



## Montgomery County Republican Women

Clarksville, Tennessee

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

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### Martha Sitzler



Executive Director at Hope Pregnancy Center.

Martha Sitzler has worked in the pregnancy ministry for 23 years, and is very honored to serve as the director of this center. She came to Clarksville in November of 2009 to work at HPC and to be closer to her brother, sister-in-law and three nephews, who live in White House, TN.

Martha grew up in an Air Force family, attending a total of ten schools in six states, two countries and one US territory, and is delighted to be a member of a military community once again.

Make your reservation to hear about the important work of this agency by contacting Joan Niles at [joanniles@gmail.com](mailto:joanniles@gmail.com) or call **616-450-2800**.

### Celebrate President's Day

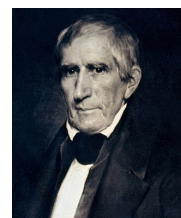
President's Day never falls on the actual birthday of any American president.

Four chief executives—George Washington, William Henry Harrison, Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan were born in February, but their birthdays all come either too early or late to coincide with Presidents' Day, which is always celebrated on the **third Monday** of the month, this year on . . . **February 20, 2017**.

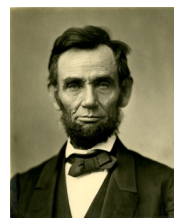
If you would like to read a history of President's Day, you can download an article taken from [History.com](http://History.com).



George Washington  
1<sup>st</sup> President  
Feb 22, 1732 - Dec 14, 1799



William Henry Harrison  
9<sup>th</sup> President  
Feb 8, 1773 - Apr 4, 1841



Abraham Lincoln  
16<sup>th</sup> President  
Feb 22, 1809 - Apr 15, 1865



Ronald Reagan  
40<sup>th</sup> President  
Feb 6, 1911 - June 5, 2004

### 2016—2017 Officers

President -- Joy Huggins  
2nd Vice President, Membership -- Opal Kennedy  
Corresponding Secretary --- Elaine Tucker  
Assistant Treasurer --- Sue Dortch

1st Vice President, Programs --- Brenda Graham  
Recording Secretary --- Barbara Corley  
Treasurer --- Arlene Rouse  
Immediate Past President --- Marie Tillman

## Committee Chairs

Americanism  
**Nancy Adkisson**  
 Armed Forces/ Homeland Security  
 —Open—  
 Budget & Finance  
**Cheryl Chapin**  
 By-Laws  
**Sue Dortch**  
 Campaign Hours  
**Joni Hargrove**  
 Caring for America  
**Nancy Adkisson**  
 Chaplain  
**Barbara Corley**  
 Club Achievement Awards  
**Pat Allen**  
 Communications  
**Joy Huggins**  
 Facebook & Website  
**Marie Tillman**  
 Fundraising  
 --Open--  
 Historian  
**Juanita Gholson**  
 Leadership  
**Niesha Wolfe**  
 Legislative  
**Hillary Pate**  
 Literacy/Education  
**Marilyn Batson**  
 Luncheon Reservations  
**Joan Niles**  
 Newsletter Editor  
**Marie Tillman**  
 Parliamentarian  
**Pat Allen**  
 Publicity  
 -Open-  
 Voter Registration  
**Peggy Vaughn**

**Please Pay your Dues for 2017. Just \$25 per year! Men**



may join as Associate Members for \$10 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. In order to be one of the clubs with the highest membership in the TNFRW, we need everyone to pay their dues and recruit new members. We now have **37 paid members and 7 paid associate members.**

## A Message from Your President

January 20, 2017 was a day of celebration for Republicans. We said "good riddance" to Barack Obama and his administration and welcomed Donald John Trump as America's 45th President.

Now that Republicans control the US House, Senate and the White House, and control the Tennessee House and Senate, we must hold our leaders and representatives accountable. No longer can we blame anyone but ourselves if nothing is accomplished and the status quo remains in place for the next four years. This is our chance to prove that Republican principles and values are good for America and will strengthen our foundations.

If you have questions or concerns, contact your representatives. Re-

member: the squeaky wheel gets the oil!

I want to thank all of you who have worked with me to make MCRW so successful this past year. Without you, nothing would be accomplished. However, there is more to be done so I am challenging you to get involved.

The 2018 Elections are just around the corner so we need to start preparing now if we want to keep the Governorship and legislative majority in Washington and in Tennessee.

I will be calling on you and your talents.

Together—ALL things are possible.



**Montgomery County**  
 Republican Women

*Joy D. Huggins*  
 President

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## The Value of One Member

*Ten* little members standing in a line. One disliked the meeting place then there were **nine**.

