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Message from the President...

Happy Spring! It's been another busy month for Republican Women of Huntsville - especially our fashion show committee. They have been hard at work finishing up the last minute details for our biggest fundraiser of the year. You won't want to miss out! Our speaker will be Marsha Blackburn and our fashion show emcee will be Lee Marshall, former WHNT news anchor and founder and CEO of Kids to Love. The doors will open at 10:30 on Wednesday, May 4 for shopping our "Avenue of Accessories" and browsing and bidding on our many wonderful silent auction items. We have a handmade quilt from Martha Brooks, a week at a beach condo on the Gulf, several pieces of jewelry, an Italian tapestry and several services. And we are really excited about the fashions modeled by several of our club members from Chicos, Elite Boutique and Cricket by the Creek. I hope to see all of you at the VBC next week and back at the Ledges on June 7 for our next regular meeting.

Tiffany



SAVE THE DATE!

The Republican *Women* of Huntsville Proudly Presents
“America, the Beautiful, from Fashion to Action”

Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Time: Doors open at 10:30 am; Luncheon/fashion show start at 11:30 am

Location: Von Braun Center, Ballrooms 1 & 2 (adjacent to the South Hall)

Cost: Open seating, \$35.00 per person; reserved table, \$320.00 for 8 persons

We look forward to welcoming our keynote speaker, U.S. Representative Marsha Blackburn (R-TN). Our master of ceremonies for this very special event will be Ms. Lee Marshall, CEO and Founder of “Kids to Love”.

In addition to a lovely fashion show and luncheon, there will be a **Silent Auction** and the **“Avenue of Accessories”**. Come early and bid on one or more of the many items that have been donated, and shop among the many retail tables hosted by our local vendors.

Please plan to support our major fundraiser of the year. Tickets for the event may be purchased during the Republican Women of Huntsville monthly meetings or online through Event Brite at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/edit?eid=21532868389>

Fashion Show Tidbits and Last Minute Information

America The Beautiful, from Fashion to Action!

Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Location: Von Braun Civic Center, Ballrooms 1&2

These ballrooms are adjacent to the South Hall. They are as far south as you can go in the Civic Center.

Time: Doors open at 10:30am

Silent Auction and Avenue of Accessories open at 10:30am

Come early and shop with your friends and our many vendors while browsing the silent auction items.

Luncheon/Keynote Speaker/Fashion Show begins at 11:30am

Deadline to purchase discounted tickets was Friday, April 27th*

(\$35 per ticket and may be purchased on Eventbrite by going to our website at www.Republicanwomenofhuntsville.com)

Please make arrangements with Tiffany by 5:00 pm Saturday if you want to come and haven't bought your ticket.

Parking for the event is available in the South Hall garage, cost is \$7

You enter the South Hall parking from Clinton Avenue.

*Tickets may be purchased after April 27th for a cost of \$50 per

Board Member Spotlight – Karen Logan, Chaplain Reservations Chair



Karen Olree Logan jokingly claims to be a charter member of the “What Do You Want To Be When You Grow Up? Club.” She has had so much fun being a social worker, teacher, sales rep, church education director/researcher and now, a realtor. But, most of all, she has enjoyed being a mom to Barry and Andy, both now grown, and being the wife of her “bester” half, Granville. She and her husband are class leaders of the Common Grounds Bible Class at Mayfair Church of Christ in Huntsville.

Karen was born in West Virginia and has lived in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Tennessee, Arkansas, Alabama and Bangkok, Thailand. Her hobbies are reading and acting and she has worked with many Huntsville theater groups, including teaching acting classes for Fantasy Playhouse. She wants to thank her son Andy for showing her how to become involved with Republican politics and Dinah Noel for inviting her to join RWH, saying, “It is so exciting to be encouraged by all these ladies (and men!) who share the ideas of limited government and set such great examples of compassion. I am honored to serve as chaplain for this group. I was blessed to be raised in a Christian home and I don’t remember NOT knowing Jesus, but growing old with God just gets better and better.

