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Message from the President...

Happy Spring to everyone! I hope you've all enjoyed a nice Easter with your family and friends. We are certainly in a busy time with Republican Women of Huntsville. We have our April luncheon coming up in just a few days. Chairman Dale Strong with the Madison County Commission will be there to update us on all the things going on in our county. Please invite friends and neighbors to come with you. I think it will be a really good meeting. We are also in full swing on planning our Fashion Show. This is going to be an event you won't want to miss! Be sure you sign up to get your tickets this month at the meeting. Please consider inviting people to come along. Congressman Marsha Blackburn is a great speaker and we have lots of other fun things planned. Come early and shop our Avenue of Accessories. We are bringing together some great vendors all in one place so you can shop with your friends. Our silent auction items are another thing you will want to see. Come early and bid on those items as well. We have a handmade quilt from Mrs. Martha Brooks and a week at a condo on the beach as two of our items for auction. There will be many other items to choose from. Buy your tickets now and buy one for a friend. We have several other interesting speakers lined up for the summer. We are trying hard to get as many members as possible to join our club before our June deadline. Take brochures with you and talk to people when you are out around town. As we approach election day things will be getting busier and more exciting. You won't want to miss out. Hope to see you all in April!

Tiffany

Congratulations to Debra Kizer!

Congratulations to our RWH Club Member Debra Kizer. She has been appointed to replace Jane Smith as the Madison County Circuit Court Clerk. We wish her much success in her new job and thank Jane for her many years of service to Madison County.

April Luncheon

You are Invited to...

Republican Women of Huntsville

Monthly Lunch Meeting

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

The Ledges Club House ~ 32 Castle Down Drive SE

11:00am Social

11:30am Luncheon/Business

Ham & Cheddar Quiche with Side Salad and Key Lime Pie

12:00 Speaker

Dale Strong, Chairman, Madison County Commission

Please *RSVP* to rwhreservations@gmail.com

Cost for Lunch: \$20

Sitting in side chairs and drinking water/tea/coffee: \$4.00

Sitting in Side Chairs and not eating: No Cost

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!

Lindsay Rice
JoAnn Bugg
Bess Wills
Lisa Montgomery
Tracy Kane
Jean Salter
Judy Chassay
Kim Quinn



New Members Are Joining

Board Member Spotlight – Virginia Nixon



I am honored to serve on the board for the Republican Women of Huntsville. I have been a member of the club since 2011. I joined this club to be more informed about the offices of my state and local political community.

I learn so much by being an active member of RWH. I love hearing from our state and local officials to know who they are, what they believe and the challenges they face in working on our behalf. Many

of the offices these great men and women hold are a mystery to me therefore I appreciate hearing from them at our monthly luncheons to understand their roles and responsibilities in the function of our communities.

I have also learned much by serving alongside the women of our club. Thank you for your example of how to get involved, participate, contribute, and make a difference.

As 1st Vice President, I track and report campaign/event volunteer hours for our club participation in achievement award programs with the NRFW and AFRW.

I also work with Madison County Republican party organizations and campaigns to provide volunteers for their efforts.

I am passionate in my beliefs and convictions about God and country (I get that from my dad) and being a part of this club I get to meet many others who are like-minded in values and beliefs.

I was born and raised in Huntsville. My career is in the Financial Services Industry, locally at Morgan Stanley. I don't ever plan to retire because I love working with my clients to solve their financial planning and investment needs.

My husband of 12 years is my best friend and my stepdaughter is 19 years old.

Thank you for the example of how to be a Republican Woman.

God has been very good to me and I am proud to be an American!

Guest Column - Dr. Jennie Robinson, Huntsville City Council District 3 (and member of the Republican Women of Huntsville!)



One of the best things about serving on the City Council for the past year and a half has been all that I've learned about the City of Huntsville. There are so many great things going on! Here are some facts I've discovered that you might not know.

