

# Newsletter

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

# Montgomery County Republican Women

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**Joni Bryan, Executive Director**



With a background in social work, teaching and non-profit work, Joni has seen the impact that inspiration can have on the trajectory of a person's life. After enduring a personal trauma and feeling voiceless due to societal pressures, she strives to impart in others that their voice is important and that each person matters and can make a difference.

When asked by a former activist in the civil rights movement when she had last read her Constitution, she was inspired to take action and make a difference. Thus began her mission to empower our youth with a sense of ownership to the document as it belongs to all citizens. The U.S. Constitution inspired Joni to know her value and her rights. She is passionate that our youth of today appreciate and honor our Constitution and understand the relevance in their lives for the present and the future.

### What is the 917 Society?

The 917 Society was founded to celebrate the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787. The name "917" comes from the date 9-17 (September 17th). Everyone is welcome for the opportunity to become a member and contribute to the mission to empower our youth and place a copy of

the Constitution in their hands as a "rite of passage" as they grow in citizenship. The Society works all year preparing for this event.

### Celebrate Constitution Day

September 17, 2020

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.

On September 17, 1787, the delegates to the Constitutional Convention met for the last time to sign the document they had created.

The Bill of Rights: Constitutional Amendments 1-10 were passed by Congress 1789. Ratified December 15, 1791.

### 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 **Teresa Tuttle**, 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 phone at 615-310-3788 or email her at [tuttles1@hotmail.com](mailto:tuttles1@hotmail.com). **We are still in need of someone to take this position, so if you would be willing to do this, please let Teresa know. It would be greatly appreciated.**

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



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## American Revolution with Geoff Baggett

Those who did not attend our August dinner and presentation missed a great and entertaining evening.

Geoff, dressed in his militia uniform, explained the purposes for the items he brought in his "chest" and gave some historic perspective on the American Revolution. He explained that he bases many of the characters in his historical fiction novels on ancestors from his own family tree or from his wife's family tree. Through his interest in genealogy, he has discovered over twenty Patriot ancestors in his family from the states of Virginia, North and South Carolina, and Georgia.



We regret that we were unable to hold our **Constitutional Refresher** workshop that was scheduled for August 8, 2020. We are hoping to reschedule it for a later date, possibly in 2021.

As you work on elections, volunteering at headquarters and for candidates, don't forget to record your hours.

### 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 **Willi Frank**, Corresponding Secretary, their names and addresses so she can send them a card.



We are proud of our members, **Pat Allen** and **Sharon Grimes** who were elected to be Delegates at the RNC Convention and we share in their disappointment that they could not attend the Convention in Charlotte, NC.



# WORK To Help Elect Republicans

**SAVE THE DATE**  
 ★★★ Saturday August 15, 2020  
 3pm – 5pm

DISTRICT 67  
 STATE REPRESENTATIVE

*Come out, meet John!!!  
 Don't forget to pick that  
 BBQ meal too*

RSVP: "Fundraiser for John" at [info@johndawson4tn.org](mailto:info@johndawson4tn.org)  
 or (931) 305-5506 "NLT August 11, 2020"  
 Location: 1817-A Madison St., Ste 1 Clarksville, TN 37042

This was John Dawson's first fundraiser and when he called upon the ladies of the Montgomery County Republican Women to help with food donations — as always — several stepped up and helped him to have a very successful event.

Thanks to **Marie Tillman, Willi Frank, Teresa Tuttle, Brenda Lewis Graham, Opal Kennedy, Terri Rollison, Daisy Crowley, and Gail Longton** for the help and/or food donations.

## This is what Republican Women do!



*"In politics women type the letters, lick the stamps, distribute the pamphlets and get out the vote. . ."* » [Clare Boothe Luce](#)

We also run for office . . . And win!

### 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 2020-2021

### Other Candidates who have qualified for the November ballot. Contact them and see what you can do to help.

- Circuit Court Clerk — Wendy Davis
- City Council - Ward 4 — Wallace Redd
- City Council - Ward 5 — Jason D. Knight
- City Council - Ward 9 — Bradley David Morrow
- U.S. Senator — Bill Hagerty
- U.S. House of Representatives District 7 — Mark Green
- State Senate District 22 — Bill Powers
- TN House of Representatives - Dist. 67 — John W. Dawson
- TN House of Representatives - Dist. 68 — Curtis Johnson
- TN House of Representatives Dist. 74 — Jay Reedy

### Wallace REDD City Council

Wallace Redd, husband of our member Helga Redd, is running for City Council Ward 4 and will be on the November ballot.

