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## Mark Your Calendars

**April Meeting - Cancelled**

**May 4- Fashion Show Rescheduled** for September (date will be announced soon)

# March 2020

Tuesday, March 20, 2020

## A Message from our President, Tiffany!

On behalf of our board, we want to extend our blessings to you and your family during the recent events and outbreak of COVID-19. It seems so long ago we were together, but it was just a few weeks ago we met and heard from Former Attorney General and candidate for the U.S. Senate Jeff Sessions. We will miss seeing you in the coming weeks, but know we're all doing our part to flatten the curve in the Rocket City and get back to preparing for the Primary Run-off and the upcoming Presidential Election.

Earlier this week, I mentioned that because as Republican women we are good citizens, we will be cancelling our meeting for April and rescheduling our May 4 Fashion Show to September. I know you join me in supporting our President and our Governor by following President Trump's 15 Days to Slow the Spread guidelines (included on page 10) that have now been expanded to April 30. We are working to do a conference call meeting at some point. I will send an email if we get that set up. Further details on the exact date of our Fashion Show and the possibility of a conference call meeting will be coming your way soon. If we are able to meet in May, we will send an invitation out in plenty of time. We would just have a regular meeting and not the fashion show. Everyday (and almost every minute) information changes related to COVID-19. We've tried to include as much information that is up-to-date as possible in this recent edition of our March newsletter.

I hope everyone will stay safe and follow the guidelines. We've used this edition of our newsletter to provide you with resources and reminders. Use your time to help others. Pick up the phone and call another member to let her know you miss seeing her. Maybe find someone who lives alone and check in on them. A cheerful phone call will brighten anyone's day! You might even want to send an email or letter to our elected officials that are working hard to keep us safe and informed. Let them know they are doing a good job and we appreciate them. When it's finally not raining, get out and take a walk. Exercise and fresh air is good for you physically and emotionally. And finally, but most importantly, pray. Pray for our President, Governor and all our elected officials. Pray for the sick and those who are out of work. Pray for our hospital and health care workers who are on the front lines. I know we serve a sovereign God who heals and comforts and transforms lives.

If you have a specific need that we can help with, please let me or any of our board members know. I'm praying for all of you and for our country. I'm also praying we are together again soon.



## April Meeting **CANCELED.**



### Members

Corrine Brandon  
Sandra Goode  
Virginia Harper  
Jan Massey  
Janet Johnson  
Jean Morgan

Shelba Proffitt  
Gerry Schaffer  
Patricia Vail

## March Lunch Meeting

We had a great turnout at our March club meeting. Former US Attorney General and US Senate Candidate Jeff Sessions addressed a group of approximately 125 people. Since our meeting, the US Senate runoff has been rescheduled. More information include later in this edition.



## Alabama Primary Run-off



Since our last meeting, every day we've been confronted with many changes. As many are aware, the March 31 Primary Run-off has been rescheduled. The new date for the Run-off is currently scheduled on July 14.

Following the postponement, Secretary of State John H. Merrill is working to notify Alabamians of the option to vote by absentee ballot. "Amid coronavirus concerns, it is important to remember that

Alabamians who are concerned about contracting or spreading an illness have the opportunity to avoid the polls on Election Day by casting an absentee ballot," shared Secretary Merrill. "Alabamians can access the application online or by visiting or calling their local Absentee Election Manager's office." For Madison County - you can call the Circuit Clerk, Debra Kizer at (256) 532-3380.

Any qualified voter who determines it is impossible or unreasonable to vote at their polling place shall be eligible to check the box on the absentee ballot application that is most applicable to that individual. State law allows the Secretary of State to issue absentee voting guidance during declared states of emergency, allowing Secretary Merrill to encourage voters to check the box which reads as follows (in the case none of the boxes are appropriate): "I have a physical illness or infirmity which prevents my attendance at the polls. [ID REQUIRED]"

For the July 14 Primary Runoff Election, the deadline to register to vote is Monday, June 29, the deadline to submit an absentee ballot application is Thursday, July 9, the deadline to return an absentee ballot to the Absentee Election Manager is the close of business Monday, July 13, and the last day to postmark an absentee ballot is Monday, July 13.





**Life, Liberty & The Pursuit of Fashion!** Due to unforeseen events, we've rescheduled our Fashion Show . We are planning to host the show in September. Stay tuned for a new date! Any questions? Contact [Angie Kloote](#) or [Cris Berry](#)



## Announcements

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### You Name It!

