



Scott Golden Chairman, Tennessee GOP



Scott Golden has been involved in Tennessee politics since the late 1990's. He began as a West Tennessee Field Director for the Tennessee Republican Party. He then worked in New Hampshire on the Steve Forbes for President campaign. Moving back to West Tennessee, Golden was the Field Director for Van Hilleary for Governor. In 2003, he began in the office of Congressman Marsha Blackburn as a Field Representative, moving to District Director then Deputy Chief of Staff. Golden then worked as Deputy Chief of Staff for Congressman Stephen Fincher until being elected Chairman of the Tennessee Republican Party.

Outside of work, Golden has been a volunteer member of the State Executive Committee since 2007 represent-

ing the 27th State Senate District. He has also attended the 2008 and 2012 Republican National Conventions as a member of the Tennessee Delegation. In 2010, Golden was the Madison County Republican Party Man of the Year and in 2016 won the Tennessee Republican Party Statesman of the Year Award for the 8th Congressional District.

Scott Golden received a BS in Political Science from the University of Lambuth and a MA in Political Science from the University of Rhode Island. He has been married to his wife Christie for 14 years. They have three children, Ela, Kipi and Andrew. He is a member of Fellowship Bible Church in Jackson, TN.

Luncheon Meetings are every first Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am at the Clarksville Country Club. Cost is \$19. **Make check payable to MCRW** (separate checks for all other items.)

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 joan-niles@gmail.com or phone 616-450-2800.

Deadline for making reservations is **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, let her know to contact Joan by phone.



Go online to make your luncheon reservation and pay for it in advance! You can also get members to join and pay online. [Click here](#) to do online payments.

2018 — 2019 Club Officers

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

A Message from Your President

If you've taught, you know the hectic pace to this time of year. After 42 years in the classroom, there's still a residual tired that accompanies the end of May. With so many educators in our club, I know many of you feel the same way!

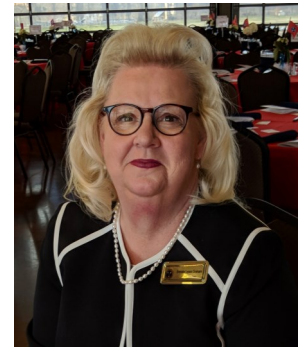
It's why I wanted to use this time to specifically and gratefully thank the many women of our club who have made education their life's work. I know many of us can recall our favorite teachers and point to the women and men who made a lasting mark on our lives. For many students in Montgomery County and beyond, they point to the women in our club as those lasting influences on their lives.

Teaching, molding, and shaping young lives isn't for the faint of heart (nor for those seeking great financial status!), but the women in our very own club took their careers and gave them over to the

next generation. And the next. And for some of us, the next!

As we look around the state and enjoy history being made in our classrooms, I know Tennessee's children wouldn't be where they are without the women we're blessed to call ours. Thank you, ladies, for the tireless work you did (and do) every day to change so many lives. Many successes are due to your dedication and love.

If you are still teaching, you have my encouragement to get through these last hectic days. To all that once taught -thank you for all you did (and do) for each and every Tennessee kid. You're making a difference and I couldn't be more proud to call you my friend.




Montgomery County
Republican Women

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The 110th General Assembly Ashley Elizabeth Graham
Legislative Committee Chair



With the 110th General Assembly behind us, it's time to look toward the 111th! Tennessee's House has 99 members and there are 25 open seats- meaning the Representative in that seat has resigned, is not running again, or is running for another office. In the Senate, 7 of the 33 seats are open (though more Senate seats are likely to become open over the next few months).

What does this mean for the Montgomery County Republican Women? A busy summer!

You've heard the adage from our State President Barbara Trautman – Republicans who stay home elect Democrats. It's true! I'd like to add another – Republicans who aren't enthusiastic about their candidates help elect Democrats. With such large numbers of open seats in the Tennessee General Assembly, and many more elected officials with strong primary opponents this fall, we'll need to roll up our sleeves and help where we can to keep Tennessee's legislative branch red.

