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Message from the President...

Happy Independence Day!

I love celebrating the 4th of July. I spent many years in DC watching the fireworks over the Washington Monument while the National Symphony played patriotic music. I teared up when the crowd gathered on the Capitol lawn sang "God Bless America". It's a great time to reflect and teach the younger people in our family what the true meaning of this holiday is. We've included a speech by President Ronald Reagan in the newsletter this month that I hope you will take the time to read. As we look to the fall and think about our elections, it is sometimes easy to get caught up in the personalities, the 24 hour news and the advertisements. Let's remember we are voting to preserve a Republic that our founding fathers risked their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor for. The ideas of our founders were radical. John Adams spoke of the American Revolution saying, "But what do we mean by the American Revolution? Do we mean the American war? The Revolution was affected before the war commenced. The Revolution was in the minds and hearts of the people; a change in their religious sentiments, of their duties and obligations ... This radical change in the principles, opinions, sentiments, and affections of the people was the real American Revolution." I'm praying for a revolution in the hearts and minds of Americans now. We can't forget what has been sacrificed for our freedom. Here is my favorite quote from President Ronald Reagan: "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free." So I hope you enjoy your Independence Day holiday, cookout with your family, hang out at the lake, eat lots of ice cream and see some fireworks. But somewhere in the midst of all our fun and celebration, take a moment to reflect on our freedom and those that fought for it, pray for our country and share your patriotic spirit and the true meaning of this holiday with the younger ones of your family. God bless America!

Tiffany



Message on the Observance of Independence Day, 1981

July 3, 1981

Today, all over America, families and friends are reuniting to renew ties, enjoy each other's company, and celebrate our Nation's birthday. It is a day when liberty and laughter go hand-in-hand -- when we can acknowledge that, oh yes, we have our faults, and lots of problems, too, but we're happy and proud because we're free, and we know the best of America is yet to be.

If you close your eyes and try to picture our country, chances are the first thing you'll see is your own hometown. I always see mine, Dixon and Tampico in Illinois. Today it is the hometowns of America, both big

and small, that remind us what a diverse yet united country we are. Each in its own special way will carry out a wish expressed by one of the Founding Fathers 205 years ago.

Back in 1776, John Adams wrote his wife Abigail that the anniversary of our independence should be observed with great fanfare: `` . . . with pomp and parades . . . shows and games . . . and sports and guns and bells . . . with bonfires and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, and from this time forevermore."

Well, Mr. Adams, rest assured that what you wanted is being done. Your traditions are now ours, and we guard them like national treasures. And you know why. When we unfurl our flags, strike up the bands, and light up the skies each July 4th, we celebrate the most exciting, ongoing adventure in human freedom the world has ever known.

It began in 1620 when a group of courageous families braved a mighty ocean to build a new future in a new world. They came not for material gain, but to secure liberty for their souls within a community bound by laws.

A century-and-a-half later, their descendants pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to found this Nation. Some would forfeit their fortunes and their lives, but none sacrificed honor.

Thomas Jefferson wrote that on that day of America's birth, in the little hall in Philadelphia, debate raged for hours, but the issue remained in doubt. These were honorable men; still, to sign a Declaration of Independence seemed such an irretrievable act that the walls resounded with cries of ``treason" and ``the headsman's axe."

Then, it is said, one unknown man rose to speak. He was neither young, nor strong in voice; yet, he spoke with such conviction that he mesmerized the hall. He cited the grievances that had

brought them to this moment. Then, his voice failing, he said: ``They may turn every tree into a gallows, every hole into a grave, and yet the words of that parchment can never die. To the mechanic in the workshop, they will speak hope, to the slave in the mines, freedom. Sign that parchment. Sign if the next moment the noose is around your neck, for that parchment will be the textbook of freedom, the bible of the rights of man forever." And sign they did.

What makes our revolution unique and so exciting, then, is that it changed the very concept of government. Here was a new nation telling the world that it was conceived in liberty; that all men are created equal with God-given rights, and that power ultimately resides in ``We the people."

