

# HAMILTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

## NEWSLETTER

— JUNE 2008 —

### **Chairman's Message**

The November Presidential race is fast approaching. The Republican Party is moving, sometimes too slowly, to embrace the candidacy of John McCain. Our job as members of the Hamilton County Republican Party is to get to know John McCain and where he stands on the issues. Let's be thankful that we have started a campaign and are not still fighting over uncommitted delegates. Aren't we all glad we don't have "SUPER DELEGATES" also known as "we know better than you" delegates who will make the real decisions? The Democratic Party created Super Delegates so that if the voting did not turn out like they wanted then they could change the results. Remember the 2000 Presidential race and the cry of "disenfranchisement." Now the entire Democratic Party is disenfranchising their voters and will probably nominate the candidate that did not get the most votes. Odd their rallying point in 2000 was that the candidate that got the most votes should have won the Presidential race.

When we look at the differences as to where the Democrats stand on issues it all reminds me of "Room Spray." You know the stuff that covers bad smell but does nothing to fix the problem. The Democratic Candidates have a "Room Spray" approach of it's a simple fix. Make the rich pay more tax, eliminate the Bush tax cuts for the middle class, and simply raise the Social Security withholding limits and appease the terrorists. You don't have to fix anything. Don't throw out the spoiled fruits or vegetables just apply some "Room Spray." Every Democrat within the Democratic controlled Congress will be issued a case of "Room Spray." For every problem they simply pass a law to raise taxes, "Apply Room Spray." The only thing in doubt about their agenda is what will be the fragrance, "Floral or Fruit Blossom."

Let's talk about real fixes. Some of The John McCain's agenda.

- Real Security rather than the false security from appeasement
- Real economic growth by making the tax cuts permanent
- Real Healthcare change -- Available, Affordable, and Portable
- Real change in government spending -- Elimination of Ear Marks
- Real Judicial reform to eliminate activist judges

The development of the McCain Campaign in Hamilton County is underway. One of the most exciting things going on in Hamilton County is the formation of the group "Women For McCain." Women will have a tremendous impact on the upcoming Presidential Election. In the 2004 Presidential election women made up 54% of the voters and we expect the percentage will be greater in 2008. John McCain will be the candidate that will offer plans that appeal to women. A growing economy with controlled spending, security, safety, affordable family oriented health plans all without big government.

The Hamilton County Republican Party will be working hard to inform all women of the appeal of John McCain's real programs of change. Call the Headquarters today and volunteer. Check the newsroom on our website [www.hcgop.com](http://www.hcgop.com) to see the photo of the first meeting of the "Women for McCain."

**Your Party Chairman**  
**Connie Weathers**

## **HAMILTON COUNTY PACHYDERM CLUB**

We have a great lineup of speakers for June: June 2—State Rep. Gerald McCormick; June 9—Candidate for State Rep., Jim Vincent; June 16—State Rep. Richard Floyd; June 23—School Board Member, Rhonda Thurman, and June 30—State Rep. Jim Cobb.

The Hamilton County Pachyderm wishes to thank everyone who helped make 2008 a record breaking year for local membership. This summer promises an exciting lineup of speakers and opportunities to connect with fellow Republicans. Make the Pachyderm Club a regular part of your weekly routine by joining us each Monday at noon, Niko's Southside Grill on Cowart Street, Downtown.

**For the Grand Ole Party,**

**Matthew Bryant, President  
Pachyderm**

## **HAMILTON COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS**

The Young Republicans' regular monthly meeting was held Thursday, May 15, at Niko's Southside Grill in downtown Chattanooga. Our guest speakers were Joe Dumas and Gregg Juster, who make up two-thirds of the "Back on Track 08" team of school board candidates. We had a great time getting to know Joe and Gregg and finding out where they stand on specific issues related to our public school system. We appreciate their willingness to take time out from their busy campaign schedules.

On Saturday, May 24, the YRs hosted a pancake breakfast fundraiser from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Wally's Restaurant on Ringgold Road in East Ridge. It was a very successful effort as we received support from a total of 10 sponsors and served breakfast to approximately 90-100 guests. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who participated, and especially our sponsors, Congressman Zach Wamp, State Representatives Gerald McCormick, Richard Floyd, Vince Dean, Jim Cobb, Candidate for State Representative Jim Vincent, Candidates for School Board Joe Dumas and Gregg Juster, Mayor Mike Steele of East Ridge, and the Chattanooga Pachyderm Club. To view photos from this wonderful event, check out the YR website at [www.hcyrs.com](http://www.hcyrs.com) and click on the "Photo Gallery" link.

Our next regular meeting will be held on June 19 at 6:30 p.m. For more information about the location and guest speaker, please check our website. We hope to see you then!

**For the Grand Old Party,**

**Brent Lambert  
Chairman  
Hamilton County Young Republicans**

## **HAMILTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

The monthly meeting of the Hamilton County Republican Women was Tuesday, May 20, at the Country Place Restaurant.