Karen pulls double duty as Chaplain and Reservations Chair. We certainly appreciate her stepping up for both jobs. Her thoughtful prayers are a great addition to our meeting and we appreciate her helping us get our reservations lined up each month.

Guest Column – Phil Riddick, Madison County Commissioner, District 5



I represent District 5 on the Madison County Commission which is almost entirely in the city limits of Huntsville south of Governors Drive and also includes Hampton Cove. At the last reapportionment from the last census, District 5 had the least amount of growth of any of the six districts in the county. When you think about it, you can understand why. There is not very much area in the district that remains available for new

development. Most of the neighborhoods are established and the population is aging. This is important to understand as the city and the county plan for the future. Sprawl is not the trend as it was a few decades ago and the younger generations prefers urban living. Already the development in the rural parts of the county has slowed. To preserve the investments in our homes, it is essential that there is demand for homes in our area. As younger families are considering where to live, or new jobs come to Madison County, we want south Huntsville to be a top choice.

I talk a lot of about things we are trying to do in the District such as a new state of the art library and town center at the soon to be vacated Grissom High campus, a new public park with amenities for all ages, upgrades to Ditto Landing, greenway connectors throughout the district, and strong public schools. These are not just nice to have things. They are absolutely necessary to add to the quality of life to make this district a desirable place to live, work and play. These things combine to prevent “disinvestment” in the community. In the natural evolution of a community, once a down trend begins, it is extremely difficult to turn around.

I am very excited about all the things that are going on right now in south Huntsville. In just a couple of years we will see the overpasses on Memorial Parkway finished, a brand new Grissom High School and a new Town Center at the old Grissom Campus and also several very upscale private developments. We have positioned ourselves to re-new our community rather than have it lapse into a downward trend. I am very proud to serve the constituents of District 5. Please support me as we

General Announcements

Grace McRee Scholarship - This scholarship was created by Daisy and Murlin McRee in memory of their beloved daughter, Grace. The award is designed for young women who are in their senior year of high school or are in

their first two years at a collegiate institution. If you are interested or know someone who is interested in this scholarship, please contact Glenda Reitzell at leenlizzy1@gmail.com. The deadline for completed

applications is April 1.

Volunteer hours - Please email Virginia Nixon when you are ready to enter volunteer hours. vnixon1996@gmail.com.



Dues are Due!

Dues for the 2016 year were due in January. If you have not paid or renewed your dues, you are late. But the good news is, you aren't too late! Please check to make sure your dues are paid. You can pay at the meeting by turning in a check there. Or you can mail your dues in to Tiffany Noel, 1310 Wind River Circle, Huntsville, AL 35802. We are working hard to make sure all of our members are up to date on their dues.



Like us on Social Media

We now have a new Facebook page. You can like us at www.facebook.com/repUBLICansomenofhuntsville. We still

have our facebook group, but the new facebook page allows us to do a little bit more. Please like both.

You can also follow us on Twitter - @RepWomenHSV.



Volunteer Opportunities

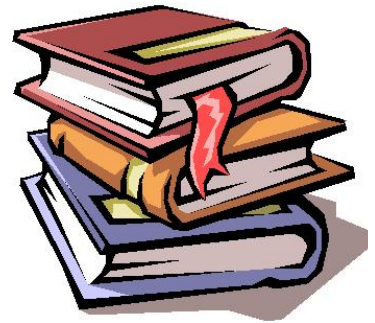
We have many volunteer opportunities available to our club. For many years, we have received the Diamond Award. The Achievement Awards are given out by the NFRW and are designed to promote teamwork among the club members. A big part of our awards application includes having a certain number of standing and special committees and making sure our members have a certain number of volunteer hours. If you would like to get involved and volunteer in our club – we have a spot for you! We will be highlighting some of our committees in the next few months. We hope everyone will find a job that suits their interests and talents. Meeting for lunch once a month is great, but we need to also be sure we are out in the community working and helping to promote the principles of the Republican party. Look through the committee spotlights as they

Committee Spotlights

Book Club

The book club is a great way for members of our club to get together and discuss current topics and events. Connie Burnside did a wonderful job with this club for many years. She has stepped down from this job and we need someone else who is interested in keeping the book club going. It will be up to the chairman and the members of the book club to decide what books to read and how often

you would meet. You could meet anywhere from 3 or 4 times a year to once a month. Please let Tiffany Noel or Virginia Nixon know if you are interested in serving in any capacity on this committee.



