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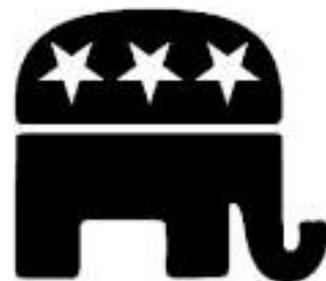
A message from our President....Tiffany Noel

Greetings and Happy Spring to all! Our spring season has started off with some exciting progress in our fashion show planning, but your help is still needed! Please consider joining our Fashion Show committee and putting your expertise to work. We are still in need of women to help us with silent auction items, vendors, and sponsors.

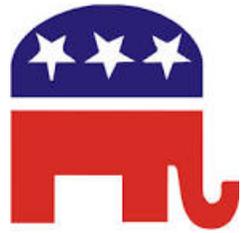
We also find that our election season is quickly approaching! Congratulations to Rex Reynolds on winning the House District 21 seat, replacing Rep. Jim Patterson. Before we know it, June will be here and we will be casting our votes for many offices including the Governor and other state wide officials, US Congress, and other local county offices. Please familiarize yourself with the candidates and make your vote count on June 5th!

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter!

-Tiffany



Biennial Fashion Show 2018



Republican Women of Huntsville

Biennial Fashion Show & Luncheon

Hosted at Huntsville Botanical Garden

Wednesday, May 9th, 2018

Doors open at 10:30 am for shopping and bidding!
Fashion Show and Lunch begins
at 11:30 am.

Featured Guest Speaker: Alabama Supreme Court
Chief Justice, Lyn Stuart

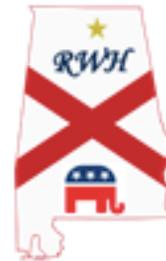
Guest MC for the Fashion Show - Lee Marshall,
Founder / CEO for 'Kids to Love' non-profit
organization.

Tickets: \$45/ person Reserve a table of 8 for \$400

Benefitting, Semper Fi, Kids to Love, and the Republican Women of Huntsville PAC



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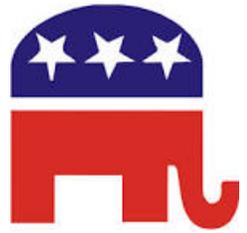
Tickets will be available at our meeting on Tuesday, April 3rd as well as through Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/republican-women-of-huntsville-fashion-show-tickets-44189977412?aff=es2>



Make Fashion Great Again

You are invited...



You are Invited to...

Republican Women of Huntsville

Monthly Lunch Meeting

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

The Ledges Club House ~ 32 Castle Down Drive SE

11:00 am Social

11:30 am Luncheon/Business

Ham and Cheddar Quiche, side salad and key lime pie

12:00 Program

Gubernatorial Candidates

Tommy Battle

Scott Dawson

Bill Hightower

Candidates for Attorney General

Chess Bedsole

Candidate for Secretary of State

Michael Johnson

Candidates - Associate of the Alabama Supreme Court Place 1

Brad Mendheim

Sarah Hicks Stewart

Reply to this email to RSVP

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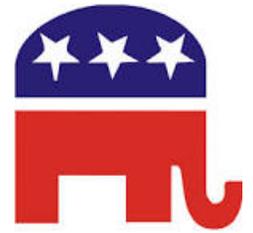
Yes, No, Chair, or Drink Only

Cost for Lunch: \$20

Sitting in Side Chairs and drinking water/tea/coffee: \$4.00

Sitting in Side Chairs and not eating: No Cost

Guest Editorial



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TEACHERS SEEKING RIGHT TO CARRY FIREARMS IN SCHOOLS OFFER COMMONSENSE SOLUTION TO A SERIOUS PROBLEM

By State Rep. Will Ainsworth

When news of the tragic shootings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida was reported last week, my thoughts immediately turned to my own twin sons and daughter, all of whom attend a public elementary school, and I wondered what protections and safeguards were in place to prevent a similar incident from occurring here, in Alabama.

I quickly came to realize that there simply are none.

But on the afternoon of the Florida shooting, my phone began to ring with calls from teachers, educators, and administrators within my district asking me to offer legislation allowing them to have access to firearms during school hours.

As the teachers told me about their fears, their vulnerability, and, more importantly, their desire to fight back and protect their students when attacks occur, I realized they were offering a commonsense solution to a serious issue in need of addressing.

Keep in mind that the Stoneman Douglas High rampage took roughly three minutes, which is the average time that such shootings last from beginning to end, so by the time a significant law enforcement presence arrives, an incident is likely already over or nearing its end.

