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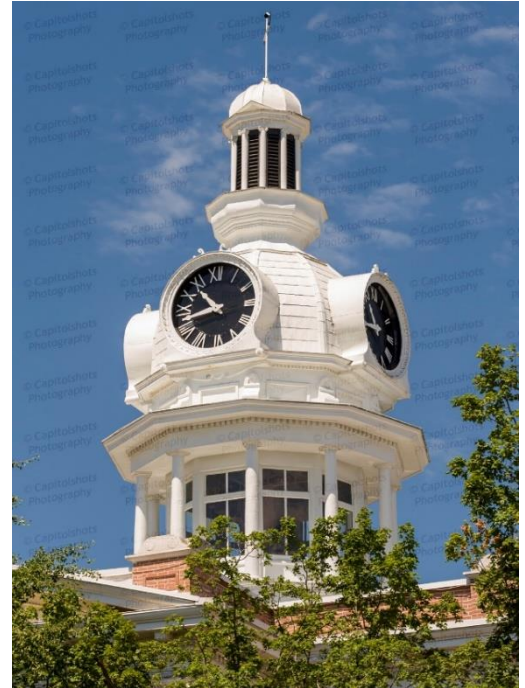
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Feature Article: Conservative Caucus Meeting 2020 Embassy Suites, July 11

Report Respectfully Submitted by Brenda Baggett

Our day started at 8:30 with Senator Mark Pody as the Emcee giving a brief summary of the day's events. It began with a Q & A with the candidates running for Senator Lamar Alexander's seat. There were about 5 who answered random questions, such as how they felt about Sharia Law, forced immunizations, E-verify, Facebook control, regulations for trade, etc.

Next on the Agenda was speaker Dr. Ming Wang, a well-known eye surgeon who was from China, & came to the United States in 1982 with \$50 in his pocket to attend school. He graduated from Harvard & MIT. It was a very inspiring speech focusing on a vision for common ground in a polarized world especially for immigrants & the minority. He said we should find existing similarities & new discoveries of common ground with people. He also asks immigrants, "Do you want America to become the country you just fled?"

John Harris, a Vanderbilt School of Law Graduate who specializes in 2nd Amendment Rights, talked about these Rights. He stressed that the Thirteen States took up arms for the purpose of seizing & declaring independence so that we might have the rights and freedoms that we enjoy today. The Colonists used firearms to oppose the king & his armies making the right to bear arms a very important right then and now.

Dr. Damon Petty, graduate of Harvard & University of Virginia, gave a statistics report about Covid19 & Censorship. His data showed the reported numbers are apparently padded. I left at 3:00 because of prior commitments & couldn't hear the rest of the speakers. They were Jeff Coble, Members from Pro-Life, Dr. Brent Boles, Don Barnett, Rep. Terri Lynn Weaver, Matthew Nowlin of the Conservative Christians, Steven Solomon. I understand they finished about 5:00 & all speakers were very good.

One Hundredth Anniversary of Women's Suffrage

Next month on August 18th, we will commemorate one hundred years ago when the state of Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the 19th Amendment making it a law that the right to vote could not be denied based on sex. As we look back, the ratification of the Amendment may not sound to be as daunting of a task as it was. In August of that year, Nashville became crowded with pro-suffragists wearing yellow roses and anti-suffragists wearing red. Each side working feverishly to lobby legislators to vote for their platform. Tension was running high; even after Harry Burn broke the tie helping the 19th Amendment become law.

The fight for women's right to vote began long before when some women wanted these rights mentioned as the Constitution was framed. It took many years with many setbacks such as several wars before women actually won that right. Women persevered. They knew they must have a say about their lives, the lives of their children and their families. Women during these times were unable to work, become educated, have money that was their own, make decisions about their children regarding health and education, etc. They realized no matter the cost, they must win the right to vote. They must have their voice heard.

On August 6th and November 3rd, we have two opportunities to vote, to have our voice heard. Take a moment and think about your female ancestors. They endured a great deal to give you the privilege to vote. We should never take that privilege for granted.

Officers of the Republican Women of Rutherford County

President: Terri Kilgour

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Secretary: Liz Bouma

Treasurer: Andrea Norberg

Chaplain: Rose Marie Shipley

Past President: Felicia Hix

Hot Off the Presses

Senator Marsha Blackburn and daughter, Mary Morgan Ketchel have written a children's book about the history of the passage of the 19th Amendment and the role Tennessee played in the history of its passage. Reserve your copy at the meeting. Cost is \$20 using cash or check.



Calendar of Events

July 21st– Speaker : House Representative Charlie Baum- Republican Headquarters

August 18th– Speaker: Teb Batey—Rutherford County Trustee – **Dinner Meeting at Through the Grapevine**. Cost \$15. You can make reservations at the 21st meeting by paying dinner amount to club with cash or check. Those who reserve and do not come must still pay for meal cost. Information will follow in an email concerning reservations closer to the date.

