

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



May 7, 2019

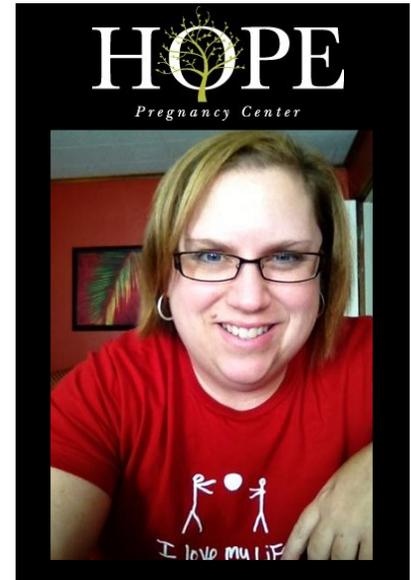


**Speaker — Martha Sitzler**  
**Executive Director at Hope Pregnancy Center**

Martha Sitzler has worked in the pregnancy ministry for over 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.



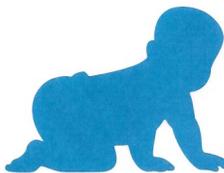
**It's a Baby Shower**

May 7, 2019

MCRW meeting

Please bring a gift for a baby for the HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER  
Especially needed are diapers for newborns, sizes 3, 4, and 5

Baby socks



sleepers  
0-3 and 6-9 months

Car Seats  
(Cosco, Statera convertible car seat - around \$50.00)

Gift cards  
(Target, Walmart, Amazon)

**We are now taking dues for 2019.** 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.

We have reported 80 members to TFRW 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](#).



*We are in the TFRW Club Spotlight!* Be sure to check your copy of **The Iris Messenger**.



**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

In the weeks to come, families across the country will celebrate the women who work to make the world go 'round. Whether you're a Mom, an Aunt, a GiGi, a Godmother, a Teacher, or Friend to many, we celebrate all the ways you make a difference.

This time every year I think about our Founding Mothers. Mary Katherine Goodard who was the first to publish the Declaration of Independence in its entirety. Deborah Sampson who dressed as a man, joined the Fourth Massachusetts Regiment and fought in the Revolutionary War. Abigail Adams whose political acumen had her named Mrs. President.

Our mighty country is built on the shoulders of women dedicated to the causes we hold dear.

As you celebrate the women in your life, I hope you take a few moments to tell the stories of the women who have come before us. I'm grateful for each of you, the talents you so freely share, and the ways we're all working to support the women who will follow in our footsteps.

Happy Mother's Day !



  
**Montgomery County**  
 Republican Women

*Brenda Lewis Graham*  
 President

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The 111th General Assembly  
*Ashley Elizabeth Graham Johnson*

I will have a report for you next month. Please continue to pray for those who represent us on all levels and follow me on TWITTER!

Ashley Elizabeth Graham Johnson  
[twitter.com/aeg0707](https://twitter.com/aeg0707)

### 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 2018-2019.



Goes to **WALLACE REDD**, husband of our member Helga Redd for taking his time to hold a **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE** workshop for us on **April 10, 2019**. Those of us from the club who attended were

joined by four (4) others from the community. It was very informative and, if there is more interest, we will see if Wallace will be willing to hold another one in the future. Thanks to Trisha Butler, one of our guests, for making a recording of the session. You can see her video on our [FACEBOOK](#) page or you can go to the following link to Trisha Butler's FB Page.



<https://www.facebook.com/trishabutlerTN/videos/880880235597616/>

## New FACEBOOK Look

Thanks to **Cheryl Hood** for agreeing to be our new FACEBOOK administrator! If you haven't been on our FB page lately, you need to check it out. Thank you Cheryl, for the great job you are doing so far. Because of Cheryl's work, we had four (4) people attend our Parliamentary workshop who were from the community. Click the FB logo to visit our page. . . And don't forget to Post and Share <https://www.facebook.com/MontgomeryCRW/>

Following are pictures that Cheryl shared on our FB page taken at the Ladies' Day on the Hill on April 2. Thanks to Congressman Green's office for these pictures. Since some of you may not have a FB page, you will enjoy seeing them here.

