

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



Bill Powers has been the Managing Partner at Wyatt-Johnson Automotive in Clarksville, Tennessee since 1989. Bill is the current City

November 13, 2018 — Bill Powers

of Clarksville, Ward 11 Councilman and is seeking to be reelected to the office in the November 6, 2018 election. He received a Bachelor of Arts, English/History from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and graduated with Honors. He is a graduate of Clarksville High school and attended Capitol Page School for Howard H. Baker, Jr. in Washington, DC from 1972 – 1973.

His civic experience includes graduate, Leadership Clarksville; graduate, Leadership Middle Tennessee; Vice President, CMCSS Education Foundation; Advisory Council, University of Tennessee Alumni Association; board member, Better Business Bureau of Clarksville; Board of Governors, University of Tennessee; board member, Roxy Regional Theatre; Board of Directors at CDE Lightband; Chairman, Clarksville Gas & Water; board member, United Way of Greater Clarksville.

Bill's political experience includes Chairman, Board of Zoning Appeals, City of Clarksville; Board of Convention and Visitors Bureau, City of Clarksville; Charter Revision Committee, City of Clarksville; Finance Committee, City of Clarksville; Board Member/ Past Chairman, Clarksville Parks and Recreation; Parking Commission, City of Clarksville; Power Board, City of

Clarksville; Residential Development Commission, City of Clarksville.

Throughout his life, Bill has drawn his inspiration from his father, Richard Powers, who was a 25-year County Commissioner and an 8-year City Councilman. Although Bill is too humble to share this, a fellow MCRW club member believes this is worth sharing in our newsletter--Bill believes that it's important to give back to the community and that is why he donates each of his City Council paychecks to various Non-profit organizations throughout Clarksville-Montgomery County. Bill is also known for the Wyatt Johnson Pass & Go event which was started in 2009 as a motivation to get more CMCSS students to take Advanced Placement classes and pass the exam with a college credit-earning score. Eligible students participate in Pass & Go for a chance to win a new car from Wyatt Johnson and many other prizes like laptops to help students excel in their academic pursuits.

Bill is married to Fran Johnson Powers and has three children, Spence, Louise, and Henry. *"As the father of a special child, I think I am uniquely qualified to speak for a segment of the population that cannot speak for themselves. I will forever be a champion of children and adults with disabilities."*



Luncheon Meetings

are every first Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am at the Clarksville Country Club.

THIS MONTH, HOWEVER IS THE 2ND TUESDAY due to election on Nov 6. 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 made your reservation by email joanniles@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. [Click here](#) to do online payments.



Reminder for December Meeting...

Start gathering your White elephant items for our December 4th meeting. We will not have a speaker for that meeting but will browse our white elephant items, have a wonderful meal, and enjoy being together. Bring your slightly used items and home made baked goods.



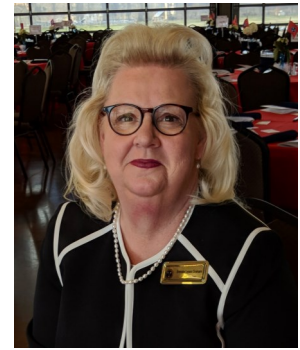
A Message from Your President

By now you know our dear friend, cherished volunteer, former president, and always proud Republican woman **Joy Huggins** has passed away. She leaves a void in her family that will be felt for ages and I know we will continue to offer our kindness and prayers for each of them. **We** will also feel her absence as we are eternally grateful that our paths crossed with hers.

The last time Joy and I were together, we were writing postcards to encourage women to vote for Marsha. We laughed, gossiped a bit, and knew the work we were doing was important and lasting. From teaching, to rearing a family, to shepherding women across the state – Joy knew the goodness that comes from doing work that matters.

It wasn't more than 100 years ago that women in this very state would change the course of history for women across the country and around the world. Women, thanks to the Volunteer State, would finally get the right to vote and be made constitutionally whole. Women in Tennessee have a long history of doing the work that matters.

