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## Message from the President...

Ladies,

School is starting back, the conventions are over, the balloons have been dropped, the speeches have been made and now the Governor is calling a special session. We are entering the heat of the political season and we are less than 100 days from Election Day! Our club is doing well and continuing to grow. Please make sure to invite your friends and neighbors to our meetings. This election has big implications for our country and possibly our state. The Supreme Court decision alone could change our country dramatically. We hope you are making plans to get involved in some way.

We had a great turnout for the Convention watching party. We joined with Downtown Republican Women and the Young Republicans on this event, enjoyed great food and about 12 large TVs with the volume turned up so we could hear, and we filled the room! We are looking into doing the same event with some of the debates, so stay tuned for that. Several of our club members attended the convention. I hope you will read the reports from two of our members in the newsletter. The local party is getting ready to open their HQ on Governors Drive full time. If you are interested in volunteering there (and helping our club get points for your volunteer hours), please contact Francis Bevill. You can reach her at the Republican HQ at 256-536-0518 or on her personal cell phone at 256-683-8121. The AFRW and the State Party are working on some trips into swing states to help the Trump campaign. We should have more information on that upcoming. We have municipal elections coming up on August 23rd. Please stay informed and involved. As always, please let us know how we as a club can help you to do that. It's an honor to be a part of this group. Thanks for all your hard work in the past and we look forward to working hard as we move toward the election in November.

Thank you,  
**Tiffany**

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## MY VISIT TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

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SUE ALEXANDER

Our journey to the Republican National Convention began on Saturday, piling into cars following the Republican Men's Club meeting that morning. We drove the entire length of the day, arriving in Cleveland around 9:00 pm, and checked in at the hotel for the beginning of a trip I won't soon forget.

The Alabama delegation's first day of festivities included three events: the first, a Sunday devotional conducted by members of the delegation, counted among its attendees Bob Bacchus, a delegate for Donald Trump from Huntsville. Afterwards, the delegation attended a social function at the hotel in which finger foods were peddled throughout the ballroom. Finally, we travelled with the other delegations to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, situated along the harbor area on the shores of Lake Erie, again featuring a large variety of food served by vendors from food trucks inside a Secret Service-controlled security perimeter.



The following day marked the official start of the convention, so, following a breakfast meeting of the delegation to discuss instructions and the day's events, we traveled to the Quicken Loans Arena. There, we discovered our designated seating areas – guests were restricted to their specified area, alternate delegates sat below them adjacent to the floor, and

delegates were seated on the convention hall floor. Due to organizational measures, only the delegates were allowed on the convention floor area without an invitation.



Monday consisted of two convention sessions, which left little time for outside events. After the

morning session, we travelled to a barbecue reception at the House of Blues, a short walk from the arena in Downtown Cleveland. This required leaving the security fence around the convention hall, but the persistent presence of police officers was very reassuring. Upon

returning to the arena following the reception, we were searched again by the Secret Service prior to entering for the second convention session of the day.



After breakfast in our hotel on Tuesday, we attended a Southern States Game Day party at the home stadium of the National Football League's Cleveland Browns before attending the lone convention session of the day.

Wednesday's events brought two

receptions in Downtown Cleveland, in which we were well-fed before returning for that evening's session at the convention.

The next day began with a bus ride to another area hotel where we would be eating breakfast. Later that afternoon, I received an invitation to join the Louisiana delegation to view the first showing of *Torchbearer*, a film starring Phil Robertson, an acclaimed reality star of *Duck Dynasty* fame. After the showing, I joined three other members of the Alabama delegation in enjoying a sumptuous meal at a nearby restaurant, where I had the opportunity to speak to Phil and his wife, Kay Robertson.

The highlight of my convention experience came during the Wednesday evening session, as I received an invitation to sit on the convention floor underneath the Alabama delegation sign, joining Elbert Peters, who was being commended for his longtime service to the Republican Party.

My experiences at the Republican National Convention were once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for which I am extremely grateful. This trip was a wonderful adventure that I will remember for a lifetime.





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# RECOLLECTIONS FROM ATTENDING THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

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JOYCE CLARK



This was the first time I have had the pleasure of attending the RNC. As most of you know, I was the State Director for the Ben Carson for President campaign and ran for delegate from our state. But as Donald Trump became our candidate I still wanted to support our party and be involved so I volunteered to the Convention Committee to help in any way. My sister and I were fortunate to be chosen to work in the arena to help people find their seats so we were able to hear all the speeches and feel the excitement first hand. We stayed in the Airport Sheraton with the Alabama delegation and were able to take part in some of the events when we weren't working.

