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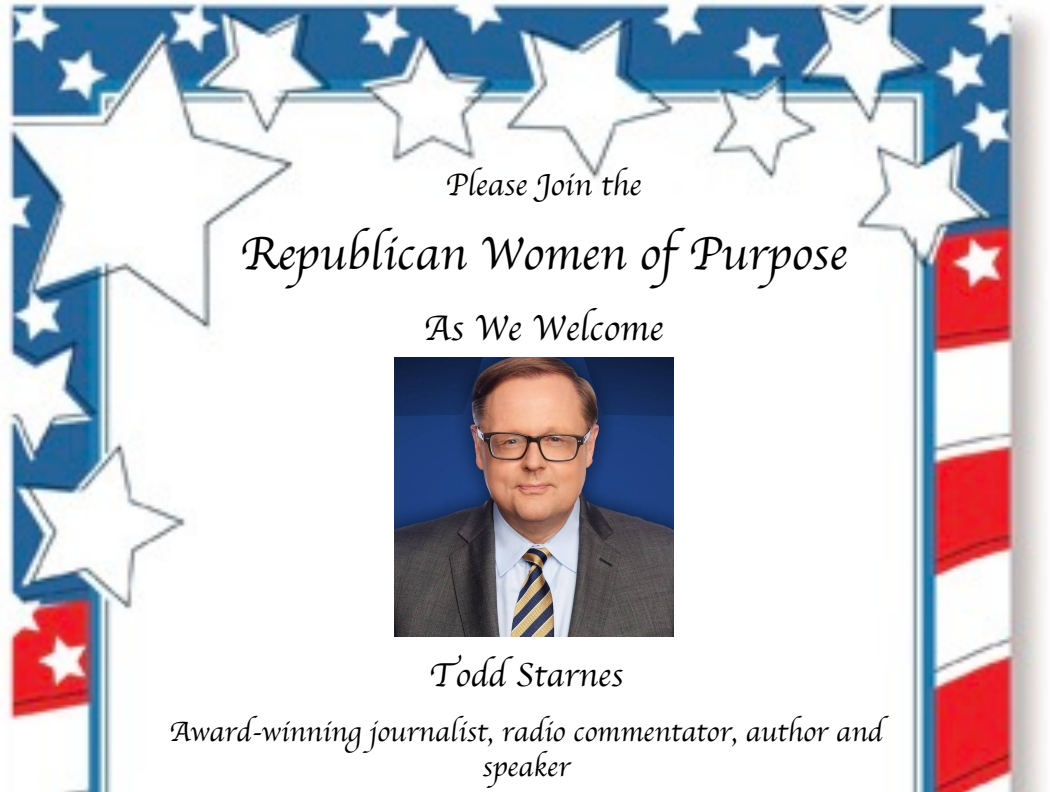
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Please Join the

Republican Women of Purpose

As We Welcome



Todd Starnes

Award-winning journalist, radio commentator, author and speaker

We look forward to seeing you on

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

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, January 29th

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. **Masks are required** entering into the building and when exiting. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available.

Under current COVID restrictions we are limited to 60 attendees!

THERE ARE NO STANDING RESERVATIONS FOR THIS MEETING!



President's Message

by Linda Robertson



So, here we are getting ready to enter the second month of 2021. Winter is by no means done but this short month of February often offers a glimpse and a hope that dreary days are beginning to change and that Spring will arrive soon. February is also a traditional time to celebrate the loves in our lives as we show them how much they are appreciated. This biblical verse is very wise and seems appropriate for this particular month: "And let us consider how we may encourage one another to love and do good deeds" Hebrews 10:24. At our next luncheon meeting we will welcome Todd Starnes, award winning journalist, author, and radio commentator. He will be a very informative speaker and will share great insights and offer interesting commentary on the current state of our country's affairs. Make your lunch reservation now and bring friends. And if you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible.



Will there be 6 more weeks of winter? We will know the answer when we meet again on February 3rd, the day after Groundhog Day. See you then!

About Our February Speaker:

Todd Starnes

Mr. Starnes daily radio presence has reached millions of listeners on hundreds of stations, and his syndicated column is also read by millions.

Mr. Starnes has covered some of the biggest stories of the past decade—from presidential campaigns to the culture wars—interviewing an array of newsmakers and celebrities. His annual Christmas show became a national yuletide tradition featuring some of the biggest names in Contemporary Christian music.

Mr. Starnes has authored five books—including "The Deplorables' Guide to Making American Great Again" and "God Less America," a collection of essays documenting the war on religious liberty—and is the recipient of a regional

war on religious liberty—and is the recipient of a regional RTNDA Edward R. Murrow Award and the Associated Press Mark Twain Award for Storytelling. His newest book is "Culture Jihad: How to Stop the Left from Killing a Nation."