Two weeks from now, we'll head to the polls and cast our ballots once again. We'll proudly select Republicans who carry our banner and our cause and will continue in a long line of Tennessee women doing good things. I don't know about you, but I'll be thinking of Joy inside the voting booth and be even more grateful for all the women I know who have worked tirelessly to change the world.




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Joy Dickens Huggins



Joy was 71 years old, born on February 27, 1947 and should not have left this earth and her family and friends so soon — Jim Huggins, Jennifer Overby Mead and Jason Overby and four granddaughters whom she cherished.

Many of you know Joy from her years as a Teacher and Guidance Counselor, which she did for 45 years but most of us met and enjoyed Joy's intelligence and kindness from her involvement with our club, when she became a member in September 2013.

Joy served as my 1st Vice President from 2014 through 2015 and then became President and served from 2016 through 2017. In 2018, she began her term as the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women Area 5A Vice-President for five TFRW Clubs. She served the Montgomery County Republican Party as Events chairman for 2016 through 2018 and was elected in August 2018 as a Tennessee GOP State Executive Committee-woman.

Joy told me that she used to wonder how life would be when she retired; well, she really found out! I'm not looking forward to going on trips without her. We loved Joy so much and will greatly miss her beautiful presence.

—Marie Tillman



It's almost time!

The 110th General Assembly
Ashley Elizabeth Graham
Legislative Committee Chair

Tennessee ranks in the bottom of voter participation nationwide and Clarksville doesn't fare much better in statewide lists. Vote early, vote on Election Day, vote with an absentee ballot- but make sure you vote. Much too much of the direction of our city, state, and nation depends on your vote. Grab some girlfriends and go exercise your civic duty!

Of course, we aren't the only ones voting this month. With a new Tennessee General Assembly coming up in Nashville, it's time again for House and Senate leadership votes. Look for those to take place in late November and early December. With a new Speaker in the House and a few new faces in the Senate (on top of an inauguration for a new Governor in January), it's going to be an interesting first session of the General Assembly.

I'm looking forward to the action and keeping you all updated. As always, let me know if you're headed to the Capitol and if I can help in any way!

Ashley Elizabeth Graham

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CARING FOR OUR MEMBERS

We lost a dear friend and leader, **Joy Dickens Huggins**. She passed away on Saturday, October 21, 2018. Online Obituary [click here](#).

Congratulations to Ashley Elizabeth Graham Johnson on her recent marriage on September 29, 2018. We wish she and hubby, Don, many years of happiness.

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.



Don't forget to bring your cards to the November and December meeting for the **Soldiers' Angels Card Drive**.

This is one of our projects for the "Caring for America" program. The cards should be new/unused birthday, anniversary, etc. cards, with envelopes. They will be sent to our military overseas so that they are available to service members to send home. Please, No Glitter on cards or envelopes. For more information, contact Syndi Carlson.



Joy Huggins and **Marie Tillman** represented Tennessee and Montgomery County Republican Women at the NFRW Fall Annual Board Meeting on September 14-15, 2018 at The Westin Alexandria in Alexandria, Virginia. Others attending from Tennessee were Barbara Trautman, TFRW President, Linda D. Buckles and Gale Morton,

both from Bristol RW Club.

This photo was taken on September 14, 2018 outside the NFRW headquarters in Alexandria, VA, where we attended a reception that NFRW hosted to celebrate 80 years as a federation. Inside the Headquarters, we had our picture taken in front of the Tennessee Room — a beautiful **restroom**! The three of us met up with some wonderful ladies from South Carolina and had what we always en-



joyed doing together — a glass of wine, or two . . . ! And again, a glass of wine . . . ! What a wonderful time we enjoyed. This was my last trip with Joy. I will never forget it.



MELP DONATION

The Montgomery County Republican Women Club's Literacy/Education Committee chair, **Ellen Twombly** and President **Brenda Lewis Graham** presented two books to the Montgomery County Public Library on October 9, 2018. The books are presented through the Mamie Eisenhower Library Project (MELP). This is the National Federation of Republican Women's oldest program, celebrating more than 50 years of book donations from an approved list to schools, libraries, hospitals and other public institutions.