# Name our Newsletter Contest

Our newsletter has been without a name for quite sometime. Our board would like to name our newsletter publication in 2020. We've extended submissions for our contest. Please submit your vote for a new name. Please include your submission to our Corresponding Secretary, Heather Hallman, at [RWHCoSec@gmail.com](mailto:RWHCoSec@gmail.com). We'll announce our winner at a future meeting along with a prize for your winning submission. The winner will be recognized during the meeting and included in a future publication of our newly named newsletter. Look forward to seeing lots of submissions!





# Scholarship Program

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From  
*the desk*  
of...

*Glenda Reitzell*  
*1st Vice President*  
*Republican Women of*  
*Huntsville*

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*Ladies,*

*Each year we award our Republican Women of Huntsville Memorial Scholarship Program. With the remaining school year completing outside the physical classroom, the Senior year will not look the same for our High School Seniors. With that in mind, our board wanted to remind you all of this available scholarship program. Please pass along our application form to a student in your life that would be interested in applying this year. Please reach out to me with any questions and I'll be glad to assist you.*

*~ Glenda*

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## Memorial Scholarship Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
High School \_\_\_\_\_  
College or University \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you attending presently college? If not, have you been accepted to a college or University? \_\_\_\_\_  
What or who is your connection Republican Women of Huntsville? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please compose a typed one page written essay answering the following:

- What is the role of government in your opinion?
- What are your personal beliefs about the Republican Party?
- Why do you believe you should receive this scholarship?
- If you had to begin an occupation today what would that be?
- What do you plan on as your lifelong occupation?
- Do you plan to run for public office in the future?

Upon completion please return to:

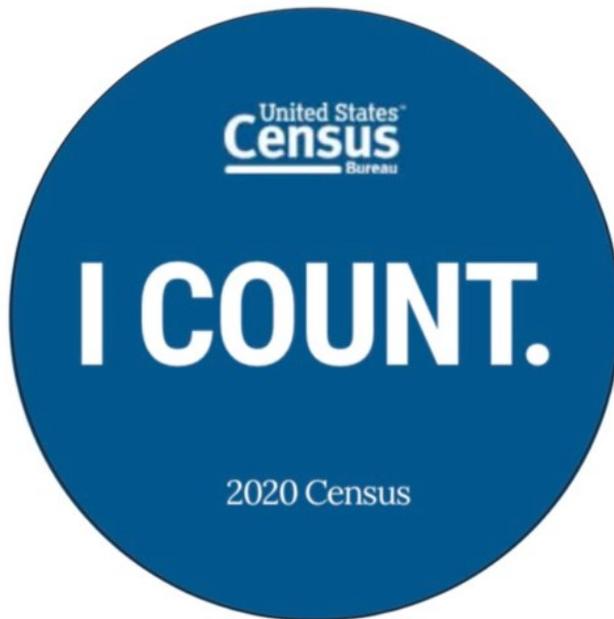
**Glenda Reitzell**  
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The winner and her guest will be presented the scholarship at our monthly luncheon. Thank your interest and application. Our dates are fluid because of the recent events surrounding COVID-19. Please return your application by May, 1 2020.

Thank you and good luck,  
**Glenda Reitzell**



**IT'S TIME TO BE COUNTED.**



The U.S. 2020 Census is currently underway and it's crucial to our state for every one of us to take part. The U.S. Census Bureau questionnaire will be arriving in your mailbox; if it has not already been dropped off. Let's do our part. Please be on the lookout for it in your mailbox and complete it as soon as possible. The on-line census questionnaire is also available to every Alabama household.

**Start Questionnaire:** <https://my2020census.gov/>

**Remember:** Alabama currently ranks fourth in the nation at 22% as compared to other Southern states.

- ◆ Let's push to be # 1.
- ◆ Questionnaire only takes 5 to 10 mins to complete
- ◆ Respond or else we could potentially lose a congressional seat and our electoral vote go be sent to states like California





## Filing and Payment Deadline Extended to July 15, 2020 - Updated Statement

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/payment-deadline-extended-to-july-15-2020>

### March 21, 2020 -

The Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service are providing special tax filing and payment relief to individuals and businesses in response to the COVID-19 Outbreak. The filing deadline for tax returns has been extended from April 15 to July 15, 2020. The IRS urges taxpayers who are owed a refund to file as quickly as possible. For those who can't file by the July 15, 2020 deadline, the IRS reminds individual taxpayers that everyone is eligible to request an extension to file their return.



