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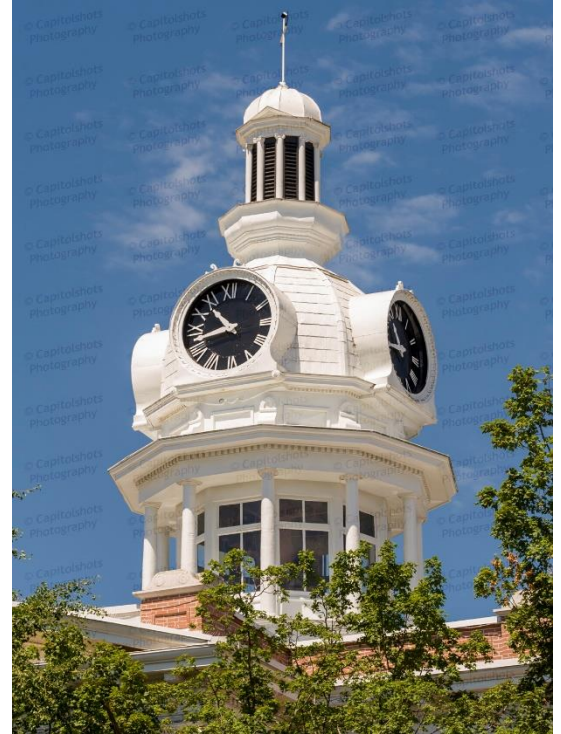
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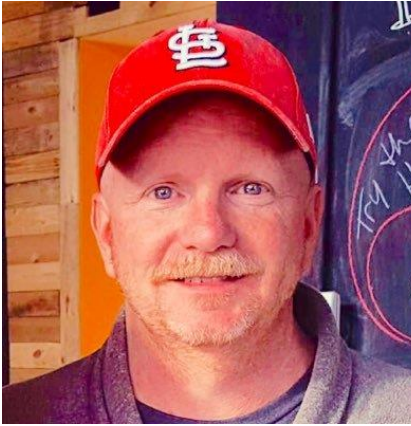
## President Trump's Great Speech at the Republican Convention



On Thursday night, August 27<sup>th</sup>, President Donald J. Trump concluded the Republican Convention. If you watched the conventions of the two parties, it was easy to see the stark differences. The Democrats paraded Hollywood stars sharing their ideas of what truth and justice for all are. The Republican Convention; however, highlighted everyday American people. President Trump mentioned a huge disparity between the two parties when he said, *"How can the Democratic Party lead the Country when they spend so much time tearing down our country."* Any person watching the two conventions could easily see this statement was true. President Trump laid out his agenda and his presentation was a very

positive one. He stated that he will continue to cut taxes, bring jobs back to America, support the Border patrol, and keep the promises he has made. He discussed charter schools, the police force, space force, building the armed forces, racial inequality, social injustice, Covid, abortion, and many other areas. He carefully laid out his plan on how to "Make America Great Again." Important comments that stood out are: "The United States puts our Faith in All Mighty God." "Biden's agenda is "Made in China" and Trump's is "Made in the USA". Another was "All children born and unborn have a God given right to life." Finally, President Trump shared that during the Democratic Convention twice they left out "one nation under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance. Interestingly, after the President's speech, a major media channel said the President did not state his platform or what he planned to accomplish. (They were not really watching.) We cannot hand over our country to democratic socialism! Let's make sure there are four more years.

**PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR CLUB'S WEBSITE at [www.rwrc.us](http://www.rwrc.us)  
Like our Facebook page: Republican Women of Rutherford County**

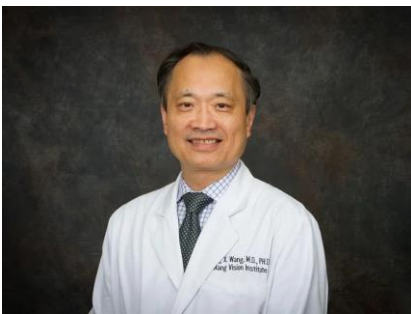


**September 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting**  
Speaker: Detective Tommy  
Roberts

*Dinner Reservations due by  
September 10<sup>th</sup> at noon.*

**Detective Tommy Roberts** was born and raised in Memphis, TN. He moved to Murfreesboro in 1988, when he was promoted with the company that he was with at the time. In 1988 since Murfreesboro was a small town, he chose to live here. Tommy had always wanted to be a police officer and in 1998 he was hired by the Murfreesboro Police Department. He worked patrol for 7 years and in late 2005 he was promoted to Detective. He was assigned to General Detectives, and he worked mostly property crimes. His career would change forever in 2006 when an 11 year old girl rode her bicycle to the Police Dept. and told the man working the desk that she was being sexually abused by her mom's boyfriend. He worked that case and the suspect ending up getting 26 years in prison. From there on out he has worked crimes against children and sex crimes. He has certifications in: Crimes Against Children, Dallas TX; Family Crimes and Sex Crimes, Portland OR; Child Homicide, Jacksonville, FL; Exploring Sexual Offenders, Phoenix, AZ

He is often asked, "How do you do it?" His response is that "I am not the one being abused, those are the ones he works for and there is nothing more enjoyable than taking these offenders to jail."



**October 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Speaker: Dr. Ming Wang

*Will begin taking  
reservations October  
1<sup>st</sup>. Reservations due by  
noon on October 15<sup>th</sup>.*

Dr. Ming Wang published a book in 2015 entitled, "From Darkness to Sight," chronicling his journey from China where he escaped one of history's darkest eras – China's Cultural Revolution, to become a world renowned laser eye surgeon and philanthropist. He often shares his experiences in speeches around the state.

In many of his speeches he begins by saying: "People who appreciate sight the most are blind people. People who appreciate freedom, are those who are not free." Living through the innocence of youth in a country where freedom was a dream, Wang used his tenacity and with the help of his parents found his way to America with only \$50 and a Chinese/English dictionary in his pocket. Beating the odds Wang earned a PhD in laser physics, graduating magna cum laude with highest honors from Harvard Medical School and MIT.

While Wang was raised in an atheist home, in America through the teachings of a professor who helped him embrace the existence of God, he became a Christian, from this moment on science and faith work hand and hand in his life. His story is a great story of the American dream being realized. We hope all can attend. Early registration encouraged.

**Officers of the Republican**

**Women of Rutherford County**

**President: Terri Kilgour**

**1st Vice President: Karen Hudson**

**2nd Vice President: Marzee  
Woodward**

**Secretary: Liz Bouma**

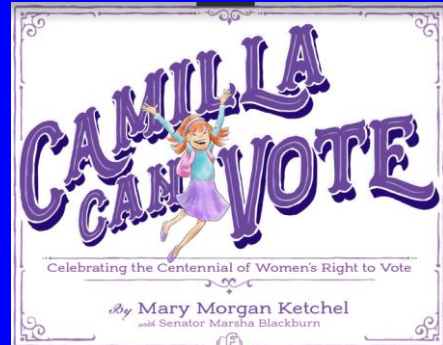
**Treasurer: Andrea Norberg**

**Chaplain: Rose Marie Shipley**

**Past President: Felicia Hix**

**The Books Are In**

The books are in. If you would like one of the books written by Mary Morgan Ketchel and her mother, Senator Marsha Blackburn, we have received a shipment. The children's book is about the history of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment and the role Tennessee played in its passage. Each book is \$20 with checks made payable to RWRC.



