



March 2023

## Shelby County Republican Women's Club

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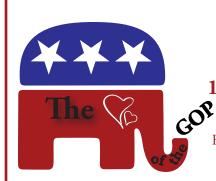
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Luncheon Note\*

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 scrwc.org. Call or text Kathy Reagan at 901-415-5787 for additional information. Email: katreagan@att.net



You are Cordially Invited to Our SCRWC March General Meeting Luncheon TUESDAY March 14, 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, March 8, 2023\*\*

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

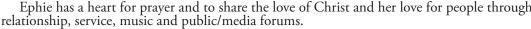
# Our March Speakers...

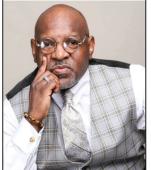
## Ephie Ballard-Johnson

**Empowerment Through Engagement** 

Ephie Johnson is the President & CEO of Neighborhood Christian Centers, Inc., (NCC), a nonprofit, Christian organization. NCC employs over 60 staff members and annually provides many programs and assistance for over 50,000 neighbors in need. She is a Memphis native, a graduate of Treadwell High School and The University of Memphis, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with a concentration in technical writing. She worked as an educator in the Memphis City School System for a number of years before serving at NCC. Along with a committed staff, she has a heart for the Memphis community; she is committed to reducing poverty in this country. Ephie and her mother, Dr. JoeAnn Ballard, were featured in a Segment of the Today Show's "Season of Giving" series in November of 2020, shedding light on NCC's heart for Memphis and the families that they

Ephie has a heart for prayer and to share the love of Christ and her love for people through





## Eric McCreight

### Standing Firm on the Principles that Fulfill the American Dream

For nearly 30 years Eric "Coach Mac" McCreight has been committed to infusing the American dream into the inner city communities of Memphis. With anticipation of yielding a generation of positive and productive citizens for our great country, he believes that marginalization is simply a mindset that must be overcome by shear determination, hard-work and perseverance. Through empowerment, education and the exercising of Biblical principles, Coach Mac has transformed nearly 700 inner city young men, many of whom were gang members, into gainfully employed gentlemen, who now

assist in the fight for freeing the impoverished from a welfare state. While there's much work still to be done, Coach Mac is confident that courage and faith in Jesus Christ can, and will, lift the downtrodden wherever they may be. Having had the executive privilege of serving our country in the Desert Shield/ Storm Campaign by way of the USMC, Coach Mac is no stranger to overcoming obstacles of adversity.

The father of three and grandfather of five, Coach Mac believes that God, family, and country should be the cornerstone of our democracy and the destiny for our future.

### Greetings SCRWC Family,



We have gotten off to a great start. On February 11th, I attended the TFRW Quarterly meeting in Nashville, TN. It was very informative. I had a chance to meet and interact with Club Presidents from various parts of TN. I did not stay for lunch but headed back home to get ready for Lincoln Day. I want to thank many of our members for heading committees and volunteering for Lincoln Day. I even served as a Greeter. I

love that Servant-Leader Spirit that we operate in so effectively.

Lincoln Day was a great success. Congratulations to our own Patti Possel who headed up the Lincoln Day Event. We had several members to get awards: Rhea Clift, Commissioner Amber Mills, and Patti Possel. The Keynote Speaker Congressman Lee Zeldin touched my soul. He spoke on taking territory. He talked about how the Democrats are in position, awaiting us to say and do something. He urged us to show them that we care and to show up. They have questions; we have answers and hope!

I know we do plenty of benevolent works, but too many are not aware that we are involved. We must

get our Club's name out there in Democrat country in a more positive way to capture their hearts and trust, causing them to abandon their ship and sail with us. Let's do it!!!!!!

I, also, attended RWOP's Luncheon on the 15th and became an Associate Member. Hopefully more of them will become

Associate Members of our Club and come to our Luncheon.

Remember to renew your membership. Bring your daughters, granddaughters, family and friends to join in with us and double our last year's membership.

We have a great year ahead for our Club. Get Excited! I will see you Tuesday, March 14th at 12:00 for our monthly Luncheon.



# SCRWC Lincoln Day Awards

Congratulations to our SCRWC Lincoln Day award winners. We have a great, involved membership of ladies that certainly deserve to be recognized.

Rhea Clift - SCRWC Club Member of the Year Award Commissioner Amber Mills - Bob James Outstanding Public Service Award Patti Possel - Republicanism Award

You ladies make SCRWC proud and set an example for us to work hard to support our Republican values.



Keynote Speaker, former Congressman Lee Zeldin & Karon Smith



Barbara Trautman, US Representative David Kustoff, & Karon Smith



Rhea Clift



Judy Kilmer, Congressman David Kustoff, Roberta Kustoff, Congressman Lee Zeldin, Diana Zeldin and Nancy Boatwright

# March Birthdays ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

11 Mark White

29 Larry Parrish

22 Spencer Fullen

**MEMBERS** 

08 Rebecca Rogers

09 Paula Renfrow

09 Tracy Galfsky

16 Marydeb Bleau

17 Mary Murray

17 Cindy O'Neal

18 Jean Drumwright

23 Tine Williams

24 Janet Armour

25 Menzie Montgomery

25 Kathy Reagan

26 Peggy McDonald

29 Bonnie Siler



Jessica Robinson, Judy Kilmer, Congressman Mark Green, SCRWC President, Dr. Sharon Webb





Judy Kilmer, Jennifer Allen, Karon Smith, Donna Howard

## Membership...

To new SCRWC members - Welcome to the Shelby County Republican Women's Club. 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!

