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Republican Women of Huntsville



Message from the President...Tiffany Noel

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Happy New Year! I hope you are enjoying the new Trump Administration as much as I am. This has been an exciting few weeks. Several of our members attended the Inaugural events in DC and we have included some of their experiences and photos.

We held our membership meeting in January and had over 80 of our members renew their membership for this year. If you have not yet renewed, please consider doing so at our next meeting on February 7th. We would like to have everyone back for this year. Growing our club is still one of our priorities, so be sure and invite friends to attend with you.

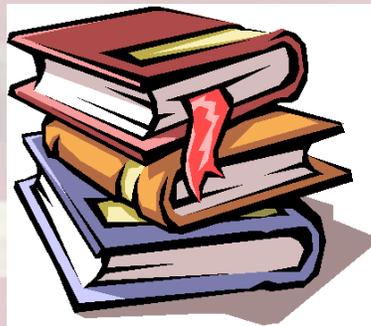
The Alabama Federation of Republican Women will be hosting Legislative Days in Montgomery on Feb. 15th and 16th. We have several of our members signed up to go and would love to have you join us as well! Please see the information in the newsletter to register.

Our board has been busy planning for the year and we are hoping to have some good programs for you. As always, if you have ideas or suggestions, please let us know. I'm looking forward to what the next few months holds for us. - *Tiffany*

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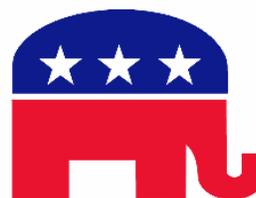


Have a Conservative book that you loved reading and wished others had the same chance? Now is the time to share our books and our knowledge!

Bring your Conservative books to swap at our next meeting on Tuesday, February 7th!



You are Invited to...
**Republican Women of
Huntsville**
Monthly Lunch Meeting



Tuesday, February 7, 2017

The Ledges Club House ~ 32 Castle Down Drive SE

11:00am Social

11:30am Luncheon / Business

Iceburg Salad, Pot Roast with buttermilk mashed potatoes and roasted carrots, and oreo cream pie

12:00 Speakers

Vicki Drummond and Paul Reynolds

National Committeewoman and National Committeeman

Representing Alabama at the RNC

They will discuss the Election, Inauguration, updates on the RNC
and the new Trump Administration

** Please be sure to RSVP to Karen Logan if you have not already done so.

2017 Legislative Days

The Alabama Federation of Republican Women is preparing to celebrate their 2017 Legislative Days event in Montgomery, Alabama on February 15-16th at the Embassy Suites. This year will be extra special as we start off on Wednesday, Feb 15th with a lunch and learn workshop led by two members of the National Federation of Republican Women's staff. These members will be traveling down to Alabama to answer your questions about the NFRW, the website and the new database. The afternoon will be full of additional workshops and presentations by our legislators.

Our speaker for the evening will be a special guest from Israel, Mr. David Rubin. The invitation provides a little background on him and the impact of his life after his three year old son was wounded in a terrorist attack. He is a man who has taken great tragedy and turned it into doing good for others. Our relationship with Israel is on the cusp of changing for the better with our incoming President and Mr. Rubin will be able to provide a true insiders look at the last few years and the impact of the prior administration on his country. Wednesday night we plan to have a special hot chocolate bar after dinner along with a few other surprises! This will be your chance to unwind while enjoy fellowship and getting to know other members of the AFRW. More to follow!

On Thursday we will make our traditional trip to the State House after having our picture taken on the Capitol steps. This opportunity to see our legislators in session and working for our state, is not to be



The Alabama Federation of Republican Women
 2017 Legislative Days
**“Celebrating America’s
 Return to Greatness”**
 Montgomery, Alabama
 Embassy Suites Hotel, 300 Tallapoosa Street
 334.269.5055
 February 15-16, 2017



2017 LEGISLATIVE DAYS REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF ATTENDEE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

CLUB NAME: _____

NAME OF SPOUSE/GUEST _____

PLEASE MARK ALL THAT APPLY:

