

#### **April** 2023

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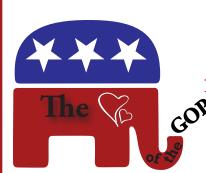
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Luncheon Note\*

Reservation is required if you are staying for lunch. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday of the week prior to the meeting. If you make a reservation and are unable to attend, payment will be expected. Please remit by check or pay online at <u>scrwc.org</u>. Call or text Kathy Reagan at 901-415-5787 for additional information. Email: katreagan@att.net



You are Cordially Invited to Our SCRWC April General Meeting Luncheon TUESDAY April 11, 2023

12 PM - 2 PM (11:30 social and check in) Memphis National Golf Club

10135 National Club Drive | Collierville, TN For Noon Luncheon Reservations, please call or text Kathy Reagan at 901-415-5787. Email: katreagan@att.net \*\*Reservation Deadline is Wednesday, April 5, 2023\*\*

Luncheon is \$30 per person. Note: Because we are billed, if you make a reservation and are unable to attend, payment is expected.

## Our April Speaker... Nate Kellum

Republicans Take Note: Important Upcoming Supreme Court Cases

Nate Kellum is the Founder and Chief Counsel of the Center for Religious Expression. Previously, Nate served as Senior Counsel with the Alliance Defense Fund (now known as Alliance Defending Freedom), and before that, he was Litigation Counsel for the American Family Association.

Nate has defended religious liberty in courtrooms in virtually every state in the country for over three decades, appearing before numerous federal appellate courts, and winning many landmark decisions. He is also a constitutional scholar, authoring two published law review articles. A sought-after speaker, Nate has appeared on numerous national television

Nate earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Mississippi, graduating with honors in 1988. He has been admitted to the bar in Tennessee and Mississippi. He resides in Memphis, Tennessee, with his wife, Lori, and their five children: Sarah Frances, Abbay, Wesley, Holland, and Anne Harper.







New Member, Suzie Cowan



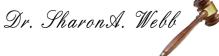
Wow, we had a wonderful, exciting March meeting celebrating Black History and Women's History Months as a collaboration. We had phenomenal speakers in the persons of Ephie Ballard- Johnson, who sang the National Anthem so beautifully, and Eric "Coach Mac" McCreight, who gave us pointers on empowering others in becoming good Republicans. I gave all the ladies yellow roses to show appreciation for Women's History Month.

SCRWC had five members attend Ladies'Day on the Hill (LDOH): Nancy Boatright, Patricia Possel, Barbara Hvasta, Jennifer Allen, and me.

We have an exciting year ahead of us. I want to encourage you to re-join and bring others to join our club. I am asking each of you to bring 5 new members or old members who have not rejoined. We are saddened to announce the passing of one of our oldest faithful members, Jean Britt. She will be sorely missed.

Thank you for your continual commitment to this work of supporting and electing good Republicans! Looking forward to seeing you at our April Lunch and Learn Meeting.







Carole Pruett, Phyllis Vincent, Lyn Windsor



President Sharon Webb presiding at March meeting.



Thanks to Jennifer Allen for the St. Patrick's Day Table Decorations



Janine Carney, Patti Russell, Barbara Creasy, Antwane Bohanon, Republican candidate for US House 9th Dist.



Suda Calabro, Speaker Eric McCreight, new member Suzie Cowan



Ist VP/Program Chair Carrie Schween, Speaker Ephie Ballard-Johnson, Speaker Eric McCreight

## April Birthdays

**MEMBERS** 

15 - Joyce Avery 22 - Barbara Hvasta 25 - Barbara Hardesty



## SCRWC Condolences...

We are saddened by the death of longtime member Jean Britt who was one of our great, hardworking SCRWC members for years. She was always willing to help in any capacity and was Chaplain for many





years. She will be missed by all of us in SCRWC who knew her. Our deepest condolences go out to her family.

