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# Montgomery County Republican Women

Clarksville, Tennessee

## AFFILIATIONS

Clarksville, Tennessee

August 5, 2014

## August Speakers

### Erinne Hester & Danny Brollier — Marsha Blackburn Legislative Update

#### ERINNE HESTER



Erinne is a candidate for re-election as Montgomery County Assessor of Property. On December 9, 2013, Erinne was selected by the Montgomery County Commission to fill at least part of the unexpired term of Betty Burchett as County Property Assessor.

She was formerly serving as Montgomery County Accounts & Budgets director and is well qualified to maintain this position since she has extensive experience in the county fiscal arena, with 10 years of experience in government finance. As finance director and budget analyst, Erinne managed a budget of approximately \$375 million annually. On top of that responsibility, she managed the budgeting and accounting function of 13 funds outside of the primary government and worked successfully with financial investment professionals to increase the county's credit rating on a number of occasions. Upon entering the Assessor's office, she began working to complete a five-year reappraisal process.

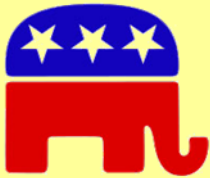
Erinne is a Certified Government Financial Manager, a professional designation from the Association of Governmental Accounts, which requires pas-

sage of three separate standardized examinations. In addition to her Certification, she received a Bachelors in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting from APSU in 1999.

Erinne's civic involvement includes working regularly with federal, state and local officials in her positions as finance director and assessor of property; she is a member of Clarksville Rotary Club; past Rotary auction chair; Advisory Board for the Clarksville High School Academy of Business and Finance; YMCA After Breast Cancer care fundraising committee; volunteer co-chair for Rivers and Spires; member of Clarksville Young Professionals; past Custom's House Museum Guild member; 2009 Leadership Clarksville graduate; member AUSA; Chamber of Commerce; member of Govs Club since 2006; and member of First Baptist Church, Clarksville; and Sunday school teacher. Erinne is married to Bryce Hester and has two sons, Hayden (11) and Ethan (8).

#### DANNY BROLLIER

Danny is a candidate for Circuit Court Judge District 3. His legal experience includes Interim Circuit Court Judge in July and August 2000; Chief Deputy





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## 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 2014-2015.

Assistant District Attorney, July 2009 to present; Assistant District Attorney 1996 to July 2009. He has prosecuted all types of criminal cases, including capitol and other criminal homicides, aggravated child abuse and child rapes, aggravated kidnappings, aggravated robberies, aggravated assaults, aggravated burglaries, felony drug cases, felony thefts, and DUI's.

He and his wife, Sharon have been married for thirty-five years and two children, Susan (age 33) and Joshua (age 31). They moved to Clarksville in June of 1987 after Danny graduated from Law School. Danny has been actively involved in the community since moving to Clarksville. He joined the Chamber of Commerce in 1987 and was an active member until 1996. He served as a Board Member for the Crisis

Pregnancy Center (now the Hope Pregnancy Center from 1988 through 1995. He was also a coach and board member of the Montgomery County Soccer Association from 1988 through 1993 and a coach and board member of the Royals Soccer Club from 1991 through 2000. Danny is also a graduate of Leadership Clarksville - Class of 1998. Danny and his family joined Clarksville's First Baptist Church in 1988. He has served as a Sunday School Teacher and Deacon at First Baptist. In 2007, Danny and Sharon helped start One Church, a new church plant in Clarksville where Danny served as a volunteer Associate Pastor. Danny and Sharon are now members of Clarksville Community Life Church where Danny serves as an Elder of the church.

## A Message From Your President

**God Bless America!** That is something we all need to say.....every day. I'm sure there are many of you who do that, but if you don't please remember to do so.

