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President's Message

It is with great excitement that I tell you of our Ladies Day on the Hill Legislative Day and our 2011 Biennial Convention.

First, our Ladies Day on the Hill event will start at the Capitol. This year we have opted to have our entire program at the Capitol. We will be honoring our Republican Women Legislators. We have a few surprises in store for them, for our First Lady Crissy Haslam, and for you. After we have our picture taken on the Capitol steps, we will adjourn to the historic Hermitage Hotel where we will partake in a light lunch. There will be no program there because we will be catching buses to the Governor's Mansion for dessert and coffee. So, your registration fee will cover a light breakfast between the House and Senate Chambers, our Legislative Day program, lunch at the Hermitage Hotel, dessert and coffee at the Mansion and bus fare to and from the Mansion.

For our 2011 Biennial Convention, I am happy to report that we are well on our way in our planning of this event. We are hoping to offer many extra activities, which will, of course, cost extra and is optional, but it is going to be well worth coming a day early to enjoy these activities and events. Despite rumors, we will not be taking a "shopping spree" out of State. We will, however, be enjoying a trip to Corinth for the historical value from the Civil

War era. This is an optional trip and will not take many dollars outside our great State of Tennessee. Some of the events we are working on are: golfing packages, spa packages, riverboat cruise, battlefield tour, historical Civil War information trips, fishing, tour of homes, and much more. We can't promise all of these, but I can assure you that we are working on it. (If you would be interested in riding a chartered bus, please contact me and let me know.)

It is my goal to give you the best Convention ever. While it may not be the Ritz, it will certainly be a place that you will enjoy and where you will be able to relax and chill out. It will be mostly very informal because I do want you to be able to feel right at home. The ladies and all County officials in Hardin County are extremely excited about this Convention and all have promised to help us in any way possible. I am so looking forward to the time when you can come join us in what we have planned for you.



**Susan Witcher,
President TFRW**

Remembering Ronald Reagan

Ronald Reagan would have turned 100 years old on February 6th this year. Ronald Wilson Reagan (Feb 6, 1911-June 5, 2004) was the 40th President of the United States and consistently ranks #1 in polls when people are asked who was the greatest President in US history.

Recently polled, the two top Presidents were Reagan and Abraham Lincoln, both Republicans and men of strong convictions. A few quotes from Ronald Reagan:



Jody McGee and Janet Doran with picture from Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey's office.

"How do you tell a communist? Well, it's someone who reads Marx and Lenin. And how do you tell an anti-Communist? It's someone who understands Marx and Lenin."

"Above all, we must realize that no arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women. It is a weapon our adversaries in today's world do not have."

His humor was always quick: "Thomas Jefferson once said, 'We should never judge a president by his age, only by his works.' And ever since he told me that, I stopped worrying."

Club Happenings

Hamilton County Republican Women's Club recently made a \$500 donation to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Chattanooga. Accepting the donation was Jane Kaylor, Executive Director.



Pictured from left are Patsy Henry, Janelle Merritt, Ms. Jane Kaylor, Billie Whiteside, and Dean Jackson.

Another donation from the **Hamilton County Republican Women's Club** was recently awarded to Laura Brock. A five hundred

dollar scholarship was given to student, Laura Brock, at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Pictured above right, L to R, Dean Jackson, Janelle Merritt, Ms. Laura Brock, Billie Whiteside, Linda McGarrity, and Patsy Henry.

In February, Governor Haslam was in Chattanooga and the HCRW held a great reception for him at the Tennessee Aquarium!

Pictured lower right is the **Franklin County Republican Women's Club's** headquarters, 1315 Dinah Shore Blvd, Winchester, TN. Lynn James, president,



and her husband Dave are seen sitting at the conference table. The headquarters is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and for meetings. Come in and watch Fox News Channel!



Fundraisers, Membership Drives and Fun!