## Membership...

To all SCRWC members - We are so excited and privileged to have you on our team, working for Republicans in Shelby County, the state of Tennessee and the United States! If you have not done so already, please renew your SCRWC membership for 2023. Full Membership dues are \$40, and Associate Membership dues are \$30. Pay via PayPal by going to our website - SCRWC.org. Also, you can renew at our April 2023 meeting, where you can pay by check or by credit card. SCRWC Treasurer

Venita Osborne can process credit cards at the next luncheon. Of course, you can always send me a check. My contact information is (201) 424-7179, 1489 John Ridge Drive, Collierville, TN 38017.

Remember to invite friends and family to join. Let me know if you need a brochure, I can email you a copy (or there is always snail mail!). In addition, I will have plenty of forms with me during the April luncheon. Thank you, and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our next luncheon.

Jennifer Allen 2nd VP / Membership



Remind your friends that if they did not renew, that is why they are not getting our informative Newsletter!

## Legislation...

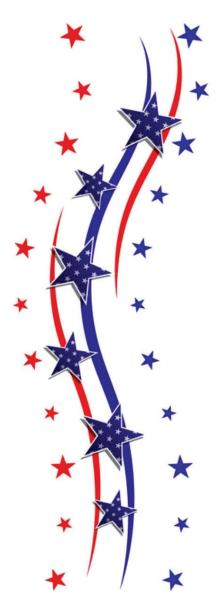


#### STATE GOVERNMENT UPDATES

Governor Bill Lee signed off on legislation, which bans "Adult Cabaret" from public property or anywhere minors might be present without issuing a statement on a public ceremony. The bill goes into effect July 1.

The Tennessee House of Representatives on Monday, March 20, passed a bill that allows abortion in certain circumstances to save the life of the patient. The amended bill is narrower in scope than the original version, which specified far more medical conditions that would qualify a patient to have an abortion. The only health conditions the amended bill mentions are ectopic and molar pregnancies. It does not mention preeclampsia, for example, and there are no exceptions for rape or incest. It requires quarterly reports by the Tennessee Department of Health.

An amendment to give third graders another route to the fourth grade passes a Senate committee. The bill gives students an opportunity for promotion besides the single TCAP English Language Arts score under the law's current version. If the proposed bill becomes law, students who score "approaching" on the English Language Arts portion of the test could use their most recent benchmark test score to be considered proficient in reading. That would exempt them from being held back. However, they would need to score 50% or higher. It would also require that students retained between kindergarten and second grade have a tutor the following school year. The bill provides millions of dollars in recurring funding for school districts to offer tutoring.



Carrie Schween, Legislative Chair

## From our Chaplain...

The 49th Annual TN Prayer Breakfast was held at Lipscomb University. Governor Bill Lee and others spoke on what it is like to serve in the midst of suffering. He encouraged the attendees to pray for one another, to pray for those in authority, and to pray for God to pour out His spirit on all Tennesseans. The Governor concluded by thanking the group for continuing their prayers for Tennessee and for those who lead in our beloved state.

Carol Leake SCRWC Chaplain

## Volunteer Hours...

Remember, meetings are counted as Volunteer Hours; anything that promotes the Republican Party is included. Mark them on your calendar. Send your totals ASAP to Jane Jones, jarmurray@yahoo.com or call/text 901-351-6357.

Jane Jones Campaign/Volunteerism





# SCRWC MEMBERS, LET'S ALL JOIN IN SUPPORTING THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF SHELBY COUNTY! 2023 RPSC Membership dues start at \$35. RPSC HQ Phone: 901-310-4570 | shelbygop.org

### **Upcoming Events**

Saturday, April 1 - April Fools' Day
Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday
Wednesday, April 5 - Passover Begins
Friday, April 7 - Good Friday
Sunday, April 9 - Easter
Tuesday, April 11 - SCRWC General Meeting
Memphis National Golf Club (11:30am Sign In) 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Tuesday, April 18 - Income Tax Due

Monday, April 24 - SCRWC Board Meeting, Germantown Library 10:00pm

#### Newsletter News

You can help SCRWC save money on newsletter production and mailing costs if you opt to receive your newsletter via email instead of postal mailing. Please be sure to note this on your 2023 membership renewal form, or you can let us know via email at <a href="mailto:scrwc1960@gmail.com">scrwc1960@gmail.com</a>. Please let us know if you would be interested in sponsoring a newsletter for \$100.

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