Nine ambitious members offered to work late. One forgot her promise then there were **eight**.

Eight creative members had ideas as good as heaven. One lost enthusiasm and then there were **seven**.

Seven loyal members got into a fix. They quarreled over programs, and then there were **six**.

Six members remained with spirit and drive. One moved away, and there were **five**.

Five steadfast members wished there were more. One became indifferent, and then there were **four**.

Four cheerful members who never disagree. Until one complained of

meeting speakers, then there were **three**.

Three eager members, what will they do? One got discouraged and then there were **two**.

Two earnest members, each enrolled one more. Doubling their number, then there were **four**.

Four determined members just could not wait. Until each one brought another, then there were **eight**.

Eight excited members signed up **sixteen** more. In another six verses there will be,

**A thousand and twenty-four!**

Remember, personal contact and making others feel



**ADDITION + RETENTION =  
 SUCCESS AND LONG LIFE!!**

they are important and necessary to our Club is vital!!

The lifeblood of any organization is the ADDITION of new and active members AND the RETENTION of enthusiastic and involved current members!!

## Republican Women Attend Swearing In

On January 10, Curtis Johnson and Jay Reedy provided a bus for those of us who wished to attend the swearing in of the 110th Tennessee General Assembly, at which time they took their oaths to serve as representatives for us.

There were several ladies and Associates of MCRWC who rode the bus and witnessed the festivities for the swearing in of the new Representatives in this 110th General Assembly. During that ceremony, our own Curtis Johnson was once again sworn in as the Speaker Pro Tempore, Beth Harwell returned to the Speaker of the House position, and Senator Randy McNally of Oak Ridge, was sworn in as Tennessee's 87th Speaker of

the Senate, serving as the Lt. Governor, filling the position vacated by Ron Ramsey's retirement.

After witnessing the swearing in, the group was directed to Beth Harwell's Library, where Curtis and Jay, along with Mark Green provided lunch for the group.

Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and the festivities and ceremonies of the day and returned home with a feeling of joy and pride for being a part of the Tennessee Republican Party.

Big THANKS, again, to our great representatives, Curtis Johnson, Jay Reedy and Mark Green.



## Elder Abuse Legislation

"Our club participated in a telephone hotline, e-mail and/or letter writing campaign to promote GOP legislation at the local, state or national level."

In order to complete this requirement toward the NFRW Diamond Award, we consulted State Representative Jay Reedy to get his idea of something that we might help get passed in our State Legislature. Representative Reedy brought to our attention HB 410 that he introduced last year as follows:

*"AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 3 and Title 71, Chapter 6, relative to offenses committed against the elderly.*

*BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:*

*SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-315, is amended by deleting subdivision (c)(1)(B) and substituting instead the following:*

*(B) (i) The victim of the offense was less than eighteen (18) years of age at any time during the person's course of conduct, and the person is five (5) or more years older than the victim; or*

*(ii) The victim of the offense was sixty-five (65) years of age or older at any time during the person's course of conduct, and the person is five (5) or more years younger than the victim.*

*SECTION 2. This act shall take*

*effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it."*

[Download the bill and the Votes Summary](#) by clicking here.

Unfortunately, after 25% progression, it died in chamber and was not brought back up.

We believe this is something that would be a cause that many of us could put our hearts and efforts into and get done.

More information and discussion will be forthcoming in the next few weeks as we look toward working on this legislation.



## MAKING RESERVATIONS TO ATTEND MCRW MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

Luncheon Meetings are every first Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am at the Clarksville Country Club. Cost is **\$19**.

### Make check to MCRW.

(make a separate check for cookbooks or other items.)

**Joan Niles** will send out an email request for reservations prior to the luncheon. Please respond to her as to whether you will attend or not, by clicking "Reply" with a yes or a no. She requests that everyone please indicate their name when they reply by email.

You can also let Joan know by contacting her by email at [joanniles@gmail.com](mailto:joanniles@gmail.com) or calling her at **616-450-2800**.

The deadline for making your reservation is by Wednesday evening before the date of the meeting on Tuesday. Deadline for canceling reservations is Sunday evening.

Remember that "a reservation made is a reservation paid."

If you know someone who does not have email they may telephone the reservation to Joan at the above number. Thank you.

**Club Brochures and Luncheon Invitations are available for download on our Website.**



## Important Dates

**Saturday, March 4, 2017**

... 10 am — 12 noon ...

**MCRP Delegated Convention** ... Pinnacle Family Center.

**Tuesday, March 7, 2017**

... 7:00 pm. ... **MCRP**

**Officer Elections** ... GOP Headquarters

**Friday, March 31, 2017** ...

7:00 p.m. ... **Lincoln**

**Reagan Day Dinner** ...

Wilma Rudolph Events Center.