Of course, Republican Woman's Clubs like ours can't and won't endorse candidates in the Primary election. But, that doesn't mean we can't get ready, encourage voter registration, get women signed up for our club, and introduce our friends to the candidates so we're ready to go when the Primary election is over.

Yes, we've got lots of open seats to fill. The good news? Lots of strong candidates are on the ballot. Let's keep cheering our Republican friends along!

Are you receiving by email the NFRW Capital Connection? If not, please let your President, Brenda Graham or your Membership VP, Opal Kennedy know. You should be receiving this Newsletter.



**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF
REPUBLICAN WOMEN**
Capital Connection

Weekly news and information for our members

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.

After the county primary elections, Tennessee has 761 Republican nominees running across the state in local races. *Taken from the Grand Old Publication 5/16/2018*

Volunteers Needed for “Red to the Roots” and “Make America Great Again”!

As you ponder on how you can help to accomplish the greatness of our City, our County, our State and our Nation, think about these quotes:

“Wherever you turn, you can find someone who needs you. Even if it is a little thing, do something for which there is no pay but the privilege of doing it. Remember, you don’t live in the world all of your own.”

~Albert Schweitzer

“Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don’t have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

“You can study government and politics in school, but the best way to really understand the process is to volunteer your time.”

~Rob McKenna (the former Republican Attorney General of Washington)

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”

~Elizabeth Andrew (Australian Conservative Politician and teacher)

“You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give.”

~Winston Churchill

“Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation’s compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.”

~Erma Bombeck

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.”

~Author Unknown

“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.”

~Oscar Wilde

<https://blogs.volunteermatch.org/engagingvolunteers/2015/08/27/9-quotes-to-inspire-your-volunteers-and-yourself/>

With busy lives, it can be hard to find time to volunteer. However, the benefits of volunteering are enormous to you, your family, and especially to your community at election time.

Why volunteer?

Volunteering offers vital help to people in need, worthwhile causes, and the community, but the benefits can be even greater for you, the volunteer. Volunteering and helping others can help you reduce stress, combat depression, keep you mentally stimulated, and provide a sense of purpose. While it’s true that the more you volunteer, the more benefits you’ll experience, volunteering doesn’t have to involve a long-term commitment or take a huge amount of time out of your busy day. Giving in even simple ways can help others, those in need and improve your health and happiness.

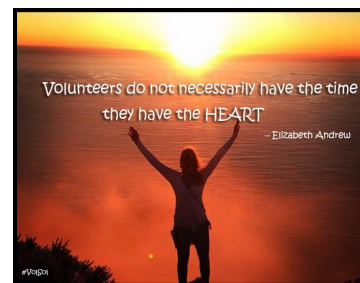
How can you volunteer?

There are many ways to volunteer, depending upon the needs of those for whom you are providing this service. The best thing to do is to connect with a candidate and find out his/her needs and then evaluate your abilities and preferences to serve the candidate.

Some ways to volunteer are to send cards or letters; canvas neighborhoods; make telephone calls; work at headquarters; place yard signs; have fund-raisers such as bake sales, car wash, wiener roasts, or other fun things for candidates.

Who needs volunteers now?

The “Red to the Roots” campaign is a program designed to support Republican candidates who have a



vision that aligns with the needs of their communities. Whether it is judicial candidates who will protect the Constitution, mayoral candidates who know how to recruit jobs, or local candidates who will guard taxpayer resources from wasteful spending, these individuals are part of an ideas revolution at the county and judicial level in Tennessee.

We have, in 2016, successfully elected some excellent judges due to this program and now we’re working to get our local party elected in these positions. We have just finished a primary in May and now have our candidates for local government in place to be on the ballot in the August for the County General election. You should contact any of these candidates and see what you can do to help them, especially if you have a county commissioner candidate.

Also, we have candidates for the State Primary who have opposition and it is important that we get them elected in November. It’s not too early right now to start working for them.

Look over the list on the next page and contact those people and let them know you are willing to work to get them elected.

Of course, we cannot forget about our candidates who will be running in the November election for United States Senate and United States Congress.

The Candidates listed here are those who will eventually be running with I or D opposition in the November Elections. Some county candidates and SEC candidates will also be on the ballot but do not have an I or D opponent.

