

*"There's a Place for you at our Table"*



**November 5, 2019**



## Maria Lee First Lady of Tennessee

Maria was raised in Silver Spring, Maryland, as one of five children. After graduating high school, she attended the University of Maryland where she studied Elementary Education. It was her heart for service that brought her to Nashville, Tennessee, where she led girls in a youth ministry discipleship. Maria later became a third and fourth grade teacher at a local school where she also coached track.

Maria and Bill married in 2008. They are active members of Grace Chapel Church and are involved in numerous faith-based ministries that have taken them all over the world serving those in need. Maria currently serves on the board of Friend2Friend Book Project, a mission devoted to delivering uplifting

literature to children and their families suffering from medical hardships.

As first lady, Maria wants to motivate others with her passion for service, and believes that through community engagement, fellow Tennesseans will be driven to serve their neighbors in need. As part of her initiative, Tennessee Serves, Maria is focused on serving the Volunteer State's distressed counties while highlighting organizations and people already doing great work throughout the state.

When traveling the state with her husband, Maria enjoys meeting so many wonderful Tennesseans. She is deeply grateful for the privilege to serve as first lady to the great state of Tennessee.

Remember to bring your items to the meeting to donate to the First Lady's **Tennessee Serves initiative**. She would like for us to donate the following: Let's do GOOD and have a lot to send with her!

### Pregnancy centers:

- Gently used or new baby clothing sizes Newborn to 2T
- Diapers sizes 1-5
- Baby wipes
- Baby shampoos and wash
- Baby blankets
- High chairs
- Strollers
- Pack and plays

### **MUST BE NEW:**

- Baby beds
- Mattresses
- Car seats

***\*\*Reservations are Required!\*\****

**Luncheon Meetings** are every first Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am at the **Tanglewood House** at 1601 Madison Street in Clarksville. Cost is \$20. **Make check payable to MCRW.**

When you receive your reservation request email from **Joan Niles**, please respond as to whether you will attend or not, by clicking "Reply" with a yes or a no and include your name. You can make your reservation by email [joanniles@gmail.com](mailto:joanniles@gmail.com) or phone **616-450-2800**.

You must have made a reservation at least **three days in advance of our meeting** to be able to eat or have coffee: **before 10:00 am the Friday before our 11:30 am meeting the following Tuesday**. Remember that *"a reservation made is a reservation paid."* If you know someone who does not have email, let her know to contact Joan by phone. [Click here](#) to do online payments.

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## A Message from Your President

What an exciting time for the Montgomery County Republican Women!

I am pleased to announce your MCRW will host the 2021 Tennessee Federation of Republican Women's convention right here in Clarksville. Presented to women from across the state at this year's convention, your officers won the bid for this prestigious event. I'm looking forward to helping showcase our home to friends, volunteers, elected officials, and fellow Republicans.

We have so much to be proud of in calling Clarksville home. From our Olympic and Paralympic champions, our historic downtown, our exciting university, and our men and women

whose rendezvous with destiny continues to change the world, the Queen City will make a wonderful home for the TFRW. Of course, many hands will help make light work for the upcoming convention! Be on the lookout for ways to offer your time, talents, and treasures in support of the cause.

Throughout the weekend, I was reminded of just how many beautiful friends have come from this club and our state's federation. We gather together to champion our political beliefs and our political leaders, but we can't overlook what seems to happen along the way - strangers become friends and friends become



dear family. I am so grateful for each of you and the place you hold in my heart.

Tennessee's next convention will be a lot of work, but I can't wait for the memories we'll make together!

### President Ronald Reagan Address. November 11, 1988 at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

*"We're gathered today, just as we have gathered before, to remember those who served, those who fought, those still missing, and those who gave their last full measure of devotion for our country. We're gathered at a monument on which the names of our fallen friends and loved ones are engraved, and with crosses instead of diamonds beside them, the names of those whose fate we do not yet know. One of those who fell wrote, shortly before his death, these words: 'Take what they have left and what they have taught you with their dying and keep it with your own. And take one moment to embrace those gentle heroes you left behind.'"*

### Montgomery County Republican Women

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The 111th General Assembly  
Ashley Elizabeth Graham Johnson



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I will have a recap for you in the next newsletter. Thanks so much.

# OFFICER ELECTIONS

We will be electing our new officers for the 2020-2021 TFRW term. Please make plans to attend so that you can be part of this important business.

On September 3, the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for the Montgomery County Republican Women for 2020-2021:

- Teresa Tuttle, President
- Cheryl Hood, 1st Vice President, Programs
- Kyong Dawson, 2nd Vice President, Membership
- Nancy Adkison, Recording Secretary
- Willi Frank, Corresponding Secretary
- Juanita Golson, Treasurer
- Syndi Carlson, Assistant Treasurer

Since there were no other nominations from the floor following the report of the nominating committee (Article VII, Section 4), there is only one candidate for each office and the vote may be by voice. *(Article VII, Section 5. Election shall be by ballot and a majority of all votes cast shall constitute an election. Where there is one candidate for an office, election may be by voice vote.)*

All of these ladies have consented to serve and we want to thank them for that willingness. Our TFRW State President, **Barbara Trautman**, will be swearing them in as your new officers at our December meeting.

