



Newsletter

Montgomery County ★ Republican Women

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

April 7, 2020

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Our **April Meeting**, will not be held due to COVID-19, which has forced us all to seek the sanctuary of our homes due to requests by both our President and our Governor in an attempt to keep the vicious virus from spreading. By the time this is all over, we will all be ready to get out!

Here is a tentative schedule of the speakers for our next few meetings. Teresa Tuttle and Cheryl Hood have been working very hard to get quality speakers with subjects that we will all enjoy and will be beneficial to our task of electing REPUBLICAN officials.

April 7 — NO MEETING

May 5 – 5:30-9:00 p.m. — Evening meeting instead of luncheon. **Geoff Baggett** is a living historian and will discuss the Revolutionary War. More information will come in the May newsletter. It will still be held at Tanglewood. We hope you will plan on attending.

June 2 – 11:30 a.m. We are hoping to have **Ambassador Bill Hagerty**, Candidate for the US Senate.

July 7 – 11:30 a.m. **Mrs. Maya Sethi**, accomplished attorney and wife of Dr. Manny Sethi, Candidate for the US Senate.



You will want to put on your calendar a special event we are planning on **Saturday, August 8 – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.** — Educational Class on the Constitution, featuring **Hal Rounds**. He has developed the "Constitution Refresher," a seminar which he has presented from coast to coast (including at the Reagan Ranch Center in Santa Barbara, California.)

LUNCH RESERVATIONS



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. Make your reservation by email to joanniles@gmail.com or phone her at **616-450-2800**.

Reservations must be made before **10:00 am the Friday prior to 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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NO MEETING IN APRIL

Governor Bill Lee declares a state of emergency in Tennessee to facilitate the treatment and containment of **COVID-19**. *"While the risk to the general public remains low, we encourage all Tennesseans to exercise caution and maintain good hygiene practices as there are serious risks to our vulnerable populations. We will continue to evaluate and adapt our position accordingly to fit what we believe is best for Tennesseans."*

**We
Need
Your
Help
Please**

Your Executive Committee recently met to plan for the year and to discuss "job" descriptions and suggest current members who might possibly fill Committee Chairman positions that are still open (Bylaws, Fund-raising, Iris Fund, Leadership, Legislative, Publicity, Women in Business/Free Enterprise). Please refer to last month's newsletter for descriptions of the committee chair positions and consider filling one of them that is open. There are several "old" members to the club who will be more than glad to assist you and direct you. This is one way that you can **GET INVOLVED!**

Achievement Awards and Volunteer Hours

The Club Achievement Awards are presented **to clubs** by the NFRW that demonstrate excellence in six (6) functioning areas. Points are awarded as specific guidelines are met.

Your Club President and Board will use the Club Achievement Awards as the guide to making MCRW a successful club and meeting all of the goals set by the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW).

In doing so, clubs will chalk up points for a club award, i.e. Diamond, Gold, Silver or Bronze depending upon the total points achieved over a two-year time period; July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

As the club works on these goals, we are demonstrating our excellence in the areas of (1) club function, (2) membership development, (3) programs, (4) leadership development, (5) campaign activities and (6) community relations.

In addition, the clubs also contribute to the goals needed by the **Tennessee Federation** to qualify for the Betty Heitman Award which is awarded to states at the NFRW Biennial Convention.

The Campaign Volunteer Awards are presented to states that demonstrate excellence in donating volunteer time to the benefit of the Republican Party, Republican candidates, and/or the NFRW.

It is an effective tool to demonstrate the power of Republican Federated Women at the local, state and national levels. The program honors Clubs and State Federations that spend tremendous amounts of time volunteering (non-paid) for our Republican Party, our Republican candidates, and our Federation of Republican Women.

The [form attached](#) to this newsletter can be used as your guide to keeping up with your hours. In the event that a revised form is released in the Spring, we will make it available to you. You can also go to our club website and download the form.

<https://www.montgomerycountyrepublicanwomentn.org/volunteer-hours-form>

Periodically, you should report them to Tina Englen, the Volunteer Hours Chairman.

TFRW Ladies' Day on the Hill was also cancelled due to COVID-19. Not enough time is left in this legislative session to postpone Ladies' Day on the Hill and then reschedule it again this year; this will be the year that TFRW did not hold a day on the Hill.