We had a great time at this event and were glad that Jay Reedy and Curtis Johnson could eat with us. Congressman Green was the speaker for the luncheon but he stopped by to say hello to all of us.



### FYI for New Members . . . as a Member of Montgomery County Republican Women, you are also part of this organization:

**Mission** — Founded in 1938, the **National Federation of Republican Women** is one of the largest grassroots political organizations in the country with thousands of active members in local clubs across the nation.

**Membership** — A Republican woman becomes a member by joining her local club or through a national at-large membership. Members of a local club also are granted membership in their state federations. State federations are chartered under the auspices of the NFRW but operate under their own bylaws. Although independent, state bylaws must not conflict with the NFRW Bylaws. Clubs also operate under their own Bylaws but they must not conflict with State or NFRW Bylaws.

The Federation includes state federations with local clubs in communities across the country. Joining a local club is a great way to participate in the political process at the grassroots level, develop leadership skills and network with women in your community. Members of local clubs are automatically members of their state federation and of the National Federation of Republican Women. Dues at the local level vary, but will include national membership dues, which are \$10.00 per member per year. \$4.00 goes to the State Federation, \$11.00 stays in our Club.

Business and elections are conducted at Conventions: (1) **Area Convention** for the area of the State where the club is located; Tennessee has 18 and each one has a Vice-President. (2) The **State Convention** for the entire State; there is a President, 1st & 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Immediate Past President. (3) The **National Federation Convention**; same officers as State are elected from all over the Nation, along with standing committees and special committees, other business.

# Upcoming Events

## TFRW Board Meeting

The Spring board meeting will be held **May 18, 2019**, at the Brentwood Country Club, 5123 Country Club Drive, Brentwood, Tennessee. Please make arrangements to join your President and the TFRW officers from our club as we attend this meeting. Board of Directors Meeting & Luncheon begins at 10:15 a.m. CENTRAL time. You are cordially invited and urged to attend.



You must R.S.V.P. no later than Friday, May 10, by emailing TFRW Treasurer N'gaio Wesenberg at [ngaio@centurytel.net](mailto:ngaio@centurytel.net). Or call N'gaio at 731-343-1582. You will then mail your \$35 check payable to TFRW to: N'gaio Wesenberg, 186 Vantage Pointe, Counce, TN 38326.

Not only will you get acquainted with many ladies from all over the State, but you will also gain information about what is happening in your State Federation. Reservations are required.

We usually get together a carpool and would love to have each and every one of you to go along with us!

## National Federation of Republican Women

### 40th Biennial Convention

September 26-29, 2019  
[JW Marriott Indianapolis](#)  
 Indianapolis, Indiana

## TFRW 32nd Biennial Convention

will be held **October 18-19, 2019** in Johnson City, TN

## Regular Monthly Club Meetings

MCRWC — 1st Tuesday — 11:30 am  
 May 7, 2019  
 June 4, 2019  
 Tanglewood House

RRRW—3rd Saturday — 9:30 am  
 May 18, 2019  
 The Looking Glass

Montgomery County GOP  
 4th Tuesday — 7:00 pm  
 May 28, 2019  
 GOP Headquarters

**Are you unsure how the GOP is organized? If so, you won't want to miss our JULY meeting! **Pat Allen**, our long-time member and SEC Secretary as well as long-time Committeewoman for District 22, will be our speaker. She will explain the organization and how each auxiliary of the GOP fits into the organization. So, put **July 2, 2019** on your calendar to attend.**

## 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  
Joan Niles
- 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

## From our Cookbook...

### No Bake Cookies

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- 2 cups sugar
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Pinch salt
- 1/2 cup peanut butter, plain or chunky
- 3 cup quick cooking oats

In a saucepan over medium heat, combine sugar, cocoa, milk and butter. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Boil for one minute and remove from heat. Stir in vanilla, salt, peanut butter and oats. Mix ingredients well prior to dropping them by tablespoon on wax paper. Allow to cool for an hour on wax paper. Then store in airtight container. Note: Kids love these, sort of a chocolate candy/cookie.