The books that were donated by the Montgomery County Republican Women's Club were "One Flag, One America" (2018) by Michelle Hirstius and "No Place for a Woman: A Life of Senator Margaret Chase Smith" (1999) by Janann Sherman, which were two of the books on the NFRW Literacy Committee recommended list.



Ellen Twombly, Brenda Lewis Graham & Martha Hendricks, Montgomery County Librarian



**Montgomery GOP
Headquarters**

**Wednesday, Thursday and
Saturday
10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**ELECTION
2018**

There will be information regarding the results of the November 6th elections in the next newsletter.

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 **77 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 and pay by online form.](#)



Each One Bring One



If you would like to have a name badge with a magnet back, contact Gayle Longton.

Opinion | Blackburn deserves her widespread Clarksville support

Patricia Allen, Contributed Published 12:05 p.m. CT Sept. 25, 2018

C'mon folks. You know Marsha Blackburn. Apparently you are very happy to have her representing you in Congress because you have overwhelmingly elected her eight times as a representative from our 7th Congressional District.

Ask any soldier at Fort Campbell if they like Congressman Blackburn. No one has done more for our troops. She has met with generals, sergeants, privates, even going to Afghanistan to let them see her supporting them and their needs. Ask our business leaders, union workers, Chamber of Commerce, Sheriff's Department, the man on the street if they praise Marsha Blackburn.

When I was unable to obtain my father's war record from World War II, I called Marsha Blackburn's office. They worked with me for two years, ordering two congressional searches, until we were finally successful.

Marsha is the Energizer Bunny, so no job is too small to merit her attention. She is serving as a congressional committee chairman to stop illegal sex trafficking. She has exposed the heinous selling of aborted fetal body parts. She has impressed her congressional co-workers so that she will have influence with her senatorial colleagues who hold the majority. Marsha will be able to pass bills that we support.

So if you are a Clarksvillian who needs a problem solved or your voice heard, elect Congressman Marsha Blackburn because she can help.

Patricia Allen
Clarksville

Regular Monthly Club Meetings

MCRWC — 1st Tuesday — 11:30 am
November 13, 2018
December 4, 2018
Clarksville Country Club

RRRW — 3rd Saturday — 9:30 am
November 17, 2018
The Looking Glass

Montgomery County GOP
4th Tuesday — 7:00 pm
November 27, 2018

Committee Chairs

Americanism
Willi Frank
Armed Forces/ Homeland Security
Willi Frank
Budget & Finance
Cheryl Chapin
By-Laws
Teresa Tuttle
Campaign Hours
Nicole O'Connor
Caring for America
Diane Green—Chair
Marty Matthews—CoChair
Chaplain
Barbara Corley
Club Achievement Awards
Pat Allen
Communications
Joy Huggins
Facebook & Website
Marie Tillman
Fundraising
Nicole O'Connor
Historian
Juanita Golson
Leadership
Niesha Wolfe
Legislative
Ashley Elizabeth Graham
Literacy/Education
Ellen Twombly
Luncheon Reservations
Joan Niles
Newsletter Editor
Marie Tillman
Parliamentarian
Pat Allen
Publicity
Joy Huggins
Voter Registration
Peggy Vaughn

From our Cookbook...

Delicious Potato Soup

Mabel Hester

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- 7-12 cups peeled, chopped potatoes (or a 2 pound bag frozen hash brown potatoes)
- 1 (10-3/4 ounce) can cream of chicken soup

- 1 or 2 onions, chopped
- 1 (10-3/4 ounce) can cream of celery soup
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 (8-ounce) carton sour cream

In a large saucepan, combine potatoes and onions and add enough water to cover. Cook until tender. Stir in soups, salt, and pepper until well blended. Add sour cream just before serving. Heat but do not boil. (If soup is too thick, add small amount of warm water to thin.)