We sometimes forget this great truth, and we never should, because putting people first has always been America's secret weapon. It's the way we've kept the spirit of our revolution alive -- a spirit that drives us to dream and dare, and take great risks for a greater good. It's the spirit of Fulton and Ford, the Wright brothers and Lindbergh, and of all our astronauts. It's the spirit of Joe Louis, Babe Ruth, and a million others who may have been born poor, but who would not be denied their day in the Sun.

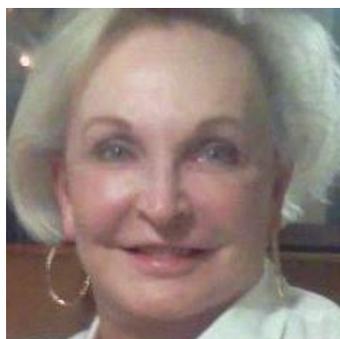
Well, I'm convinced that we're getting that spirit back. The Nation is pulling together. We're looking to the future with new hope and confidence -- and we know we can make America great again by putting the destiny of this Nation back in the hands of the people. And why shouldn't we? Because, after all, we are Americans.

As Dwight Eisenhower once said: ``There is nothing wrong with America that the faith, love of freedom, intelligence and energy of her citizens cannot cure."

He was right. If we just stick together, and remain true to our ideals, we can be sure that America's greatest days lie ahead.

Happy Fourth of July!

Member Spotlight – Jodi Stephens, Treasurer



Jodi Stephens moved from Mobile to Huntsville in 1966 when the government re-assigned her father's position to Redstone Arsenal. This move was just before entering high school as a Junior. It was quite an adjustment from knowing everyone in school, to not knowing anyone. She became a member of Community Ballet Association

immediately. Graduating from Huntsville High School, she moved to New York City to pursue a career in dance. A family situation brought her back to Huntsville in 1970. In 1971, she began her own dance studio in Fayetteville, TN, and in 1972 opened a studio in Huntsville. In 1979, she changed careers and began working in the defense industry for local contractors as an executive secretary. In 1986, she moved into administration, eventually becoming a Facilities Director in 1989, managing over 250,000 sq ft. In 1997, she started her own Event Planning business (JWeiner) coordinating dinner meetings, exhibit spaces, and conferences. She decided to adopt the Peter Pan principle to "never grow up" so she never had to decide what she wanted to be.

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!

Lynda Locke
Robin Kastanakis
Nita Maddox
Stasia Madej
Brenda McBride
Shere Rucker
Emily Stone
Carrie Suggs
Donna VanBerkom



NEWS

From Congressman Mo Brooks Redstone Arsenal Celebrates 75th Anniversary during Armed Forces Week



General Dennis Via and his wife Linda with Congressman and Mrs. Mo Brooks at the 75th Anniversary of Redstone Arsenal Dinner

“North Alabama would not be the economic and scientific center it is today without the influence and support of Redstone Arsenal. From emerging to manufacture chemical weapons for WWII, to now functioning as the heart of America’s missile and rocket programs, Redstone has diligently served our community and nation for 75 years. Team Redstone’s advancements across a myriad of defense and space platforms have enabled

the arsenal to develop a global reputation for excellence, transitioning our region into the hub of innovation we enjoy today.”

“Redstone’s groundbreaking advances in weaponry, along with significant missile and rocket program developments, propelled them to the forefront of space exploration. I well remember growing up in the formative years of NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center and feeling the ground shake as the Saturn V rockets were tested just a few miles from my home. These historic achievements and those of Marshall’s talented employees today, showcase the patriotic spirit of our community and make us all proud. I’m thankful for the influential history of Redstone Arsenal, the economic impact it provides, and the skilled workforce who help make the Rocket City a place my family and I are honored to call home.” – *Mo Brooks*

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/repUBLICANSofHuntsville. 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.



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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 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.

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.