Representative Robin Smith will be the guest for the next TFRW Board Meeting and **Iris Fund Luncheon/Silent Auction on May 16** at Brentwood Country Club. She will speak about Celebrating 100 Years of Woman's Suffrage. More information will be forthcoming.

Clubs that have sent in their registration money for Ladies' Day on the Hill will be refunded.

Thanks to Patsy Henry and the Federated Clubs in 3B for their hard work and detailed planning.

Please pay your dues for 2020. Our dues are now **\$35.00** per year!

Men may join as Associate Members for **\$20.00** per year. Make all checks payable to MCRW and send to: **Kyong Dawson, 1262 Carnation Court; Clarksville, TN 37042; 931-249-9443-- email: ksdawson.mcrw@gmail.com**

You may also pay your dues at the Luncheon meeting.

[Click here](#) to go to the website and download a membership form, pay your membership online, or [fill in and pay by online form](#).



Don't forget to ...





About Membership in

FYI for New Members . . . as a Member of Montgomery County Republican Women, you are also part of the NFRW and the TNFRW. It is our hope that the following information will help you understand your membership.

This article was shared in the May 2019 newsletter but because we have so many new members to MCRW, we will share again.

Mission — Founded in 1938, the **National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW)** is one of the largest grassroots political organizations in the country with thousands of active members in local clubs across the nation.

Membership — A Republican woman becomes a member by joining her local club. Members of a local club also are granted membership in their state federations, ours is the **Tennessee Federation of Republican Women (TFRW)**. State federations are chartered under the auspices of the NFRW but operate under their own by-laws. Although independent, state bylaws must not conflict with the NFRW Bylaws. Clubs also operate under their own Bylaws but they must not conflict with State or NFRW Bylaws.

The Federation includes state federations with local clubs in communities across the country. Joining a local club is a great way to participate in the political process at the grassroots level, develop leadership skills and network with women in your community. Members of local clubs are automatically members of their state federation and of the National Federation of Republican Women. Dues at the local level vary (ours is \$35.00) but will include national membership dues, which are \$20.00 per member per year; \$4.00 goes to the State Federation and \$11.00 stays in our Club.

Business and elections are conducted at Conventions: (1) **Area Convention** for the area of the State where the club is located; Tennessee has 18 and each one has a Vice-President. (2) The **State Convention** for the entire State; there is a President, 1st & 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Immediate Past President. (3) The **National Federation Convention**; same officers as State are elected from all over the Nation, along with standing committees and special committees, other business.

You also have the access to both the MCRW and the NFRW websites. ([continued on Page 4](#))

2020-2021 Officers	
President	— Teresa Tuttle
1st VP --Programs	— Cheryl Hood
2nd VP—Membership	— Kyong Dawson
Corresponding Secretary	— Willi Frank
Recording Secretary	— Nancy Adkison
Treasurer	— Juanita Golson
Assistant Treasurer	— Syndi Carlson
Immediate Past President	— Brenda Lewis Graham
2020 –2021 Committee Chairs	
Americanism	— Willi Frank
Armed Forces/ Homeland Security	— Kyong Dawson
Budget & Finance	— Cheryl Chapin
By-Laws	—
Campaign Hours	— Brenda Lewis Graham
Caring for America	— Gail Longton
Chaplain	— Gail Longton
Club Achievement Awards	— Pat Allen
Communications	— Cheryl Hood/Marie Tillman
Decorations	— Kyong Dawson
Facebook/Website	— Cheryl Hood/Marie Tillman
Fundraising	—
Historian	— Juanita Golson
Iris Fund	—
Leadership	—
Legislative	—
Literacy/Education	— Ellen Twombly
Luncheon Reservations	— Joan Niles
Newsletter Editor	— Marie Tillman
Parliamentarian	— Opal Kennedy
Publicity	—
Volunteer Hours	— Tina Englen
Voter Registration	— Peggy Vaughn
Women in Business/Free Enterprise	—

CARING FOR OUR MEMBERS



If you know of a current or former member who has been or is ill, has suffered a loss or could just use a little cheer, please give **Willi Frank**, Corresponding Secretary, their names and addresses so she can send them a card.

I Am A Republican Because

I BELIEVE the strength of our nation lies with the individual and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility must be honored.

I BELIEVE in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, age, sex, national origin or disability.

I BELIEVE that free enterprise and encouraging individual initiative have brought this nation opportunity, economic growth and prosperity.

I BELIEVE government must practice fiscal responsibility and allow individuals to keep more of the money they earn.

