



May Meeting is **May 8, 2018** due to the Primary on May 1. Our speaker is

Montgomery County Sheriff John Fuson

John Fuson began his law enforcement career with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office in March of 1998 as a reserve deputy. He has held various full-time positions with the Sheriff's Office and currently serves as Sheriff of Montgomery County with over 20 years of dedicated service to our citizens.

John's political career began on August 5, 2010 when he was elected to the 7th District of the Montgomery County Commission where he served on seven committees. During his tenure as County Commissioner, John was elected by fellow County Commissioners from across Middle Tennessee, to represent them as Director of the Tennessee County Commissioners Association. Only the

second Montgomery County Commissioner to be elected to this position.

John was selected to fill the vacancy in the Office of Sheriff on December 10, 2012 after incumbent Sheriff Norman Lewis lost his battle with cancer. John was preparing to run for Sheriff in the 2014 County General Election prior to his appointment. He subsequently won that election among a field of 4 other candidates with 58% of the vote. He is currently unopposed in the Montgomery County May 1 Primary and will be the GOP candidate in the August general Election.

During his tenure, Sheriff Fuson has successfully and conservatively managed five Multi Million-Dollar budgets, reorganized staff to increase the law enforcement presence on our streets and in our schools, and nearly doubled the case/solve rate for our Criminal Investigations. He has also improved the training program for his staff to ensure their safety and the safety of the public that they serve. Sheriff Fuson has also worked closely with State leaders and has consistently had more State Inmates removed from our local jail than before. This has kept our state inmate population to its lowest in ten years, saving thousands of local tax dollars.

Sheriff Fuson is currently a member of and works closely with the Tennessee Sheriff's Association. He was recently selected by his peers to represent them on the Board of Directors as Vice President for Middle Tennessee. He also serves on the Legislative Committee for the Tennessee Sheriffs Association and continues to work closely with the Tennessee General Assembly and Sheriff's across our state, to toughen laws that directly affect the safety of our citizens.



Community and civic involvement is also very prominent in John's life. He recently completed his 18th year of coaching for the Woodlawn Little League where he has held various positions on the board of directors, up to and including president. John is a member of the National and Tennessee Sheriff's Associations, and a graduate of Leadership Clarksville 2013. He supports our local Volunteer Fire Departments, Big Brothers / Big Sisters, Boys and Girl Scouts of America, Safe House, Crime Stoppers, LEAP, and the Disabled American & Vietnam Veterans Associations.

Sheriff Fuson currently holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Bethel University, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude. He also attended Austin Peay State University where he studied Public Management, Police Science and Administration, and Criminal Justice.

John is a devoted husband of 24 years to Jennifer Rawlings Fuson and father of three children; Holly, Sarah, and Cole Fuson. He enjoys spending what free time he has hay farming, golfing, camping, and spending quality time with his family. John and his family are Christians and members of Blooming Grove Baptist Church in Woodlawn where they reside.

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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 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.

Candidate Forum and Debate

Congratulations to Pam Johnson and her team, Nancy Adkison, Opal Kennedy, Syndi Carlson, Val Throckmorton, on the success of the recent Candidate Forum and Debate hosted by Montgomery County Republican Women on **April 7, 2018**.

The candidates who participated in the panel discussion were County Mayor, Jim Durrett; County Commission candidates for – District 3, Joe Smith; District 8, Ronald Sokol, District 18, Jason D. Knight; Trustee Candidates Corinthia Elder and Keith T. Norris; and School Board District 1, Lamar Coker. Rita Wilson, Chairman of the Election Commission introduced the candidates and Dr. David Kanervo was the Moderator. We extend thanks to all who attended and look forward to another event of this type in the fall for the August 2 State Primary and General Election candidates.



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.



A Message from Your President

With Mother's Day right around the corner, I'm reminded of the strength, grace, and determination of so many of our Founding Mothers. From Martha Washington to Abigail Adams, Nancy Reagan to our current First Lady, it seems America's drive to destiny has been powered and empowered by these mighty women. It is fitting to remember them as Mothers all to this great nation.