Regular Members: Melanie Gattas Charlotte Meyer

### Welcome New Members

Associate Members: Mary Wagner Sharon Ohsfeldt





Existing members, if you have not done so already, please renew your SCRWC membership for 2023. Full Membership dues are \$40, and Associate Membership (men and women who are already a member of another federated club) are \$30. PayPal is also an option; go to SCRWC.org. Also, you can renew at our March meeting. Remember to bring a check or cash. You can also use a credit card. Venita Osborne can run your credit card at the March luncheon. Of course, you can send me a check, via mail. My contact information is (201) 424-7179, 1489 John Ridge Drive, Collierville, TN 38017.

In order to stay current with SCRWC standing rules, please renew your SCRWC membership and pay your dues for 2023 by March 31! If members have not renewed by March 31, your name will not appear in the SCRWC Directory and you will no longer receive SCRWC newsletters.

(SCRWC - S.R. Article V. General. Number 2, Page 29 of The Directory.)

Remember to invite friends and family to join. I would appreciate it if we could all invite five friends to join SCRWC. Our goal this year is to double our membership over last year's member total.

Let me know if you need a brochure, I will have plenty with me during the March luncheon. Thank you, and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on March 14 at our next luncheon.

### Save the Date - Ladies' Day on the Hill 2023 Monday, March 27th - Nashville, Tennessee

Bringing younger ladies is encouraged to celebrate Past, Present and Future Generations of Republican Women!

Every year hundreds of federated women's club members gather at the Tennessee State Capitol to hear from our General Assembly leaders and then enjoy fellowship and lunch with featured speakers at the Nashville Downtown Doubletree Hotel, 800-222-8733. We are encouraged to invite our state Senator and Representative to lunch. If you would like to attend, notify President Sharon Webb 901-692-0949.

Let's get up a large SCRWC group to attend.



Dee Nollner

We need to improve voter turnout! There are no surprises regarding Elections. The Constitutions of the United States and Tennessee spell out every detail regarding elections including ballot order.

Presidential elections are held every other, even numbered 4-year interval on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November: 2024, 2028, 2032, etc. All election dates are Constitution-specified, including the date for winners to assume office. This structure literally cannot be changed except by "an act of Congress".

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The 100 U.S. Senators serve 6-year terms; each state has two U.S. Senators. To avoid a changeover every election, 1/3 of the U.S. Senate is elected every 2 years. TN Governors are limited to two 4-year terms. TN State Senators serve 4-year terms.

U.S and State Representatives serve 2-year terms. Your Representatives (U.S. and State) will be on the August primary ballot. Judicial, county, and state primary elections are held on the first Thursday in August of even numbered years. The big 8-yr Aug. ballot occurs because the judicial branch of government serves serve 8-year terms.

Be informed! Your districts can be found at GoVoteTN.com.



U.S. Representative Mark Green of Clarksville, TN, is named Chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security.

It is time to end the Biden border crisis! Illegal immigrants are flooding the border by the millions. This affects every community, from Texas to Tennessee to New York to California. National security has been an issue near and dear to my heart for my entire career. This House Committee Chairmanship is an important opportunity to really lead the fight for strong border security. Conservatives will have a greater role in the effort to hold Biden and Mayorkas accountable for the crisis they created. We must also empower our brave Border Patrol agents to do their jobs. The Homeland Security Committee stands ready to tackle the issues not just at the physical border, but on cybersecurity and inter-agency responsibilities in cyberspace.

Dr. Mark Green Congressman, Tennessee's 7th District

## Volunteer Hours...

Thank you to Republican Party Lincoln Day SCRWC Volunteers!

Many members of SCRWC volunteered at Lincoln Day and helped make it a spectacular success, especially Patti Possel who led our efforts. Our members worked in many areas such as set up, decorations, sign-in, seating, etc. Remember to send all your volunteer hours ASAP to Jane Jones, jamurray@yahoo.com (901-351-6357). Even your transportation there and back is included. Anything you do to promote the Republican Party is counted as Volunteer Hours.

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**

Sunday, March 12 - Daylight Savings Time Begins Tuesday, March 14 - SCRWC General Meeting Memphis National Golf Club (11:30am Sign In) 12:00pm - 2:00pm Friday, March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

Monday, March 20 - Spring Begins

Saturday, March 25 - RPSC Reorganization Caucus & Convention, 3:00pm See Trunkline for Further Details & Registration Monday, March 27 - Ladies' Day on the Hill, Nashville, TN Monday, March 27 - SCRWC Board Meeting, Germantown Library 10:00am

### 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 2022 membership renewal form, or you can let us know via email at scrwc1960@gmail.com. Please let us know if you would be interested in sponsoring a newsletter for \$100. Many thanks to Dee Cole and his staff at Imec, 5120 Elmore Road in Bartlett, TN for printing our newsletters!

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