During his more than a decade at Fox News Channel, Starnes hosted one of the top radio programs on the network. He was also one of the network's most popular columnists. During his final year at Fox, he hosted "Starnes Country" on Fox Nation.

In 2014, Starnes was awarded the National Religious Broadcaster's Board of Directors Award. He is also the recipient of First Liberty Institute's "Defender of the Faith" award, Vision America's "National Hero of the Faith" award, Bott Radio Network's "Watchman on the Wall" award and Pacific Justice Institute's "Light in Media Award."

Legislative Wrap-Up

Special Session on Education

The General Assembly passed major legislation during the week of January 18th – 22nd, during a special session called by Governor Bill Lee to address unprecedented student learning losses as a result of COVID-19 related school closures and time spent away from the classroom. This week's action also included passage of legislation focusing on foundational reading skills; a bill ensuring students, teachers, schools, and districts are held harmless from any negative consequences associated with 2020-2021 student assessments; and a measure providing funds to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to increase teacher pay.

[Senate Bill 7002](#), helps struggling students by providing after-school learning mini-camps, learning loss bridge camps and summer learning camps beginning this summer. It also creates the Tennessee Accelerated Literacy and Learning Corps to provide high-quality tutoring throughout the school year.

Tennessee Literacy Success Act – A second bill approved this week specifically targets literacy skills to get students on track in the early grades so they can become proficient readers by 3rd grade.

. Key legislation providing funds to Local Boards of Education to increase teacher pay was approved before adjournment of the 2021 special session on education. [Senate Bill 7009](#).

Now that the special session on education has adjourned, the General Assembly has recessed until February 8 when we will hear Governor Lee's State of the State / Budget Address and begin the work of the 2021 regular session.

Caring for America

by

Kelly Ellington & Peggy Larkin

RWOP's 'Caring for America' goals for the year include sending patriotic cards to various groups of military personnel and Veterans. Our Board members volunteered to write Valentine's Day cards to the homeless Veterans that are served by 'Alpha Omega' in Memphis.

In addition, we will celebrate 'Flag Day' in June by writing cards to our local VA hospital and in November will again write cards and send to a deployed military unit.

Other causes are being considered which we will share as they develop.



Your Voice Matters

2021 is an important building year. Republicans need to pull together and focus on the 2022 local, state and federal races.

Membership Matters

Regular Membership is \$45 annually. You must be a woman, a Republican and cannot be a regular member of another Republican Federated Women's Club.

Associate Membership is \$30 annually. This membership is open to men and women who are members of another Republican Federated Women's Club.

Join or renew your membership on line at www.rwop.org or mail your completed form and payment to Mindy U. Fischer, 1888 Allenby Road, Germantown, TN 38139.



*Stay Tuned, It's
Just Around the
Corner*

by Lyla Medlock,

Third Vice President, Fundraising

Ok—here's the scoop on the 2021 rummage sale. We just don't know yet, but we're hopeful!! All joking aside, if Covid conditions improve to a point we feel safe in holding our annual sale, we will be ready. There is a very dedicated, hardworking group of our members that are moving toward that goal. And speaking of moving—our rummage sale items have been moved so many times this past year—I hope we don't wear them out!

Due to Gayle Bennett's efforts last year, most of our furniture was sold on social media markets. If you have furniture or larger items you would like to donate, please hold on to them a little longer. The second we have a solid date we can start taking your items again. If at all possible, we are looking at late April or early May if conditions improve.

Thank you for your patience. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 268-6726.



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 Please send dues to Mindy Fischer, 1888 Allenby Rd., Germantown, TN 38139
 Download a Membership application at www.rwop.org/membership

Would you like to sponsor our newsletter one month?
\$100
Contact Linda Robertson at lindabill802@yahoo.com

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Feb. 3	10:30 a.m. Social/11:00 Meeting	RWOP Luncheon	TPC Clubhouse
Feb. 17	10:00 a.m. Meeting	Board Meeting	TPC Clubhouse
Feb. 20	TFRW Board Meeting	Brentwood Country Club	Brentwood
March 3	10:30 a.m. Social/11:00 Meeting	RWOP Luncheon	TPC Clubhouse
March 17	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	TPC Clubhouse

Happy NEW Year!!!

THANK YOU RWOP for ALL of your help and support during the recent election! I am HONORED to be re-elected and look forward to serving another legislative term. Kathy and I are VERY grateful to each of you and wish you and your families a HEALTHY and BLESSED 2021!!

State Representative Mark White



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