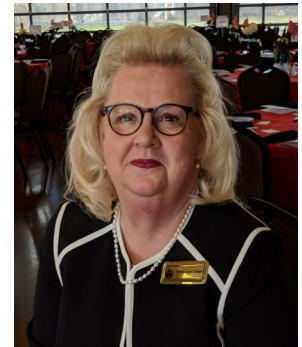
Of course, perhaps no Republican woman shaped our history quite like our own Barbara Pierce Bush. One of only two First Ladies to both marry and parent a president, Mrs. Bush was the only First Lady to have lived through her son's terms in office. It's easy to call to mind her wit, her poise, and her fierce devotion to her family. As we reflect on her life, I hope we remember her boundless compassion and her requirement that every person be treated with kindness. Her mark on this country, on her family, and on my family will not be forgotten. I know you join me in offering our prayers

to her family as they navigate life without their strong and powerful matriarch.

As we focus on the ladies, the moms, the aunts, and the women in our life, I look to the women in our own club for inspiration. Members of our club have served in the Armed Forces, placed their name on ballots for public office, and have reared strong women who have gone out into the world to make their own good. Women all determined – with the grace and poise of our own Founding Mothers – to change the world.

I spend this Mother's Day with a new title and as I look at each of you, I'm grateful for all you have done and will do to create a better city, state, country, and world for my granddaughter. While we might not all hold the title and power of our beloved First Ladies, know you're following well in the footsteps they've left.

I'm grateful for each of you and hope your Mother's Day is full of love. Thank you for the love and service you give!




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

When you read this, hopefully, the 2nd Session of the 110th General Assembly will have adjourned sine die. Latin for without day, it's the parliamentary term for the end of a legislative body. The 110th General Assembly dissolved, we await the elections in November and the creation of the 111th General Assembly in January!

Before we get into 2019 – which I'm sure will come much too quickly – I wanted to share with you highlights from this year's recently passed state budget. Constitutionally, passing a budget and funding the state is one of the few required activities for both legislative chambers, but as tradition, the House and the Senate wait until the very last days of Session to pass the budget – and then getting out of town and back home as fast as possible. ☺

The 2018 -2019 total state budget of \$37,632,526,800 and includes:

- \$247 million to K-12 education
- \$119.3 million for higher education
- a \$50 million increase to the Rainy Day fund for a total of \$850 million (the highest amount ever)
- an investment of \$80 million to FastTrack Job development
- a direct investment of \$14.5 million to Rural Development
- and invests \$460 million in our state assets with capital maintenance and construction.

This fiscally sound budget does not grow at a greater rate than the growth of the economy, funds an additional \$30 million for school safety, and contains base budget reductions totaling \$78.6 million.

Tennessee maintains her rate of being one of the best managed states in the Union. This is a strong, conservative budget we can be proud of and champion. As always, let me know if you have any questions and I'll find an answer for you.

Up next month? Legislative races to watch across the state.

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.

Welcome To THE TEAM

We are SO EXCITED that we have brand new members who have joined our TFRW Club in the last few months. Some of them are even first time members of the TFRW and some of them have been members but have become part of our team now. To this date, in 2018, we have added to our TEAM Lori Cribbs, Ashley Elizabeth Graham, Doris Wells, Jennifer Mead, Elizabeth Black, Susan Donato, Delores Bonnell, Gail Longton, Nanette Kenyon and Daisy Crowley. Away and returning are Sue Ellen Yates, Camilla Green, Polly Wallace Parker, Pam Whitfield, Val Throckmorton, Demetra Boyd, Jacklyn Bryant, Lori Smith, Janet Nelson, Kristina Raines as an Associate, and new as an Associate, Jennifer Cornell.

Some of these ladies have ALREADY become active volunteers in many parts of our Club and for this we are very grateful! Thank you, ladies — and **WELCOME!**

“Each One Bring One”

If you received your **TFRW Iris Messenger** on April 4, 2018, you will remember that our State President, Barbara Trautman reported several highlights from the NFRW Spring Board Meeting in Washington, DC on March 22-24, 2018.

In regard to membership, she reported, *“Because national membership is down, increasing membership is a main concern. The NFRW Membership Goal is to increase membership by 20%. The theme is “Each One Bring One.” President Rushton has asked State Presidents to challenge our clubs to increase membership by 20%. She asks us to identify every single member for renewal and to reach back for members.”*

We have a good start on that theme because of the good work that our 2nd Vice President of Membership, **Opal Kennedy** is doing. She has taken the time to make labels, place them on cards, and bring them to each meeting for

several months in hopes that each of you will take at least one of these cards with past members’ names and information. She is asking that you take a few minutes to either call, email, and or phone the person on the card and encourage her to return to the Club.

