been
clapped in irons again!
No more the meek and mild

subservient we!
We're fighting for our rights, militantly!
Never you fear!
So, cast off the shackles of yesterday!
Shoulder to shoulder into the fray!
Our daughters' daughters will adore us
And they'll sing in grateful chorus
'Well done! Well done!
Well done Sister Suffragette!'"



Our annual rummage sale has been postponed until August.

Meanwhile, because we are maintaining our social distance, this is a great time to rummage through your unused items. However, we are suspending all pickups and drop-offs until further notice. If we work together we will exceed our goals. Thanks for all you are doing! Together we are "Keeping America Great!"

Caring for America

by
Kelly Ellington

We had a wonderful RWOP representation at the annual Alpha Omega Masquerade Ball. Thank you, Peggy Voeller for helping to make it possible for us to share two tables of six and thank you to the spouses who joined us as well! I highly recommend that our members consider attending this event next year which is not only fun, entertaining and delectable, but supports a worthy cause in helping homeless veterans.

Our future plans for writing notes to our brave veterans are temporarily on hold since we are not gathering due to the Coronavirus. We hope we can make up for lost time later this year. I appreciate the support our members have provided in Caring for America.



Membership

Membership is the heartbeat of our club. While we are social distancing we can virtually band together! When you join Republican Women of Purpose, you gain an array of programs and benefits.

- Support grassroots efforts in electing Republicans.
- Stay informed on legislative and election news and other key issues through our email and

social networks, digital publications, and member web site.

- Engage with dynamic elected officials, party representatives, political experts, and leaders.
- Participate in community service programs that promote Americanism, Armed Services, literacy, volunteerism and more.
- Make your voice heard on issues important to women and support Republican principles and initiatives.

Membership is \$45; Associate Membership is \$30. Please send a check to Mary Anne Gibson, 8688 Pepperbush Lane, Germantown, 38139, or pay online at www.RWOP.org.



MID-SOUTH FOOD BANK
FEEDING THE NEED

Mid-South Food Bank is preparing for people to stay home for 14 days by assembling food boxes with non-perishable food to help low-income and vulnerable populations. The food boxes will be available through their network of partner food pantries in the area. Each will contain about 30 pounds of canned and packaged food. They need donations of food and funds as well as volunteers to pack the boxes.

Republican Women of Purpose is donating \$500 to help during this national crisis. Since the April meeting has been canceled, **we would like to challenge our members to donate the \$25 luncheon fee to the Mid-South Food Bank.** Each donation will cover the cost of three boxes!



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

April 15	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	TPC Southwind
May 6	10:30 a.m. Social/11:00 Meeting	RWOPLuncheon	TPC Spouthwind
May 16	11:00 a.m.	Iris Fund Luncheon/Auction	Brentwood Country Club
May 20	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	TPC Clubhouse
June 3	5:30 p.m.-7:30p.m.	Meeting & BBQ Dinner	Halle Plantation Clubhouse

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