

"There's a Place for you at our Table"



September 3, 2019



Ron Smithfield

"I Couldn't Spell 'Entrepreneur' and How I Became One!"

It is a pleasure to have Ron Smithfield, a local entrepreneur, as our speaker for this meeting. Ron served as Vice-President and then President from 1967 - 2013 in his company, Smithfield Manufacturing, Inc. of Clarksville. After 46 years with the company, he sold it and is presently retired. This highly skilled precision machining company has supplied equipment to automotive, medical, military and industrial customers and was selected as "Factory of the Nineties" for Tennessee and the BBB Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics in 2000.

Ron is actively involved in civic activities serving on the Salvation Army Advisory Board & has served as Chairman; Leadership Clarksville in 1992; Citizen of the Year 2002 Chamber of Commerce (30 years); NFIB Leadership Council (4

years); Clarksville-Montgomery County Green Steering Committee; and presently serves on the Clarksville-Montgomery County Library Board.

Ron has also been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Clarksville with 50 years perfect attendance and served as President from 1976-1977 and during that time started the first Children's Christmas Party that has served over 3000 needy children. He has received the Distinguished Lt. Governor, Division 14, KY-TN District award and serves as Chairman of the Memories of Service & Sacrifice Committee and "Interview a Veteran" Essay Contest, in which over

16,000 children have interviewed veterans or military and written essays and over \$25,000 in awards have been given to students. Ron has also actively participated in the Kiwanis project for the publication of five "Faces of Valor" books with local veteran's pictures & service records.

Ron graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1964 and from the University of Tennessee, Memphis in 1967 with a M.S. in Medicinal Chemistry. He has been married to Carolyn Head Smithfield for 54 years and has a son and daughter and 3 grandchildren.



Luncheon Meetings are every first Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am at the **Tanglewood House** at 1601 Madison Street in Clarksville.

Cost is \$20. **Make check payable to MCRW.**

When you receive your reservation request email from **Joan Niles**, please respond as to whether you will attend or not, by clicking "Reply" with a yes or a no and include your name. You can make your reservation by email joan-niles@gmail.com or phone **616-450-2800**.

You must have made a reservation at least **three days in advance of our meeting** to be able to eat or have coffee: **before 10:00 am the Friday before our 11:30 am meeting the following Tuesday**. Remember that *"a reservation made is a reservation paid."* If you know someone who does not have email, let

her know to contact Joan by phone. [Click here](#) to do online payments.

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A Message from Your President

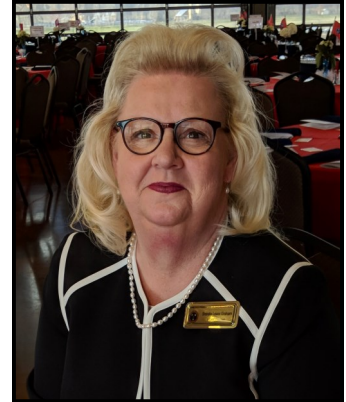
What a wonderful event and fundraiser!

Thank you all for gathering together last month to celebrate and salute our own **Senator Marsha Blackburn**. It was a great joy to welcome our first female senator to Clarksville, share a meal with you all, and hear about women in leadership. Thank you for coming, for helping us spread the word, and for making this one of the best fundraisers we've had.

"I wanted to share something from that night because it's a great reminder of why we celebrate women like Senator Blackburn, like **Mrs. Feb Burn**, and women like you:

It is fitting, on this eve of the 100th anniversary of women being made constitutionally whole, to celebrate Tennessee's first female Senator. Thanks to Mrs. Burn, the course for women was changed forever. Thanks to women like Senator Blackburn continuing that work, the future for women is bright."

The work you give to the club, the county, the party, and the state does not go unnoticed. As we begin this year of celebration for the 100th anniversary of Tennessee giving women the right to vote, we keep moving forward for the causes we hold dear and keep making the future bright for the next generation of women, and a nation, to come.




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War of the Roses: Women Suffrage in TN

"One rose was likely sweeter at the Tennessee General Assembly held in Nashville, Tennessee in 1920 depending on your position on Women's Suffrage. Particular rose colors actually represented distinct meaning to the women at the end of the long, hard road leading up to acquiring the right to vote as an American citizen. Yellow roses were worn by Suffragists (supporters of the woman's right to vote) at the Tennessee General Assembly in 1920, while red roses were worn by Anti-Suffragists ("TSLA: "Remember the," 2009). Not only did these symbols make a statement, but they were also the equivalent of advertisements serving a unique purpose. The prominence of one color of rose over another spoke loudly to the state representatives about the consensus of public opinion. This knowledge would have greatly affected their decisions on this landmark occasion."



<https://waroftherosestennessee.weebly.com/index.html>

Our Club Objectives

- To promote and inform public through political education and activity.
- To increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government.
- To facilitate cooperation among the National and State Federation.
- To foster loyalty to the Republican Party and promote its principles and candidates in all elections, including non-partisan elections.
- To support the objectives and policies of the Republican National and Tennessee Executive Committees and to work for the election of Republican Party nominees.
- To attain Diamond Award in 2018-2019.



