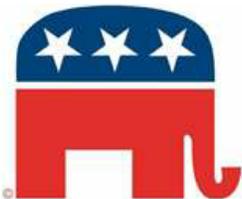


# Montgomery County Republican Women



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## Tennessee GOP Chairman

**Ryan Haynes** is a lifelong Tennessean who grew up in Knox County. From early on, he saw himself walking down the path of public service and political engagement.

Even though politics sometimes gets a bad reputation, Haynes earnestly believes it is actually a noble profession to be involved with and one more people need to get engaged in. Why? Because it's the one profession that impacts every person in every community.

That's why Ryan earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Tennessee. That experience, combined with hard work, catapulted Ryan into the State House of Representatives where he became the youngest member of the General Assembly in 2009. He balanced his time in the House with his professional life in the banking and investment industry.

Haynes quickly climbed the ladder within the Legislature serving on the

**Tuesday, April 5, 2016  
Lunch and Program  
Clarksville Country Club  
11:30 a.m.**

State Government Committee, where the Speaker of the House tapped him to be the Chairman, and the Finance Committee – two of the most influential committees in state government. During his time in the Legislature, Ryan was named "Legislator of the Year" by multiple organizations. Not content to be seen as just a lawmaker, Ryan also pursued a J.D. from the Nashville School of Law putting himself through the school at night while working on laws during the day.

Now, Haynes has turned his focus to helping the Republican Party. Ryan was selected to be the Chairman of the Tennessee Republican Party, the most successful statewide political organization in the state. In fact, in taking over the reins at the TNGOP, Ryan has now become the youngest chairman of a state party in the nation.

It is along those lines he has implemented a vision to engage a younger and more diverse group of conservatives, and add them to our identified supporters throughout Tennessee to ensure that the Party's success isn't just a one-time supermajority, but a generational supermajority.

*"The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help."*

*-- Ronald Reagan*



### 2016 — 2017 Officers

1st Vice President, Programs	Brenda Graham
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Recording Secretary	Barbara Corley
Treasurer	Arlene Rouse
Assistant Treasurer	Sue Dortch
Corresponding Secretary	Elaine Tucker

### Committee Chairs

Americanism	Nancy Adkison
Armed Forces/Homeland Security	- Open -
Budget & Finance	Cheryl Chapin
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Campaign Hours	Joni Hargrove
Caring for America	Nancy Adkison
Chaplain	Barbara Corley
Club Achievement Awards	Pat Allen
Communications	Joy Huggins
Facebook Communications	Marie Tillman
Fundraising	- Open -
Historian	Juanita Golson
Leadership	Neisha Wolfe
Legislative	Hillary Pate
Literacy/Education	Marilyn Batson
Luncheon Reservations	Joan Niles
Newsletter Editor	Cassandra Sloop
Parliamentarian	Pat Allen
Publicity	Sandra Hannon

### Our Club Objectives

- Promote and inform public through political education and activity
- Increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government
- Facilitate cooperation among the National and State Federation
- Foster loyalty to the Republican Party and promote its principles and candidates in all elections, including non-partisan elections
- Support the objectives and policies of the Republican National and Tennessee Executive Committees and to work for the election of Republican Party nominees
- Attain the Diamond Award in 2016-2017



### Our President’s Message

- Social networking sites (43%)
- Companies/places of work (40%)
- College/university campuses (40%)
- Advertising (39%)
- Twitter (35%)

Friends and relatives and Places of Worship are still considered sanctuaries for civility.

Although these statistics are from past years they remain a statement of the present condition of civility in the US political arena and society in general.

Can we change this behavior? I think we can all agree that civility begins at home and the responsibility for teaching civility lies with parents and family members. However, Americans also believe that business leaders as well as politicians should set an example. *Disagreement is not incivility.*

I can not help but quote sayings from my Mother “you catch more flies with honey than vinegar” and you can not raise yourself by lowering someone else”. Our Party must consider this advice, as our worst enemy is ourselves. The constant personal attack between candidates is distasteful and divisive. Bitter personal attacks cannot be taken back down the road. We must stop this behavior in the party and unite.

Regardless of who you are supporting I encourage each of you to contact your candidate and say **“STOP THIS NONSENSE!** It is an embarrassment to our party and a very poor example for future generations.”

Join me and do your part to unite the Republican Party and elect Republicans in 2016.

*Joy D. Huggins*  
President

Are we losing sight of civility in government and politics? Is debate and dialogue taking a back seat to the politics of destruction, anger and control? Has dogma replaced thoughtful discussion between people of differing views?

Why does it matter?

We can argue that civility produces a debate or campaign in which members do not speak in an open way, only concentrating on good manners or we can argue that practicing civility improves all aspects of communication.

A survey conducted in April of 2010 by KRC Research, explored how civility is affecting Americans’ views and participation in social media, politics and media.

