

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



February 5, 2019



**NOTICE OF INTENT** to any and all candidates in a Montgomery County, Tennessee Primary. Please be advised that the Montgomery County Republican Women do not endorse any candidates running in a Primary election. If candidates are speakers it is because they have **given ample notice of that desire and are QUALIFIED Republican candidates to run in that election.** Montgomery County Republican Women welcome those candidates to speak briefly at any luncheon meeting.

## Speaker — Jeff Burkhart



Jeffery Darrell Burkhart (born March 16, 1962) is a life-long resident of Clarksville, Montgomery County. Prior to running for office, Burkhart grew up on a farm in Woodlawn learning that hard work is a way of life. He graduated from Northwest High School in 1980 and has since received an Associate's Degree in Fire Science from Volunteer State Community College in 2014. Shortly after he graduated from high school, he started working for the City of Clarksville at the Gas & Water Dept. In 1982, he transferred to the Fire Department and worked his way up through the ranks to the leadership role of Assistant Fire Chief. In 1985, he began learning the construction industry and has since grown a successful business developing commercial and residential subdivisions, as well as

## Tennessee State Senate District 22 Special Election Candidates

building commercial and residential properties. As part of his business he has provided jobs and met payroll for hundreds of citizens. Over time, Jeff knew he wanted to give something back to his home and its citizens through public service. Jeff was honored to be elected to Ward 12 of the City Council for the City of Clarksville in 2008 and re-elected again in 2012 and 2016. There, he has served on several committees and spent thousands of hours involved in hearings and discussions about city wide issues. Jeff's basic belief is that of a fiscal conservative - meaning spending to improve all citizens' quality of life, not taxing everyone for the benefit of a "special few". That is among the many visions and plans Jeff wants to address for the citizens of District 22.

Jeff sincerely believes, because of his life experiences and being involved in this community all his life, that he is truly the best prepared candidate to meet the challenges facing us today. It is Jeff's desire to effectively serve all the good, decent, hard-working people of Montgomery, Stewart and Houston counties. Jeff promises to be open, honest and will work tirelessly for

**Luncheon Meetings** are every first Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am at the **Tanglewood House**. Cost is **\$20**. **Make check payable to MCRW.**

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**.

You must have made a reservation at least **three days in advance of our meeting** to be able to eat or have coffee: **before 10:00 am the Friday before our 11:30 am meeting the following Tuesday**. 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.



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everyone, not just the special interests. Together, we can meet all challenges head-on and provide a better Tennessee for our children and our children's children. Jeff wants to do what is right, not just what is right now. He is a business owner, a former city employee, and a city council person; and Jeff has never voted for a tax increase for the citizens of Clarksville. He is dedicated to continuing to make the needs and values of the people of District 22 a priority.

Jeff Burkhart lives in Clarksville, Montgomery County, Tennessee and is a member of Hilldale Church of Christ. He has one daughter, Meredith Grace Burkhart, who attends Lipscomb University in Nashville.

To see other qualified candidates, [click here](#) for the Petition Report.

**It is very IMPORTANT that ALL REPUBLICANS VOTE!**

**A Message from Your President**

It's almost Valentine's Day and I thought it would be a good time to reflect on a few of the things we love:

**-The Montgomery County Republican Women.** Full of talented, driven, and wonderful women, our club is growing because each member is committed to loving and serving each other well. How grateful am I to have joined you all a few years back!

**- The Tennessee Federation of Republican Women.** It's a joy to have friendships with our like-minded, conservative friends and always a fun time when we're together. Make plans now to join this fantastic and lively group of women at this year's Ladies' Day on the Hill. We can't wait to welcome and celebrate our new governor, Governor Bill Lee!



  
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**- New opportunities.** Change isn't always on our "love" list, but when we reframe our challenges into opportunities, we can't help but love what's to come. Many of you know about our change in venue for our monthly meetings. Tanglewood is full of local, state, and national history that will continue with our meetings each Tuesday. Your enthusiasm about this change in our club is such a gift - I can't wait for all the new and lovely memories we'll make in our new home!

As we look toward the Feast of St Valentine, a martyr who gave over his life for the beliefs and people he loved, we look to our own shared beliefs and the people we love. I am grateful for and love each of you, and the ties that bind us together.

**New Meeting Place . . .** The **Tanglewood House** at 1601 Madison Street in Clarksville. It is at the intersection of Crossland Drive/Madison St/Tanglewood at the traffic light. Hilldale United Methodist Church is directly to the east of Tanglewood House, or, for you shoppers, the first traffic light west of Publix.  
  