We need all of our team members off of the bench in order to get Republicans elected and re-elected to positions — local area races all the way up to the national races. And, it takes everyone doing her part. The goal of the Tennessee GOP party chairman, Scott Golden, is to get Tennessee “Red to the Roots”.

Won’t you see Opal and get at least one of these cards? This is the challenge from YOUR President and Executive Committee!!

We are saddened at the recent passing of Mrs. Barbara Bush, the wife of George H.W. Bush, the 41st President of the United States. She was a grand lady and a great First Lady. She will be missed. We are sharing here one of her recipes that is in our Cookbook. This came from the George H.W. Bush Presidential Archives.

From our Cookbook...

Apple Crisp with Orange Juice

Barbara Bush Page 144

4 cups sliced pared tart apples
1/4 cup orange juice
1 cup sugar
3/4 cup flour, sifted
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
Dash of salt
1/3 cup butter
Ice cream, if desired

Mound apples in a buttered pie plate and pour orange juice over them. In a separate bowl, combine sugar, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt; cut in butter until mixture is crumbly. Sprinkle over the apples. Bake at 375 degrees for 45 minutes or until apples are tender and the topping is crisp. Serve warm with ice cream.

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 **64 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.





Ladies' Day on the Hill 2018

On **April 2, 2018**, several members of our Club attended this annual Tennessee Federation of Republican Women Event hosted by the Nashville Republican Women Club.

Early registration began in the hallway outside the House Chambers on the Hill with complimentary coffee, tea and pastries provided. Those from MCRWC who attended were Marie Tillman, Joy Huggins, Brenda Graham, Ashley Elizabeth Graham, Opal Kennedy, Ellen Twombly, Teresa Tuttle and her husband Mike, Joan Niles, Pat Allen, and Willi Frank.

At 10:00 a.m. the program in the House Chambers began with President Barbara Trautman presenting Certificates of Appreciation to Governor Bill and Mrs. Crissy Haslam. This followed with a conversation among candidates for Governor, each one giving a brief statement.

At 11:00 a.m. we were adjourned for photos with clubs from West, Middle and East Tennessee each in the respective group for photos. This took place on the historical staircase just outside the House Chambers.

After photos, we went back over to the Doubletree for the Luncheon and Program with Special Guests and General Assembly Members. The Keynote speakers were Phil Valentine, one of the Nation's top syndicated talk show hosts. He was joined by United States Representative Marsha Blackburn where they reviewed issues they had championed together.

We were so pleased that Representatives Curtis Johnson and Jay Reedy and TN State Senator Mark Green (and US Congress candidate) could join us at our tables for lunch.

Although it was a very rainy and dreary day, we all enjoyed it very much.



Mark Your Calendars . . .



These are some events that we know about which are coming up in the next few weeks. Please support your Republican candidates. If you know of others, please promote them and let us know so we can announce them.

Marsha Blackburn

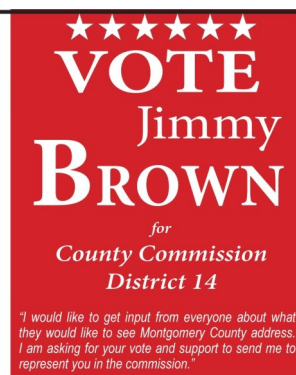
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Reception

Monday, May 21, 2018 — 5:00 -6:30 PM at The Blue House located at 1901 Grant's Chapel Road in Adams, Tennessee. RSVP: <https://give.victorypassport.com/marshablackburn/may-21-reception> or email Dawn Perkerson at dawn@votemarsha.com or call (615) 944-4961



For tickets to the STATESMEN'S DINNER, contact Ashley Harbin Ashley@tngop.org (615-269-4680) USD \$250.00.



to all of you ladies who volunteer at the Montgomery County GOP Headquarters! You are greatly appreciated!

Regular Monthly Club Meetings

MCRWC — 1st Tuesday — 11:30 am
May 8, 2018
June 5, 2018
Clarksville Country Club

RRRW — 3rd Saturday — 9:30 am
May 19, 2018
The Looking Glass

Montgomery County GOP
4th Tuesday — 7:00 pm
May 22, 2018
GOP Headquarters



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