Response time is even longer in rural areas, where police stations, trooper posts, and sheriff's departments are significantly more distant and roads are more circuitous.

The men and women of law enforcement have my full respect and support, and their willingness to run into buildings where bullets are flying demands a special form of bravery, but only someone who is already on campus at the moment an attack starts can end it quickly.

After studying similar laws and policies already on the books in 19 other states, earlier this week I introduced House Bill 435, which allows specially trained teachers to confront active shooters with something more lethal than a No. 2 pencil.

Since our bill was offered, President Donald Trump endorsed the concept behind it during a White House roundtable discussion on school safety and security.

“If you had a teacher...who was very adept at firearms, it could very well end the attack very quickly,” Trump said during the nationally televised event.

Under the provisions of our bill, which currently has 31 House co-sponsors, specially selected teachers and administrators who undergo a thorough mental evaluation and successfully complete annual APOST training would have access to firearms available for use during school hours only if an active shooter scenario occurred.

Participation in the certification program would be voluntary, and while taxpayers would cover the cost of the training courses, the selected educators would be required to provide their own firearms.

Much like undercover air marshals who patrol commercial air flights, the names of those authorized to carry firearms would be kept secret from the school population and public, but local law enforcement would be provided with a specific marker clearly identifying the participants.

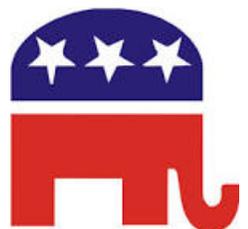
At the news conference outlining our proposal, I was joined by two Alabama sheriffs, three city and county school superintendents, and roughly a dozen classroom teachers who support the idea of allowing educators to have access to guns during instructional hours in the event of a school shooting.

The opponents of the measure claim the real solution lies in directing more resources toward mental health care, which is a policy that I strongly support, but even the most immediate improvements in that area cannot not stop a school shooting that occurs next week, next month, or even next year.

Our bill can.

Others argue that gun control is the solution to the problem, but this naive thought process ignores the fact that those who are intent upon breaking existing laws against murder, assault, terrorism, property damage, and others would not hesitate to break a new law imposing gun control.

The best answer against those who seek to do us harm is embracing our Second Amendment rights, not to unconstitutionally deny them.



The bill that has been introduced in the House will likely change as amendments are added and adjustments are made throughout the legislative process, but with roughly half of the available days in the current session elapsed, I felt it important to have a vehicle begin to move.

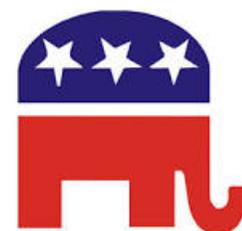
In the meantime, I will continue to seek input from teachers, superintendents, first responders, law enforcement professionals, parents, students, and other stakeholders as we work to provide our public schools with an added measure of safety and security.

It has often been said that the fastest way to stop a bad guy with a gun is with a good guy with a gun. If our legislation is enacted, we can soon add that the fastest way to stop a school shooter with a gun is with a trained teacher with a gun.

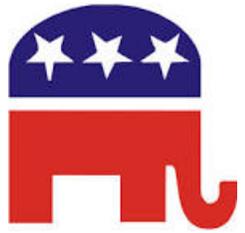
State Rep. Will Ainsworth represents House District 27, which includes portions of Marshall, Blount, and DeKalb counties.

NOTE:

This bill did not come up this session because the Democrats filibustered and they ran out of time. However, this bill is still important to Representative Ainsworth and he will keep working to have it brought up in a future legislative session.



Announcements



Dues Reminder - If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible. You are welcome to pay them at our next meeting.

Membership -

Know a Republican woman who may be interested in our club? Please reach out and invite her to our next meeting and let one of the officers know so that we can personally greet her and welcome her to our club. We always want to make new members and potential members feel welcome!

For all existing members, we encourage you to get involved and lend your talents to a committee within our club! We need you! Consider joining one of the following committees:

Americanism
Armed Services / Homeland Security
Book Club
Caring for America
Hospitality / Venue
Jewelry / Button Fundraiser
Literacy / Mamie Eisenhower Literacy Project
Nametags
Sunshine

Please contact **Gina Thayer** to express interest in joining a committee.

Scholarship - It is that time of year again; applications are now being accepted for the Grace McRee Scholarship. This annual scholarship is awarded to a selected high school senior who will be starting college in the Fall. Please contact Glenda Reitzell for more information regarding the scholarship application. The deadline for applications is May 1st, 2018.

Volunteer Hours - Please be sure to report your volunteer hours each month to the club. You can reach out to Glenda Reitzell to report your hours for the month.