

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



April 2, 2019



Speaker — Erinne J. Hester Assessor of Property

Erinne J. Hester, CGFM, is the Assessor of Property for Montgomery County Government. Erinne began her employment with Montgomery County Government in 2005 and was appointed to Director of Accounts and Budgets in 2008. She also served as the Director of EMS Billing from 2009-2010. Erinne earned the designation of Certified Government Finance Manager in 2010 from the Association of Government Accountants.

Erinne was appointed to the position of Assessor in December 2013, and won the general elections in 2014 and 2016. As Assessor, Erinne and her team have the constitutional mandate to list, classify, and value all real and personal property in Montgomery County.

Since Erinne has been in office, she and her team have implemented a stringent quality assurance process, an employee education and training mandate, and provided new, online, public-facing resources to increase

transparency, assist the local property owner, and support our property industry. Erinne was named Assessor of the Year in 2016 and her office won the Excellence in Operations award in 2017.

Erinne Hester holds a Bachelor's of Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting from Austin Peay State University. She is a member Tickle Me Pick fundraiser, which raises funds and awareness for the YMCA's After Breast Cancer group. Erinne is a 2009 graduate of Leadership Clarksville and in the Leadership Middle Tennessee Class of 2019. She and her family attend First Baptist Church of Clarksville. Erinne married Bryce in 2002 and they have two teenagers: Hayden, 15, and Ethan, 13; she is also mother to way too many stray animals. Her hobbies include reading, being in nature, and yoga.



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 **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**.

You must have made a reservation at least **three days in advance of our meeting** to be able to eat or have coffee: **before 10:00 am the Friday before 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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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 already reported 67 members to TFRW and want to continue to GROW! [Click here](#) to go to the website and download a membership form, pay your membership online, or [fill in and pay by online form](#).



A Message from Your President

There's a glory in this season. Everything begins to come alive again, as it does every year, but still somehow surprises. What was buried deep in the ground springs toward the light and brings so much joy. I've always believed Tennessee was God's country, but she sure makes her case well as the calendar turns the page.

It's something to be proud when we thank the earth for not giving up in the darkness of winter. Spring, in every color imaginable, is a reminder each year to be thankful for the hard work that gives us a bouquet for our table. The things done we cannot see have a way of blooming into something lovely to be treasured.

So many of you work so hard volunteer-

ing, heading up events, making phone calls, doing things we'll never know to plant the seed of our shared Republican values. Much of your hard work might not be acknowledged as publically as a bright spring arrangement, but know that each time you give of yourself to another, something lovely grows.

Very soon we'll gather with other women across our great state for our annual Ladies' Day on the Hill. What a great thing it would be to take a few moments that day and thank someone for encouraging you to grow. I am very grateful for each of you and the bright color you add to my life. It's a joy to share in this work with you!




Montgomery County
Republican Women

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President

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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 2018-2019.

The 111th General Assembly
Ashley Elizabeth Graham Johnson



The bad news is the hopes of the 1st Session of the 111th General Assembly gaveling out in April have come and gone. The good news is it's very possible we're more than half way there!

I wanted to share a few of Governor Lee's bills and invite you to reach out to our elected officials and urge them to support them:

- House Bill 949 – The GIVE Act increases dual-enrollment opportunities for high school students
- House Bill 1138 – Exempts memberships for fitness providers from sales tax
- House Bill 947 – Prioritizes funding for school resource officers

As always, if you'd like to come watch any of these bills (or any others!) work their way through the process, let me know. I'd be happy to arrange it!

Ashley Elizabeth Graham Johnson

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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.

Joy Huggins Memorial Scholarship

We are very proud that the Montgomery County Republican Women has established The Joy Huggins Memorial Scholarship at APSU in memory of our dear friend.

The scholarship in Joy's name has been finalized at APSU to benefit a Junior or Senior Political Science major. Joy, upon her retirement from the Clarksville Montgomery County School system, became very involved in the Montgomery County Republican Women as well as the Montgomery County Republican Party. She was elected to serve on the Republican State Executive Committee just

months before her sudden death in October.

Donations can be made directly to APSU using their online giving form or by mailing a check to APSU. Checks need to be made out to APSU and on the "for line" write the name: Joy Huggins Memorial Scholarship. Yes, a tax receipt is sent out for all donations made to APSU. They will send a notification to our club president when a donation is made. It will not tell the amount, only the individual that donated along with their address.



Donations should be mailed to:

Kimberly Adkison, Director of Donor Relations and Scholarships
Austin Peay State University
University Advancement
P.O. Box 4417
Clarksville, TN 37044

“Smile! You might be on Candid Camera!”



*March 2, 2019 Luncheon Meeting
Speaker: Dr. Dewey Browder*

National Federation of Republican Women

March 28-30

NFRW Spring Board of Directors Meeting, The Westin Alexandria, Alexandria, VA. Join Second Lady **Karen Pence** and enjoy Washington, DC during the National Cherry Blossom Festival (March 20 - April 13).



40th Biennial Convention

September 26-29, 2019
[JW Marriott Indianapolis](#)
Indianapolis, Indiana

Upcoming Events

Celebrating Tennessee Victories



LADIES' DAY ON THE HILL
Monday April 1, 2019

Several of our club members will be attending this annual event. Representatives Curtis Johnson and Jay Reedy will join us for lunch. We will report on the FUN day in our next newsletter.

Regular Monthly Club Meetings

MCRWC — 1st Tuesday — 11:30 am
April 2, 2019
May 7, 2019
Tanglewood House

RRRW—3rd Saturday — 9:30 am
April 20, 2019
The Looking Glass

Montgomery County GOP
4th Tuesday — 7:00 pm
April 23, 2019
GOP Headquarters

April 23, 2019 Special Called Election - Senate District 22 General Election

Early Voting at the Election Commission Office is **April 3 – 18, 2019**



*Our GOP Candidate for the Special Election on April 23, 2019 for the State Senate Seat District 22 is **Bill Powers**. Please Support this Candidate. We DO NOT want anyone other than a **REPUBLICAN** to hold the seat held by Congressman Mark Green!*

From our Cookbook...

Savory Pot Roast

Pat Allen

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- 1 (3-pound) boneless chuck roast
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup wine vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 cup red wine
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon rosemary
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 3 tablespoons Wesson Oil

Season roast with salt; brown in skillet with oil. Place meat in a crock pot. Combine ketchup, wine vinegar, garlic powder, red wine, soy sauce, rosemary and dry mustard in a bowl; pour over meat. Cover and cook on low 8-10 hours (high 4-5 hours). Can serve over rice or noodles. Can add carrots, green beans, and Irish potatoes with meat in crock pot. Serves 6-8.

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