The city of Cleveland did an unbelievable job of assuring we were safe and making us feel welcome. The Welcome Party on the shore of Lake Erie actually featured the band, "3 Dog Night"! The fireworks started the convention off with a literal "bang"! One of my biggest surprises was seeing the city use their MANY snowplows as barriers for our "safe zone"! Think how difficult it would be for a terrorist to drive a truck through snow plows! There were many groups of policemen from states as far away as California. As I walked along I heard "Thank you" repeated over and over again to these brave public servants.

I met volunteers from many states and as we worked many hours, there was a wonderful camaraderie of fellow Republicans.

I would encourage all of you to volunteer at our next convention, if you can. It truly was an experience of a lifetime and made me proud, once again, to be an American and a Republican.

## General Announcements

### Volunteer hours -

Please email Virginia Nixon when you are ready to enter volunteer hours. [vnixon1996@gmail.com](mailto:vnixon1996@gmail.com).

## Dues are Due!

Dues for the 2016 year were due in January. If you have not paid or renewed your dues, you are late. But the good news is, you aren't too late! Please check to make sure your dues are paid. You can pay at the meeting by turning in a check there. Or you can mail your dues in to Tiffany Noel, 1310 Wind River Circle, Huntsville, AL 35802. We are working hard to make sure all of our members are up to date on their dues.

## Like us on Social Media

We now have a new Facebook page. You can like us at [www.facebook.com/repUBLICANSomenofHuntsville](http://www.facebook.com/repUBLICANSomenofHuntsville). We still

have our facebook group, but the new facebook page allows us to do a little bit more. Please like both.

You can also follow us on Twitter - @RepWomenHSV.



## Volunteer Opportunities

We have many volunteer opportunities available to our club. For many years, we have received the Diamond Award. The Achievement Awards are given out by the NFRW and are designed to promote teamwork among the club members. A big part of our awards application includes having a certain number of standing and special committees and making sure our members have a certain number of volunteer hours. If you would like to get involved and volunteer in our club – we have a spot for you! We will be highlighting some of our committees in the next few months. We hope everyone will find a job that suits their interests and talents. Meeting for lunch once a month is great, but we need to also be sure we are out in the community working and helping to promote the principles of the Republican party. Look through the committee spotlights as they come out in the newsletter and find a place that fits your schedule and talents.

## Prayer Requests

Family of Mo Brooks – loss of his father

Family of Joyce West Brown – loss of her husband John D. Brown

Renee Massey's cousin Saye Grow – had a stroke

Kay Brunsvold – pray for good health

Ruth Weir – Pray for good health

Marjorie Schrader – Pray for good health

Candidates and upcoming elections



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## Welcome New Members!

Republican Women of Huntsville would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members! We are excited about getting to know you better and working with you to get this country back on track. Returning members, please make a special effort to look for them at the next meeting and make them feel welcome!

**Kimberly Drinkard**  
**Frances Harless-Woods**  
**Pamela Hill**  
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## Upcoming Republican Events...

**Tennessee Valley Republican Club** – 2nd. Sat. of the month at the Best Western in Madison. Social starts at 8a.m. and the meeting begins at 9a.m. For more info, contact Cate Summers: [cate.summer@yahoo.com](mailto:cate.summer@yahoo.com) or 256-509-3625.

**The Madison County Republican Men's Club** – 3rd. Saturday of the month at Trinity United Methodist Church, Airport Rd. The coffee hour starts at 7:00a.m. Breakfast and the program begin at 8:00a.m. Breakfast is \$7 and ladies are welcome. For more

information, please contact Elbert Peters at 256-859-3186 or [jepeters65@knology.net](mailto:jepeters65@knology.net).

**Madison County Young Republicans** – 3rd. Tuesday of the month at Gibson's BBQ on S. Memorial Parkway. The meeting starts at 6p.m. For more information, please contact Ken Gawronski at 256-651-3142 or [ken@gawronski.com](mailto:ken@gawronski.com).

**Republican Women of Madison** – the 3rd. Wednesday of the month at the Best Western in Madison. Social starts at

11:00a.m. Lunch and program begin at 11:30. For more information, please contact Susan Newman at 256-337-5530 or [snewmanhsv@gmail.com](mailto:snewmanhsv@gmail.com).

**The Downtown Republican Women's Club** (formerly the Twickenham Club)—they have moved! For information on location and time, please contact the new POC, Marcia St. Louis at [marciastlouis@gmail.com](mailto:marciastlouis@gmail.com) or 256-705-3017.