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## Republican Women of Purpose

As We Welcome Our

State Representative Dream Team!



Mark White District 83



Patti Possel, District 96



Rob White, District 86



John Gillespie, District 97



Kevin Vaughan, District



Tom Leatherwood, District 99

We look forward to seeing you on

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

10:30 a.m.-Social 11:00 a.m.-Meeting and Luncheon

Tournament Players Club at Southwind

Reservations are required: \$25/person

Please make checks payable to: Republican Women of Purpose Reservation DEADLINE is Friday, October 2nd

RSVP to Linda Fisher at 901-335-5152 or

email: rwoplunch@gmail.com

Reservations MUST be guaranteed. If you do not attend you will be billed \$25.

**Please Note:** 

Social Distancing and COVID Restrictions will be in effect according to CDC policies and those of Tournament Players Club at Southwind. Please wear a mask into the building and when exiting. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available.

Under current COVID restrictions we are limited to 50 attendees!

THERE ARE NO STANDING RESERVATIONS FOR THIS MEETING!



#### President's Message

by Mindy Fischer





Wow!!! What a great September meeting we had! We were so honored to have Tennessee Education Secretary Dr. Penny Schwinn speak to the club about education during these challenging times.

Special thanks go to Kay Kelsey and Susie Field for our annual dictionary project. They presented dictionaries to Brinkley Heights Urban Academy and Forrest Hill Elementary. Also, many thanks to State Representative Mark White for presenting each school with flags (flown over the state capitol building) and (yellow) blue books.



The next few weeks are of great importance to all of us. It is our responsibility as a club and as individuals to do all we can to elect Republicans to keep our state "red" and to keep the Presidency and US Senate under Republican control. With that in mind, please volunteer at headquarters, make phone calls, walk your neighborhood, sign up to hold signs during early voting (we plan to be on the street corners also!). If we don't.... who will?

With this in mind, our October meeting will feature our Tennessee House "Dream Team" candidates. Hearing all of them will help excite us to work hard for the most important election of our lives!

### 2021 RWOP Officer Slate

**President** - Linda Robertson

**President Elect** – Will be filled later

1st VP Programs - Susie Field

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership** – Mindy Fischer

3<sup>rd</sup> VP Fund Raising – Lyna Medlock

Treasurer – Betsy Landers

**Assistant Treasurer** – Linda Fisher

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# Membership

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 <a href="www.RWOP.org">www.RWOP.org</a>.

#### Caring for America

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Kelly Ellington

We are looking forward to supporting the Salvation Army Angel Tree as we wind down our year. More information will be forthcoming.

Please know that our letter writing has been much appreciated and valued. Our fourteen volunteers wrote 210 cards which will be sent and distributed to our active military serviceman. Apparently many service men/women do not receive much mail, so these cards will touch some lives that may need and value words of encouragement.

Also, thank you to our members for your generosity and prayers this year for our military. Our major focus this year was to acknowledge those who are protecting and have protected our country and then offer support with our words and prayers. Your giving makes a difference in Caring for America!

#### Renew Your RWOP Membership Now

Membership is \$45, Associate Membership \$30

Need to order a name tag or replace an old tag? Contact Betty Rome at phone number 833-9190 or email <a href="mailto:bettyrome@bellsouth.net">bettyrome@bellsouth.net</a>. The cost is \$10.

## September 2020 RWOP Meeting - Celebrating Literacy





Dr. Penny Schwinn, Tennessee Education Commissioner, outlines for the membership, the state administration's education inititive.



You would think we have not been busy on the rummage sale front. However, over the past three weeks, the old saying, if you didn't have bad luck you wouldn't have any luck at all resonates with me. Since that time we have lost our storage units due to the sale of the units, procured a new space for all our stuff (thank you Dean Wingo!), and moved every last thing from the units to the back room at the site where we are going to have our sale next year.

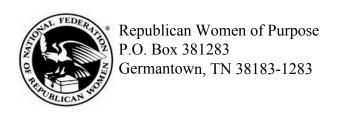
Whew!!!! It has been a crazy time that would not have been possible without our fabulous volunteers and benefactors. I would like to personally thank Dean Wingo, who generously stepped up and offered us his space at the back of the site; also, Ronnie Lancaster with his truck and two men who donated their time and energy to help us Thursday, September 24th move two storage units complete with the shelving to our new site. I am also grateful for my group of tireless volunteers who looked for additional men for the move, helped with contacting Dean and their physical help moving boxes and reorganizing the site. Lyna Medlock, Beth Webb,

Cynthia Crosby, Diana Taylor, Melinda Selberg, Kelly Ellington, and Linda Robertson are rock stars and moving queens. Also thank you to Peggy Larkin and Barbara Trautman for coordinating lunch for our movers and volunteers! Lunch was fabulous, the site looks fabulous...... A Big Thank You For All Your Hard Work!

Also, I am happy to report that in preparing for the move, I was able, through social media, to sell the big items to make room for all our boxes at our new location. To date, we have raised about \$2,000.00 from the sale of furniture and various items, so all is not lost on the fundraising effort this year.

We are looking forward to holding the sale in the spring of 2021. With our storage space full, we are encouraging everyone to make a special place in your attic or garage and continue to accumulate your donations for next year's sale. We hope next year will the best ever!!! Thank you for your patience and service this year. Stay safe and keep collecting!!!

We must make a special 'shout-out' to John Green! He has generously donated storage space in Collierville for our rummage sale for more than ten years. His generosity has allowed us to support veterans and Republican candidates. We cannot thank you enough!



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\$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

Would you like to sponsor our newsletter one month? \$100 **Contact Mindy Fischer at** 

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER			
ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC			
Oct. 7	10:30 a.m.Social/11:00 Meeting	RWOP Luncheon	TPC Clubhouse
Oct. 14-29	Early voting in Tennessee		
Oct. 21	10 a.m.	Board Meeting	TPC Clubhouse
Nov.3	Election		
Nov. 4	10:30 a.m. Social/11:00 Meeting	RWOP Luncheon	TPC Clubhouse
Nov. 18	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	TPC Clubhouse
Dec. 2	2:00 -4:00 p.m.	Christmas Party and	TBD
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