State Primary and County General Election August 2, 2018 Offices: Governor, US Senate, US House of Representatives, TN House of Representatives (Districts 67, 68 & 74), State Executive Committeeman (Republican & Democratic), State Executive Committeewoman (Republican & Democratic), County Mayor, County Commission (all districts), Trustee, Sheriff, Circuit Court Clerk, County Clerk, Register of Deeds and School Board (Districts 1, 3, 5, 7)

State General and City Election November 6, 2018 Offices: Governor, US Senate, US House of Representatives, TN House of Representatives (Districts 67, 68 & 74), City of Clarksville Mayor, City Council (wards 1, 2, 6, 7, 10 & 11)

These Candidates will be running in the **County General Election on August 2** and will be elected to their positions at that time. They have opponents and need our support NOW! Contact them to VOLUNTEER!

County Mayor – R	Jim Durrett	648-5787 551-0489	mayordurrett@mcgtn.net
County Commission - Dist. 1 - R	John M. Gannon	552-4691 552-0110	johnmgannonsr@gmail.com
County Commission - Dist. 3 – R	Joe Smith	320-4289	joesmith.district3@gmail.com
County Commission - Dist. 7 - R	Delmer "Del" Burchett	221-0300 237-6057	delmerburchett@gmail.com
County Commission - Dist. 8 – R	Ronald Sokol	624-4842	r_sokol@bellsouth.net
County Commission - Dist. 10 - R	Martha Brockman	920-8354 237-7104	eagles.nest1999@hotmail.com
County Commission - Dist. 14 - R	Jimmy Brown	551-4661 237-3082	jbrown7291@gmail.com
County Commission - Dist. 16 – R	Loretta J. Bryant	647-1077	justmerhett@yahoo.com
County Commission - Dist. 17 – R	David Hooper	494-3886	airmanhooper@yahoo.com
County Commission - Dist. 18 – R	Jason D. Knight	916-752-7807 615-856-0157	JKnight360@yahoo.com Jason.Knight@tn.gov
Trustee - R	Corinthia Elder	553-0782 624-0898	cpelder70@gmail.com

These Candidates will be running in the **State Primary Election on August 2** and then again in the **State General Election on November 6** (and the winner of the US Senate) with I and/or D opponents and will hopefully be elected to their positions at that time. We need to begin supporting them NOW!

TN House of Representatives - Dist. 67 – R	Tommy J. Vallejos	980-5313	electtommyvallejos@yahoo.com
TN House of Representatives - Dist. 68 – R	Curtis Johnson		a01cgj@hotmail.com
TN House of Representatives - Dist. 74 – R	Jay D. Reedy	931-721-6828	Mchenry.allison@gmail.com
US House of Representatives — R	Mark Green		https://www.markgreen4tn.com/jointhefight
US Senate — R	Marsha Blackburn		https://marshablackburn.ivolunteers.com/Account/Register
US Senate — R	Aaron Pettigrew		pettigrewcampaign@yahoo.com

Taken from [Qualified Candidates](#) at [Montgomery County Election Commission](#)

To keep up to date on election information, you can go to the Montgomery County Election Commission website and click this link:
<https://mcgtn.org/election/upcoming-elections>.



Committee Chairs

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Barbara Corley
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Pat Allen
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Joy Huggins
 Facebook & Website
Marie Tillman
 Fundraising
Nicole O'Connor
 Historian
Juanita Golson
 Leadership
Niesha Wolfe
 Legislative
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 Newsletter Editor
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Pat Allen
 Publicity
Joy Huggins
 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 have **67 paid members and 9 paid associate members.**

[Click here](#) to go to the website and download a membership form, pay your membership online, or fill in an online form.