Pickwick Sends Governor Dessert Every Month

The Hardin County Republicans held their Reagan Day Dinner last fall at the beautiful Pickwick Landing State Park Inn with over 300 in attendance. The Pickwick Republican Women were very excited that night when in their silent auction, Gov. Haslam won the bid for "Monthly Desserts" for a year! Donna Woodside, President of the Pickwick Republican Women will have the honor of preparing desserts for the Governor for 2011.

Susan Witcher, TFRW president, also attended the Reagan Day Dinner and presented framed "Proclamations" to Savannah Mayor Bob Shutt and Hardin County Mayor Kevin Davis in appreciation of their support of the TFRW Convention. Many of the state executive board members also attended the event with Susan.

A fundraiser for the club was the Fashion Show and Luncheon at Horse Creek Lodge. Two area boutiques furnished the latest fashions, including accessories. Members of the club modeled, and a special treat included children's fashions modeled by grandchildren of club members.

Other activities the club has participated in was a "Dinner for the Candidates," Rally for Republican Candidates, sending "Care Boxes" to soldiers every month, and at the present time, club members are preparing and planning for the TFRW Convention on Oct 21-23 at the Pickwick Landing State Park Inn!

The Pickwick Republican Women are excited about "rolling out the red carpet" for the ladies of the TFRW as all the West Tennessee Federation clubs will be hosting this convention. Make your plans to attend and bring your families to enjoy this beautiful Tennessee State Park !! See page 5 for more details.

TFRW Raises Money for State Candidates

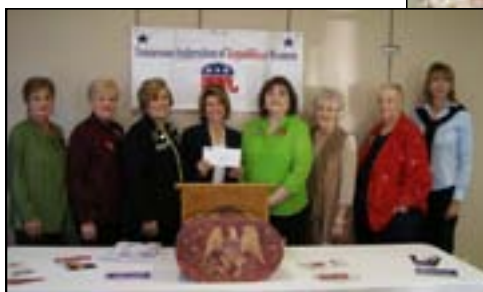
These fundraisers were the first the Campaign Committee of the TFRW has ever done. We targeted 3 races across the state and raised over \$14,000.00 which went *directly* to the candidates.

Clockwise:

The first picture is the fundraiser for Jim Hardin.

The second is the fundraiser for Teresa Wood.

The third one is the fundraiser for Terri Lynn Weaver.



Federation News

Shirley Ward Wins Election on National Committee, TFRW Nominations, Iris Brunch

Our congratulations go out to Shirley Ward, immediate past-president of TFRW, for being elected to a coveted spot on the seven member Nominating Committee for the NFRW! This committee chooses the slate of the NFRW Executive Board. The slate is presented to the Federation members at the Kansas City convention this Fall, and if elected, those ladies will serve the NFRW over the next two years. As we are headed into a huge Presidential campaign, we will need strong, dedicated leaders for our National Federation. We wish all the best to Shirley and the other 6 ladies in their decision-making duties.



In DC, Campaigning for Shirley: Holly McDow, Andrea Norberg, Janet Doran, Shirley Ward, Lynn James, and Jody McGee.

Calendar of Events

- *April 6, Wed, Ladies' Day on the Hill
- *May 2, First Republican Presidential debate at Ronald Reagan Library
- *May 21, TFRW Spring Board Meeting
- *Sept 29-Oct 2, Thirty-sixth Biennial NFRW convention, Kansas City, MO
- *October 21-23, TFRW Convention! Pickwick Landing State Park, near Savannah, TN

TFRW's NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The board recently elected members of the 2011 TFRW Nominating Committee, which is responsible for selecting the TFRW's official slate of candidates for the 2012-2013 term. Elected to serve on the TFRW 2011 Nominating Committee are: Julie Brockman, Flo Charles, Jan Doran, Kay Hodgson, Linda Osborne and Shirley Ward.

