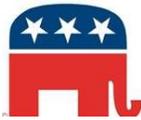


"There's a Place for you at our Table"



Curtis Johnson

TN Speaker Pro-Tempore

Curtis has always been very supportive of the local Montgomery GOP, and especially this club. He has been an encouragement for many newcomers to the political arena and works very hard to get them elected.

In January 2018, Curtis became the chair for Speaker Beth Harwell's Taskforce on Opioid Abuse.

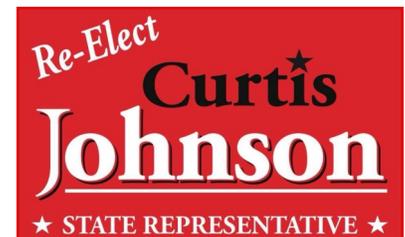
If you live in the 68th district, you may receive a weekly newsletter from Curtis when the General Assembly is in session. This is very helpful for his constituents.

This past session, Curtis served on several House committees, including Calendar and Rules, Finance, Ways and Means, Government Operations, Business and Utilities, Business and Utilities Subcommittee, Rules, Joint Government Operations, and Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Agriculture Subcommittees. Follow Curtis on [FACEBOOK](#) and/or on [Twitter](#).

Curtis Johnson, who has represented the 68th district in the Tennessee House of Representatives since 2005, will be our speaker on Tuesday, September 4th, at 11:30 am at the Clarksville Country Club.

Curtis has been Speaker Pro Tempore of the Tennessee House of Representatives since January 2013 and is now seeking to become the next Speaker, with the encouragement of the current Speaker, Beth Harwell.

Curtis received his education at Clarksville High and APSU where he received his bachelor's degree. He is a small business owner, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, attends First Presbyterian church and is married to Marsha Johnson, who is a member of MCRW, and has three children and four grandchildren.



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.

[Click here](#) to do online payments.



Constitution Day commemorates the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution by thirty-nine brave men on **September 17, 1787**, recognizing all who are born in the U.S. or by naturalization, have become citizens. Celebrate our Constitution on Monday, September 17, 2018.

A Message from Your President

This month we're honored to celebrate the 231st birthday of our beloved Constitution of the United States. We celebrate George Washington, president over the Continental Congress who adopted our shared contract. We celebrate James Madison who would become known as the author of our Constitution. And we celebrate the 39 signers – Jonathan Dayton, the youngest at age 26 and Benjamin Franklin, the oldest at age 81 – who pledged their lives and sacred honor to the document creating and setting apart a government whose structure is still the envy of the free world.

After it's signing, the drafted and detailed document went to the President of the Continental Congress for reception and distribution to the states for approval. We, blessedly, know how this story ends, but I wanted to leave you with a paragraph from our dear George Washington and his letter to President of the Continental Congress:

In all our deliberations on this subject we kept steadily in our view, that which appears to us the greatest interest of every true American, the consolidation of our Union, in which is involved our prosperity, felicity, safety, perhaps our national existence. This important consideration, seriously and deeply impressed on our minds, led each State in the Convention to be less rigid on points of inferior magnitude, than might have been otherwise expected; and thus the Constitution, which we now present, is the result of a spirit of amity, and of that mutual deference and concession which the peculiarity of our political situation rendered indispensable.

I encourage you all to spend a few days this September reading our Constitution, sharing links on your social media feeds, and celebrating the words that bound together helped make us free.



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

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 remember our TFRW Treasurer, N'Gaijo Wesenberg, as she continues to receive intense treatment in Kansas City. N'gaijo was on her way to Utah for a vacation and received a call from her doctor regarding the blood test from the previous week. She was told to go IMMEDIATELY to the nearest hospital and check herself in! She was diagnosed with an aggressive leukemia. Please pray for her daily! If you'd like to send her a card, Marie Tillman can give you her address.

The 110th General Assembly *Ashley Elizabeth Graham*
Legislative Committee Chair



It's good to start with the end in mind and as we go about campaign season, remember one of the yearly goals for our club – the Diamond Award. Keep track of your volunteer hours, your phone banking hours, the photos you post with elected officials on social media – all of it. Keep up with it as we start to gather all the Diamond award information this year and make your campaign work count twice!

