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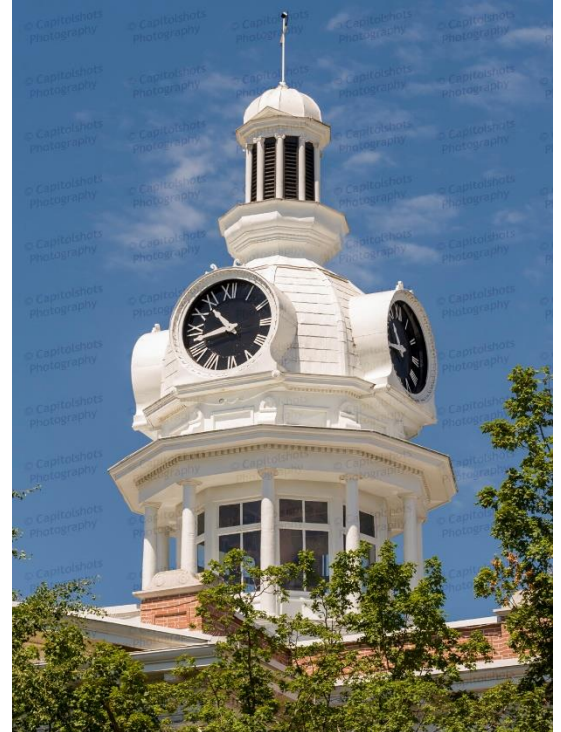
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January 19th 2021 Meeting



Is so exciting that our organization continues to grow and has outgrown two meeting places. We will begin meeting this month at the Country Club on the first floor where we can spread out. Hope to see you there!

Speaker: Mr. Stephen Skelton

Founder of the American Bible Project

Note: Change in Location of Meeting

Stones River Country Club Cost: \$21

Reservations must be made by 3 p.m. Thursday, January 14th.

Email: Contactwrc@yahoo.com

Stephen Skelton, the Founder of The American Bible Project, spoke with Dr. Ming Wang at our October meeting about the American Bible Project. Our organization was excited to hear about such a wonderful activity happening in our state. At our January Meeting, Mr. Skelton will tell us how the Project is working to put the Bible back into Tennessee schools by printing authentic reproductions of the first American Bible, the Aitken Bible. Historians refer to the Aitken Bible as "The Bible of the American Revolution." Please join us to hear about this special project.

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

Editorial Piece

Welcome to the New Year Republican Women of Rutherford County. We hope your Holidays have been the best for you and your family. For those who were unable to come to the Christmas Party, you missed a very special event. Please check out the story and pictures beginning on page 4. For this month, I thought it would be good to talk about the future. With a New Year, that is what we typically do. We make resolutions for the New Year or plans for the future. In my future I see spending time with two grandsons who are to be born this year, special times with family and friends, and maybe some trips with my hubby. You may have special plans, too. But what plans does our organization and Republicans in general have? One night a visiting talk show host on Super Talk 99.7 planted the seed of what we and many other Republican organizations must do to bring order and responsibility back to the United States, our government and the voting process.

First, we must know the men and women who are involved in serving within our local, state, and federal governments. Whether they serve in the Election Commission, City Council, County Commission, Mayor's office, District Attorney's Office, State Legislature or U.S. Congress, we must know each person's platform and his or her job description.

Second, we must pay attention to any referendums or laws that are put before the people and what each elected official supports. We never know how their office might affect our daily lives. Some of the things that happened in our National Election could have been resolved if other states had taken the time to work out their voting practices before Election Day.

Third, we must be involved now. Waiting to get involved after the fact or after the problem has happened, is already too late. We must begin now. We often have heard, "See something. Say something." Our organization's motto should become, "Do something". In two years we will vote for new members in State and National offices. These will be crucial seats. We are also voting for a new Governor, Mayors, Judges and many other offices. There is work to be done.

Fourth, our organization has become a strong organization that needs and wants to be heard. We have great ideas and many concerns we believe that must be addressed. We represent our community and the many families within the community. Contrary to the media, there are women out there who believe sound, fiscal government is necessary. So what do we do about our concerns? We talk, we write, we call. We let every elected official know of our concerns. If drivers are running four-way stop signs in your neighborhood, talk with the group. We can help you with a plan of action. Recently published research studies have shown that students learning virtually has caused them to fall behind one year in their reading performance. What can we do as an organization to affect change? At the Christmas Dinner, Senator Reeves shared information concerning the Covid 19 vaccine and Representative Rudd gave a great overview of the bills he is involved with this year. There is work to be done. We need to ask: "What can we do to be involved? How can we help?"

