

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



January 8, 2019



Speaker — Jim Durrett Montgomery County Mayor



Jim Durrett is the Mayor of Montgomery County and was elected in August 2014 and reelected again in August 2018. He is presently serving his second term.

Jim was born and raised in Montgomery County where he lives today with his wife Mary, a small business owner. Jim and Mary have

three children, Jimmy, Thomas, and Paulina. They are the proud grandparents of Thomas, Reese and Walker Durrett. Jim grew up in a family of public servants, his father, Bobby Durrett, served on the Clarksville City Council for 26 years and his mother, Robin Durrett, worked the polls at every election he can remember. Jim and Mary are members of Life Point Church.

Mayor Durrett went to work for the City of Clarksville at a young age, shoveling asphalt during the summers while attending Clarksville High School. After graduation, he attended the University of Tennessee and Austin Peay State University before returning to work full-time for the City of Clarksville. He served the citizens of Clarks-



ville-Montgomery County for 20 years as Director of Streets, and ended a 31 year career in local government as Chief of Staff for the City of Clarksville. He most recently served as Vice President of Business Development for a local bank.

Jim has a long history of community involvement having served as Past President of the Downtown Kiwanis, Past President of Leadership Clarksville, Past Chairman Board of Trustees of the Customs House Museum, Past President of Tennessee Public Works Association (was named Public Works Person of the Year for State of Tennessee), and Past Chair of Military Affairs Committee, Clarksville Chamber of Commerce.



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

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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.

A Message from Your President

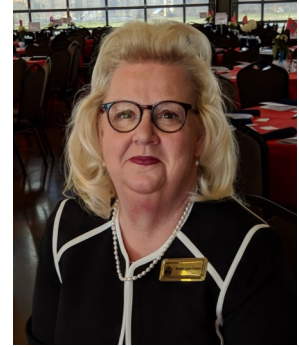
Welcome to a new year!

With a new year comes new hopes, new challenges, new dreams, and new goals. The turning of a calendar provides a great opportunity to reflect on where we've been and set our sights on where we're going.

In 2018, we grew our membership, volunteered for the Party, and participated in local, state, and federal elections.

For 2019, our goals are much the same – continue to encourage women in Montgomery County to raise their voices for conservative values and our Republican Party.

I wish you all the best in the coming year and look forward to celebrating our victories together.




Montgomery County
 Republican Women

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 President

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The 111th General Assembly
Ashley Elizabeth Graham Johnson
 Nothing to report this month, But after the 2nd week in January, when all the committees get up and running, I'll be gathering information to share with you in February and will have several things to report then.

As always, I love sharing the Capitol and General Assembly with you! Let me know if you want to come for a session, hearing, or committee meeting and I'll show you around. You can send me an email (ashleyelizabethgraham@gmail.com) and I'll add you to my growing list!

Ashley Elizabeth Graham Johnson
twitter.com/aeq0707

State Executive Committee Elections (SEC)

Congratulations to Pat Allen, who was re-elected to serve 2 more years as Secretary for the Tennessee Republican Party. Other Party Officers elected at the December 1 State Executive Committee Meeting in Nashville were: Party Chairman Scott Golden, Party Vice-Chairman Jennifer Little, Treasurer Shannon Haynes, & Asst. Treasurer Beth Scott Clayton Amos. Congratulations to these officers who will serve from 2019-2021. Our SEC Committeeman is Joel Wallace, representing Montgomery, Houston, & Stewart Counties. A replacement for our Committeewoman, Joy Huggins who is deceased, will be selected in the near future.

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.

2018 – 2019 Club Officers

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



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

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 already reported 40 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](#).

Each One Bring One



The minutes of our meetings provide you with the agenda covered. Be sure to read them each month.



Scholarship Change



The Montgomery County Republican Women Club voted unanimously at the December meeting to change the Truman Hester Memorial Scholarship to the Joy D. Huggins Memorial Scholarship in honor of our past President who passed away in October 2018.