2018 – 2019 Club Officers

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August 2, 2018 State Primary and County General Winners

The August 2, 2018 State Primary and County General election is over and we are now preparing for the November 2, 2018 State General and City Elections.

County General Election

The August election was very exciting for us as Republicans and we want to congratulate those members of MCRW **Joy Huggins** who won her race as **State Committeewoman District 22** and **Loretta Bryant** who took the **County Commission seat for District 16**. We were sad that **Corinthia Elder** was defeated for the County Trustee but we are very proud of her for the outstanding campaign she conducted.

Other Republicans in the County General election who were successful were **Joel Wallace, State Committeeman District 22**; **Jim Durrett, County Mayor**; **John Gannon, County Commission District 1**; **Joe Smith, County Commission District 3**; **Joe Creek, County Commission District 11**; **Jason Knight, County Commission, District 18**; **John Fuson, County Sheriff**; **Cheryl Castle, Circuit Court Clerk**; **Kellie Jackson, County Clerk**; and **Connie Gunnett, Register of Deeds**. These people will be sworn into office on September 4, 2018.

State Primary Election

Congratulations to our Republican can-

didates who won these races. **Bill Lee, Governor**; **Marsha Blackburn, United States Senate**; **Mark Green, US House of Representatives District 7**; **Tommy Vallejos, TN House of Representatives District 67**; **Curtis Johnson, TN House of Representatives, District 68**; and **Jay Reedy, TN House of Representatives District 74**. These candidates will be on the **November 6, 2018** ballot with Democratic opponents. We need to work very hard for all of them so we can retain our seats in both the United States Senate and House of Representatives and the Tennessee House. If you would like to see all of the results, you can [click here](#).

Montgomery County GOP Hosts Marsha Blackburn Victory Watch

August 2, 2018 was a historic night for Montgomery County! **Marsha Blackburn** selected our Headquarters as the place to hold her watch party and how busy and exciting that was to experience! Montgomery County Republican Women worked very hard to prepare the venue for news media and Marsha's staff people and provided finger desserts for guests. Pizza and drinks were served and the excitement was breathtaking!

If you would like to see the video on FACEBOOK, you can [click here](#).

Montgomery GOP Headquarters

The headquarters office has returned to being open to three days a week for visitors and picking up of campaign signs and literature, purchasing jewelry and election merchandise.

The headquarters will now be open the following days and hours.

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

Many thanks to each of you Montgomery County Republican Women who volunteer.

"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



TFRW Board Meeting & Iris Fund Luncheon August 18, 2018

The quarterly board meeting for the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women was held at the newly remodeled Richland Country Club in Nashville.

The meeting was combined with the **Iris Fund Luncheon** and was a tremendous success. There were over 50 items submitted for the silent auction and Montgomery County Republican Women had a beautiful basket entry. Bunches of THANKS goes to **Nicole O'Connor** for her hard work in getting this together.

Look at the items in this "basket". It really became a beautiful gift for our Club to donate to the Iris Fund silent auction. Thank you, Nicole, for making it so beautiful!

As always, MCRW makes a \$500.00 donation to this fund and that has also been submitted. If you received your [Iris Messenger](#), you learned about this TFRW Political Action Committee fund.

Those attending from Montgomery County Republican Women were **Marie Tillman**, TFRW 2nd Vice President; **Joy Huggins**, TFRW Area 5A Vice President; **Teresa Tuttle**, TFRW Chaplain; and **Willi Frank**, MCRW Americanism and Armed Services/Homeland Security Chair.

Guest speaker was **Maria Lee**, the wife of our Republican Gubernatorial Candidate (soon to be Tennessee First Lady!). She gave a delightful speech and said it would have been easier for her if we all had been third graders! She will be a great first lady . . . Don't you think?

Susan Wall, Nashville RW Club, chaired the event and **Stacy Ries Snyder** and **Bill Rankin** provided patriotic music at various points in the program.

Congratulations to **Sandra Feltner** who won the "30 Day Challenge" drawing!