## Montgomery County Republican Women to Purchase Commemorative Brick

Sue Ellen Yates and Gail Longton shared at the last meeting the plans by the Clarksville-Montgomery County Arts and Heritage Development Council for the Tennessee Triumph statue to be placed in Public Square in downtown Clarksville on August 15, 2020. More information will follow as we get closer to this event.

The club unanimously voted that we should purchase a 8"x 8" brick for \$200 that will have 6 lines of 20 characters inscribed on it showing the MCRW support for the suffrage movement.

Gail Longton will send that request for us.



## Membership Dues Increase

Marie Tillman and Willi Frank reported that during the NFRW Biennial Convention, there was a bylaws vote which increased the NFRW membership dues from \$10 to \$20 per year starting in 2020. As a result, MCRW members discussed several options as to how we could absorb this \$10.00 increase that will be paid to the NFRW.

It was unanimously decided by vote that the yearly dues for membership in our club will increase to \$35.00 per year instead of the \$25.00. Our Associate dues will increase to \$20.00 and we encourage everyone to get their "significant others" to become associate members since this is totally all income for us.

The NFRW is currently working on making this transition to the website database. In order to make this process go smoothly and allow all changes to be implemented, 2020 membership dues will be able to be entered into the database **beginning January 1, 2020**. Whenever you pay your dues in November or December, they will be held and paid on the 1st Quarter 2020 report.

**We are no longer taking dues for 2019. Any dues that you pay from today on, will be for 2020.** Our dues are now **\$35.00** per year! Men may join as Associate Members for **\$20.00** per year. Make all checks payable to MCRW and send to: **Opal Kennedy, 1151 Needmore Road, Clarksville, TN 37040**. You may also pay your dues at the Luncheon meeting.

We have 78 members and want to continue to GROW! [Click here](#) to go to the website and download a membership form, pay your membership online, or [fill in and pay by online form](#).



**Chili 'n Dogs Fall Feed and Fundraiser** was a great success, thanks to the ladies of the Montgomery County Republican Women. Our President, **Brenda Graham**, did a fantastic job as the chair of the event. Ladies of our club came through with volunteering time and food, selling tickets, setting up and breaking down and all the other things that go with completing of an event. **Helga Redd** contacted volunteers for chili and hot dogs and sold and collected money for tickets.

Thanks to **Kyong and John Dawson** for shopping, running errands, setting up and breaking down. Those who contributed chili, hot dogs and desserts from the MCRW were: **Pat Allen, Opal Kennedy, Brenda Graham, Helga & Wallace Redd, Rick & Gail Longton, Joan Niles, Corinthia Elder, Faye Green, Polly Nagy, Willi Frank, Rita Wilson, Marie Tillman and Sharon Grimes.**



Dr. Manny Sethi did a great job as our speaker and we were glad that he was able to be with us.

### Regular Monthly Club Meetings

**MCRWC** — 1st Tuesday — 11:30 am

November 5, 2019

December 2, 2019

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Tanglewood House

**RRRW** — 3rd Saturday — 9:30 am

November 16, 2019

The Looking Glass

**Montgomery County GOP**

4th Tuesday — 7:00 pm

November 26 2019

GOP Headquarters

*We will have our annual White Elephant Sale in December. So, begin gathering your slightly used items that you can now do without and bring them to our meeting. Our new officers will also be installed by the TFRW President, Barbara Frautman.*



### From our Cookbook...

#### Little Red Hen

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- 3 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 (10-3/4 ounce) can tomato soup
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar

- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms or more, to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place chicken pieces in an open baking dish. Combine green pepper, onion, tomato soup, vinegar, brown sugar, pepper, Worcestershire sauce and mushrooms; pour over chicken. Bake uncovered for 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Note: This is our family favorite and is great with brown rice and salad.

### 2018-2019 Officers

#### President

Brenda Graham

#### 1st VP --Programs

Pam Johnson

#### 2nd VP—Membership

Opal Kennedy

#### Corresponding Secretary

Elaine Tucker

#### Recording Secretary

Nancy Adkison

#### Treasurer

Juanita Golson

#### Assistant Treasurer

Syndi Carlson

#### Immediate Past President

Marie Tillman

### Committee Chairs

#### Americanism

Willi Frank

#### Armed Forces/ Homeland Security

Willi Frank

#### Budget & Finance

Cheryl Chapin

#### By-Laws

Teresa Tuttle

#### Campaign Hours

Nicole O'Connor

#### Caring for America

Diane Green—Chair

#### Marty Matthews—CoChair

#### Chaplain

Barbara Corley

#### Club Achievement Awards

Pat Allen

#### Communications

Marie Tillman

#### Decorations

Teresa Tuttle

#### Facebook/Website

Cheryl Hood/Marie Tillman

#### Fundraising

Nicole O'Connor

#### Historian

Juanita Golson

#### Leadership

Niesha Wolfe

#### Legislative

Ashley Elizabeth Graham

#### Literacy/Education

Ellen Twombly

#### Luncheon Reservations

Joan Niles

#### Newsletter Editor

Marie Tillman

#### Parliamentarian

Pat Allen

#### Publicity

Joan Niles

#### Volunteer Hours

Nicole O'Connor

#### Voter Registration

Peggy Vaughn