**TOGETHER**  
**... six feet**  
**apart**

Huntsville - Madison County Chamber are reminding us all how to be **“TOGETHER...six feet apart.”** Check out their video to see all of the things you can do **“TOGETHER...six feet apart!”**  
<https://www.facebook.com/HuntsvilleAlabama/videos/753024565105575/>

**Our board is missing all of you! Remember that we are all in this together. Please STAY HOME and do YOUR part to flatten the curve! Please reach out to any of our board members; if you or any of our members need assistance or just have questions for us. All of our contact information on page 1. God Bless YOU ALL , our Nation, our leaders and President Trump!**



# 15 DAYS TO SLOW THE SPREAD

Listen to and follow the directions of your **STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES**.

**IF YOU FEEL SICK**, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.

**IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE SICK**, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.

**IF SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS TESTED POSITIVE** for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work. Do not go to school. Contact your medical provider.

**IF YOU ARE AN OLDER PERSON**, stay home and away from other people.

**IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A SERIOUS UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITION** that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.



For more information, please visit  
**CORONAVIRUS.GOV**

## DO YOUR PART TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS

Even if you are young, or otherwise healthy, you are at risk and your activities can increase the risk for others. It is critical that you do your part to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

Work or engage in schooling **FROM HOME** whenever possible.

**IF YOU WORK IN A CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRY**, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule. You and your employers should follow CDC guidance to protect your health at work.

**AVOID SOCIAL GATHERINGS** in groups of more than 10 people.

Avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts — **USE DRIVE-THRU, PICKUP, OR DELIVERY OPTIONS.**

**AVOID DISCRETIONARY TRAVEL**, shopping trips, and social visits.

**DO NOT VISIT** nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.

### PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE:

- Wash your hands, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.
- Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.

**CORONAVIRUS.GOV**

School operations can accelerate the spread of the coronavirus. Governors of states with evidence of community transmission should close schools in affected and surrounding areas. Governors should close schools in communities that are near areas of community transmission, even if those areas are in neighboring states. In addition, state and local officials should close schools where coronavirus has been identified in the population associated with the school. States and localities that close schools need to address childcare needs of critical responders, as well as the nutritional needs of children.

Older people are particularly at risk from the coronavirus. All states should follow Federal guidance and halt social visits to nursing homes and retirement and long-term care facilities.

In states with evidence of community transmission, bars, restaurants, food courts, gyms, and other indoor and outdoor venues where groups of people congregate should be closed.

# STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)



Attorney General Steve Marshall

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### **Notice from Attorney General Steve Marshall**

On March 13, 2020, Governor Kay Ivey declared a State Public Health Emergency in Alabama relating to the appearance of the 2019 novel coronavirus known as COVID-19. Alabama's price gouging law comes into effect when the Governor declares a State of Emergency and it prohibits the "unconscionable pricing" of items for sale or rent.

"Alabamians should be on guard against those who would seek to prey upon them through price gouging of commodities and services for consumption or use as a direct result of the public health emergency," said Attorney General Marshall. "Furthermore, those who seek to profit during this time of emergency through price gouging will be subject to the law." Although what constitutes an unconscionable price is not specifically set forth in state law, a price that is 25 percent or more above the average price charged in the same area within the last 30 days — unless the increase can be attributed to a reasonable cost in connection with the rental or sale of the commodity — is a prima facie case of unconscionable pricing. The penalty is a fine of up to \$1,000 per violation, and those determined to have willfully and continuously violated this law may be prohibited from doing business in Alabama.