**Calendar of Events**

**September 15th: Meeting at 5:45 at Through the Grapevine. Speaker is Detective Tommy Roberts. Meal is \$15 per person and includes salad, entrée, dessert and beverage. Reservations must be made by noon on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August. If you make a reservation and are unable to make it, you will need to pay the club for your meal anyway, as the club still incurs the cost of the meal.**

**October 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting- Speaker Dr. Ming Wang at 5:45 at Through the Grapevine. Reservations are due by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Cost of meal \$15.**

**Election Date to Keep in Mind:**

**October 5, 2020 Last day to Register to Vote on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Early Voting October 14, 2020 Through October 29, 2020**

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

## Silent Auction for TFRW Iris Fund at August 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting



What does the Republican Women of Rutherford County organization do when they are given a task, problem or challenge? They dig in and tackle it. We needed to find a way to support the TFRW Iris Fund and it was suggested our club should have its own silent auction. We had a great number of members donate items and a great number of members bid and buy items. By the time all the monies were counted, RWRC donated \$608. This is a big increase over what we have donated in the past. We are so proud the members of our club got busy and got to work.

### Extra! Extra! Memberships Rise

The 5<sup>th</sup> of February the RWRC had 30 members. Now we have 49! We are so excited! Keep asking women to come to a meeting with you. We have great speakers lined up and many are reaching out to us. Let's get involved and share Republican Values!



### Time to Get Involved

November 3<sup>rd</sup> is around the corner and our Republican candidates need our help. We have got to get out and let our voice be heard. What can we do?

1. Blake Hassler from the Republican Caucus is meeting weekly on Tuesday nights from 5-7 at GOP Headquarters to do phone banking which is calling for Representative Charlie Baum. He has Democrat Mariah Phillips running against him. It is very easy to do and does not require a great deal of contact with people on the phone. It would be fun to do with our Republican club members. It is imperative that we keep all Republican seats. Representative Terry would love phone banking help, too. Stay tuned for more information.
2. Representatives Baum and Terry would love volunteer help door knocking and putting up signs. Please let Marzee know if you can help. If you want one of their signs, please let her know that, too. (marzeew@gmail.com)





# Bits and Pieces of Information

*Information you NEED to know*

## Important Imagery:

If you watched Vice-President Mike Pence's speech on Wednesday night at Fort McHenry, you were moved by a very sobering site. The National Anthem was played and scraping sounds were heard throughout the gathering. The cameras caught images of wounded soldiers doing all they could to stand using their walkers, crutches, canes, and wheelchairs. These once very active soldiers were giving everything they had to stand and honor the flag and the country.

Later, a talk radio show host drew a strong contradiction to that image and the image playing out in Wisconsin where people were protesting, looting, and harming and killing others. He mentioned that the soldiers gave the protestors the liberty to protest, yet the protestors were unwilling to honor the flag and the country. *Many gave all for our country but expect nothing in return. Others have given nothing yet expect everything given to them.*

## Remember in Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers Elsa Ridley and her daughter Felicia Hix. Elsa had to return to the hospital and it has been a difficult time for her daughter and Past President, Felicia Hix. Your prayers mean a great deal.

Last week, member Brenda Baggett had surgery on her eyes and next week member Marzee Woodward has surgery on an acute disc rupture in her lower back. Both would appreciate your prayers as well.

## Headquarter Volunteers Needed

Can you help at the Republican Headquarters on Saturday mornings? The GOP has many great items for sale and we can help distribute these. This is a great way we can provide assistance in this important election year. People are charged up this year and it is good to be a part of the movement. Dates available to help are: October 3rd, 10th, and 24<sup>th</sup>. Email Marzee at [marzeew@gmail.com](mailto:marzeew@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer.



**SOMEONE  
STRUGGLED  
FOR YOUR RIGHT  
TO VOTE.  
USE IT.**

## The Sign Says it All

If you travel down Broad Street in Murfreesboro, you will see the sign that is posted to the left. The sign reminds the reader of the many who have fought for the rights we have in our country especially to vote.

For example, as our country became a new Nation, the Revolutionary Patriot put his life on the line. Fighting to insure his family would have freedom from the British, he gave everything he had for his country. As the Suffragist sought for her opportunity to share her point of view at the ballot box, she faced ridicule, arrest, and position in the community. Yet she knew the fight was important for her and for her children. As the American Soldier walked the battlefields or crouched in the foxholes, he or she focused on the future and a country they called home. Each knew the cost and the struggle they must endure. Let's try to remember when we step in the voting booth, the right we have to vote didn't just happen. Someone struggled.