Tanglewood House is an efficiently run business, organized and well-planned. They plan their menus, not only for our meetings, but for others to get the best prices, and shop accordingly. They shop for the number of reservations that we give them on the Friday before our Tuesday meeting. They do not plan or cook for more since they do not believe in waste. Nor do we. We want to keep our prices as low as possible and still enjoy a good meal. We can keep our prices reasonable if we adhere to these rules. Glad you understand. Thanks for being a member of MCRW and joining us for our luncheon meetings. Thanks...Joan Niles

The 111th General Assembly  
*Ashley Elizabeth Graham Johnson*



A hearty and full welcome to the 111th Tennessee General Assembly!

Under the leadership of Speaker Glen Casada in the House and Lt. Governor Randy McNally in the Senate, the 111th is off and running. Committees have been assigned, chairmen are at the gavel, and bill filing deadline is coming up soon. Mark your calendars for March 4th as Governor Lee (!! ) will be giving his first State of the State address. It was a great treat to see many of you at Governor Lee's inauguration. We heard from Governor Lee and look forward to the roll-out of his legislative agenda. Be on the lookout for more information soon! As always, let me know if you're headed to the Capitol and I'd be happy to help connect you with tours, committee meetings, or a good lunch place or two. Here's to a great, and hopefully short, legislative year!

Ashley Elizabeth Graham Johnson  
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## 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.

### Regular Monthly Club Meetings

MCRWC — 1st Tuesday — 11:30 am  
 February 5, 2019  
 March 5, 2019  
 Tanglewood House

RRRW—3rd Saturday — 9:30 am  
 February 16, 2019  
 The Looking Glass

Montgomery County GOP  
 4th Tuesday — 7:00 pm  
 February 26, 2019  
 GOP Headquarters



### April 23, 2019 Election Special Called Election - Senate District 22 General

### March 7, 2019 Election Special Called Election - Senate District 22 Primary

### From our Cookbook...

#### Monkey Bread

Nancy Reagan

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- 3/4 ounce yeast or 1 package dry yeast
- 1 to 1-1/2 cups milk
- 2 eggs
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon salt

- 3-1/2 cups flour
- 6 ounces butter, room temp
- 1/2 pound melted butter
- Two 9" ring molds
- 1 egg, to brush top of bread

In bowl, mix yeast with part of milk until dissolved. Add 2 eggs, beat. Mix in sugar, salt, and flour. Add remaining milk a little at a time, mixing thoroughly. Cut in butter until blended. Knead dough and let rise 1 to 1-1/2 hours until double in size. Knead again and let rise 40 minutes. Roll dough onto floured board, shape in a log. Cut log into 28 pieces of equal size. Shape each piece of dough into a ball, roll in melted butter. Use half of the pieces in each buttered, floured molds. Place remaining balls on top, spacing evenly. Let dough rise in mold. Brush tops with remaining egg. Bake in preheated oven at 375 degrees approximately 15 minutes, or until golden brown. *Recipe provided by The Reagan Presidential Library and Museum.*

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 46 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



Deadline February 5, 2019



February 15 – March 2, 2019

### 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.

# Upcoming Events

## County GOP Lincoln Reagan Dinner Fundraiser

### Montgomery County Republican Party



Friday, March 22, 2019

Wilma Rudolph Event Center

\$75.00 Donation  
\$700.00 - Table for 10  
Business Attire  
6:00 PM Reception  
7:00 PM Dinner and Program

As always, we want Montgomery County Republican Women to have a significant presence at this annual County Party fundraiser event.

There is a \$5.00 discount purchasing a table. If you would like to go and receive this discount, get your ticket as soon as possible so that we can get our table reservation for the event early.

Nicole O'Connor is in charge of ticket distribution and collections for the Party, but there are others who will have tickets you can purchase.

## TFRW Ladies' Day on the Hill

### Save the Date Celebrating Tennessee Victories



**LADIES' DAY ON THE HILL  
Monday April 1, 2019**

We also want to make a presence at the annual Ladies' Day on the Hill.

This year it is being hosted by the Shelby County Republican Women's Club.

More information will be provided to us at the TFRW Board meeting on February 2, 2019 and will be passed on to you. For right now, just SAVE THE DATE of April 1, 2019 and make plans to attend this fun-filled day.

We will again treat our GOP legislators to lunch.

**NATIONAL  
FEDERATION OF  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
MAGA ACTION ALERT**

Calling Women to Action on Pending Issues

### 2018-2019 Officers

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NFRW Call to Action! Tell your legislators you want the wall approved **NOW**. Call the Switchboard at 202-224-3121 and ask to be connected to your Member's office.