The 111th General Assembly
Ashley Elizabeth Graham Johnson

No message from me this month. (Nothing going on in Nashville and Congress in Recess).

Ashley Elizabeth Graham Johnson

September Meeting – We Need Everyone!

As mentioned in the last newsletter, this September meeting is a very busy one and a very important one.

We will be electing members for the officers **Nominating Committee**. These five members and one alternate will be searching for candidates to fill the positions of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer for the next term of 2020-2021. These names will then be presented to the membership at the October meeting and will be elected at the November meeting.

If you would be willing to serve on this committee, let Brenda or Marie know and/or have someone nominate you for the position.

We will also be electing **delegates and alternates** to represent MCRWC at the TFRW Biennial Convention in Johnson City, Tennessee on October 18-19, 2019. In order to be one of these, you must be willing to attend the Convention and pay your registration fee today. If you are planning on attending, ask someone to nominate you from the floor.

It was mistakenly stated that we are allowed 8 delegates and 8 alternates. However, upon checking, MCRWC has 78 members instead of 80 so we will be allowed 7 delegates and 7 alternates. **Brenda Graham** and **Marie Tillman** will attend the Convention as Delegate-at-Large because they are on the TFRW Executive Committee; Marie as 2nd Vice President and Brenda as Area 5A Vice-President. Therefore, we will have slots open for 7 other members of our club to fill the delegate and alternate positions, 14 total. Wouldn't it be wonderful if Montgomery CRW could have 16 ladies attending the Convention?!

If you are planning on attending the Convention, you will need to **turn in your registration fee of \$125.00 at the September meeting**. Juanita Golson will be sending a check for all members together so you will need to make it payable to MCRW.

The [Registration form](#) is included in this newsletter and can be quickly accessed by [clicking here](#).

Montgomery County Republican Women Ends 2019 with Spectacular Guests!

October 1, 2019 our speaker will be Matthew Hill, GIS Specialist within the Tennessee Comptroller's Office of Local Government. He will be speaking to us about the 2020 Census.

November 5, 2019. First Lady Maria Lee will lunch with us and provide an informal 10-15 minute Q&A session. See the article which follows regarding Tennessee Serves.

December 3, 2019 our guest will be TFRW President, Barbara Trautman, who will conduct the swearing in of our new Montgomery County Republican Women Officers.

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR AND BE READY TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION!



"From 2019-2020, the US will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment and women's constitutional right to vote."

The Tennessee Federation of Republican Women, as a Suffrage supporter, will participate in a wreath hanging ceremony to be held on August 24, 2019 at the Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument in Centennial Park in Nashville.



is working to provide every 8th grade student in Tennessee (approximately 100,000) a pocket Constitution and educational resources in time for Constitution Day September 17th, 2019.

As indicated in the article about programs for the last quarter of 2019 -- October, November and December -- our First Lady, Maria Lee will be having lunch with us in November and we would like to **contribute needed items** to her [Tennessee Serves](#) initiative, a three-part initiative designed to engage Tennesseans in serving one another and their communities. We want to participate in a collection/drive for items to benefit this initiative and so we are asking that you begin to gather articles to bring with you so that we can send them home with her that day. There will be a list in the October and November newsletters, so LOOK FOR THEM!

You can learn more about the First Lady's service by going the website at: <https://www.tn.gov/firstlady/tennessee-serves.html>



Marsha Blackburn
August 8 at 7:32 PM · 🌐

Montgomery County will always feel like home to me. The Montgomery County Republican Women/TN are doing important work to elect conservatives there and across the state. Thanks for all you do!



A Huge Success!! If you didn't attend the Salute to Marsha Blackburn fundraiser on August 7, you missed a wonderful event!

This was a different view of Senator Blackburn than ever seen when she speaks. We were allowed to learn about Marsha the "person" and not just Marsha the "Senator".

The dining room at The Tanglewood House was filled to capacity with ladies and gentlemen from all walks of life attending. We were honored to have the TNGOP Chair, Scott Golden and the TFRW President, Barbara Trautman share in our Celebration as well as our newly elected District 22 State Senator, Bill Powers

Congratulations to Brenda Graham and Ashley Elizabeth Johnson for the wonderful planning and agenda of the event. And, especially, Thank you to Senator Blackburn and her husband, Chuck, for taking the time to come and make this fundraiser such a success for us!



TFRW 32nd Biennial Convention

October 18—19, 2019

Johnson City, Tennessee

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: TFRW arranged for a special hotel room rate at our Biennial Convention venue, The Carnegie Hotel, but our TFRW members quickly booked all of those rooms. We have made arrangements with a nearby hotel to be our overflow hotel with a nightly rate of \$99. Courtyard by Marriott is located at 4025 Hamilton Place, Johnson City. There will be a free shuttle service to the Carnegie Hotel. The hotel's phone number is **423-262-0275**, or you can book this special \$99 per night rate online by clicking here: [Click Here To Book Your Hotel](#)

Fun Fact... President Donald Trump's Secret Service stayed at this Courtyard for 3 weeks when he came to Johnson City last year.