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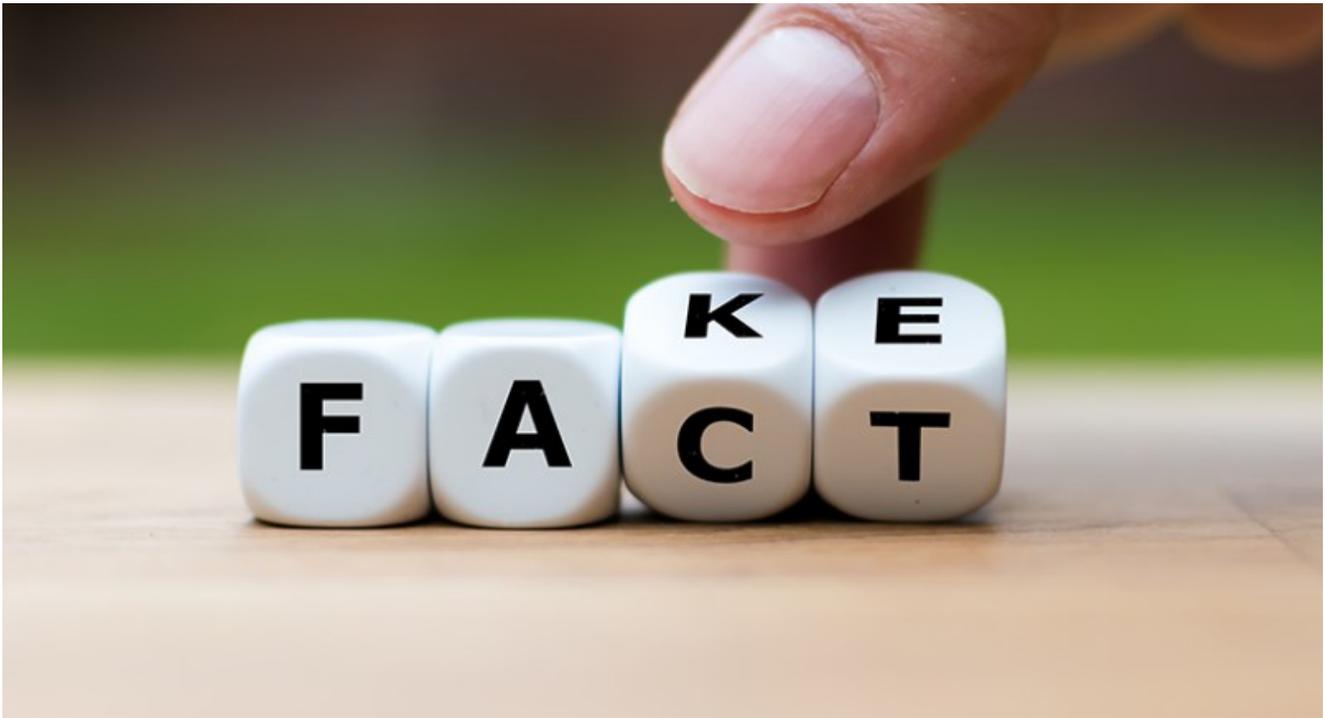
**Alabamians who want to file an illegal price gouging report are encouraged to do so via the Alabama Attorney General's Consumer Interest Division web link: <https://www.alabamaag.gov/consumercomplaint>, or by calling 1-800-392-5658 to receive a form by mail to complete and return. You may also write the Alabama Attorney General's Office, 501 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama, 36130.**



**Our small businesses have been hit especially hard by COVID-19.**

US Congressman Mo Brooks recently reminded constituents to support our local businesses during this time. While it's important that we continue to practice social distancing, we can all help by placing online orders from local retailers and take out or delivery orders from our favorite local restaurants when possible. Many businesses are offering free delivery so that's another great reason to continue supporting them. Plus, the Food and Drug Administration has found that "there is no evidence of food or food packaging being associated with transmission of COVID-19." While you're at it, join your fellow RWH members in thanking our local businesses who continue to offer the services and products on which we all rely.





**Fact or Fake?** Due to the large amount of speculation regarding COVID-19, this is a reminder to rely on OFFICIAL sources for accurate information.

- ◆ Help control the spread of rumors by sharing this page: [fema.gov/coronavirus-rumor-control](https://fema.gov/coronavirus-rumor-control)
- ◆ Sign up for the latest updates, localized information and rumor control from your local & state officials.
- ◆ You can always find the latest updates from federal agencies at: [coronavirus.gov](https://coronavirus.gov)





## **Make a Difference, Volunteer from your Sewing Machine!**

According to the CDC, “the role of facemasks is for patient source control, to prevent contamination of the surrounding area when a person coughs or sneezes. Patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 should wear a facemask until they are isolated in a hospital or at home. The patient does not need to wear a facemask while isolated. “ Here’s some information from the CDC on Frequently Asked Questions about Personal Protective Equipment:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/respirator-use-faq.html>

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### **Here’s an open letter from one of our founding members, Martha Brooks:**

Dear Friends,  
You know that huge stash of fabric we all have? Now's the time to put it to good use! We have an opportunity to help out our healthcare workers by making masks for them to wear when they are moving around the hospital to protect themselves and others. They are not used for direct patient care.  
Below is an email from Huntsville Hospital that includes a suggested pattern, instructions, and drop-off points. You can also drop them off at my house and I'll take them in. I'm expecting an email from Crestwood Hospital on Monday that I will send along. Please forward this information to anyone and everyone who you think might be in a position to help us make these masks. I'd love to know how many masks you make so I can keep up with the difference we make.  
Love you all and stay safe!

