

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









# "Double-Header" Two Speakers



#### Dr. Mark Green

Dr. Mark Green, candidate for U.S. Congressional District 7, was first elected to the State Senate in 2012. He is a physician, businessman, veteran and family man running for Congress in Tennessee's 7th Congressional District. Mark decided to run for office during his 25th class reunion at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Seeing again the words of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, "Duty, honor country" he realized that he had a duty to fulfill.

With his wife Camilla, who is a member of MCRW, and his children, Alexa and Mitchell, Mark came to Tennessee as an Army special operations flight surgeon. His most memorable mission was the capture of Saddam Hussein. His military awards include the Bronze Star, The Air Medal, The Air Medal with a "V" for valor under heavy enemy fire, and numerous other medals for service.

Mark grew up as the child of a hardworking veteran and pastor who was disabled due to bone cancer and a devout mother whose quotes from the Bible remain among the anchors of his worldview. Thanks to both his parents, Mark developed the strong work ethic and desire to serve that continues to drive his actions as a legislator. Luncheon Meetings are every first Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am at the Clarksville Country Club. Cost is \$19. Make check payable to MCRW (separate checks for all other items.)

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 made your reservation by email joanniles@gmail.com or phone 616-450-2800.

Deadline for making reservations is Wednesday evening before the date of the meeting on Tuesday. Deadline for canceling reservations is Sunday evening. 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.



## **Tommy Vallejos**

Tommy Vallejos, candidate for State House District 67, originally from New Mexico, has a storied history. A former gang member with neck tattoos to show for it, lost two brothers and his stepfather to gang violence and his sister and two brothers were sent to prison for murder. He himself previously sold and used drugs. He became a Christian because he has seen how God restored his family and his life. He is married with four children and seven grandchildren.

Now retired from the U. S. Army where he served over 21 years and was awarded the Bronze Star, he is an associate pastor at Faith Outreach Church in Clarksville.

As a conservative Republican, Tommy doesn't match the typical profile for a Hispanic politician. He is staunchly pro-life and for traditional marriage, which is the core of the Hispanic community. The saddest thing in America is Hispanic girls have the highest rate of teen pregnancy and the highest dropout rate. He has seen, first-hand, the problems of poverty and violence, having marched for injustice, having served in the military and having worked with prisoners and addicts. Vallejos says he wants to represent everyone, and not just with his vote, but with a voice.

### A Message from Your President

Elections are on the horizon!

We have outstanding candidates on the ballot and there's a lot of work to be done in getting them elected. No matter if you only have an hour once a week or can make calls every day, there's a place for you to offer your time, talents, and treasures to the Republican Party.

Don't forget! All the time you spend working for candidates can be counted in our club's total hours. Keep track of them! Here are some opportunities:

Marsha Mondays – every Monday, the TNGOP is hosting phone banks across the state to get out the vote for Marsha Blackburn. This is a fun opportunity to help get one of Tennessee's most outstanding women elected to the Senate! All you need to do is RSVP to Nate Wash-

ington (nate@tngop.org), bring your phone or laptop, and show up.

Bill Lee's Believe in Tennessee tour – Bill Lee is holding rallies across the state for his race for Governor. The more, the merrier! Traveling this fall? Join in on a rally and help get Bill Lee to the Capitol!

Montgomery County GOP – volunteer at Headquarters! No matter the time you have to give, we can use you to help make phone calls, answer questions, and be a welcoming face to those who visit.

Any way you want to be involved, we can help you get involved. We've got our sights set on November and it will take all of us to get there. I appreciate all you ladies do for our party, the community, and the state we all love.



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If you would like to have a name badge with a magnet back, contact Gayle Longton.

The 110th General Assembly Ashley Elizabeth Graham Legislative Committee Chair

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UPDATE

Ashley is busy getting ready for her important day on September 29, 2018! She will be marrying her best friend, Don Johnson, on that evening and we wish both her and Don many years of happiness.