The total area of Huntsville is 214 square miles. That makes it the 29th largest city in land mass in the United States which is larger than Atlanta, Philadelphia, Las

Vegas, and Denver. The population of the greater Huntsville metro area has grown to nearly 400,000 people and is projected to grow to over 500,000 people in the next five years. Huntsville is the fastest growing major metro area in Alabama and the tenth fastest growing city in the southeastern US. We account for 8% of the state's population, 12% of the GDP, and Redstone Arsenal is the 9th largest county in the US for defense spending. And Huntsville still continues to have a cost of living more than 10% below the national average and average commute of less than 20 minutes. That may be why Huntsville has been listed on a number of top ten lists including list of smart cities, top engineering cities, most affordable cities, and top great places to live.

In order to prepare for this growth and continue to support the great work going on in our community, infrastructure has to keep pace. That's why we have seven road projects in progress in the city. We are sharing the \$250 million cost of these projects with the State of Alabama for the next five years. We will see a lot of orange cones in the meantime, especially along the South Parkway, but it will be a great advantage to have the infrastructure in place in advance of our very rapid growth. A little inconvenience now will yield a great quality of life later!

It is an exciting time to live in Huntsville and an honor to serve. Here's looking forward to more great things to come!

General Announcements

Grace McRee Scholarship - This scholarship was created by Daisy and Murlin McRee in memory of their beloved daughter, Grace. The award is designed for young women who are in their senior year of high school or are in

their first two years at a collegiate institution. If you are interested or know someone who is interested in this scholarship, please contact Glenda Reitzell at leenlizzy1@gmail.com. The deadline for completed

applications has been extended to May 1.

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/republicanwomenofhuntsville. 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.

Our new website is www.republicanwomenofhuntsville.com.



Volunteer Opportunities

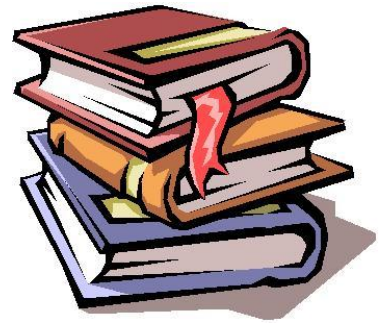
We have many volunteer opportunities available to our club. For many years, we have received the Diamond Award. The Achievement Awards are given out by the NFRW and are designed to promote teamwork among the club members. A big part of our awards application includes having a certain number of standing 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.

Committee Spotlights

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 we need someone else who is interested in keeping the book club going. It will be up to the chairman and the members of the book club to decide what books to read and how often

you would meet. You could meet anywhere from 3 or 4 times a year to once a month. Please let Tiffany Noel or Virginia Nixon know if you are interested in serving in any capacity on this committee.



Armed Services/Homeland Security

This committee is responsible for encouraging and enabling our club to have an active outreach in support of our military by initiating and conducting projects that aid our troops (active duty and veteran) and their families. This committee could find different ways for our club to be involved in veteran's events throughout our community. We also need to brainstorm on how we can support our active duty military. If you are interested in serving on this committee or in becoming the chairman of the committee, please let Tiffany Noel or Virginia Nixon know.





SAVE THE DATE!

The Republican *Women* of Huntsville Proudly Presents
“America, the Beautiful, from Fashion to Action”

Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Time: Doors open at 10:30 am; Luncheon/fashion show start at 11:30 am

Location: Von Braun Center, Ballrooms 1 & 2 (adjacent to the South Hall)

Cost: Open seating, \$35.00 per person; reserved table, \$320.00 for 8 persons

We look forward to welcoming our keynote speaker, U.S. Representative Marsha Blackburn (R-TN). Our master of ceremonies for this very special event will be Ms. Lee Marshall, CEO and Founder of “Kids to Love”.

In addition to a lovely fashion show and luncheon, there will be a **Silent Auction** and the **“Avenue of Accessories”**. Come early and bid on one or more of the many items that have been donated, and shop among the many retail tables hosted by our local vendors.

Please plan to support our major fundraiser of the year. Tickets for the event may be purchased during the Republican Women of Huntsville monthly meetings or online through Event Brite at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/edit?eid=21532868389>

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Prayer Requests

Kay Brunsvold – Pray for good health
Ruth Weir – Pray for good health
Marjorie Schrader – Pray for good health
Remy Hart – Sister passed away
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 David Pinkleton at 256-714-1142 or davidpinkleton@hotmail.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 Dee Voelkel at 256-325-5886 or dee53@knology.net.

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.