September 15th- Detective Tommy Roberts of the Murfreesboro Police Department

Election Dates to Keep in Mind:

Early Voting Dates for Aug. 6th Elections: July 17, 2020 Through August 1, 2020

August 6th, 2020 : State & Federal Primary, Rutherford County General Election, Murfreesboro City Municipal

September 26th- Iris Fund Luncheon and Silent Auction at Brentwood Country Club

November 3rd, 2020 : State & Federal General , Eagleville, LaVergne & Smyrna Municipal Elections

Note: Please remember that our meetings are held the third Tuesday every month at 6 p.m. unless otherwise announced. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to email Marzee Woodward at marzeew@gmail.com

Tuesday, July 21st is the next meeting of the Republican Women of Rutherford County and we are excited to have State Representative Charlie Baum. Rep. Baum is married and has three children. He has a doctor's degree in economics and is a professor. He is very involved in the Murfreesboro community serving on the Board of organizations such as: Murfreesboro City Schools Foundation, Oaklands Historic Foundation, Linebaugh Library Foundation, and Murfreesboro Community Foundation. He serves in various committees within the state legislature that deal with topics such as finance, education, consumer and human resources and employee affairs. We look forward to hearing from Representative Baum as shares aspects of his job as a legislator. Let's welcome this Murfreesboro native home and be ready for questions we may have. As always, we ask you to please bring a guest with you. This year more than ever, we must stand and be heard.

July 21st Meeting



State Representative Charlie Baum of 37th District

July MEETING: On Tuesday, June 16th we had a great monthly meeting. We had many who turned out for this meeting and had five new members join. We were very excited about this growth. Before our speaker, members joined together for a pot-luck dinner. There was lots of good food and lots of good conversation. It was wonderful getting to know each other and talking with other Republican Sisters.

Our Speakers for the June Meeting were John Taylor and Ramona P. DeSalvo, Esq. Through their presentation, we garnered information about what the Convention of States is and how we as citizens can be involved.



Keep inviting friends to come and join us at our informative meetings.

Bits and Pieces of Information

Information you NEED to know

Remember

Please keep Elsa Ridley in your thoughts and prayers. As this newsletter is being written, Elsa is in the local hospital with what could be pneumonia. We are thinking of Elsa and her daughter, Felicia and hope this illness passes quickly.

Early Voting

Just a reminder, early voting begins July 17th. It is critical every Republican votes this year. If you have friends, neighbors or family members who want to vote but do not want the hassle of crowds on Election Day, use the Early Voting opportunities. Early voting polls close August 1st.

You Are Challenged

At our last monthly meeting, there were many of us who did not know our TN House Representative or our Tennessee State Senator. Let us challenge ourselves before our meeting to find out who represents us in each office. We want to be informed constituents and this would be our first step. Let's see who knows next time the question arises.

Headquarter Volunteers Needed

Daniel Gammon, chair of the Republican Party of Rutherford County, is asking for volunteers until November to help at The Republican Headquarters on Saturday mornings. Volunteers will need to help distribute campaign signs, etc. This is an important year and a great way we can provide assistance. Please check your calendars for Saturday availability and be ready to sign up with Marzee Woodward at the meeting.

Phone Campaigning

Recently we were asked to help a Republican candidate in California win the seat by helping make phone calls on his behalf. Some of us were very interested, but we wondered if our phone numbers would show up when a person received a call. After some investigation, Marzee Woodward was able to contact Faye Robinson, TN Federation Campaign Chair, who stated that when we call the following shows up in the caller ID: TrumpTalk 614-696-5078. No one will receive your personal phone number. She says everyone will need to help with phone calling after Labor Day, so be ready to take a little on-line class and let's re-elect the President again.

We are Growing and it is so EXCITING!

Have you noticed that our organization is growing? We are getting our message out and people want to stop the chaos happening in the nation. We have several new members. Please welcome: Marcia Jones, Brenda Baggett, Cindy Bjork, Kathy Sellers, Joyce Taylor and Lisa Reaney. We are excited to have each of you as members and can't wait to see what we can accomplish together.

Name of Member:

Spotlight on Members Survey:

Please complete any parts of this form you are comfortable with completing and give to Marzee Woodward at a meeting or you can email it to her at marzeew@gmail.com. Headshots need to be sent by email or text her your picture at 615-479-6721. We are excited to get to know about you. (Please note the editor will condense if needed.)

1. Tell us something you would like to share about yourself.
 - a. Hobbies?
 - b. Passions?
 - c. Pets?
 - d. Any special travels?
 - e. Why did you decide to join the Republican Women of Rutherford County?