Anyone interested in running for a position on the TFRW board can send their resume to:

Shirley Ward
Chairman, TFRW Nominating Committee
1720 Hwy 59 West
Covington, TN 38019
or email to ward38019@aol.com



Iris Brunch Huge Success

The TFRW gave a brunch in honor of the new members of the Tennessee State Legislature. The Iris Fund Brunch was held in Speaker of the House Beth Harwell's meeting room. We are very proud of Beth being the first woman to be Speaker and that she is a member of the Federation. The Iris Fund helps raise money for Republicans running for state legislature positions.



State Legislators enjoying the brunch.

Newsletter News!

Naming the Newsletter

Congratulations are in order to Mary Stimek of Republican Women of Wilson County. She came up with our new newsletter name, "The Iris Messenger." Thank you to all who submitted names. We had some very good entries, and it was hard to narrow it down to just one name.

We Have Gone to an Electronic Newsletter!

We have one newsletter a year mailed in the Spring. Being fiscally responsible, with postage and printing costs being a good amount of money, we've joined many organizations in

providing email newsletters. They are up-to-the-minute news and very reasonably priced. Please provide your email address to andrea@carmeljournal.org if you aren't already getting our newsletter emails about once a month.

Art Work

We need some very pretty artwork for our newsletter, especially irises and elephants. Is there anyone out there who can help!? Please send those to the same address above, the newsletter editor, andrea@carmeljournal.org. I greatly thank you for any help.

May 2nd—What Republican Candidates Will Be Here!?



DATE ANNOUNCED FOR FIRST GOP PRESIDENTIAL

DEBATE OF THE 2012 SEASON

**REAGAN "CENTENNIAL" DEBATE TO BE TELEVISED ON MSNBC,
TELEMUNDO, CNBC, AND LIVESTREAMED ON POLITICO**

**NBC NEWS' BRIAN WILLIAMS AND POLITICO'S JOHN F. HARRIS
TO COMODERATE**

Simi Valley, CA – The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation announced today that **May 2, 2011** is the date for the Republican presidential candidates’ debate being held at the Reagan Library. The Reagan Foundation also announced a host of details about the first Republican debate of the 2012 campaign season, including a roster of some of the nation's top journalists from NBC News, POLITICO and Telemundo to take part in the questioning.

“We have established a wonderful tradition – of which I know Ronnie would be so proud – of using the Library as a first-in-the-nation forum for candidates to introduce themselves and their visions for America to a national audience,” former First Lady Nancy Reagan said.

The Reagan Library, in Simi Valley, California, was also the venue for the first Republican debate of the 2008 campaign cycle. Mrs. Reagan and the Presidential Foundation announced last fall the plan to host the candidates as the 2012 campaign season begins. In addition to the date of this year’s gathering — selected by the Presidential Foundation after consultation with national Republicans — there are several important features of the Library Debate announced by Mrs. Reagan today:

*Brian Williams, anchor of the top-rated NBC Nightly News, will be co-moderator, along with POLITICO Editor-in-Chief John F. Harris, a presidential scholar and one of the nation's top political journalists. A Telemundo reporter will also join in the questioning.

*NBC News and POLITICO will be joined by Telemundo and CNBC in airing the debate. This will mark the first time a news organization aimed at Hispanic Americans and the nation’s leading business news network will join in the inaugural debate of a presidential campaign season.

*The debate will air on MSNBC, POLITICO.com, CNBC and Telemundo.

The Reagan Presidential Foundation plans to play host to both the first GOP presidential debate of the 2012 election cycle on May 2, 2011 and a second GOP debate on the eve of the Super Tuesday primaries.

Welcome New Club, Travels, and Meetings



Karel Lea Biggs, new president of Red River Republican Women.



Clockwise, TFRW members met with US Sen. Lamar Alexander in Washington, DC, while at the NFRW’s Legislative Day. Next, they met with US Sen. Bob Corker. TFRW President Susan Witcher travels to **Loudon County Republican Women’s** meeting, and in the bottom left picture, performs the swearing in of the new officers of our new club, **Red River Republican Women in Montgomery County!** We give a hearty welcome to the Red River Republican Women!