It was a delightful event and "*wish you could have been there!*"



**State General and City Election
Tuesday, November 6, 2018**

- Voter Registration Deadline - Tuesday, October 9, 2018
- Early Voting - Wednesday, October 17 - Thursday, November 1, 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)

Governor – Bill Lee
 United States Senate – Marsha Blackburn
 United States House of Representatives – Mark Green
 TN House District 67 – Tommy Vallejos
 TN House District 68 – Curtis Johnson
 TN House District 74 – Jay D. Reedy



Qualified Candidates City General Election

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>BALLOT NAME</u>
City Mayor	DaJuan Little
City Mayor	Kim McMillan
City Mayor	Joe Pitts
City Mayor	Bill Summers
City Council - Ward 1	Richard Garrett
City Council - Ward 1	Sabrina Gillespie
City Council - Ward 2	Vondell Richmond
City Council - Ward 6	DeMone A. Chestnut
City Council - Ward 6	Menzo Faassen
City Council - Ward 6	Stephanie Huffman
City Council - Ward 6	Wanda Smith
City Council - Ward 7	Travis A. Holleman
City Council - Ward 7	James T. "Jim" Mann
City Council - Ward 7	Sam Weems
City Council - Ward 7	Joe Weyant
City Council - Ward 10	Mike Alexander
City Council - Ward 10	Stacey Streetman
City Council - Ward 11	Bill Powers

**State General and City of Clarksville Election
November 6, 2018**

Early Voting Dates and Times

Oct 17 – Nov 1, 2018

**Early Voting is held at the Election Commission Office

Oct 17, Wed.....8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 18, Thur.....8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 19, Fri.....8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 20, Sat.....9 a.m. to Noon
 22, Mon.....8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 23, Tue.....8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 24, Wed.....8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 25, Thur.....8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 26, Fri.....8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 27, Sat.....9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 29, Mon.....8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 30, Tue.....8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 31, Wed.....8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 Nov 1, Thur.....8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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 **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.](#)

Our Club ranks as the number 7th largest club in Tennessee out of 50. If we work really hard, we can move right back up!

Regular Monthly Club Meetings

MCRWC — 1st Tuesday — 11:30 am
 September 4, 2018
 October 2 2018
 Clarksville Country Club

RRRW—3rd Saturday — 9:30 am
 September 15
 The Looking Glass

Montgomery County GOP
 4th Tuesday — 7:00 pm
 September 25 2018
 GOP Headquarters



... FROM NFRW MEMBERSHIP

“WATCH US GROW!”

As NFRW grows larger, we will have a stronger impact on the upcoming critical elections. It is up to us—each of us—to make this goal a reality. We need everyone to adopt our 2018-2019 slogan, “Each One, Bring One, Watch Us Grow!” on all your written materials, correspondence, placards, and signs. Consider creating stickers for use at your meetings or other events. It has also been suggested that we share our slogan with political candidates. They could alter the slogan to read “Each One, Bring One—a Voter to the Polls!”



Together, we will make NFRW even greater. **Just think how our clubs will grow if each of us brings in just one new member.** Let’s build our membership so high it scrapes the clouds. If we are energetic and enthusiastic, it will be infectious and galvanize our members.

- Tennessee was one of the 8 states that achieved 95% to 100% Membership retention with a rating of 104%!

We are pleased that our guest speaker today, Representative Curtis Johnson, submitted a recipe for our cookbook. Try it out and tell him at the meeting how much you enjoyed it!



From our Cookbook...

Cheese Dip

Curtis Johnson

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- 1 (8-ounce) package of cream cheese, room temperature
- 3 green onions, chopped
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup sharp Cheddar cheese
- 6 Ritz Crackers
- 1/2 cup Hormel Bacon Bits
- 1/2 cup pepper jelly (red or green), melted in microwave for 20 seconds
- 1/8 cup pecan chips

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Mix cream cheese, onions, mayonnaise and Cheddar cheese together in a bowl. Spread in a small casseroled dish. Bake 10 minutes. Sprinkle cheese with Ritz crackers and Hormel Bacon Bits, baking for 5 more minutes. Spread pepper jelly and pecan chips on top next and serve with crackers. Enjoy!

Committee Chairs

- Americanism
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- Armed Forces/ Homeland Security
Willi Frank
- Budget & Finance
Cheryl Chapin
- By-Laws
Teresa Tuttle
- Campaign Hours
Nicole O'Connor
- Caring for America
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