The MCRW approved to fund the scholarship account with \$1,000 each year for 2018, 2019, and

2020. The scholarship given through Austin Peay State University will be for \$500.

The scholarship is open to sophomore, junior, and senior students at Austin Peay State University. A student must be majoring in political science with a minimum 3.0 GPA to be eligible for this award.

Congratulations, Kathryn!



On October 29, 2018, Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam appointed Kathryn Wall Olita of Clarksville as Circuit Court judge for the 19th Judicial District, which serves Montgomery and Robertson counties. The appointment fills a new trial court judgeship established this year by the Tennessee General Assembly.

Kathryn has practiced law for 15 years in Middle and West Tennessee, most recently with the firm Batson Nolan in Clarksville since 2006. Her law practice also includes serving as board

attorney to the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System. She began her practice at Rosenblum & Reisman in Memphis, where she worked from 2003-2006.

Kathryn received her law degree from the University of Memphis and a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Kathryn and her husband, Aaron, have two children, Charlie, 12, and Polly, 9. They are active members of the Madison Street United Methodist Church in Clarksville.

From our Cookbook...

Banana Bread

Jeri Padia

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- 1/2 cup Crisco shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 3 bananas, mashed
- 1/3 cup buttermilk
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream shortening and sugar. Sift together flour, salt, baking powder, and baking soda. Add to creamed mixture; then add eggs, bananas, buttermilk and walnuts, mixing well. Pour into well greased loaf pan. Bake 40-45 minutes.

Regular Monthly Club Meetings

MCRWC — 1st Tuesday — 11:30 am
 January 8, 2019
 February 5, 2019
 Clarksville Country Club

RRRW—3rd Saturday — 9:30 am
 January 19, 2018
 The Looking Glass

Montgomery County GOP
 4th Tuesday — 7:00 pm
 January 22, 2019
 GOP Headquarters

Upcoming Events

The 111th General Assembly will convene on **January 8th, 2019**, at 12 Noon.

January 12, 2019 (Saturday): **MARK GREEN SWEARING-IN CELEBRATION**

Breakfast from 9 – 10:30 AM at the Clarksville Country Club.

Tickets are \$100 per couple, \$500 per couple to Co-Host, \$1,000 per couple to Host, or \$2,700 couple to Sponsor.

Dress is Business Casual. For reservations, contact Reid Witcher at (615) 564-2642 or e-mail Reed@RachelBarrettCo.com

Please make checks payable to: Mark Green for Congress & mail to: P.O. Box 2706, Brentwood, Tenn. 37024.

February 2, 2019 (Saturday): **TFRW Winter Board Meeting.** Richland Country Club, Nashville. For information contact Marie at 931 801-3564 or tillmanlm@charter.net

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to:
 the TFRW Immediate Past President, Linda D. Buckles on the passing of her husband, John on Friday, December 28, 2019. Prayers for comfort to Linda and her family.



INAUGURAL 2019

Bill Lee

BELIEVE IN TENNESSEE

Friday, January 18
8:00 PM

Boots on Broadway: music & more
[Get Tickets](#)

Acme Feed & Seed
 Casual Attire

Saturday, January 19
8:30 AM

Inaugural Worship Service
[Get Tickets](#)

Ryman Auditorium
 Business Attire
Limited Seating
11:00 AM

Inaugural Ceremony
Legislative Plaza
 Business Attire
 Ticket Not Required
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Tennessee Capitol Tour
[RSVP](#)

Tennessee State Capitol
 Ticket Not Required; RSVP Requested.
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Tennessee State Museum
[RSVP](#)

Tennessee State Museum
 Open To The Public. Ticket Not Required; RSVP Requested.
6:30 PM

First Couple's Inaugural Dinner and Ball
[Get Tickets](#)

Music City Center
 Business Attire / Black Tie Optional
 \$250 per person
8:00 PM

Believe in Tennessee Inaugural Ball
[Get Tickets](#)

Music City Center
 Business Attire / Black Tie Optional
 \$50 per person

Sunday, January 20
11:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Tennessee Residence Open House
[RSVP](#)

Tennessee Residence
 Hosted by the Governor and First Lady
 Ticket Not Required; RSVP Requested

<https://www.believeintn.com/events/>

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
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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