Armed Services/Homeland Security

This committee is responsible for encouraging and enabling our club to have an active outreach in support of our military by initiating and conducting projects that aid our troops (active duty and veteran) and their families. This committee could find different ways for our club to be involved in veteran's events throughout our community. If you are interested in serving on this committee or in becoming the chairman of the committee, please let Tiffany Noel or Virginia Nixon know.



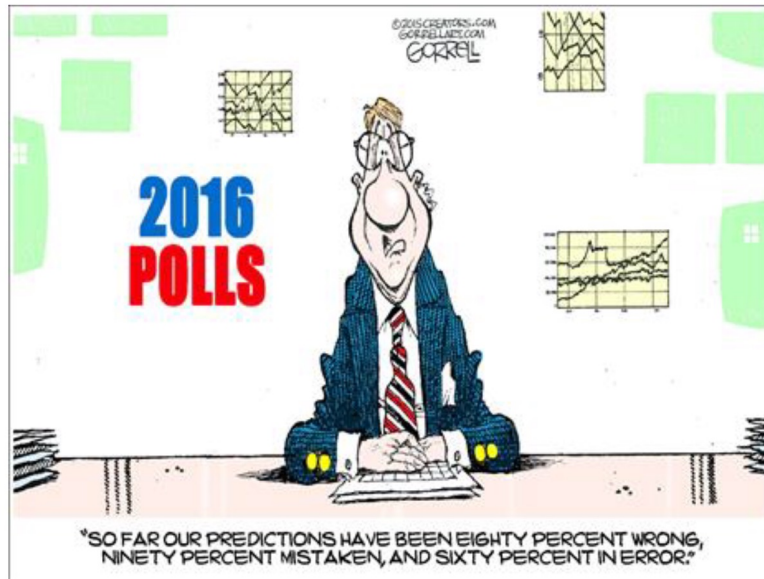
Prayer Requests

Kay Brunsvold – Pray for good health
 Ruth Weir – Pray for good health
 Marjorie Schrader – Pray for good health
 Pray for upcoming elections

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Upcoming Republican Events...

Tennessee Valley Republican Club – 2nd. Sat. of the month at the Best Western in Madison. Social starts at 8a.m. and the meeting begins at 9a.m. For more info, contact Cate Summers: cate.summer@yahoo.com or 256-509-3625.

The Madison County Republican Men's Club – 3rd. Saturday of the month at Trinity United Methodist Church, Airport Rd. The coffee hour starts at 7:00a.m. Breakfast and the program begin at 8:00a.m. Breakfast is \$7 and ladies are welcome. For more

information, please contact Elbert Peters at 256-859-3186 or jepeters65@knology.net.

Madison County Young Republicans – 3rd. Tuesday of the month at Gibson's BBQ on S. Memorial Parkway. The meeting starts at 6p.m. For more information, please contact Ken Gawronski at 256-651-3142 or ken@gawronski.com.

Republican Women of Madison – the 3rd. Wednesday of the month at the Best Western in Madison. Social starts at

11:00a.m. Lunch and program begin at 11:30. For more information, please contact Susan Newman at 256-337-5530 or snewmanhsv@gmail.com.

The Downtown Republican Women's Club (formerly the Twickenham Club)—they have moved! For information on location and time, please contact the new POC, Marcia St. Louis at marciastlouis@gmail.com or 256-705-3017.