**April 3, 2017** ... **TFRW Ladies' Day on the Hill** ...

TBD

**September 19-21, 2017** ...

**NFRW Convention** ... Philadelphia

**October 19-21, 2017** ...

**TFRW Biennial Convention** ... Memphis



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## Save the Date!



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**Montgomery County Republican Party**

**2017 Lincoln - Reagan Dinner**

Friday, March 31, 2017

Wilma Rudolph Event Center

Tickets will be available  
February 15, 2017

## WOMEN IN THE GOP

### 1850s-2014

For more than 150 years, women have been an active and vital force in the Republican Party.

Because it seems only natural for men and women to work together on matters that affect the nation, the GOP has focused not so much on advertising what they are "doing" for women, but instead on simply utilizing the talents and energies of any individual who wants to share in the work for the benefit of our country.

Through the utilization of the unique talents of individual Republican women – as well as the combined energies of multitudes of Republican women – the Republican Party has proven itself to be the party of opportunity, the party of true equality.

Over the next several months, we are going to give you some highlights of the role of women in the Republican Party and examples of the unique and vital contributions women have made to our Party. **So, stay tuned.....**

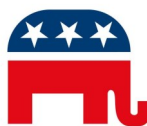
**1854** — Three women attend the founding meeting of the Republican Party in Ripon, Wisconsin women actively campaign for Republican presidential candidate John Fremont.

**1860** — Journalist Jane Grey Swisshelm becomes known as the "mother of the Republican Party" in Minnesota. Republicans win the White House for the first time with the election of Abraham Lincoln, whose campaign was aided by prominent women such as suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

## Our Club Objectives

- To promote and inform public through political education and activity.
- To increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government.
- To facilitate cooperation among the National and State Federation.
- To foster loyalty to the Republican Party and promote its principles and candidates in all elections, including non-partisan elections.
- To support the objectives and policies of the Republican National and Tennessee Executive Committees and to work for the election of Republican Party nominees.
- To attain Diamond Award in 2016-2017.

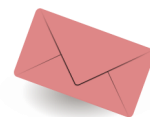
## Republican Related LINKS



1. **The Drudge Report** - For real-time updates about what's happening in the political world, [www.drudgereportfeed.com](http://www.drudgereportfeed.com)
2. **National Review** - For up-to-the-minute conservative commentary on politics, news, and culture, click [www.nationalreview.com](http://www.nationalreview.com)
3. **NewsBusters** - To read information on this site that is a project of the Media Research Center (MRC), America's leading media watchdog in documenting, exposing and neutralizing liberal media bias, click [www.newsbusters.org](http://www.newsbusters.org)
4. **Politico** - To learn the latest scoops and coverage of the 2017 [www.politico.com](http://www.politico.com)
5. **Real Clear Politics** - For a blast of all things political, check out this site by clicking [www.realclearpolitics.com](http://www.realclearpolitics.com)
6. **Right Wing News** - To read a variety of information (e.g., humor, quotes, interviews, and polling) on this site that touts: Stand Up! Speak Out! Fight Back!, click <http://rightwingnews.com>
7. **RNC News** - To read timely press releases, click <https://gop.com/news/>

## CARING FOR OUR MEMBERS

If you know of a current or former member who has been or is ill, has suffered a loss or could just use a little cheer, please give **Elaine Tucker**, Corresponding Secretary, their names and addresses so she can send them a card.



## Sympathy

MCRWC would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family of former Mayor and great Republican, **Ted Crozier, Sr.** who passed away on Monday, January 9th. You can send a Sympathy message by [clicking here](#).

## Sick

Among those we know who have been ill, are **Wayne Oldham**, one of our long-time Associate Members, who was hospitalized with pneumonia. We hope Wayne is improving and will be back with us again.

## FEBRUARY 2017 MEETINGS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 MCRW	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 RRRW 10:00 am
19	20 MCYR 7:00 pm	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 MCR Party 7: pm				

Montgomery County Republican Women	Monthly Lunch Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	11:30 a.m. Clarksville Country Club
Red River Republican Women	Monthly Brunch Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	9:30 a.m. The Looking Glass Restaurant
Montgomery County Young Republicans	Monthly Evening Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	7:00 p.m. Leap Center, Wilma Rudolph
Montgomery County Republican Party	Monthly Evening Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	7:00 p.m. GOP Headquarters



We're on the Web:



[montgomerycountyrepublicanwomen.org](http://montgomerycountyrepublicanwomen.org)