Because Marsha Blackburn has been such a vital part of Ashley's life, we decided to let you know of news from Congressman Marsha Blackburn this week:

"Cracking Down on Fentanyl Traffickers — This week, I was delighted to introduce with my good friend from Arkansas, Senator Tom Cotton, the No Early Release for Fentanyl Traffickers Act - a bill that would prevent high-level fentanyl traffickers from qualifying for early-release credits. This solution is greatly needed in our state to combat the opioid epidemic. Last year, fentanyl overdoses killed 500 Tennesseans – a 70% increase over 2016. Many of you have suffered from the devastating loss of a loved one due to highly potent and deadly drugs being trafficked into our state. It is clear that active steps must be taken to get these drugs off our streets. This solution will help keep our communities safe, and ensure that dangerous fentanyl traffickers will serve their full sentences in prison. Thank you, Senator Cotton, for your diligent work on this issue in the Senate. I will continue to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to bring an end to the opioid crisis."



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#### **CARING FOR OUR MEMBERS**

We were saddened at the passing of one of our faithful and loving members, Jerilee Padia, on September 6, 2018. A Celebration of Life service for her was held on September 12, 2018 at Sykes Funeral Home. She was buried at Kentucky Veterans West Cemetery. Jeri was 77 years old. It seemed like once we found out that she had the terminal lung cancer, she was gone in a very short time.

We will miss her loving and beautiful smile and presence. She was always

saying that she would love to do more, but she was busy taking care of her husband, Robert. Jeri always purchased tickets to our County Party events even though she knew she wouldn't be able to attend and because of that generosity and loyalty to the County Party, she was a benefactor to someone who didn't get a ticket for one reason or another.

Rest in peace, sweet Jeri.



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 **Elaine Tucker**, Corresponding Secretary, their names and addresses so she can send them a card.



# VOTE EARLY

#### YOUR TIME | YOUR VOICE | YOUR VOTE

#### **Montgomery GOP Headquarters**

The headquarters office has returned to being open to three days a week for visitors and picking up of campaign signs and literature, purchasing jewelry and election merchandise.

The headquarters will now be open the following days and hours.

#### Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 10:00 am to 2 pm

Many thanks to each of you Montgomery County Republican Women who volunteer.

"You can study government and politics in school, but the best way to really understand the process is to volunteer your time."

~Rob McKenna, former Republican Attorney General of Washington

#### State General and City of Clarksville Election November 6, 2018

#### **Early Voting Dates and Times**

Oct 17 - Nov 1, 2018

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We are now 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.

In order to be one of the clubs with the highest membership in the TNFRW, we need everyone to pay their dues and recruit new members. We have 78 paid members and 9 paid associate members. Click here to EACH go to the website and download a membership form, pay your membership online, or fill in and pay by online form.

"Each One, Bring One".

#### Regular Monthly Club Meetings

MCRWC — 1st Tuesday — 11:30 am October 2, 2018 November meeting TBD Clarksville Country Club

RRRW—3rd Saturday — 9:30 am October 20, 2018 The Looking Glass

Montgomery County GOP 4th Tuesday — 7:00 pm October 23, 2018 **GOP** Headquarters

#### **Soldiers' Angels Card Drive**

If you are like most of us, you receive many cards in the mail from various organizations.

We are asking for new/unused birthday, anniversary, etc. cards, with envelopes, to be brought to the October, November, and December meetings. These cards, with envelopes, will be sent to our military overseas so that they are available to service mem-



bers to send home. Please, No Glitter on cards or envelopes. "There are no cards shops where they are." What a good way to put the these unsolicited cards to use.

This is part of "Our Caring for America". Thank you.

For more information about this program, click here.

We are pleased that on of our guest speakers today, Senator Mark Green, TN State Senate District 22, submitted a recipe for our cookbook. Try it out and tell him at the meeting how much you enjoyed it!

### From our Cookbook ...

#### **Grilled Salmon**

- 4 (6-ounce) salmon fillets cut 3 inches wide across the grain
- 2 cups sweet white wine or white grape juice

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- 1 cup brown sugar
  - 1/4 cup fresh cut horseradish
  - 2 tablespoons chopped garlic
  - 2 tablespoons hot sauce

Preheat oven to 200 degrees and grill to 350 degrees. Combine wine or grape juice, brown sugar, horseradish, garlic and hot sauce in a flat cooking pan, heating if necessary to dissolve the sugar. Place fish in the pan and bake in the oven until the salmon color changes to a lighter pink. In this step the heat cause the sauce to permeate through the meat. Then move the salmon to the grill. During grilling, the skin will fall off or should be removed. Grill until done, typically only 8 minutes or so due to cooking in the oven in bath of sauce first.

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