- 94% of all Americans consider the general tone and level of civility in the country to be a problem, with approximately two-thirds believing it is a “major” problem (65%).
- Americans considered the following as the most uncivil aspects of our society:
  - Government/politics (72%)
  - Our roads (69%)
  - American public (61%)
  - Talk radio (59%)
  - High school (59%)
  - Hollywood celebrities (56%)
  - Professional sports (54%)
  - TV (52%)
  - Blogs (51%)
  - CEO’s (49%)
  - News reporters/commentators (48%)



Did you see the change bucket on the tables at the last meeting? This is a new fundraiser we have started in order to send at least one and possibly two people to the 2017 State Convention....so,

please save your coins and bring them to the meeting to place in the pretty bucket! Thanks to Jennifer Mead for making these and donating to our club!

### Luncheon Reservations

Luncheon meetings are every first Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am at the Clarksville Country Club. Cost of the lunch is \$19.00

**Make check payable 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](mailto:joanniles@gmail.com) or by 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://montgomerycountrepublicanwomen.com>

**FACEBOOK:**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Montgomery-County-Republican-WomenTN/12293174442322>

**YOU MAY PAY YOUR DUES NOW FOR 2016.**

Just \$25.00 per year! Men or ladies from other clubs may join as Associate Members for \$10.00 per year and their dues are also now due. 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 for everyone to pay their dues and recruit new members.

We now have **73 paid members** and **14 paid associate** members.

April 16, 2016	Montgomery County Red River Republican Women Meeting Brunch at Looking Glass - Contact Cathy Kolb at <a href="mailto:cathykolb@reagan.com">cathykolb@reagan.com</a> for reservations.
April 18, 2016	Montgomery County Young Republicans Meeting—MCGOP Office at 6:30 PM
May 3, 2016	MCRW Luncheon
May 7, 2016	Houston County Lincoln-Reagan Dinner-6:00 PM at Erin City Hall-for tickets (\$30.00) see Joni Schmidt
May 13, 2016	TN Republican Party Statesmen Dinner--Featured speaker is SC Governor Nikki Haley-for tickets (\$250.00) go to <a href="http://www.StatesmensDinner.com">www.StatesmensDinner.com</a>
August 4, 2016	State Primary and General Election
November 8, 2016	Presidential, State General and City Election



### LADIES DAY ON THE HILL

Montgomery County Republican Women will be very well represented at this annual event on Monday, April 4, 2016. We are all excited and look forward to having lunch with our three State representatives — Representatives Curtis Johnson and Jay Reedy and Senator Mark Green.



Since our last newsletter, our Country lost a very wonderful First Lady on March 6, 2016.

**Nancy Reagan** served along with her husband, President Ronald Reagan, from 1981 to 1989. She also served as the First Lady of California from 1967-1975 and was best known for the "Just Say No" program. We will miss Nancy.



## What happens to Delegates?

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FoxNews.com*

With Marco Rubio dropping out of the Republican presidential race Tuesday, March 15, the Florida senator leaves a large cache of delegates behind. So what happens to them, and the delegates of other former candidates, at the convention in Cleveland? The short answer is: It varies from state to state, but the Republican Party leaves enough wiggle room that the delegates of former candidates could end up being a factor in July. "An unbound delegate is worth their weight in gold," Rick Wilson, a GOP strategist, told FoxNews.com. "It's hard to speculate and there's a lot going on right now."

Rubio, in suspending his campaign after his home-state Florida loss, leaves 169 delegates behind. Ben Carson accrued eight delegates before he dropped out of the race, while Jeb Bush picked up four. Carly Fiorina, Mike Huckabee and Rand Paul each picked up one in Iowa.

And if either Ted Cruz or John Kasich drop out in the weeks ahead -- and Donald Trump still has not clinched the nomination with the necessary 1,237 delegates -- additional zombie delegates could be in play in Cleveland.

And they could hold sway. That's because in most states, delegates become "unbound" and are free to support other contenders as soon as their candidate withdraws. They don't necessarily have to gravitate toward the front-runner at a contested convention, or, in the case of Rubio's delegates, the candidate the Florida senator may ultimately choose to endorse. They would become essentially free agents, prizes to be wooed by the candidates duking it out in Cleveland.

However some states bind their delegates to the first ballot no matter what. In Tennessee, delegates are bound for two rounds of voting, while in Iowa, Texas, Virginia, Montana, Nevada, Puerto Rico and Washington, candidates are bound for at least one round of voting whether or not the candidate has withdrawn. In South Carolina, delegates are bound to the candidate for the first ballot. However, if the winner is not nominated, they are bound to the candidate who finished second or third in the state. The various state laws mean that while some of the delegates can already peel off to other candidates, many would have to wait until after a first ballot in order to be able to vote for another candidate still in the race.

It remains unclear whether front-runner Trump might be able to reach 1,237 delegates before the convention and avoid this drama. He currently has 661; Ted Cruz has 406; and John Kasich has 142. Those, such as Kasich, who are banking on the prospect of a contested convention, where the delegates of ex-candidates and other factors could be in play, see a blueprint in past races dating back decades.

Since 1880, there have been eight contested GOP conventions and in five of those, the eventual winner did not go into the convention with a plurality of delegates. In the 1976 Republican convention, it was the unbound delegates moving toward President Gerald Ford instead of Ronald Reagan that handed Ford the nomination that year. Ford held a slight lead going into the convention, but was shy of an outright majority. In part by using the power of the White House, with promises of visits and patronage to woo over delegates, Ford won the nomination on the first ballot, by a slim 60 votes.