Speaking of this, my mother gave me the most wonderful article (it was actually an advertisement) that she took out of her newspaper on July 4. It is entitled "In God We Trust" with the quote from Psalm 33:12: "Blessed is the Nation whose God is The Lord." In the article, there are quotes from selected **Presidents** (George Washington; John Adams; Thomas Jefferson; John Quincy Adams), **Founding Fathers** (Patrick Henry; Jedediah Morse; Benjamin Franklin), Congress (Senate Judiciary Committee Report, January 19, 1853; House Judiciary Report, March 27, 1854), **Supreme Court Justices** (JOHN JAY: First Chief-Justice; James Wilson: Original Justice On The U.S. Supreme Court; Joseph Story: U.S. Supreme Court Justice), **Education** (Harvard 1636 Student Guidelines; Yale 1787 Student Guidelines), **Supreme Court Rulings** (Church of the Holy Trinity v. U.S., 1892; Vidal v. Girard's Executors, 1844), and **Foreign Opinion** (Alexis de Tocqueville: French observer of America in 1831, author of Democracy in America; Achille Murat, French observer of America in 1832). These are profound quotes and demonstrate the importance and impact that God and religion has had in our Country! If you did not get to see it, I'm attaching it here

in [pdf document form](#). Please pass it on to your family and friends and think on the message it brings to us as a Nation of people.

Your MCRW Executive Board met on Friday, July 26 at Joy Huggins' home again for a wonderful lunch meeting hosted by Joy. It was especially special because she prepared recipes from her mother's file in memory of the anniversary of her passing. Thank you, Joy, for such a wonderful lunch.

We did accomplish much after we indulged ourselves with the great food! Board members present for the meeting were: Marie Tillman, President; Joy Huggins, VP Programs, Pam Johnson, Recording Secretary; Sandra Gilkey, Treasurer; and Elaine Tucker, Correspondence Secretary.

Together we went through the Achievement Awards requirements and, to our great delight, we are very far along with many of the requirements. Of course, we're not finished since we must complete requirements for 2015 but we all felt very satisfied with the progress of the Club to date. Thanks to all who help get these points accomplished....we're looking forward to another Diamond Award!

We also discussed the feasibility of continuing the Kroger Fund Raiser as it





is changing....more will come on this later as Sue Dortch receives all of the information.

I reported that we have reached our goal for Wounded Warrior donation and that Sue Ellen Yates, Cheryl Chapin and I will be going to the WW facility, presenting the check, and touring the facility. All money from here on will be for the club, so sell those cookbooks!

I also reported that I have purchased the book, One Nation: What We Can All Do to Save America's Future by Dr. Ben Carson and Candy Carson. When I receive the Bookplate from NFRW, I presented the book to the Montgomery County Library on Monday I hope you have seen the announcement in the newspaper.

MCRW Bylaws will be reviewed by Sue Dortch and her committee and she will submit a new copy for review by

TFRW and the MCRW membership vote. A copy of Bylaws will be sent to all members for review and suggestions for possible updates/ changes to these. We hope to have these completed before we all leave our tenure as your officers.

That pretty much covers the high points of our business. If you'd like more information, please see one of us.

I want to urge you---if you haven't done so already---to GO VOTE!!! Any American who does not do this privilege---and yes---duty, does not have any right to complain---about anything! I do have a right to complain because I **always vote!** I hope that you do, too.

Marie Tillman



**You are Invited** to the Montgomery County Republican Headquarters on **Tuesday, August 5 at 4:00 p.m.** to meet and greet Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn. This will be a good time to get to know her and see the Headquarters first-hand. Please make plans to come and give the Club good representation.



### Membership....

Instead of a "coffee klatsch", we're having a "Membership Klatsch" on **August 12, 2014** at the Montgomery County Headquarters office at **1:00 p.m.** Several of us will be there reviewing old lists, gathering new names, and just "hanging out" together! We hope you'll come and be with us. Just for fun and as a FYI, this is where this name comes from:



### COFFEE KLATSCH, COFFEE KLATCH

"Coffee klatsch" comes from German *Kaffee*—*klatsch* meaning "coffee chat." This is a compound word of which only one element has been translated, with the other being left in its original

German spelling.

Many people anglicize the spelling further to "coffee klatch" or "coffee clatch." Either one is less sophisticated than "coffee klatsch," but not too likely to cause raised eyebrows.