*~Martha*

Huntsville Hospital -”Thank you for your willingness to help protect our healthcare workers during this crisis. Your offer to make fabric masks is most appreciated by our Huntsville Hospital employees, and they are looking forward to wearing them! We will begin accepting masks on **Monday, March 30, 2020.**

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**Here’s a link** with instructions to make masks, or you can print out the attachments. **Once complete, masks can be delivered to:**

HH Occupational Health Group (OHG) locations in Huntsville, Madison & Decatur: 8:00am -4:00pm Monday - Friday

Huntsville: HH Med Mall, 1963 Memorial Parkway SW #24, 35801 (256) 265-7000

Madison: Meadow Green Center, 9238 Madison BLVD, Bldg I, St 200, Madison, 35758 (256) 265-3285

Decatur: Decatur West Campus, 1615 Kathy Lane SW , Decatur, AL 35603 (256) 973-4325

We appreciate your kindness and generosity in sharing your time and talents to protect those on the front lines of this fight. Please contact us at 256.265.8077 or [hhfoundation@hhsys.org](mailto:hhfoundation@hhsys.org) with any questions.

[huntsvillehospitalfoundation.org](http://huntsvillehospitalfoundation.org)

- Huntsville Hospital Foundation inspires philanthropic partners to invest in medical technology and programs that advance Huntsville Hospital’s mission to improve the health of those we serve.

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## Continuing from Martha Brooks' recent communication, she has since received information from Crestwood Hospital.

"Here is info from Crestwood Hospital. Their needs are a little different. They want face masks with pockets. But on the phone Lauren stressed that they REALLY need face shields. You can probably order all the materials needed on line. She also said that they are trying to order the materials this week and will make up packets for people to assemble. She'll let me know when that is ready. I notice that she wants to pick up 25 or more items, so if you don't have that many, I can collect them and notify her when I get over 25. Also, I got a donation of fabric. I mean a lot. I mean a whole stash, with promise of more if we need it. Most of it is yardage, not scraps. If you need any, please let me know!!! Thanks for all you are doing. I find it's pretty slow going on the face masks, but I'm speeding up. I think they are nice and sturdy and should last for many washings. Once again, please feel free to forward this to anyone who might be interested in helping. You might know other people who can do this because there is the non-sewing option! Stay safe and love you guys!"

*~Martha*

Information from Crestwood Hospital - "...Thank you so much for expressing interest in making masks for our hospital staff and employees. We are so grateful for the amazing volunteers that are stepping up to assist us during this time. We currently have two different options / ways to assist and I will include information regarding both. Below I will include instructions / requirements for sewn fabric masks, as well as, instructions for making face shields. Right now we have several volunteers making masks for us, but only a few people making shields. Please feel free to choose whatever option is best for you, but we do have an equal (if not greater) need for shields at this time. Once you have had a chance to look over the information below, please let me know which one you will be making and if you have any questions or concerns. I am asking everyone to contact me when you have items ready to be picked up (25 items or more) and I will personally come to you to get them so you do not have to leave your home. Most volunteers have agreed to leave the items packed up on their porch or in their carport / garage for me to grab to eliminate any physical contact and practice social distancing guidelines. I look forward to hearing from you soon and thank you again for volunteering!"

**Face Shields** - <https://youtu.be/HHUrSX2cjyA>

### **Supplies**

- Elastic Band(s)
- Rubber Foam (any foam strip)
- Clear Binding Covers
- Box Cutter / Scissors
- Stapler & Staples
- Double-Sided Tape



**Fabric Masks** - <https://sarahmaker.com/how-to-sew-a-surgical-face-mask-for-hospitals-free-pattern/>

### **Requirements**

- Mask must have filter pocket
- Mask must have bendable nose piece
- Mask must have elastic ear loops (no fabric ties)

### **Guidelines**

- Use clean/new fabric
- Wash hands frequently while making
- Do not try on as this infects the mask
- If you or someone in your home becomes sick please stop making masks

Thank you,

Lauren Dunaway, Physician Liaison, Crestwood Medical Center





REPUBLICAN  
WOMEN OF  
HUNTSVILLE

Our club is  
the 2003,  
2011, 2013,  
2015, 2017 &  
2019 recipient  
of the Mary  
Ellen Miller  
award for  
Outstanding  
Club.

<https://www.republicanwomenofhuntsville.com/>

The Republican Women of Huntsville is a chartered member of the National Federation of Republican Women and Alabama Federation of Republican Women since 1983. The club is a partisan political organization. Our goal is to help women become effective in the cause of good government. We do this through education, training and activities designed to promote the principles of the Republican party. We also help recruit and elect candidates at all levels of government. Our club serves women of all ages who want to be active and informed women in their community.



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