- Member Spouse/Guest AFRW Camellia Club Member
 Vegetarian Option

FULL AFRW MEMBER LD REGISTRATION: (Includes 1 ticket each for: Wednesday Lunch and Dinner, Coffee at the Governor’s Mansion and all workshops)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Camellia Club AFRW Member- postmarked on or before February 9 th | \$90.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AFRW Member- postmarked on or before February 9 th | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camellia Club Membership | \$100.00 |

Tickets for Spouse/Guest:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse Package (All events and meals) | \$120.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Night Dinner @ Embassy Suites Hotel 6:00PM | \$50.00 |

Make checks payable to: AFRWLD2017, c/o: Elizabeth Speer Gillian, P.O. Box 603 Montgomery, Alabama 36101
 Call 334.224.0622 or email egillian@aol.com with any questions.

Registration Deadline: Postmarked by February 9th

REGISTRATION REFUND POLICY: Refund request must be made to above address, postmarked by February 9, 2017.

**EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL REGISTRATION:
 MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION BY PHONE 1-334-269-5055
 CODE: ARW
 LEGISLATIVE DAYS ROOM COST: \$110.00 PLUS TAXES**

Standing with ISRAEL

Saving America 2017



DAVID RUBIN is former mayor of Shiloh, Israel, as well as founder and president of Shiloh Israel Children's Fund (SICF)—dedicated to healing the trauma of child victims of terrorist attacks and rebuilding the heartland of Israel through the children. SICF was established after Rubin and his three-year-old son were wounded in a vicious terrorist attack while driving home from Jerusalem. Rubin is a popular political analyst and blogger on Israel National News, as well as the author of five books, including "Tsunami", which has been acclaimed as a bold wake-up call for Judeo-Christian civilization, and his latest, "More Sparks From Zion". He frequently appears as a guest commentator on Fox News, Newsmax, and other TV and radio shows.

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Board Member Spotlight



This month, the Board Member Spotlight will be on Corresponding Secretary, Gina Thayer.

Gina Thayer is originally from a small town in middle Tennessee and moved to the Huntsville area in January 2015 with her husband, following his retirement from the military. Gina and her husband met while she was in college at Austin Peay State University pursuing her B.S. in Biology Education and he was stationed at Ft. Campbell, KY. Since 2007, they have moved between Tennessee, Alabama, and Colorado and plan to make Alabama their final move. Gina is married to Jay who is retired after 20 years in the military and they have one fur-baby, a 3 year old dachshund named Bella.

Being a military wife, Gina has always been very passionate about supporting the military and promoting Conservative values. Her first opportunity to vote in a Presidential election was in 2000 (her freshman year of college) for the incoming President George W. Bush and she knew then that being a woman, a Republican, and a Patriot was very special. Having worked in education and now higher education, she considers herself someone who goes against the grain of what is typically thought of in public education. It is her passion to work with adult learners and help them to find their path to their chosen careers and become gainfully employed members of our community. She is currently working on her Doctorate of Education in Higher Education Administration through The University of Alabama (Roll Tide!) and hopes to graduate in 2019.

In 2015, Gina was introduced to one of the local Republican Women's groups shortly after moving to Huntsville and later joined the Republican Women of Huntsville. She had the opportunity to volunteer with the Fashion Show in 2016 and was thrilled when she was considered for the role of Corresponding Secretary for the RWH. She hopes to continue to be involved in as many ways as possible with RWH and looks forward to what 2017 has in store for us all.

by Joyce Clark

Attending President Trump's Inauguration was truly one of the best experiences of my life! Two and a half years ago I decided to leave my job at Huntsville Hospital and devote my time and energy to taking our country back! My husband, Tom, has been a supporter from the very beginning so we were both excited as we boarded our plane Wednesday for Washington.

Our first night, we met for a "Meet and Greet" with the American Mighty Strike Force members. This group was started in Texas by Rick Potter four years ago when he realized we could send volunteers from strongly conservative states to swing states to share our message. The process grew and this year Alabama sent one team to Cincinnati, Ohio and six teams to Florida. I went door to door and led the team based in Panama City to help win Florida.

