



# Montgomery County Republican Women

January 5, 2016



TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016  
LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM  
CLARKSVILLE COUNTRY CLUB  
11:30 AM

SPEAKER: VICKIE KOELMAN



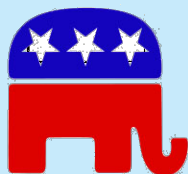
Vickie Koelman, who is the Administrator of Elections for Montgomery County, a position she has held for the last 25 years. Vickie earned her degree in Business Administration and Information Systems from Middle Tennessee State University. She is a graduate of Leadership Clarksville, and lives in Woodlawn, TN where she is a member of Woodlawn United Methodist Church.

Vickie is the proud mother of married daughter Samantha, who is an industrial engineer employed by the Carlisle Tire Company in Knoxville, TN. She is also the proud grandmother of Samantha's two little girls, 8 year old Izzie Beth and 2 year old Teagan Brooke.

Vickie will talk to us about Montgomery County's first presidential primary election on March 1. Early voting begins on February 10, which is only five weeks after our meeting, so her appearance is very timely.

## IMPORTANT DATES REGARDING MARCH PRIMARY ELECTION

- February 1, 2016 Voter registration deadline.
- February 10, 2016 First day to vote early in person in the Primary
- March 1, 2016 ELECTION DAY for Presidential Preference Primary and County Primary





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## 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 2016-2017.

## OUR PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



My warmest Happy New Year Greetings for you and your family.

Thank you for the opportunity to be the President of the Montgomery County Republican Women for the 2016-17 term. I feel very fortunate and somewhat anxious to be an elected leader in these challenging times. With your help, the next two years can be successful and productive.

The Republican Party is facing a challenge unequal to any of the past. Unless we are able to unite and elect a Republican President the party

will be on a pathway to extinction. The American freedoms that we have known in our lifetime will be no more for our children/grandchildren and future generations. It is up to each of us to be an influencing force in our community, state and nation.

Let it be the goal of each of us this year to give of our time and resources to see that the values and principles of the Republican Party remain .

“Let us be sure that those who come after will say of us in our time, that in our time we did everything that could be done. We finished the race; we kept them free; we kept the faith.”

Ronald Reagan

Republicans must come together and put a Republican in the White House in 2016.

Have a safe and healthy January and I will see you in February.

**Joy D. Huggins**  
President MCRW





**MAKING RESERVATIONS TO ATTEND MCRW MONTHLY LUNCHEONS**

Luncheon Meetings are every first Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am at the Clarksville Country Club. Cost is \$19.

**Make check to MCRW. (make a separate check for cookbooks or other items.)**

**Joan Niles** will send out an email request for reservations prior to the luncheon. Please respond to her as to whether you will attend or not, by clicking "Reply" with a **yes** or a **no**. **She requests that everyone please indicate their name when they reply by email.**

You can also let Joan know by contacting her at **joanniles@gmail.com** or calling her at 616-450-2800

**The deadline for making your reservation is by 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 they may telephone the reservation to Joan at the above number. Thank you.

**Club Brochures and Luncheon Invitations are available for download on our Website shown below.**

Club Website:  
<http://montgomerycountyrepublicanwomentn.com>  
Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Montgomery-County-Republican-WomenTN/122931744422322>  
*(press ctrl key while hovering over site to open.)*



**YOU MAY PAY YOUR DUES NOW FOR 2015.** Just \$25 per year! Men may join as **Associate Members** for \$10 per year and their dues are also due now.

**You may pay your 2016 Dues before the end of this year.**

Make all checks payable to MCRW. 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 now have **84 paid members and 16 paid associate members.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR WEBSITE**

I wanted to let you know that the website <http://www.montgomerycountyrepublicanwomentn.com> has a new look! I've spent a lot of time trying to get "just the right" look that I wanted and I'm pretty much pleased with what I came up with for it. Let me know what you think.

To remind you, the Website is a very helpful tool for you as a member of MCRWC. You can download an application to give to your friends or to renew your membership; download a brochure to give as information about the Club and the Federation. I encourage to go on the website and download these and pass on to those whom you believe would like to become part of the Republican cause and work within a group of like-minded ladies.

You can also find out what is going on at the upcoming meeting, see pictures of past meetings, get and give copies of past Newsletters, find names of your representatives on the Resources link, get voting information, and much more. Look it over and let

me know if there's something you think we need to add.

\*\*\* I've also added a secure MEMBER page where those who are full paid members can go and get a listing of members and download a copy of the Bylaws. If there's anything else that only members need to have, it will also be put here. As you renew your membership, I will add your email address to the list of the group and you'll receive an invitation like this, which you'll activate and you can also reset your password so only you know what it is: *"You've been invited to access MCRW. To allow this, the website administrator has created an account for you. Your username is \_\_, and your password is \_\_\_\_. Please click the link below to activate your account"*. Some of you may have already received this and if you have, it is legitimate! Follow the link to activate your authorization to join the MCRWC secure group. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do that ASAP!

**Marie Tillman  
Communications — Website**







# Preamble to the United States Constitution

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.



## \*RECAPPING RED TO THE ROOTS

### TNGOP Celebrates a Historic August 2015 Election Night NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Tennessee is officially red to the roots.

Across the Volunteer State last night, Republican leaders were elected to numerous positions at the county and judicial levels thanks to the help of the Tennessee Republican Party’s Red to the Roots program.



Designed to be an intensive on-the-ground effort that matched campaign infrastructure with volunteers from around the state to help local candidates, Red to the Roots exceeded expectations. The program essentially allowed county and judicial candidates to have access to the same benefits Republican nominees for federal or legislative positions typically receive from the Tennessee Republican Party. In most places, this meant Republican campaigns were able to overwhelm their opponents in the mailbox, inbox, and voicemail leading to a historic wave of victories around the state.

*“Early last summer, I sat down with my staff to develop a plan that would broaden the base of the Republican Party in Tennessee,”* recounted Tennessee Republican Party Chairman **Chris Devaney**. *“We found that a unique opportunity was coming up in 2014 — county and judicial elections that only take place once every eight years. So we developed Red to the Roots, an effort designed to mirror the Republican National Committee’s ground game. We put in place a strong field team armed with mobile VOIP systems, micro-targeting data, and an army of volunteers. Last night, our concept proved to be phenomenally successful.”*

Some highlights of the Red to the Roots program include:

- Over 765,000 voter contacts made with the program through calls and door knocks.
- Over 270,000 mailings on behalf of Republican nominees in Tennessee, saving \$40,500 for the TNGOP.
- Because of this, priority races were won across the state including 15 of the Party’s top 20 races.
- The Republican base was expanded in crucial areas such as Shelby, Davidson, and Knox Counties for the November election.

Devaney continued, *“None of this would have been possible without the incredible candidates who came forward to serve in their communities and the committed group of volunteers who backed them. All these individuals played a crucial part in the success we witnessed.”*

*“Because of these efforts, we likely elected more Republicans to office with one coordinated statewide effort last night than we ever have before. Not only did we elect the next generation of Republican leaders, we took out the next generation of Democratic opponents. If there was ever any doubt, it was put to rest last night: Tennessee is firmly red to the roots,”* he concluded.

The Party will be releasing additional statistics in the coming weeks detailing the breadth and depth of the Red to the Roots success. Election night victory statements for some of the significant Red to the Roots wins from the TNGOP can be found by clicking [here](#) and [here](#).

\* A Reprint from [TNGOP.org](http://TNGOP.org) Website.