He needs our help to reach his constituents and is asking for a lady to work with Helga at their home to make phone calls. Wallace will be paying \$10.00 an hour for anyone who is willing to come to his home and work with Helga. You can contact Helga by phone or text (931-591-3037) or by email at [helgaredd@aol.com](mailto:helgaredd@aol.com) to make arrangements for working for Wallace.

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**REPUBLICAN WOMAN**



# TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

In case you missed it in the Iris Messenger, you can go to the website of the National Federation of Republican Women and read about the recent Zoom Board meeting. <https://www.nfrw.org/news/ArtMID/10689/ArticleID/4668/Tennessee-Federations-First-Virtual-Board-Meeting-Features-Senator-Marsha-Blackburn>

[Click here](#) to watch the video. (Marie introduces Senator Blackburn).

TENNESSEE FEDERATION'S FIRST VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING FEATURES SENATOR MARSHA BLACKBURN

Senator Blackburn has two (2) new books.

MCRW is purchasing copies of "Camilla Can Vote", which Senator Blackburn wrote with her daughter, Mary Morgan Ketchel. You can purchase a copy from Teresa Tuttle at a cost of \$20.00. Be sure to get your copy.

Senator Blackburn has written a new hardback book, "The Mind of a Conservative Woman," to be released on September 1. You will want to get your copy of that one also.

Periodically, you will receive a "Call to Action" from Millie Gump, NFRW Legislation Committee, TFRW Area 9 Vice President and/or Felicia Hix, TFRW Legislation Chair through an Iris Messenger in your email. Please take the time to act on these. They are sent so that you can let your legislators know what you expect of them. They will always have a listing of the legislators with contact information on them.



# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**Please pay your dues for 2020.** Our dues are now **\$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; 931-249-9443-- email: [ksdawson.mcrw@gmail.com](mailto:ksdawson.mcrw@gmail.com)**

You may also pay your dues at the Luncheon meeting.

[Click here](#) to go to the website and download a membership form, pay your membership online, or [fill in and pay by online form.](#)



We want to welcome Tiffanie Stauffer to our club membership and her husband, Neil, has joined us as an Associate. Welcome Tiffanie and Neil!

We now have 75 members and 16 associates.



The **committee chair positions in red** STILL **NEED** to be filled. Please consider volunteering for these.



The Montgomery GOP Headquarters is now open on **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday** from 10 am to 2 pm. You can check the website at

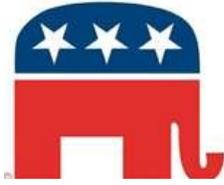
[www.montgomerycountytngop.org](http://www.montgomerycountytngop.org). for updates. **THANK YOU** to all of the Montgomery County Republican Women who volunteer to work at the headquarters. We could not open it without you. We hope that you will continue to volunteer. For those who have not volunteered to work but would like to do so, contact Willi Frank to get on the schedule. Phone her at 931-551-5733 or email [sfwilli@aol.com](mailto:sfwilli@aol.com).

