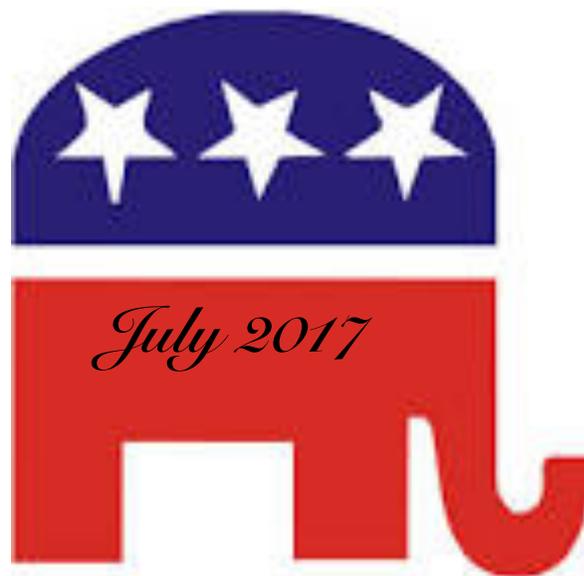


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A message from our President....Tiffany Noel

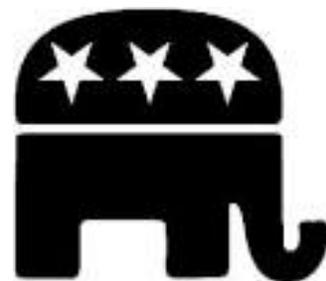
Happy Independence Day!

We are so blessed to live in this country – the greatest nation on earth. Independence Day is a time to reflect on our blessings and the honor of being an American. We live in a country founded on principles of God and freedom. We've included parts of President Ronald Reagan's address to the nation on July 4, 1986, in this month's newsletter. What an inspiration to remember that we are one nation under God, one nation indivisible, dedicated to the cause of freedom! Please spend some time reading this speech and reflecting on the foundation of our country.

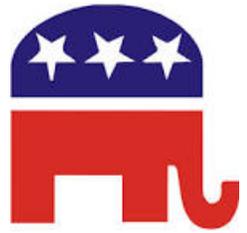
Campaign season is well under way in Alabama! We had a nice event on June 19 with several of the US Senate candidates at the Botanical Gardens. It was a beautiful and informational evening. We had a great crowd and each candidate had time to tell us about their campaigns and what they each believe is the direction for our country. In light of this event, it is my wish that you were inspired by a candidate and will volunteer for their campaign as part of your support. We have not selected a new Senator for Alabama since 1996, so as you know, this election is quite a big deal for our state. I told all of the candidates present at the event that our club was large and active. We believe in good government and we do the work required to get that government. If you have questions about volunteering, please contact Dottie Madison, our First Vice President, and she can point you in the right direction.

Many candidates have already announced their intentions to run for office in 2018. We are working with as many of these candidates as possible to have them come and speak to our club. I hope you all enjoy the 4th of July holiday. Enjoy time with family and friends, ice cream and fireworks, but also take time to be thankful for this great country in which we live.

- Tiffany



You are invited...



Republican Women of Huntsville Monthly Lunch Meeting

When: Tuesday, July 11th

11:00 am, Social

11:30 am, Luncheon / Business

12:00 noon, Guest Speaker -

Where: The Ledges Club House ~ 32 Castle Down Drive SE

Guest Speaker:

Mr. Joe Fitzgerald, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army

Mr. Ftizgerald will be speaking with us about all things currently going on at Redstone Arsenal

** To RSVP, send an email to RWHReservations@gmail.com

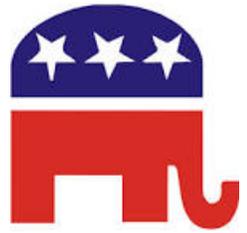
Cost for Lunch: \$20

Sitting in Side Chairs and drinking water / tea/ coffee: \$4

Sitting in Side Chairs with no refreshments or lunch: No Cost

Menu: Trio salad- pasta salad, chicken salad, & fruit salad. Dessert - apple cobbler with chantilly cream

President Ronald Reagan's Address to the Nation on Independence Day, July 4, 1986



My fellow Americans:

In a few moments the celebration will begin here in New York Harbor. It's going to be quite a show. I was just looking over the preparations and thinking about a saying that we had back in Hollywood about never doing a scene with kids or animals because they'd steal the scene every time. So, you can rest assured I wouldn't even think about trying to compete with a fireworks display, especially on the Fourth of July.

My remarks tonight will be brief, but it's worth remembering that all the celebration of this day is rooted in history. It's recorded that shortly after the Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia celebrations took place throughout the land, and many of the former Colonists -- they were just starting to call themselves Americans -- set off cannons and marched in fife and drum parades.

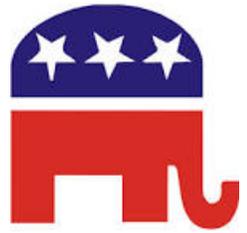
What a contrast with the sober scene that had taken place a short time earlier in Independence Hall. Fifty-six men came forward to sign the parchment. It was noted at the time that they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honors. And that was more than rhetoric; each of those men knew the penalty for high treason to the Crown. "We must all hang together," Benjamin Franklin said, "or, assuredly, we will all hang separately." And John Hancock, it is said, wrote his signature in large script so King George could see it without his spectacles. They were brave. They stayed brave through all the bloodshed of the coming years. Their courage created a nation built on a universal claim to human dignity, on the proposition that every man, woman, and child had a right to a future of freedom.