Thursday we took the metro to Congressman Mo Brooks' office to pick up our Inauguration tickets. Thank you, Tiffany and Mo, for making that possible! We then walked around the Mall and watched all the activities preparing for the concert that night. We heard Jackie Ivancho rehearsing with the orchestra to sing the National Anthem the next day. The excitement was palpable as we all anticipated a wonderful week-end. That afternoon, we attended the Ohio Capitol Society Reception.

Later that evening, we attended the All-American Ball. The Ball had many military guests, including Oliver North and we met a lovely young lady from California who was there with her uncle. She was only 17 but was doing a documentary of her experience at the Inauguration. The refreshments were ordinary but the music was great! I felt I was at Cinderella's Ball because one lady lost her shoe in the escalator which stopped our progress into the Ball!

Friday we woke early to go to the actual Inauguration. The attire of everyone we saw was so appropriate for the momentous event. We took clear ponchos and Tom struggled with his just as George W. Bush did but we only had a fine sprinkle of rain. From our seated section, there were cheering people as far as we could see! The program included six prayers; the most of any inauguration and his address stated clearly where we have been and where we are going.

The parade was postponed because of the vandalism but we never saw anything that was out of order and there were polite police and military everywhere.

After a long day, we attended the American Strike Force Dinner in Tyson's Corner, Va. It was so nice to share our experiences and we met a number of Texans who went to Pennsylvania to help win that state.

An example of why the media was so surprised about the election results was the Amish PAC in Pennsylvania and Ohio. These voters weren't surveyed because they don't have telephones but they voted for their religious and family rights.

Saturday we visited the Holocaust Museum which was very moving. Saturday night we were guests of Mo and Martha Brooks who led us and fellow Alabamians on a beautiful three hour Candlelight tour of the Capitol building. We were able to sit in the House of Representatives and Mo showed us how their votes are cast. We were not able to take photos in the current House or Senate but I have added photos of the Old Senate building. We could just "feel" the history and "hear" the debates that built our country.

One of my major observations was the difference between the Inaugural attendees and the protestors on Sat. The language, attire and behavior were so different and we were proud to be Republicans and most of all, proud to be Americans!

2017 Presidential Inauguration



Joyce & Tom Clark with Congressman Mo Brooks



Joyce & Tom Clark



2017 Presidential Inauguration

Inauguration Activities-2017

Sue Alexander

My trip to the Inauguration was a great experience!

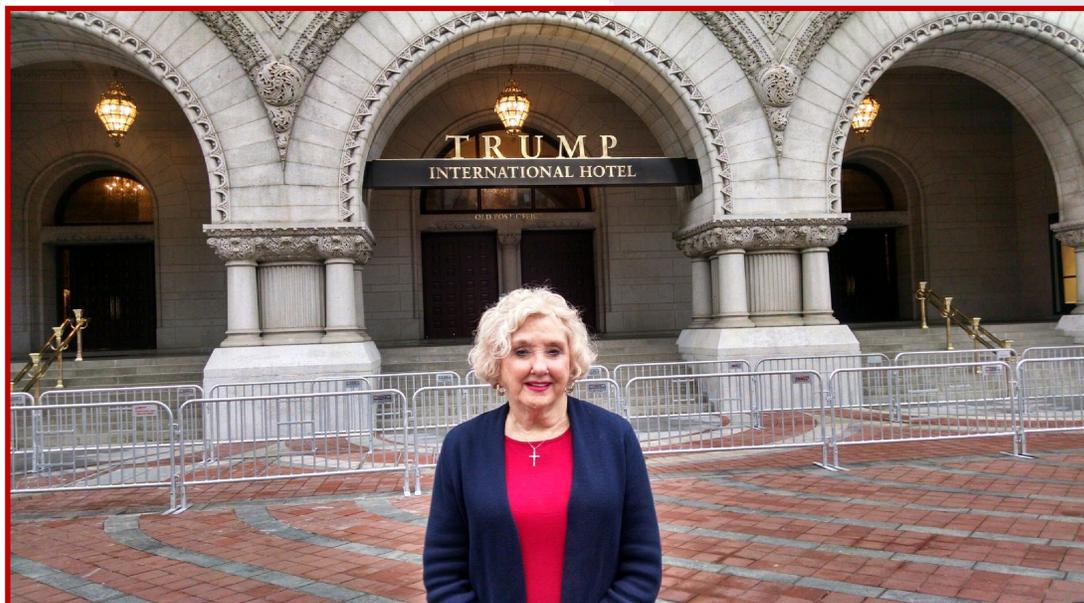
We landed at Reagan airport mid afternoon on Thursday, picked up a rental car, picked up our inaugural tickets and drove to our hotel where they had dinner for us. Friday morning, we left around 7:00 am to head to Capitol Hill on the metro. It was a long wait getting through security but we reached our seats by 9:00 and settled in to wait for the big event.