## 2020-2021 Officers

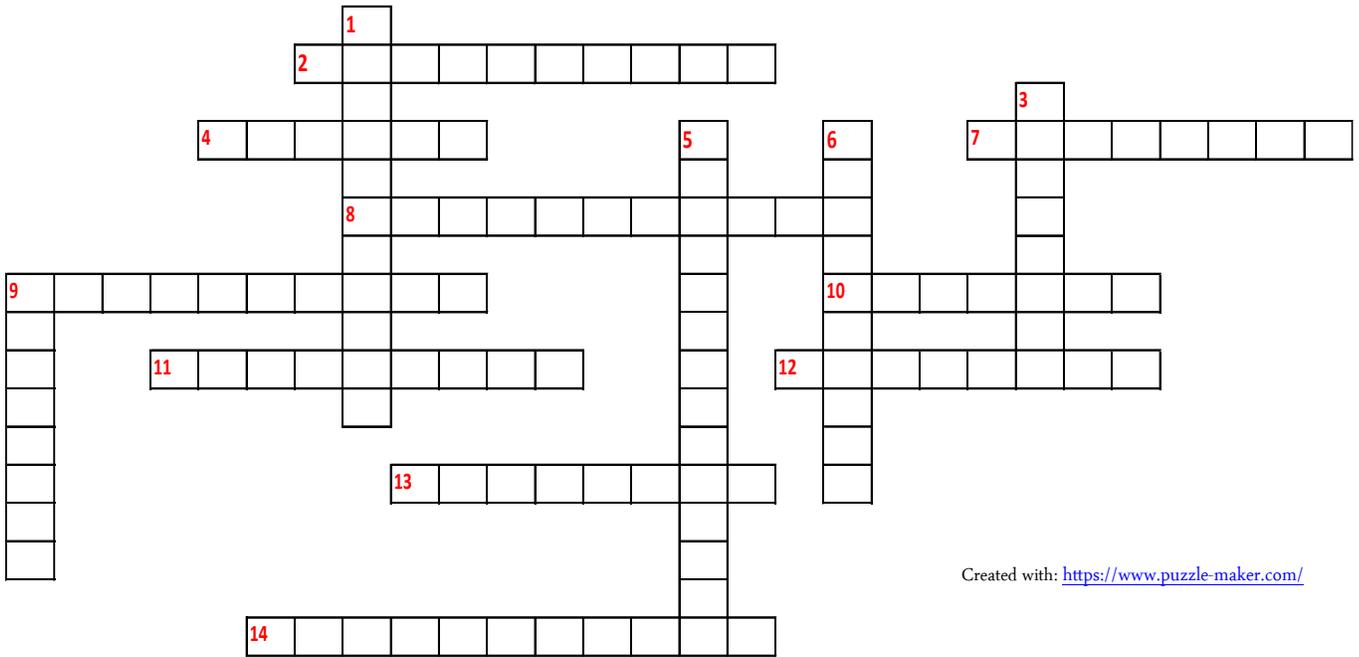
- **President**  
Teresa Tuttle
- **1st VP –Programs**  
Cheryl Hood
- **2nd VP—Membership**  
Kyong Dawson
- **Corresponding Secretary**  
Willi Frank
- **Recording Secretary**  
Nancy Adkison
- **Treasurer**  
Juanita Golson
- **Assistant Treasurer**  
Syndi Carlson
- **Immediate Past President**  
Brenda Lewis Graham

## 2020 –2021 Committee Chairs

- Americanism — Willi Frank
- Armed Forces/ Homeland Security — Kyong Dawson
- Budget & Finance — Cheryl Chapin
- By-Laws —**
- Campaign Hours — Brenda Lewis Graham
- Caring for America — Gail Longton
- Chaplain — Gail Longton
- Club Achievement Awards — Pat Allen
- Communications — Cheryl Hood/Marie Tillman
- Decorations — Kyong Dawson
- Facebook/Website — Cheryl Hood/Marie Tillman
- Fundraising —**
- Historian — Juanita Golson
- Iris Fund — Brenda Lewis Graham
- Leadership — Pat Allen
- Legislative —**
- Literacy/Education — Ellen Twombly
- Luncheon Reservations —**
- Newsletter Editor — Marie Tillman
- Parliamentarian — Opal Kennedy
- Publicity —**
- Volunteer Hours — Tina Englen
- Voter Registration — Peggy Vaughn
- Women in Business/Free Enterprise — Niesha Wolfe



# Republican Miscellaneous Trivia



Created with: <https://www.puzzle-maker.com/>

**ACROSS**

**DOWN**

- 2 Home county of District 7 US Congressman
- 4 What US seat did Marsha Blackburn win in 2018?
- 7 Republicans hold the \_\_\_ in the United States Senate
- 8 GOP Presidential candidate in 2016?
- 9 Who is attributed to be the first to use the Republican symbol?
- 10 Elected Tennessee Governor in 2016.
- 11 For a century following the Civil War, what state was considered part of the Democratic South?
- 12 Headquarters of the National Federation of Republican Women
- 13 What is the mascot for the Republican Party?
- 14 Where was the GOP Convention to be held in 2020?

- 1 Elected as US Senator for Tennessee in 1966
- 3 Instrumental in re-chartering the Montgomery County Republican Women club
- 5 Who was the first Republican President in history?
- 6 From what Party was the Tennessee Representative who cast the deciding vote for suffrage?
- 9 Last name of the current President of the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women

**Answers:** Across 2\_Montgomery; 4\_Senate; 7\_Majority; 8\_DonaldTrump; 9\_ThomasNast; 11\_Tennessee; 12\_Virginia; 13\_Elephant; 14\_CharlotteNC. Down: 1\_HowardBaker; 3\_PatAllen; 5\_AbrahamLincoln; 6\_Republican; 9\_Trautman