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Message from the President...

Ladies,

I can't believe we are already into the busy summer season! I hope you are all staying cool and enjoying more relaxed schedules. May was a really exciting month for our club. The fashion show was a huge success. We raised about \$11,000, making this our biggest fundraiser of the year. I want to thank Kathy Murray and Jodi Stephens for heading up the fashion show committee. This was a big and time consuming role to take on and they did it with a great attitude and lots of organization. Also, a big thank you goes out to all those who served on the committee. They spent months planning and working hard and it certainly paid off. I think everyone enjoyed themselves and we had lots of visitors. Congressman Marsha Blackburn was really positive and encouraging about the upcoming election and the future of our party and more importantly, our country. We want to send an additional thank you to all of our elected officials who went above and beyond by modeling on the runway for us. If you weren't there, you really missed out! We will have several more exciting and interesting opportunities this summer. I hope you are all preparing to get involved in some way with our local and national elections. The GOP Headquarters will be opening up full time later this summer and we would love to have volunteers help staff the headquarters. I appreciate all that you do for our club and our community. See you at the next meeting,

Tiffany

Thank you to the following people for the work they did to make the Fashion Show
a success:

Co-Chairs - Kathy Murray and Jodi Stephens

Leilani Banaszak

Patricia Brewer

Martha Brooks

Vickie Camden

Sandy Garvey

Elaine Gillespie

Jan Greene

Linda Evans Hale

Loretta Hunter

Paula Ingram

Rebecca Ogle

Colleen Prince

Lindsey Rice

Pat Schwerman

Jacqueline Shaw

Elizabeth Smith

Janice Swearengin

Gina Thayer

Pat Thompson

Len Vaught

Marianne Wertz

Brenda Winter

Republican Women of Huntsville's Fashion Show 2016



Board Member Spotlight – Vickie Camden, 2nd VP



Hi. I am Vickie Camden, 2nd Vice President, Membership. I grew up loving this country, the United States of America. My father was in the Air Force. We lived in New York, Newfoundland Canada, Texas, Georgia and Germany during his career. After graduating Tift College, Forsyth, GA, I moved to Illinois and Texas

as a Department of Defense, Army civilian, hardware Quality Assurance Specialist on helicopters. There is where I met my husband, Howard, a US Marine, who was working as an oil field service technician. I transferred over to the Navy still in Quality Assurance but now on fixed wing aircraft. We moved to Huntsville, AL, for my job with Defense Contract Management Command then Agency (DCMA) on the Boeing part of the International Space Station (ISS). Another job move was to the Future Combat Systems (FCS) then the Lockheed Martin Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) program. I was promoted from Quality Assurance Lead to the Program Integrator while on THAAD. I met Janelle Nelson at church. She was so excited about politics and this club. I started taking vacation time to come to the luncheons. I visited for many months before becoming a member. Phone caller was a first volunteer position. Tara Cochran and I met and enjoy visiting each time there is a meeting. Since retirement from federal service I have become more involved through taking photos during the meetings, a member of the nomination committee and now as the membership chair. It is exciting. I enjoy the guest speakers, fellowship at the tables, information that is shared, the food and having an opportunity to come up to such a beautiful place as the Ledges.

Guest Column – Representative Phil Williams, House District 6



Greetings to all RWH members and friends!

It's an honor to be able to communicate with you through this brief message, and I am so happy Tiffany allowed me this opportunity. These days when I visit with legislators I hear a common theme. The conversation usually goes something like this: "Our state is broke, we can't pay our bills, we have no immediate plan to repay our massive debt, Medicaid costs are devouring the general fund budget and our

state pension is facing \$15-17 Billion in unfunded liabilities". What are we ever going to do? How will we make ends meet? I don't want to vote to increase taxes on our people, HELP!

Something must now be discussed in our state that has remained quiet for decades. Every single year I grumble, (you too?) when I pay my tax bill and think to myself, "I'm paying my dang taxes. I surely hope everyone else is paying their required taxes too?"

Well, "everyone" is not. The state gives away over \$4 BILLION dollars per year in various tax credit programs. A "tax credit" simply means the legislature gives a special group (not me, and probably not you) a "free pass" from the state to NOT PAY taxes. Some of these "credit" programs have been on the books since the 1930's. Some even allow for free rent for some groups. In my opinion all these programs should be thought of as "luxury items". No legislator should vote to increase taxes on hard working families knowing some are getting the "free pass" of tax credits.

Today I ask the members and friends of RWH to help me with messaging so we can begin to create a fresh dialog in the state that might lead us to a solution to our financial challenges. This solution has been "right under our noses" and while suspending some of the most outrageous credits will not be popular with the "in crowd" this might just be the most prudent decision we could make.

If we do not do this, then money will come from somewhere and you know what that means.

Thanks and best wishes to the RWH!

Representative Phil Williams

House District 6

General Announcements

Volunteer hours -

Please email Virginia Nixon when you are ready to enter volunteer hours.

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. 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.



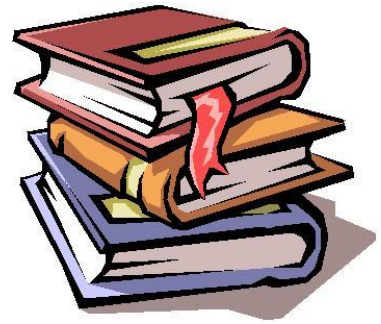
Volunteer Opportunities

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.

Book Club

The book club is a great way for members of our club to get together and discuss current topics and events. Connie Burnside did a wonderful job with this club for many years. She has stepped down from this job and Glenda Reitzell has agreed to start the club up again. The will probably not meet every month, but will develop a frequent schedule. The first book for the book club

will be “Sol’s Story” which will be sold at the June meeting. If you don’t get a book or have questions about the book club, please email Glenda at leenlizzy1@gmail.com with your questions. We will send out further information when the book club is ready to begin.



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!

Judy Chassay
Robin Kastanakis
Lynda Locke
Nita Maddox
Stasia Madej
Brenda McBride
Lisa Montgomery
Kim Quinn
Emily Stone
Carrie Suggs
Donna VanBerkom



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Prayer Requests

Kay Brunsvold – Pray for good health
Ruth Weir – Pray for good health
Marjorie Schrader – Pray for good health
Pray for upcoming elections



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 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.

Madison County Young Republicans – 3rd. Tuesday of the month at Below the Radar in downtown Huntsville. The meeting starts at 6p.m. For more information, please contact Ken Gawronski at 256-651-3142 or 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.

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 or 256-705-3017.