TFRW Convention! Mark Your Calendars: October 21-23

Come one, come all! The TFRW Convention has been touted as a family-friendly event, with plenty of recreational opportunities for all. We have a great line-up of invited speakers for our meetings. In addition, we are going to have some really good training workshops for the Area VPs, Club Presidents, Sec/Treasurers, and also plans are for workshops on Bylaws and Parliamentary Procedure, one on the importance of a club's relationship to the Federation with explanations on the Iris Fund, Beyond the Vote and other general information we feel all members need to know. You will come away with good knowledge to take back to your clubs and information that will benefit your communities.

Watch your email for more information as it becomes available. We are working hard to keep prices very reasonable, and really want your family to feel that they can come and enjoy all that Pickwick Landing State Park has to offer. Come early or stay a few days extra for a family vacation.

Pickwick Landing State Park is located just south of Pickwick Dam, 12 miles south of Savannah, TN., in Hardin County. The lake and river offer excellent fishing, boating, swimming and a marina. Accommodations on the park include a modern Inn and Restaurant, cabins and camping. There is also a beautiful and challenging golf course. The park contains 1,400 acres of forested hills and hollows. There is a 2.8 mile trail to explore and enjoy the wildlife and plant life around the lake. Picnicking, swimming and play fields are also available.

TFRW is Welcomed by Chairman

"On behalf of our Hardin County Republican Party, we look forward to your meeting here in Hardin County in October, 2011. We extend a warm welcome to you, and we will gladly put forth our greatest efforts to make this convention the best for your group. Please contact us with any way we can be of assistance for this great event."

Regards,
Bob Yeiser, Chairman
Hardin County Republican Party

Welcome From Convention Chair

"It was an honor to be the chosen site for the next TFRW convention which will be held at Pickwick Landing State Park Inn ~ Oct. 21-23 of this year! We are working very hard to ensure that all of the wonderful ladies and their families across the state will have a very enjoyable time at this convention. Everyone has been just great in offering their help and support to me, and I appreciate all your efforts!"

Kay Hodgson, Convention Chairman
Donna Woodside, Co-Chair



Nearby Attractions

Shiloh National Military Park, Shiloh, TN, 16 miles.

Buford Pusser Home & Museum, Adamsville, TN, 20 miles.



Attractions abound amidst the beautiful Fall colors!

Andrea Norberg
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Send us your email address!

To: andrea@carmeljournal.org

We have a newsletter that goes out via email, too. Please don't miss out! Join now!

Invitation for YOU!

The Tennessee Federation of Republican Women and
The Republican Women of Wilson County invite you to
attend 2011 Ladies' Day On The Hill

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Schedule:

8:00am Registration and Continental Breakfast
in the lobby between the Chambers

8:45am Enter the House Chambers for a program
celebrating the November 2nd historic Republican
Victories

11:30am Gather on steps of the Capitol for a group
photograph

11:45am Walk across Legislative Plaza to the Five Star
Hermitage Hotel for a gourmet lunch (noon-1:15pm)

1:15pm Board tour buses outside of hotel to go to
Governor's Mansion for dessert and tour.
First Lady Crissy Haslam will meet us in
Conservatory Hall

3:00pm Return to the Hermitage Hotel

RSVP By March 31st

**Cost is \$37 if your check is received by March 31st.
Reservations received after March 31st will cost \$40**

For more information, contact your club president.
Reservations MUST be made.

It is Great Being a Federated Woman!

You have paid dues to a local, federated club, now you have access to all that the National Federation of Republican Women does and to the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women's programs and activities. The NFRW and the TFRW provide a whole host of resources, information, and opportunities to get involved politically. From publications and legislative updates to informative luncheons and more, there is something for your interests and talents.

Please look at these websites for all kinds of information!
www.nfrw.org and www.tnfrw.org

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