Our seats were in an area about the length of a football field from the swearing in area. The Marine Band was playing and it wasn't long before they began to announce the arrival of various groups of dignitaries. This continued until the arrival of President Elect and Mrs. Trump. Just before noon, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas administered the oath of office to the Vice President Pence and then Chief Justice Roberts administered the oath to President Trump. I looked at my cell phone while this oath was being administered and the time was 12:00. The timing was perfect. I was expecting a much longer speech from President Trump and was glad it was much shorter because the weather was cold and rainy.

Following the President's speech, we made our way to Congressman Robert Aderholt's office to visit with he and his staff. After our visit there, we went back to the hotel to get ready for the ball. The only disappointment of my trip was not getting to the ball. The lines were just too long, so we went to a nearby restaurant and ate while watching it on TV.

Saturday evening, we visited Congressman Mo Brooks' office, which was one of the highlights of the weekend. Mo and Martha split the large crowd and took us on a very informative tour of the Capitol. We were able to sit in the seats in the House Chamber, visit the Senate Chamber, and lots of other places that we could not have gone if Congress had been in session.

On Sunday, we attended a nearby church, packed for the trip home and drove to the Trump Hotel and took pictures. We did sightseeing on Pennsylvania Avenue, going by the Lincoln Memorial, around the White House (couldn't get very close), and by other sites in that area. We returned home late on Sunday night - around midnight. It was a memorable and tiring experience!!!!



2017 Presidential Inauguration

Washington, DC



Martha Brooks from her

Sandy Garvey met one of the "Bikers for Trump"



2017 Presidential Inauguration

Washington, DC



Elbert Peters and Sue Alexander during a candlelight tour of the US Capitol

Elbert Peters and Sue Alexander with Elbert's grandson David Wisdom - waiting on the Capitol lawn



2017 Presidential Inauguration Washington, DC



*Martha Brooks
and other Con-
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Frances Taylor -
AFRW President
and Tiffany Noel
-RWH President
visit the NFRW
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2017 Presidential Inauguration

Washington, DC

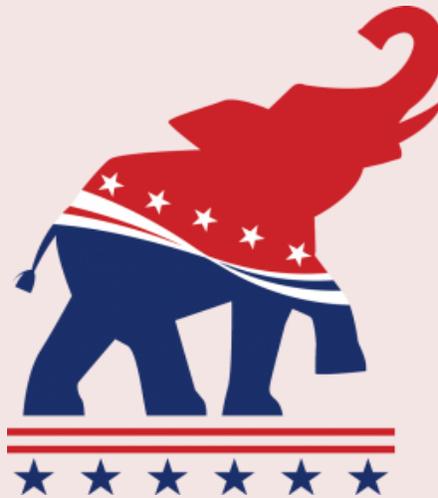


Congressman and Mrs. Mo Brooks with some of their family and staff thanking Senator and Mrs.

Announcements!

Dues are Due!

January was our membership month, but if you haven't renewed your dues for this year, it's not too late! Please be prepared to pay your dues at our membership table during the February meeting. Or, you can always mail your dues to our President at Tiffany Noel, 1310 Wind River Circle, Huntsville, AL 35802. Checks should be made payable to RWH and the dues are \$25. If you would like to be an associate member, the dues are \$15.



Welcome New Members!!

Pamela Zeller
Ginger Robbins
Susan Holder
Lisa Williams
Barbara Payne
Jill Stewart
Lori King-Taylor

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I thought they would never leave!