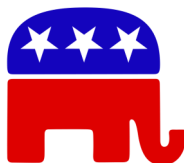
I BELIEVE the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations, and that the best government is that which governs least.

I BELIEVE the most effective, responsible and responsive government is government closest to the people.

I BELIEVE Americans must retain the principles that have made us strong while developing new and innovative ideas to meet the challenges of changing times.

I BELIEVE Americans value and should preserve our national strength and pride while working to extend peace, freedom and human rights throughout the world.

FINALLY, I BELIEVE the Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government.



NFRW Profile Page

As a member of Montgomery County Republican Women, you should go to the NFRW website and set up your profile page. Here's how to do it:

Go to nfrw.org

- Click on "Log In" tab at top right of the page
- Locate "Need Login Help?" below that
- Click the "Activate you website.." link
- When the "Register" page comes up,
- Enter your email address; since you have been registered with NFRW and record of your email address is with them, you should be able to get activated.

You will now be able to go in and set up your page. You can even upload a photo.

All of your information about your membership will be there and you can do several "account actions" when in your "User Account" page.

MCRW Website Page

<https://www.montgomerycountyrepublicanwomen.org/>

Our club website is setup so that our members can join in and be part of a MEMBER FORUM. In addition, we have set up secure Member pages on that website in order to post a listing of members. This directory will be in the dropdown list under the "Members" tab. If you have not registered as a member, however, you cannot access these pages. Here is how you can register:

- Click on the "Log In" at the top right of the page.
- When you get to the "Sign Up" page, you should provide the information requested and then click "Sign Up".

- Whenever your request is received by the website ADMIN, it will be approved and you will be notified.
- After you have become a member, you will then only need to click the "Log In"

In order to connect with other members, you will click the MEMBERS tab, and then "Log in to Connect with Members".

Please go in and use the MCRW website. It has information about our club. You can get our Bylaws, keep up with the meeting speakers, special events and much more.

If you have a problem, you can contact Marie at tillmanlm@charter.net or by phone at 931-801-3564.

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 2020-2021.

The **Montgomery County GOP 2020 Lincoln Reagan Dinner** has been rescheduled

due to the COVID-19 virus and the directives by the President and the Governor. We hope that you will put the new date of **May 29, 2020** on your calendar and attend, especially if you have purchased your tickets.

It will be an exciting evening packed with lots of information. Dr. Ming Wang is still our Keynote Speaker and we are hopeful that all of the United States Senatorial candidates will be able to attend as well.

We will keep you advised as to any changes that may be necessary to make and it will also be published on our website page and FACEBOOK page.

<https://www.montgomerycountytngop.org/lincoln-reagan-dinner-2020>

<https://www.facebook.com/montgomerycountytngop/>

THANK YOU for supporting this event.



Regular Monthly Club Meetings

MCRWC — 1st Tuesday — 11:30 am
April 7 2020 — NO MEETING
May 5, 2020 — TIME CHANGE
5:30—9:00 PM
Tanglewood House

RRRW—3rd Saturday — 9:30 am
April 18, 2020
The Wonderland Cafe

Montgomery County GOP
4th Tuesday — 7:00 pm
April 28, 2020
GOP Headquarters



May 5 – 5:30-9:00 p.m. —
Geoff Baggett at Tanglewood.

May 16 — TFRW Board Meeting and Iris Fund Luncheon/Silent Auction

Congratulations

To **Erinne Hester** and **Katy Olita**, on their victories in the Republican Primary on March 3, 2020. Both are members of our club and we are very proud of them.

There were 7721 Republicans who came out and voted for **Katy Olita** for Circuit Court Judge Part V, District 19 and 7924 Republicans who voted for **Erinne Hester** for Assessor of Property.

We also want to congratulate **Jeff Bryant** on his victory as the Republican candidate in the November general elections. Jeff Bryant had 4,936 votes and Kevin Griffey had 4,261 votes.

CANCELLATIONS/CLOSINGS: GOP Headquarters and the GOP meeting on March 24, 2020. Message from Party Chairman, Rob Bateman: "In support of our Nation and in support of The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America, the Montgomery County Republican Party temporarily will be curtailing our hours for the general public. We want to protect our visitors and our volunteers that staff our Headquarters. Many are in the age group that we most want to protect.

Thank you for your understanding during this time. We hope to be back to normal hours after the end of the 15-day pause requested by our President."

