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Please Join the

Republican Women of Purpose

As We Welcome



Frank Colvett

Memphis City Councilman, District 2

We look forward to seeing you on

Wednesday, March 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, February 26th

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



Punxsutawney Phil was not kidding with his recent weather forecast. As I peer out my window I see another gray day with more snow and ice coming down. This week I've longed for clear blue skies and a bright, warm sun. However, I try to keep a perspective that all of this precipitation is necessary to produce beautiful things soon. So, hang on – Spring is coming and better days are indeed ahead.

We had a fabulous February luncheon with the legendary Todd Barnes as our speaker. We are grateful he could clear his busy schedule to join us and share his political insights and his encouragement to keep working towards our goals. We also had a fun time playing our Heads or Tails game. Congratulations to all of won the table prizes!

On March 3rd Memphis City Councilman Frank Colvett will be our speaker at our monthly luncheon. You won't want to miss this, so make your reservations as soon as you can. And bring a friend. Also, please make sure your RWOP membership for 2021 has been renewed as we plan on issuing a Membership Directory this year.



About Our February Speaker:

Frank Colvett

Frank Colvett, Memphis City Councilman, District Two, is a lifelong District Two Memphian.

Since Frank received his undergraduate degree, he has immersed himself in Memphis and Shelby County by investing in our great business and community. He served as the Chairman of the Memphis and Shelby County Board of Adjustment and as an Alternate on the Land Use Control Board.

Frank also served on the Tennessee Board of Pest Control Licensing, the Tennessee Republican Party's State Executive Committee and as Treasurer of the Tennessee Republican Party.

His list of service continues as President of the Phoenix Club (an auxiliary of the Boys and Girls Clubs), past Chairman of the Associated Builders and Contractors of West Tennessee, as well as serving on fundraising groups benefiting St. Jude, Ducks Unlimited, The American Heart Association, Brooks Museum, The Memphis Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, Building Office and Managers' Association (BOMA), and the Boy Scouts of America.

Legislative Wrap-up

State and National Tennessee Republican lawmakers continue to focus on measures to alleviate the effects of Covid 19 as well as to block some of the more egregious Executive Directives of the current Administration.

Congressman Kustoff has introduced a bill to reverse President Biden's Executive Directive to stop construction of the Keystone pipeline.

In the Tennessee Senate, two major initiatives of Senator Brian Kelsey advanced. The Senate Education Committee approved legislation (SB103) giving the Governor the authority to open schools during a public emergency.

Senate Joint Resolution 648 which would add Tennessee's Right to Work Law to the state's constitution, passed overwhelmingly by the General Assembly. Now, Senate Joint Resolution 2 will be required to pass by a two-thirds majority of the General Assembly in order for the legislation to appear on the ballot of a statewide referendum, the last step to enshrine the law to the Tennessee Constitution.

Caring for America

by

Kelly Ellington & Peggy Larkin

We happily delivered 110 Valentine Day cards to Alpha Omega's Executive Director Cordell Walker to be distributed to their homeless Veteran clients. Mr. Walker continues to express his sincere gratitude to RWOP for the support our club offers. We look forward to supporting the Alpha Omega Masquerade Ball tentatively scheduled for this summer.

Thank you again to our members who volunteered and gave their time to meet and write these meaningful cards. We look forward to writing cards at our luncheon meeting in May for our local VA Hospital Veterans to be distributed on Flag Day.



(left) Peggy Larkin, Cordell Waker, Kelly Ellington (right) RWOP members, on a chilly January afternoon while at the home of Kelly Ellington, writing Valentine thank-you cards to homeless veterans.

Membership

Your. Voice. Matters.

by

Mindy Fischer, V.P. Membership

Currently we have 102 regular members!!!

If you join or renew your membership by our March General Meeting, you will be entered in a drawing for a **\$25 Holliday Flowers gift certificate** at the meeting! If you are unable to attend, we will get the certificate to you.

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.

We welcome our new Regular Members: Janet Audette, Karen Clark, Anne Calderwood, Janie Day, and Manjith Kaur.



Stay Tuned, It's
Just Around the
Corner

by

Lyna Medlock, V.P. Fundraising

We **are still** hoping to have a rummage sale this year. Conditions are improving and we are optimistic that by late April or early May we can safely put together our annual fundraiser again.

Our furniture supply was depleted through online sales last year so we will definitely need donations of furniture and larger items. As in the past, we will try to pick up larger items, but it will be a tremendous help if you can hold onto your donations until we can safely make a decision.

Please contact me regarding donations if you have any questions—we will try to accommodate our members the best way we can. Thank you, and let's keep our fingers crossed!!

(901) 268-6726 or lynamed@bellsouth.net

February Luncheon, Together Again!



(Upper Left) Members socialized appropriately before the luncheon. (Upper right) President Linda Robertson displays her properly masked mascot. (Lower right) Speaker Todd Starnes delighted his audience during his remarks. (Lower left) Members enjoyed an appropriately warm lunch during a frosty February noon.





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Membership

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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

March 3	10:30 a.m. Social/11:00 Meeting	RWOP Luncheon	TPC Clubhouse
March 6	9:00 a.m./Meeting/12:00 Luncheon	TFRW Meeting	Brentwood Country Club, Nashville
March 17	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	TPC Clubhouse
April 7	10:30 a.m. Social/11:00 Meeting	RWOP Luncheon	TPC Clubhouse
April 21	10:00 a.m. Meeting	Board Meeting	TPC Clubhouse

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

NOTICE

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