



Newsletter

“There’s a Place for you at our Table”

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Lt. Sheila Ratliff

Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office



Sheila Ratliff was promoted to Lieutenant of the Courts & Process Division in 2020. Lt. Ratliff began her career with the Sheriff’s Office in 1998 as a Court Deputy. She transferred to Civil Process in 2011 and was promoted to Sergeant in 2013. She brings more than 22 years of experience to

her new position. She became the first woman POST commission-certified lieutenant at the Montgomery County Sheriff’s office.

https://www.mainstreetclarksville.com/news/sheriff-appoints-first-woman-as-post-certified-lieutenant/article_dcdf9c2e-a6ee-11eb-b53d-bbaf49906aae.html by: CHERI REEVES

Sheila Ratliff was born and raised in Montgomery Co. She is a Christian and a member of the Garden Church in Clarksville Tn. Shelia works as a Lieutenant with the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office. She attended Northwest high School until the 11th grade and later received her GED. She met her husband Michael Ratliff in September of 1983 and they married in September of 1988. They have 3 children and 1 grandchild.

Before starting at the Montgomery County Sheriff’s office, she worked in a local factory for 12 years as a welder and press operator.

Lt. Ratliff began working for the Montgomery County Sheriff’s office on July 15th 1998 as a court officer. She was also cross trained to work as backup in civil process. In 2011 she transferred permanently to civil process and in 2013 she was promoted to sergeant over civil process. In 2020 Sheila was promoted to the ranks of Lieutenant over Warrants/Courts Division. Lt Ratliff currently manages 54 deputies in the Courts and Civil Process Division.

LUNCH RESERVATIONS

Luncheon Meetings are every first Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am at the Tanglewood House at 1601 Madison Street in Clarksville. Cost is \$20. Make check payable to MCRW.

When you receive your reservation request email from Tina Englen, please respond as to whether you will attend or not, by clicking “Reply” with a yes or a no and include your name.

Make your reservation by email to tina.englen@yahoo.com or phone her at 931-249-3605. Reservations must be made before 10:00 am the Friday prior to 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 Tina by phone. [Click here](#) to do online payments.

Officer Elections This Meeting

Proposed Slate

November is the month that each TFRW Club elects new officers for the next two-year term.

The 2021 nominating committee for the Montgomery County Republican Women club consisted of Pat Allen (Chair), Cheryl Chapin (Alternate), Opal Kennedy, Gail Longton, and Marie Tillman. This committee asked and received approval from the following ladies to be placed on the slate of proposed officers for the **2022 thru 2024 term**.

All of the committees will be reorganized, so if you see one that you would like to chair, please let either Teresa Tuttle, Tina Englen or Pat Allen know.

- Americanism
- Armed Forces/ Homeland Security
- Budget & Finance
- By-Laws
- Campaign Hours
- Caring for America
- Chaplain
- Club Achievement Awards
- Communications
- Decorations
- Facebook
- Fundraising
- Historian
- Iris Fund
- Leadership
- Legislative
- Literacy/Education
- Luncheon Reservations – Krista Kiepke
- Newsletter Editor
- Parliamentarian
- Publicity
- Volunteer Hours
- Voter Registration
- Website
- Women in Business/Free Enterprise



Tina Englen
President



Marie Tillman
Assistant Treasurer



Pat Allen
1st Vice President



Willi Frank
Corresponding Secretary



Erin Yow
2nd Vice President



Brenda Graham
Recording Secretary



Juanita Golson
Treasurer

PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2022 . . . OUR DUES ARE \$35.00 PER YEAR!

Men may join as Associate Members for \$20.00 per year. Make all checks payable to MCRW and send to: Kyong Dawson, 1262 Carnation Court; Clarksville, TN 37042. Her phone number is 931-249-9443 and you can email her at ksdawson.mcrw@gmail.com. [Click here](#) to go to the website and pay your membership online or download a membership form, fill in and mail the form with payment to Kyong.

You may also pay your dues at the luncheon meeting. Goal for the new year to have all our membership renewals paid up by Jan. meeting.



PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS If you know of a member or former member who has been or is ill, has suffered a loss or could just use a little cheer, please contact sfwilli@aol.com or phone her at 931-551-5733 to give her their names and addresses so she can send them a card.

Sympathy to the family of **Marianne Mayer** who passed away on Saturday, September 18, 2021.



Brenda Graham spends time with Governor Bill Lee.

Any Candidate who wishes for event details to be put in our newsletter, please send to tillmanlm@charter.net.



The **DECEMBER meeting** is always the month that we have our silent auction fundraising and, in an election year, the installation of officers. We will have a special guest come to install the new officers and there will be entertainment, music and, as always, a special meal for our lunch.

As is custom, we are asking our members to bring **gently used items** that are in good shape and something that you would purchase if you didn't already have it!

We also find that many people will purchase **baked goods** that they can serve at a Christmas meal or as treats for family and visitors.

Kyong Dawson has agreed to chair the auction and she asks that each item be ready to be put on the table. There will be cards that can be placed in front of each item; be prepared to mark the beginning bid and be sure to pick any unsold items up and take home with you.