### MAKING RESERVATIONS TO ATTEND MCRW MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

Luncheon Meetings are every first Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am at the Clarksville Country Club. Cost is \$18. Make check to MCRW.

(make a separate check for cookbooks or other items.)

Joan Niles will send out an email request for reservations prior to the luncheon. Please respond to her as to whether you will attend or not, by clicking "Reply" with a yes or a no.

You can also let Joan know by contacting her at joan-niles@gmail.com

Or calling her at 1-616-450-2800

The *deadline for making your reservation is by 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, they may telephone the reservation to Joan at the above number. Thank you.

### HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2014?

### Let's GROW our Club!

If you have already paid, **Thank YOU.** Just **\$20** per year! If not paid, please do so ASAP and mail to **Shirley Hogan, 2150 Post Road, Clarksville, TN 37043.** Men may join as **Associate Members** for **\$10** per year and their dues are also due now. Make all checks payable to **MCRW.** You may also pay your dues at the Luncheon meeting.

We have **100 paid members** as of today's date! Thanks for all who are recruiting new members!



Reminders and Announcements

- **Volunteer Campaign Hours**---please count your individual volunteer hours and turn them in to Pam Johnson so she can get them to Hanna Christy. Forms are provided for this if you have not already received one.
- **Cookbooks** — We still have plenty of cookbooks to sell. Funds we receive from the books now will be for our Club. They make excellent gifts and you can get your books from Cheryl Chapin or Sue Ellen Yates to sell. The cost is only \$20.00!
- **Kroger Fund Raiser** — There have been some changes in this program and Sue will be giving that information at a later date.
- **Montgomery County Republican Headquarters** is now open.
- **Remember our Members** with cards.
- **Houston County Lincoln Reagan Day Dinner** --- **August 23, 2014** Keith Svadba has tickets
- **Music City for Marsha** – **August 23, 2014**
- **Montgomery County GOP Fall Barbeque** – October 25, 2014, Clarksville Country Club Terrace, 6:00 p.m. — Pat Allen has tickets



A Tennessee Federation of Republican Women Resolution to Support Amendment 1

The Tennessee Federation of Republican Women have adopted a Resolution in support of Amendment 1 to the Tennessee Constitution that is on the ballot in November. We will have a speaker come

and tell us more about this. Here is the amendment adopted by TFRW:

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2000, history was changed for Tennesseans by the Tennessee Supreme Court’s 4-1 decision in Planned Parenthood of Middle Tennessee v. Sundquist claiming there is an inherent right to abortion in the Tennessee Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the Tennessee Supreme Court’s ruling, it is impossible for Tennessee voters and elected officials to enact common sense protections that would protect the unborn children or abortion –vulnerable girls and women; and,

WHEREAS, Tennessee is one of the leading providers of abortion to women living outside its borders, according to the latest information from the United States Center for Disease Control; and,

WHEREAS, Republicans led the fight to pass SJR 127 in the 106<sup>th</sup> Tennessee General Assembly in 2009 and the 107<sup>th</sup> Tennessee General Assembly in 2011 to put Amendment 1 on the ballot; and,

WHEREAS, Amendment 1 will be on the general election ballot for November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, Amendment 1, if approved by the voters of Tennessee, would make the Constitution of the State of Tennessee neutral on the issue of abortion and return authority to the people of Tennessee through their elected representatives, subject to the requirements of the United States Constitution; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women urges all Members and Associates of our clubs across the state of Tennessee to vigorously support the adoption of Amendment 1.



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Membership Application...

download and give out for others to join MCRW

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- [www.TN.gov](http://www.TN.gov)
- [www.Capitol.TN.Gov](http://www.Capitol.TN.Gov)
- [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)
- [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)

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- Rep. Curtis Johnson 615-741-4351
- Senator Mark Green 615-741-2374
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- Senator Bob Corker 202-224-3344
- Rep. Marsha Blackburn 202-225-2811

Web sites provide elected officials bills proposed and their voting records.

Irene Smith