



Montgomery County Republican Women

Clarksville, Tennessee

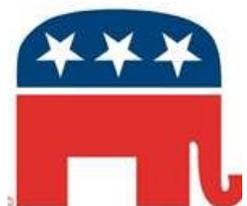
"There's a Place for you at our Table"

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Senator Mae Beavers . . . Gubernatorial Candidate



We are very happy that Senator Mae Beavers will be our guest speaker this month. Senator Beavers was elected to the State Senate in 2002 and represents the people of District 17.

She has sponsored and passed laws which included legislation to lower the sales tax on food, legislation to protect our constitutional rights to privacy and to keep and bear arms, as well as

legislation that enabled Tennesseans to make their own healthcare choices. She has also worked with numerous local leaders from Cannon, Clay, DeKalb, Macon, Smith and Wilson Counties to secure funding and bring road and bridge projects to District 17.

Since we have featured Senator Beavers in a past Newsletter, we will not go into a long biography here. You can [click here](#) to download the Newsletter on our website that features her or you can [click here](#) to visit her website so that you can learn more about her. **Please come and welcome Senator Mae Beavers at our November 7 meeting.**

New Officer Elections

We want to thank the Nominating Committee, Cheryl Chapin, Willi Frank, and Pat Allen for the slate of officers which was presented to the MCRWC at the October meeting by the Chairman of the committee, Pat Allen. Those on the slate for election are:

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

Election will be held at the upcoming November meeting and the new 2018-2019 officers will be installed at the December 7th meeting, to begin their positions at the January meeting.

We encourage all members to attend and participate in this election. We are excited about this slate of Officers and wish to thank each and every one for volunteering to be a vital part of making Montgomery County Republican Women one of the best TFRW Clubs in the State.

Thank you

2016—2017 Officers

President -- Joy Huggins

1st Vice President, Programs --- Brenda Graham

2nd Vice President, Membership -- Opal Kennedy

Recording Secretary --- Barbara Corley

Corresponding Secretary --- Elaine Tucker

Treasurer --- Arlene Rouse

Assistant Treasurer --- Sue Dortch

Immediate Past President --- Marie Tillman

Montgomery County Party Fall Event a Great Success!

On September 28, the local Republican Party held its annual fall event. This year a record crowd gathered at the Clarksville Country Club to enjoy Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres, great fellowship, and listen as gubernatorial candidates Mae Beavers, Randy Boyd, Bill Lee, and Kay White shared their qualifications and goals as the Governor of Tennessee. The Master of Ceremonies, Senator Mark Green, asked questions of each candidate and each had the opportunity to address the guests.

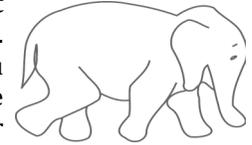
At the end of the evening, a straw poll was taken and Bill Lee and Randy Boyd led those results, respectively. More information will be available regarding this event in the Montgomery County Republican Party Newsletter.

Several of the Montgomery County Republican Women, led by Joy Huggins as the Event Chair, participated in planning and others attended. It was considered by all to be a very enjoyable night!



Heads Up!

December always brings the delightful White Elephant Auction event for our club members. This is to remind you that it will be the time that you can bring your gently used items, things you no longer need or use. So, start gathering up those items!



Yard Sale



The 2017 MCRWC yard sale was held at the GOP headquarters on October 7, 2017. Thanks to those of you who brought in items on Friday and especially to those who spent h-o-u-r-s to help get tables and items ready for those yard sale enthusiasts!

Due to the fact that there were some large church yard sales and an event downtown, we were able to make a little over \$340.00. This will be put in our general fund to support the objectives and policies of the Republican National and Tennessee Executive Committees and to work for the election of Republican Party nominees.

Dues paid in November and December will be carried forward to dues for 2018. Please make plans to pay your dues early.

CARING FOR OUR MEMBERS



It was good to see **Marita Beck**

at our October meeting after an extensive illness and rehab period. We hope she will continue to improve and be back with us regularly again.

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.



New to our club are Ashley Elizabeth Graham and Lori Cribbs. We are SO happy that you are joining us! Please make a point to meet and greet these two ladies.