The business agenda of the Convention will include: election of officers for the 2020 - 2021 term, voting on proposed By-laws Amendments and Resolutions, presenting Awards, and taking up any additional business appropriate for consideration.

In addition to business, the Convention will feature our special guest NFRW Treasurer Vanessa La Franco, many educational Leadership Training Workshops, (starting at 1:00 pm on Friday, October 18), exciting dinner speakers and a Women's Suffrage presentation. There will also be vendors, a silent auction and a live auction, and each attendee will receive a Welcome Goody bag.

The 2019 Nominating Committee has unanimously nominated the following **Slate of Officers** to serve the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women for the 2020-2022 term:

- *PRESIDENT: Barbara Trautman
- *1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Alice Marie Tillman**
- *2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Judy Cooley
- *RECORDING SECRETARY: Sharon Boreing
- *CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Sharon Ohsfeldt
- *TREASURER: Bonnie Siler

[Register today](#) to attend this Convention!

We are still taking dues for 2019. Just \$25 per year! Men may join as Associate Members for \$10 per year. Make all checks payable to MCRW and send to: **Opal Kennedy, 1151 Needmore Road, Clarksville, TN 37040.** You may also pay your dues at the Luncheon meeting.

Correction from May. We have reported 80 members to TFRW and want to continue to GROW! [Click here](#) to go to the website and download a membership form, pay your membership online, or [fill in and pay by online form.](#)

Upcoming Events



Lots of food, fun and fellowship to enjoy! Come out and network with like-minded Republicans and help your local GOP raise money for supporting candidates in the 2020 election cycle. There may be some surprises, too!

Chili n'Dogs

Fall Feed & Fundraiser

Saturday, October 5, 2019
6:00 – 9:00 PM

Budweiser Barn
1816 Ross Road
Cedar Hill, TN

\$35.00 Donation per Ticket	For tickets, contact:
\$300.00 Sponsor Donation (Includes 10 tickets)	Helga Redd 931-216-5640
	Brenda Graham 931-801-3564
	Pat Allen 931-648-0174
	Rob Bateman 931-206-2491
	Go online at montgomerycountytngop.org

Regular Monthly Club Meetings

MCRWC — 1st Tuesday — 11:30 am
September 3, 2019
October 5, 2019
Tanglewood House

RRRW—3rd Saturday — 9:30 am
September 21, 2019
The Looking Glass


Montgomery County GOP
4th Tuesday — 7:00 pm
August 27, 2019
September 24, 2019
GOP Headquarters

Red River Republican Women's Club Annual Wine Tasting Event

"Boots & Bling - Our Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys" Tribute to Presidents Reagan & Bush

Friday, September 6, 2019
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Budweiser Barn - 1816 Ross Rd, Cedar Hill, TN
Tickets* - \$30 each in Advance of the Event
Attire - Western Wear, Don't Forget Your Boots & Pearls

*To purchase tickets go to our Facebook Page (Red River Republican Women's Club) or contact Cathy 931.801.6954



2018-2019 Officers

- President**
Brenda Graham
- 1st VP --Programs**
Pam Johnson
- 2nd VP—Membership**
Opal Kennedy
- Corresponding Secretary**
Elaine Tucker
- Recording Secretary**
Nancy Adkison
- Treasurer**
Juanita Golson
- Assistant Treasurer**
Syndi Carlson
- Immediate Past President**
Marie Tillman

Committee Chairs

- Americanism**
Willi Frank
- Armed Forces/ Homeland Security**
Willi Frank
- Budget & Finance**
Cheryl Chapin
- By-Laws**
Teresa Tuttle
- Campaign Hours**
Nicole O'Connor
- Caring for America**
Diane Green—Chair
Marty Matthews—CoChair
- Chaplain**
Barbara Corley
- Club Achievement Awards**
Pat Allen
- Communications**
Joan Niles
- Decorations**
Teresa Tuttle
- Facebook/Website**
Cheryl Hood/Marie Tillman
- Fundraising**
Nicole O'Connor
- Historian**
Juanita Golson
- Leadership**
Niesha Wolfe
- Legislative**
Ashley Elizabeth Graham
- Literacy/Education**
Ellen Twombly
- Luncheon Reservations**
Joan Niles
- Newsletter Editor**
Marie Tillman
- Parliamentarian**
Pat Allen
- Publicity**
Joan Niles
- Volunteer Hours**
Nicole O'Connor
- Voter Registration**
Peggy Vaughn



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Johnson City, Tennessee

To register,



From our Cookbook...

Clarksville Garden Club

Barb Jones

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Ice Cream Dessert

- 6-8 (3.5 ounce) ice cream sandwiches
- 1/4 cup Amaretto liquor
- 6 (1.4-ounce) Heath bars, crushed
- 1 (12-ounce) container Cool Whip
- 1 (2-ounce) package slivered almonds

In a 9x13 dish, place ice cream sandwiches. Drizzle sandwiches with Amaretto liquor. Sprinkle Heath bars on top, saving some. Spread Cool Whip next on top. Sprinkle slivered almonds and extra Heath bars for final layer. Freeze before serving.