**Senator Shane Reeves with special guest Governor Bill Lee and a performance by Ricky Skaggs at TDK Aviation**

**Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 Sponsor and Co-Sponsor Reception**

**6:00 PM General Admission Reception, Tickets vary in price.**

**RSVP at 615- 564-2642 or [Reid@RachelBarrettCo.com](mailto:Reid@RachelBarrettCo.com)**

**Or <https://secure.anedot.com/reeves/faithfamilyfreedomsponsor2020>**

## Spotlight on Members

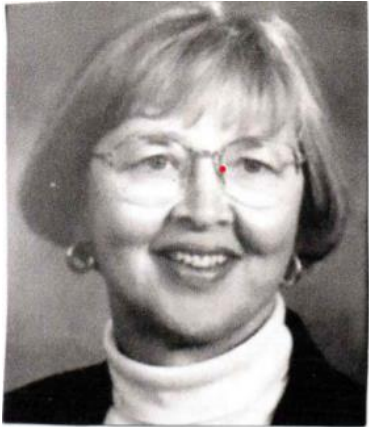
We are excited to add this new section to our newsletter titled **Spotlight on Members**. We will feature a photo of members and a brief biography that the member has written about herself to share with the organization. Please take a moment to become acquainted with members of the Republican Women of Rutherford County and welcome them at our next meeting.



**Cindy Bjork** is a retired elementary school teacher, having taught for 31 years in Kindergarten, 3rd grade, and, most recently, Reading Intervention. Since retiring, she has volunteered in her husband's 5th grade classroom, made wreaths for a Christmas Tree Farm, kept one of her grandsons, and currently works part-time doing office and clerical work for her brother who owns a custom cabinet shop. Cindy enjoys flower and vegetable gardening, restoring/updating furniture, and home decorating.

Cindy and her husband, Jim (a retired elementary school teacher of 40 years) are active in their church, Northside Baptist, where they lead Kids' Worship on a rotating basis. They have three adult children and seven grandchildren. Cindy and Jim plan to do more traveling in the future and hope to make it to Sweden, from which Jim's grandparents immigrated and where Jim has recently made a contact with one of his relatives.

Cindy is a Christ-follower and is passionate about serving others. She decided to join RWRC to learn better how to serve the country she loves and how to preserve what we hold dear as Americans.



**Elizabeth (Liz) Bouma** is a native born Rutherford County and Smyrna resident. She has been married for 55 years and has one daughter and two grandchildren and has four beautiful great-granddaughters.

In her past professional life, she spent 25 years mostly as an elementary school teacher in Rutherford County. Eighteen of those years were spent at Homer Pittard Campus School on the campus of MTSU. She retired in 2003.

Liz hobbies and interests revolve around organizations which she belongs. These are the Rutherford County Historical Society, Sam Davis Home, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Rutherford County Republican Women, which she serves as secretary. She loves reading nonfiction books about our country's founders and she stays busy researching her genealogy.

Liz says she joined RWRC because she wanted to become more informed as a voter and to enjoy participating with others with similar goals and interests politically.



**Rose Marie Shipley** and her husband and have a small catering/smoking business that takes up all of her free time. She has sold Mary Kay for 26 years and also takes care of a lady with Alzheimers. Needless, to say she has not seen her in the flesh since March 16th. We can only have just window visits.

My passion is helping with an Inner city ministry with my church. I am the van driver/feeder of dinner/teacher and anything else they need me to do. My prayer is that they will see there is more out in the world and one day have jobs and be able to support themselves. God led me to this ministry because of that. It is heartbreaking sometimes but always more of a blessing than I can imagine.

She says she joined RWRC because Karen and Andrea asked me to become part of the organization. I am a life-long Republican and I am so glad I joined. It is such a great group of women and so many really nice people. I have also learned so much listening to the speakers. Never boring for sure!