Regular Monthly Meeting Clubs

Auxiliary Name	Date/Day	Type	Time/Place
Montgomery County Republican Women	Nov 7 2017 Dec 5 1st Tuesday	Monthly Lunch Meeting	11:30 am Clarksville Country Club
Red River Republican Women	Nov 18 2017 3rd Saturday	Monthly Brunch meeting	9:30 am The Looking Glass
Montgomery County Republican Party	Oct 24 2017 Nov 21 4th Tuesday	Monthly Evening Meeting	7:00 pm GOP Headquarters

Committee Chairs

- Americanism
Nancy Adkisson
- Armed Forces/ Homeland Security
Pam Johnson
- Budget & Finance
Cheryl Chapin
- By-Laws
Sue Dortch
- Campaign Hours
Joni Hargrove
- Caring for America
Nancy Adkisson
- Chaplain
Barbara Corley
- Club Achievement Awards
Pat Allen
- Communications
Joy Huggins
- Facebook & Website
Marie Tillman
- Fundraising
Cheryl Chapin
- Historian
Juanita Gholson
- Leadership
Niesha Wolfe
- Legislative
Hillary Pate
- Literacy/Education
Marilyn Batson
- Luncheon Reservations
Joan Niles
- Newsletter Editor
Marie Tillman
- Parliamentarian
Pat Allen
- Publicity
Arlene Rouse
- Voter Registration
Peggy Vaughn

Please Pay your Dues for 2018. 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 now have **71 paid members and 18 paid associate members.**

A Message from Your President

IT MATTERS WHO GOVERNERS. It matters at the national, state AND Local level. Recently the Montgomery County Republican Party voted to have a Republican Primary in 2018. Members of our community, especially Democrats, and RINOs are asking why spend \$150,000 to have a primary to select LOCAL offices. Offices to be filled in 2018 include County Mayor, Trustee, Sheriff, Circuit Court Clerk, County Clerk, Register of Deeds and ALL County Commissioners. The Clarksville City Charter prohibits a primary for city offices and state law prohibits a primary for election of School Board members.

WHY should we support a Republican Primary? Knowing the political beliefs of can-

didates holding office effects their voting position on major economic issues in our county. Are we selecting candidates who believe in wise use of the tax dollar or are we voting for candidates who believe in big government. In past elections numerous Republican candidates have been on the ballot resulting in a split vote and a Democrat win. Most recently we saw this happening in the Clarksville Mayor race. With the first local primary in 2016, Republicans chose the strongest Judge candidate to run against the Democrat in the August Primary. We were successful in seating a Republican judge.

We MUST continue to support the RED TO THE ROOTS initiative to insure we

have the best candidates to govern us at all levels. Make your voice heard and let our voters in Montgomery County know why we want and need a Republican Primary May 1, 2018.



**Montgomery County
Republican Women**

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It's cool weather and time for chili! Here's one from the wife of Ron Ramsey, the former TN State Lieutenant Governor. Enjoy and stay warm!



From our Cookbook...

White Chicken Chili

Sindy Ramsey

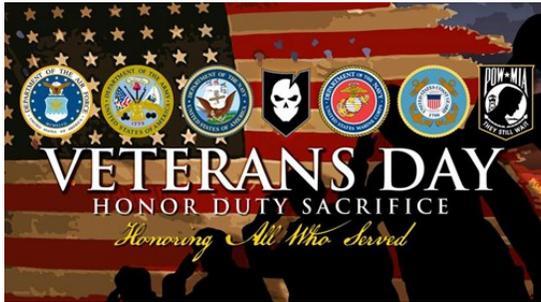
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- 2 medium white onions, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 TBSP vegetable oil
- 5 Medium boneless, skinless chicken breasts,
Cooked and chopped
- 3 (16-ounce) cans Great Northern beans,
drained
- 5 cups chicken broth

- 2 (4-ounce) cans chopped green chilies,
drained
- 2 TBSP cumin
- 1-1/2 TSP chili powder
- 1/4 TSP cayenne pepper
- 1/4 TSP oregano
- 1/4 TSP ground cloves
- 1/8 TSP paprika
- 2 cups shredded Monterey Jack Cheese

Sauté the onion and garlic in the oil in a stockpot until the onions are tender. Add the chicken, beans, broth, green chilies, cumin, chili powder, cayenne pepper, oregano, cloves, and paprika, mixing well. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat. Simmer for 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Serve with cheese sprinkled on top.

CELEBRATING VETERANS



November is the month that the citizens of this great Country celebrate the service and sacrifice of those who served in our Armed Forces.

As I was putting together an article, I “Googled” and found an essay written by Caya Wollman, a junior at Westby Area High School who wrote this essay for a contest on why Veterans were important to our country. Here’s the opening paragraph. If you want to read the rest of the article, you can go to http://lacrossetribune.com/why-veterans-are-important-to-our-nation-s-history-and/article_32dff2ee-b815-50ea-98e3-211ae3aae1d2.html and read the entire essay.

“Veterans are the backbone of this country. Without them, there would be no United States of America. No Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of happiness. And no way to ensure that our country will continue to be the “Land of Opportunity” it has been known to be. Veterans have protected our rights as Americans and made the dreams of our Forefathers possible. War, although horrid, is inevitable within humanity and our future veterans will be there to protect our blessed American land and values.”

Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime. <https://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/vetdayhistory.asp>



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 **\$19**.

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. She requests that everyone please indicate their name when they reply by email.

You can also let Joan know by contacting her by email at joanniles@gmail.com or calling her at **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.

Club Brochures and Luncheon Invitations are available for download on our Website.



Rural Tennessee Speaks

VETERANS CELEBRATION

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 11, 2017

National Guard Armory
190 Armory Ave.
Camden, TN 38320

Tennessee Speaks and our efforts to ensure Rural Tennesseans are our concerns are represented in our various levels of government! Casual Dress, BBQ Served, Drawing for a special prize! For more information & tickets, contact Sandy @731-441-9318 or Joni @ 931-721-7514. Marie Tillman also has tickets (931) 801-3564.

If you can't make this event, there is a Veterans Day Parade Saturday November 11, 2017 downtown Clarksville. Whatever you do, **CELEBRATE VETERANS!**

Rural Tennessee Speaks will host a celebration of all veterans on November 11th, featuring Dr. Mark Green as the keynote speaker.

The event will be a catered dinner with a host of rural dignitaries and citizens who will recognize the service and sacrifice of all who have served our great country in the US Armed Forces. Tickets can be purchased in advance from a Rural TN Speaks member or at the door for \$15.

Proceeds raised will benefit Rural

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 2016-2017.



We're on the Web:



montgomerycountypublicanwomen.org

Meet the Candidates

As we discussed in the last newsletter we are attempting to give you some information about a different candidate each month. We have already profiled Mae Beavers and Diane Black for you. We continue here with those candidates as we preview each one in alphabetical order.

This does not indicate any type of endorsement for the particular candidate, but is simply for informational purposes so that you can make a better decision about your vote.

This month's candidate featured is Tennessee businessman, **Randy Boyd**.



The information provided here was taken from his website at <https://randyboyd.com>. You can go to that site to get more information.

Randy was born and raised in South Knoxville and has deep roots in West Tennessee. As a proud Republican, principled conservative and successful businessman, Randy always takes a passionate, results-oriented approach to improving the lives of Tennesseans.

After graduating from Doyle High School at 16, Randy entered the University of Tennessee, working nights running injection molding machines at his dad's business to pay for school. By 19, he had graduated with honors and no debt, becoming the first in his family to graduate from college. He is a proud University of Tennessee alum and a Vol for Life. Randy and his wife Jenny have been married for more than 32 years and attend Erin Presbyterian Church in Knoxville. They have two grown sons, Harrison and Thomas, one daughter-in-law, Lindsey, and one rescued dachshund, Oskar.

Randy's early career was marked by hard work and hustle. He started two small businesses and traveled the Southeast selling door to door at feed and hardware stores. At 31, with Jenny working as a court reporter and a 2-year-old at home, he sunk their entire life savings of \$26,000 into founding a new company, Radio Systems Corporation. With relentless determination, Randy transformed his small business into an industry-leading manufacturer of pet products, which today employs more than 700 people.

In 2013, Randy answered the call to serve his state, taking a year-long leave of absence from his company to serve as Governor Bill Haslam's unpaid advisor on education. The Drive to 55 initiative and the Tennessee Promise program — being funded from the lottery reserves — are direct results of Randy's year of service.

It is Randy's mission to leave our state better than we found it. He is committed to finishing the Drive to 55 initiative, ensuring our workforce is prepared for the jobs of tomorrow. Randy will focus relentlessly on bringing good-paying jobs to every corner of our state, and ensuring all Tennesseans — whether in rural, suburban or inner-city communities — have the opportunity to succeed. Randy is running to serve as the 50th governor of the state of Tennessee to give all citizens the opportunity for a better life through access to a great education and the opportunity for a better job.

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Who will be on the May 1 ballot?

The May 1, 2018, primary will include all 21 County Commission seats, County Mayor, Sheriff, Trustee, Circuit Court Clerk, County Clerk, and Register of Deeds.

On the ballot will be all candidates declaring Democratic or Republican party affiliation, running to receive their party's nomination.

The Republican and Democratic nominees will then face each other, along with any independent candidates, in the county general election on Aug. 2, 2018. Also on that general ballot will be half the School Board (state law doesn't allow political primaries for School Board elections) and the state primary.

The State General and City Election will be on November 6, 2018.

Vote in Every Election — Local, State and Federal

Electing our President, Senators and Congressmen is important, but local elections often have more direct impact on our daily lives. Don't forget that our City and County Officials set our local property taxes, local laws and local fines and fees. It's important to know how they vote on issues.

Our Governor, State Representatives and State Senators decide laws that will govern us, how we will be taxed and how much will be spent on state programs such as health and education.

Your Vote counts!