

December 2019

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Lyna Medlock/Gayle Bennett

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The members of  
*Republican Women of Purpose*  
Cordially invite you to attend the  
*Christmas Open House*  
and  
*Installation of 2020 Officers*

Sunday, December 8th  
2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.  
at the home of Julie and Jim Ethridge  
507 Rocky Point Road  
Cordova, TN

Installation of Officers to be conducted by  
Barbara Trautman, President  
Tennessee Federation of Republican Women

*There is no charge for this event*  
*Standing reservations DO Not apply for this meeting*  
*Reservations are required*  
*RSVP no later than November 29th*  
*to [rwoplunch@gmail.com](mailto:rwoplunch@gmail.com)*  
*or to Betsy Landers at 901-604-9520*

**Renew Your 2020 RWOP Membership Now**  
Regular Members \$45, Associate Members \$30  
Board Members Renewal Due by January 19th

No December Luncheon Meeting, Next Membership Luncheon is Wed., Jan. 8th



## President's Message

by Sharon Ohsfeldt



During this Thanksgiving season I'm very grateful for the country we live in, family, RWOP friends, and for the opportunity I've had to be your President this year. Soon we will be in the December rush; let's not forget the reason for the season. Take time to enjoy being with family and friends. Hopefully you can attend our Christmas Reception and Officer Installation at the home of Jim and Julie Ethridge Sunday, Dec 8.

In November we had a wonderful update from David Dunning, the Memphis Veterans Medical Center Director/CEO. We were amazed and thrilled that quality care is currently being provided to veterans in Memphis.

Many thanks to Dot Wieters, our Membership Chair, and her volunteers as well as Ganelle Ballard for being a wonderful hostess for our New Member brunch. We enjoyed visiting with our new members. Now, it's time to renew your membership for 2020 as well as to bring new friends to join our club. Leave time in your 2020 schedule to work for Trump and our Republican candidates.

The 2020 RWOP year begins in January. We anticipate another great year with Mindy Fischer as our very capable RWOP president along with her officers and Board.

In closing, thank you for your support this year. You are greatly appreciated. God Bless each of you!  
Sharon



(Left) David Dunning stands between RWOP President Sharon Ohsfeldt and TFRW President Barbara Trautman. (Right) Cordell Walker and Sharon Ohsfeldt (Far Right) New Member Cheri Ensor between Sharon and Barbara Trautman



### TFRW Convention

Eleven RWOP members attended the TFRW Convention in Johnson City Oct 18/19. Three of our members were installed as TFRW officers: Barbara Trautman President, Sharon Ohsfeldt Corresponding Secretary, and Lyna Medlock Vice Treasurer. Highlights were:

- Yellow Rose 'Suffrage' Celebration and reenactment. In Aug 1920 those TN legislators voting for 'giving women the right to vote' wore a yellow rose in their lapel; those against wore a red rose. When TN ratified the amendment, women had the right to vote.
- Congressman Mark Green, Congressman Phil Roe, and Senate candidates Dr. Manny Sethi and Bill Hagerty all spoke.
- Vanessa LaFranco, current NFRW Treasurer and 2020-21 Secretary, passed out awards and then spoke, inspiring us to even greater achievements.
- Trump 'aka our own Terri Boatright' visited!

The next TFRW convention will be in Clarksville, TN Fri/Sat Oct 22/23.





## New Member Brunch

Each year it is the privilege of the RWOP Board of Directors to welcome new members to Republican Women of Purpose with a brunch featuring homemade delights prepared by board members. This year, the event was held Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful home of GaNelle Ballard in Germantown.

A special thank you is due to Dot Wieters and all the members of her committee for an outstanding year recruiting new members as well as planning and preparing for the annual new member brunch.



As we look to the new election year, it is more important than ever that we unite and work toward our shared Republican values and goals.

## RWOP ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

*by Kelly Ellington, Third Vice-President*

As we end 2019 and I prepare to pass the RWOP Fundraising baton to our next VP of Fundraising, I would like to commend those who agreed to be on the Rummage Sale Committee. You will note that many of these volunteers help in other (sometimes numerous ways) with the efforts of RWOP. I recognize and thank these individuals for their selfless and tireless help to make this year's Sale so successful: Lyna Medlock, Terri Boatwright, Gayle Bennett, Beth Webb, Millie Gump, Barbara Trautman, Kathy White, Keely Burton, Julie Ethridge, Melinda Selberg, Rieta Selberg, Mindy Fischer, Peggy Larkin and Kristina Garner. As well, so many of our members showed up to help with the set up and the sale which we could not have done without your giving!

Final reminder, please box ALL donated items w/ lids closed, clothes on hangers (even if boxed, have lots of hangers in storage), and we can help transport any donations you may have.

Thank you members for your gracious and thoughtful support this year!

Sincerely,  
Kelly Ellington  
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## Awards Received for 2018-2019

### NFRW Awards

- Membership Award 85% or Greater Membership Retention in 2018
- Diamond Achievement
- Caring for America Certificate of Participation

### TFRW Awards

- Campaign Volunteer Hours First Place
- Muffet Award of Commendation
- Caring for America Mega Club winner

Thanks to EVERYONE who worked so hard enabling RWOP to EARN these awards!

## Salvation Army Senior and Forgotten Angels

Please do not forget our three Senior Angels and Forgotten Angels when you attend the RWOP Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 8th at the home of Julie Ethridge. Both unwrapped gifts and checks will be collected. If making a donation by check, please make it out to Republican Women of Purpose and note Salvation Army on the 'For' line.

Help make Christmas 2019 a very merry one for Evelyn W, Stella A, Willie C and those Angels whose wishes would otherwise go unfulfilled.



*"Tis the Reason  
For the Season"*





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## *Membership*

**Join Republican Women of Purpose**  
**\$45-Regular member and \*\$30-Associate member**  
\*Associate Membership is available to men or women who are regular members of another NFRW club.  
Please send dues to Mary Anne Gibson, 8688 Pepper Bush Lane,  
Germantown, TN 38139  
**Download a Membership application at**  
[www.rwop.org/membership](http://www.rwop.org/membership)

**Would you like to sponsor our  
newsletter one month?**

**\$100**

**Contact Sharon Ohsfeldt at  
901-590-7946**

### **NOTICE**

As a service to its members, **The Republican Voice** will gladly print notices of candidates' fundraising events for members of RWOP only.

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

Dec. 5	7 p.m. RPSC	RPSC Executive Meeting	GPAC Great Hall
Dec. 8	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Christmas Open House and Installation of Officers	507 Rocky Point Road Cordova
Dec. 15	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	RPSC Christmas Party	Devonshire Gardens Clubhouse
Dec. 19	10 a.m.	Joint Board Meeting	3068 Bent Run Drive Collierville



*Thank You for Your Support!*

*Wishing All a Very Merry*

*Christmas*

*And a Happy New Year!*

*Sharon Ohsfeldt, 2019 RWOP President*