For just a moment, let us listen to the words again: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." Last night when we rededicated Miss Liberty and relit her torch, we reflected on all the millions who came here in search of the dream of freedom inaugurated in Independence Hall. We reflected, too, on their courage in coming great distances and settling in a foreign land and then passing on to their children and their children's children the hope symbolized in this statue here just behind us: the hope that is America. It is a hope that someday every people and every nation of the world will know the blessings of liberty.

And it's the hope of millions all around the world. In the last few years, I've spoken at Westminster to the mother of Parliaments; at Versailles, where French kings and world leaders have made war and peace. I've been to the Vatican in Rome, the Imperial Palace in Japan, and the ancient city of Beijing. I've seen the beaches of Normandy and stood again with those boys of Pointe du Hoc, who long ago scaled the heights, and with, at that time, Lisa Zanatta Henn, who was at Omaha Beach for the father she loved, the father who had once dreamed of seeing again the place where he and so many brave others had landed on D-day. But he had died before he could make that trip, and she made it for him. "And, Dad," she had said, "I'll always be proud."



President Ronald Reagan's Address to the Nation on Independence Day, July 4, 1986



And I've seen the successors to these brave men, the young Americans in uniform all over the world, young Americans like you here tonight who man the mighty U.S.S. Kennedy and the Iowa and other ships of the line. I can assure you, you out there who are listening, that these young are like their fathers and their grandfathers, just as willing, just as brave. And we can be just as proud. But our prayer tonight is that the call for their courage will never come. And that it's important for us, too, to be brave; not so much the bravery of the battlefield, I mean the bravery of brotherhood.

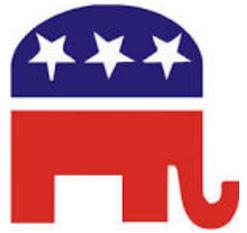
All through our history, our Presidents and leaders have spoken of national unity and warned us that the real obstacle to moving forward the boundaries of freedom, the only permanent danger to the hope that is America, comes from within. It's easy enough to dismiss this as a kind of familiar exhortation. Yet the truth is that even two of our greatest Founding Fathers, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, once learned this lesson late in life. They'd worked so closely together in Philadelphia for independence. But once that was gained and a government was formed, something called partisan politics began to get in the way. After a bitter and divisive campaign, Jefferson defeated Adams for the Presidency in 1800. And the night before Jefferson's inauguration, Adams slipped away to Boston, disappointed, brokenhearted, and bitter.

For years their estrangement lasted. But then when both had retired, Jefferson at 68 to Monticello and Adams at 76 to Quincy, they began through their letters to speak again to each other. Letters that discussed almost every conceivable subject: gardening, horseback riding, even sneezing as a cure for hiccups; but other subjects as well: the loss of loved ones, the mystery of grief and sorrow, the importance of religion, and of course the last thoughts, the final hopes of two old men, two great patriarchs, for the country that they had helped to found and loved so deeply. "It carries me back," Jefferson wrote about correspondence with his cosigner of the Declaration of Independence, "to the times when, beset with difficulties and dangers, we were fellow laborers in the same cause, struggling for what is most valuable to man, his right to self-government. Laboring always at the same oar, with some wave ever ahead threatening to overwhelm us and yet passing harmless . . . we rowed through the storm with heart and hand . . ." It was their last gift to us, this lesson in brotherhood, in tolerance for each other, this insight into America's strength as a nation. And when both died on the same day within hours of each other, that date was July 4th, 50 years exactly after that first gift to us, the Declaration of Independence.

My fellow Americans, it falls to us to keep faith with them and all the great Americans of our past. Believe me, if there's one impression I carry with me after the privilege of holding for 5½ years the office held by Adams and Jefferson and Lincoln, it is this: that the things that unite us -- America's past of which we're so proud, our hopes and aspirations for the future of the world and this much-loved country -- these things far outweigh what little divides us. And so tonight we reaffirm that Jew and gentile, we are one nation under God; that black and white, we are one nation indivisible; that Republican and Democrat, we are all Americans. Tonight, with heart and hand, through whatever trial and travail, we pledge ourselves to each other and to the cause of human freedom, the cause that has given light to this land and hope to the world.

My fellow Americans, we're known around the world as a confident and a happy people. Tonight there's much to celebrate and many blessings to be grateful for. So while it's good to talk about serious things, it's just as important and just as American to have some fun. Now, let's have some fun -- let the celebration begin!

Announcements



Upcoming Meetings Topics:

We have several exciting guest speakers over the next few months at our monthly luncheon meetings. Here is a peak at is what to come!

August: TBD

September: Terry Lathan, Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party

October: Caroline Aderholt, Chief of Staff for Concerned Women of America

November: Attorney General Steve Marshall

Attention - We are working on a book donation drive. We will be donating books to the North Huntsville public library and the new Bailey Cove Library that will be located where Grissom High School is now. If you have books you would like to donate, please **bring them to the July meeting**. If you have more books than we can carry – we need to make arrangements. You can contact Tiffany Noel at TLN530@gmail.com or Gina Thayer at gthayer01@gmail.com.

Prayer Requests

Bobbye Riggs - sympathy to Bobbye following the death of her husband Ken. We pray for comfort for her and her family during this time.

Bobbye Farris—prayer for recovery after falling and bruising right side.

Brenda Winter—prayer for healing; broken leg.

Sherree Jones—prayer for healing; car accident resulting in broken spine.

Caryl Ehl—prayer for healing; broken vertebrae after falling.

Ruth Weir—prayer for healing; extreme difficulty with mobility and neuropathy

Happy Independence Day!