Yes, things did not turn out as we had hoped or wanted but this is not the time to stop. Republican Women of Rutherford County we must get **FOCUSED for the Future!** MW

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

Interesting Quotes

“Government exists to protect us from each other. Where government has gone beyond its limits is in deciding to protect us from ourselves.”

Ronald Reagan

“A nation of sheep will beget a government of wolves.”

Edward R Murrow

“A government big enough to give you everything you want is a government big enough to take from you everything you have.”

Gerald R. Ford.

Calendar of Events

January 14th All reservations for the January 19th meeting must be in.

More information about the meeting will follow.

January 19th Meeting at Stones River Country Club

Watch for More Information about other Meetings here and in Nashville.

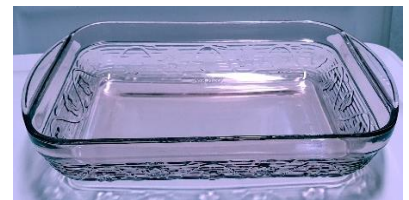
Remember in Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers member, Elsa Ridley. She is still in Covid lockdown at the Adam's Place, but is doing well. She would love cards that say. “Hello.”

Wednesday, January 6th, 2nd Vice President, Marzee Woodward, had her 4th sinus surgery to relieve constant sinus and ear infections. Everything went well. She is at home recovering.

On February 1st, Rose Marie Shipley, our RWRC Chaplain, will have knee replacement surgery. All would appreciate your prayers.

Missing Dish from the Watch Party. Marzee Woodward has been storing this dish at her home since the Watch Party. It belongs to someone who brought a dip. Another member did not get her Pyrex dish back and this one was left. If you accidentally took the wrong dish, please email marzeew@gmail.com. Thank you for your help.



RWRC Winter Wonderland Event

Our 1st Annual RWRC Christmas Winter Wonderland Event was a huge success. The attendance was far more than we expected, and we had plenty of room to spread out. Kudos to them for providing a wonderful plate, place, and gracious assistance for the event. Claire Maxwell and Andrea Norberg were co-Chairs for the extravaganza. Thank you to Marzee Woodward and her Silent Auction Committee: Ann Elizabeth Rucker, Judy Houchens, and Lynn Clayton. We raised \$2555.00 to help with funds for our club!

Murfreesboro's own Tennessee Philharmonic Orchestra had a magical quartet playing Christmas music for us as we entered the event to hear the ever-interesting, entertaining and main speaker for the evening, Brian Wilson of WTN 99.7. Attending with him was his newly-wed wife, Dawn. We were thankful to hear from U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn through her staff, John Clement; from Lynne Davis with U.S. Representative Scott DesJarlais' office; from State Senator Shane Reeves; and State Representative Tim Rudd. Also, we are thankful for Steve Hasty who rounded out our evening DJing with Christmas music, and his sound system was a key help with the success of the event. AN



Terri Kilgour, our President, gives the welcome.



We honor our flag and our country.



Beautiful Tables: Claire Maxwell created. Thank you Virginia for donating the tea lights.



Andrea Norberg, our Treasurer, introduces our speaker, Brian Wilson.



Brian and his wife Dawn (right).



Reports from National and State Legislators.



John Clement- Read message from Senator Blackburn.



Lynne Davis-Read message for Rep. DesJarlais'.



TN State Senator Shane Reeves shares news about covid vaccines.



TN State Rep. Tim Rudd shares information about his upcoming bills.



The Silent Auction was a huge success. Thank you goes out to the Auction Crew: Judy, Lynn Clayton, Marzee and Ann Elizabeth



Tennessee Philharmonic Orchestra Quartet





It was a wonderful evening to cap off a year that many may want to put behind us, but let us remember that where there was sadness, joy rang true. Where there were unanswered prayers, new hope came full bloom. We are Republicans and we will rise above it all. We must stick together these four years. Hold the mantle of honesty for ourselves, our country and for one and all. Happy New Year Republican Women!

Please Note: The 2021 Membership year is now. If you have not paid for your Membership Dues, it is important to do so now. Below is the Membership Form and where to mail it. You may also bring the form and money to the January 19th Meeting. WE NEED YOU AND YOUR SUPPORT AS WE CONTINUE TO BUILD A STRONG CLUB IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Republican Women of Rutherford County

2021 Application for Membership

Name _____ () Renewal or () New Member

Street Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Telephone (H) _____ (C) _____

Email _____

Membership Dues: \$35.00 \$ _____

Associate Dues: \$35.00 _____
(Men, Members of other Federated Women's Clubs, etc.)

Please make checks payable to: RWRC Total: \$ _____

Bring form and payment to meetings or mail to:
RWRC
PO Box 330782
Murfreesboro, TN 37133

Please check all boxes for committees that interest you:

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