The Montgomery County GOP

Headquarters is open on Monday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. You can check the website at www.montgomerycountytngop.org for updates. If you would like to volunteer to work at the headquarters, contact Willi Frank to get on the schedule. Phone her at 931-551-5733 or email sfwilli@aol.com. John Dawson, Montgomery Co. Republican Party chair, encourages everyone to get more involved in the community as Republicans by working in community cleanups, block parties, and voter registration. The Montgomery County GOP meets on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the GOP headquarters at 1817A Madison Street, Suite 1, Clarksville, TN 37043.

Red River Republican Women is our sister club that meets the 3rd Saturday morning of each month at 9:45am at the Montgomery County headquarters.



On November 11, 1919, U.S. president [Woodrow Wilson](#) issued a message to his countrymen on the first Armistice Day, in which he expressed what he felt the day meant to Americans:

ADDRESS TO FELLOW-COUNTRYMEN The White House, November 11, 1919.

"A year ago, today our enemies laid down their arms in accordance with an armistice which rendered them impotent to renew hostilities, and gave to the world an assured opportunity to reconstruct its shattered order and to work out in peace a new and juster set of international relations. The soldiers and people of the European Allies had fought and endured for more than four years to uphold the barrier of civilization against the aggressions of armed force. We ourselves had been in the conflict something more than a year and a half.

With splendid forgetfulness of mere personal concerns, we remodeled our industries, concentrated our financial resources, increased our agricultural output, and assembled a great army, so that at the last our power was a decisive factor in the victory. We were able to bring the vast resources, material and moral, of a great and free people to the assistance of our associates in Europe who had suffered and sacrificed without limit in the cause for which we fought.

Out of this victory there arose new possibilities of political freedom and economic concert. The war showed us the strength of great nations acting together for high purposes, and the victory of arms foretells the enduring conquests which can be made in peace when nations act justly and in furtherance of the common interests of men.

To us in America the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service, and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of nations."

Closing Thoughts from your MCRW President

2021 is drawing to a close and I want to take this time to look back on what was accomplished in the last two years. In the light of Covid-19 some would say "Not much." But I'd like to think that we have come to appreciate more the freedoms we have taken for granted: freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of choice, freedom of religion, just to name a few that have been abused, restricted, or denied all in the name of public safety, equity, inclusion, etc., etc. etc.

You will be happy to know that we fulfilled all our objectives and obtained the Diamond Award for 2020-2021. In spite of Covid, we've maintained an average of 30 people at the luncheons, the lowest being 15 and the highest 66. Unfortunately, there was no enthusiasm for fund raising and special fund-raising events.

When I came on board as your President, I was excited and ambivalent at the same time. How did I want to lead this club into the future? Coming up through the ages I always found politics boring, petty, and often back stabbing. That's why I got such a late start. Now that I've been in it for the last 15 years, I still find it lacking. It appears that our country has lost its moral compass. Somewhere along the way we've put God on a shelf and forgot about Him, and we wonder why our country is going askew.

So, I took a look at our club objectives: I've read them several times, they basically consist of following the rules (bylaws) and checking the boxes; providing opportunities to legislators and candidates to speak; shaking hands, and rubbing elbows with the upper establishment. That may sound smug on my part and I may have over simplified but the objectives to me lacked substance. Or, is it that we lack commitment? When Trump was President, we had fire in our bellies. Now, it's barely the flicker of embers. Well ladies, you better start stoking those embers and get that fire roaring again because we have a BIG election in 2022. We have to win back the House and the Senate.

Every month we try to have a speaker/program that provides knowledge to our membership. We hand out printed materials of information for you to take home and share. The majority of the time it is left on the table. Maybe you already know the information but why aren't you sharing it? Part of our first objective is to educate the public. We have big issues coming: 1. Gain voter confidence, learn the system. 2. Education, take it back from the government. 3. Supreme Court, hold it accountable. 4. The Great Reset, know what it means. 5. Tell the world what You stand for.

Our Constitution is under fire by the progressives. How much do you know about the Constitution, it's origin and history? Can you take a stand/defend and quote on any part of the Constitution? I confess, I can't. Eighth grade was decades ago but there's nothing wrong with a good refresher. Twice in the past two years we tried to provide just that. Last year it was understandable that no one wanted to attend because of Covid. This year there was no excuse. Sour grapes? No, just disappointed that our membership didn't back it up. Here was an opportunity to bring in the public. Mr. Dunne offered a unique perspective of our history, the Declaration of Independence and our Constitution in relation to today's culture. Think about the phrase "You can't see the forest for the trees". Sometimes it takes someone on the outside to show us what we are missing in the greater picture.

I pray to the Father that His Grace will be with you and His Holy Spirit will guide you throughout the coming year.

To serve you as President was a privilege and a pleasure.

Thank you.

Teresa Tuttle

Montgomery County Republican Women
President 2020-2021

1. To promote and inform public through political education and activity.
2. To increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government.
3. To facilitate cooperation among the National and State Federation.
4. To foster loyalty to the Republican Party and promote its principles and candidates in all elections, including non-partisan elections.
5. To support the objectives and policies of the Republican National and Tennessee Executive Committees and to work for the election of Republican Party nominees.
6. To attain Diamond Award in 2020 – 2021.