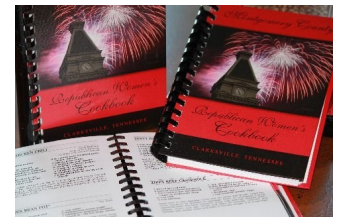


Regular Monthly Club Meetings

MCRWC — 1st Tuesday — 11:30 am
 June 5, 2018
 July 3, 2018
 Clarksville Country Club

RRRW—3rd Saturday — 9:30 am
 June 16, 2018
 The Looking Glass

Montgomery County GOP
 4th Tuesday — 7:00 pm
 June 19, 2018
 GOP Headquarters



We still have a few of these.
 Get yours for only \$15.00
 at the Montgomery GOP
 headquarters

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. Please share your good news with us, too.



You can go to almost any outdoor produce vendor and find fresh strawberries in May and June. So, we decided to share a Fresh Strawberry Pie recipe from our cookbook. Enjoy!



From our Cookbook...

Fresh Strawberry Pie

Jeri Padia

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6 cups strawberries, about 1-1/2 quarts
 1 cup sugar
 3 tablespoons cornstarch
 1/2 cup water

Red food coloring
 1 (3-ounce) package cream cheese,
 softened
 1 (9-inch) pie shell

BAKE and COOL the pie shell. Mash enough berries to measure 1 cup. Make a berry mixture by stirring together sugar and cornstarch in a saucepan. Gradually stir water and crushed berries into saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and boils. Continue to boil while stirring for 1 minute. Add a few drops of red food coloring. Let cool. Beat cream cheese until smooth; spread on bottom of cooled pie crust. Fill pie crust with the remaining berries. Pour berry mixture over the top. Chill at least 3 hours until set.

How did strawberries get their name?

There are many explanations about how this luscious fruit became known as the strawberry. The most common is that children in England during the nineteenth century threaded the berries onto straw and offered them for sale. Another theory is the name was derived from the nineteenth-century practice of placing straw around the growing berry plants to protect the ripening fruit.

The explanation which is widely thought to be correct is that the name originated a thousand years ago because of the plant's production of runners which spread outward from the plant. Thus, the word strawberry was derived from the Anglo-Saxon verb to strew (spread) and so the fruit became known as streabergan to the Anglo-Saxons and later, straberry, streberie, straiberry, strawberry, and finally strawberry to the English.

May Events

May 1

The first week of May was a busy one for **Joy Huggins** and **Marie Tillman**. On May 1, of course, everyone observed the Primary Election and MCRW even changed this regular meeting day to May 8. As an Election Commissioner, Marie Tillman visited several precincts and remained through the final results at the Election Commission office. Joy, along with several other Montgomery GOP members, attended an election watch party at the GOP headquarters. Too late for the party were Election Commissioners Marie Tillman and Rita Wilson!



May 2

On May 2, Joy and Marie attended the Nashville Republican Women Luncheon at the Governor's Executive Residence. Upon arriving at the Executive Residence, Tootie Haskins provided a history of the residence and docents provided tours of the grounds and residence. Lunch was served in the Conservation Hall and First Lady Crissy Haslam shared some of her favorite moments in the home and as First Lady. She reported that they will be returning to their home in Knoxville but will maintain a residence in Nashville to visit.



*Nashville Republican Women
Cordially invite you to attend a
Luncheon at the Governor's Executive Residence*

May 4

May 4, the TFRW Regents first reception was held at a private home in Nashville. The Burlington House is owned by another Regent, Cyndi Miller and is located at 210 Burlington Place in Nashville. It is an old historic home built in 1915, has 9K sq. ft. with 8 bedrooms and 7 bathrooms and sits on 1.03 acres. Cyndi gave the group a tour of this beautiful home, sharing the history of it. Upon the completion of the tour of the home, the 20 Regents in attendance enjoyed a lovely salad, sandwiches, finger foods and gourmet desserts catered by TFRW member Julie Brockman. Did I forget to mention the wine?!



May 5

The TFRW Spring Board meeting was held on May 5 at the Brentwood Country Club. Those attending from Montgomery County Republican Women were **Joy Huggins**, **Marie Tillman**, **Pat Allen**, **Nicole O'Connor**, and President **Brenda Graham**. Joy and Marie attended the 9:00 Executive Committee meeting and the other MCRW members attended the 10:00 Board meeting and the luncheon.

*You're
Invited*

*Come go
with us
anytime!*