Following the devotional given by Evelyn Waldorf and the pledge led by Bettye Ficken, the meeting was called to order by the president. The minutes were read and treasurer's report given by Linda McGarrity and Billie Whiteside, respectively. It was reported that our "Caring for America" collection was sent to "Teen Challenge." Next quarter the money will be sent to "Bethel."

Several guests were introduced and welcomed. This meeting was a "member-guest" occasion.

A service person has been selected to whom we shall send a package of goodies and necessities, as we have done in previous months. A considerable amount of money was collected last month to pay for "Deployment Kits" sent to the overseas service people.

Sherre Bales, yearbook chairman, gave a report and description of the new yearbook.

Projects for the rest of the year were discussed at the preceding board meeting. Among those were having a booth at the County Fair at Chester Frost Park in September and collection of books from our members to give to the "Teen Challenge" library.

Dot Sertel thanked the members for furnishing the food for the Jim Hammond reception recently. "Good luck, Jim!!"

The ladies were urged to volunteer at the voter registration, precincts, phone calls, and door-to-door. You are needed!!

Recipes were collected. These will be sent to TRFW to be published in a cookbook. These will be sold as a fundraiser for the state and local clubs.

We remembered Cathy Champion in our prayers as she lost her husband. Several from the club paid their respects at visitation following our meeting. Cathy is a former president of HCRW and has been a very active member over the years.

All the plans for our picnic were finalized. It is to be Monday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the "Greenway" on Hamill Road in Hixson. It will be inside so "Come-Rain or Shine." Expect an evening of good fellowship, good food, bake sale, jewelry sale, umbrella sale – and last but not least – "Some great entertainment" – plus a few remarks from our elected officials. See you there. Bring a friend!

We were honored to have Judge Suzanne Bailey as our guest speaker. She explained what her duties were as a judge in juvenile court. She explained the "annual report" which she gave each of us. We welcome you to our club any time!

Drawing for the door prize was held. Sherre Bales was the lucky recipient.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Janelle Merritt, President**  
**Hamilton County Republican Women**

## **TENNESSEE VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

Plans are now unfolding for the Tennessee Valley Republican Women to have a very busy summer. First, the organization has determined that it will be meeting throughout the summer months. With so many important elections to be held, the women decided that they needed to continue to be active as they contribute their time and efforts to help Republican candidates win their offices. TVRW President Delores Vinson challenged each member to get involved in those all important "Grass Roots" actions that will win elections. Members can do this by calling the Hamilton County Republican office and asking for the name of their precinct chairperson. The task then becomes more challenging as TVRW members get involved in getting their communities organized to get the vote out on Election Day.

The annual TVRW picnic will be held at the West Pavilion in the Amnicola Riverpark on Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, with dinner being served at 5 o'clock. This will be a great time to meet and greet many of our current elected officials as well as those who are now actively working in their own campaigns for the August election.

The ladies of the TVRW may have the only tablecloth in the State of Tennessee that has been personally approved by First Lady Laura Bush. Some lucky person is going to be the proud owner of this beautiful table linen when they buy a \$5 chance to win it at a drawing to be held in December. There are only 50 of these that are in existence across the country. Don't miss out on an opportunity to win this prize as you make a contribution to the programs supported by Republican women.

Dr. Joe Dumas, candidate for the District 2 seat on the Hamilton County Board of Education, was the guest speaker in this month's meeting. As the ladies listened to his family background, they learned just how important getting an education has been to Dr. Dumas and how concerned he is about public schools in Hamilton County. He challenged the TVRW to elect those people who will be responsible for making good decisions about what takes place in the classrooms throughout local communities. As the person in charge of the Computer Science and Engineering department at UTC, Dr. Dumas gets Hamilton County students in his classroom. His goal is to see that, not only these students, but all young people in Hamilton County receive the education they need in order to help them be successful with their lives.

See you at the picnic on June 3<sup>rd</sup>!

**Respectfully submitted by  
Robbie Morgan, Secretary for  
Delores Vinson, President  
Tennessee Valley Republican Women**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER – June 2008**

- Monday—June 2                   Pachyderm Club—Noon @ Niko's Southside Grill  
Speaker: State Representative Gerald McCormick  
Hamilton County Republican Women's Picnic  
Greenway (Dr. Spangler's), Hamill Road, Hixson; 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday—June 3                   Tennessee Valley Republican Women's Picnic  
Riverpark, West Pavilion, 4:00-8:00 p.m.; dinner 5:00 p.m.
- Monday—June 9                   Pachyderm Club—Noon @ Niko's Southside Grill  
Speaker: Candidate for State Representative, Jim Vincent
- Monday—June 16                   Pachyderm Club—Noon @ Niko's Southside Grill  
Speaker: State Representative Richard Floyd
- Wednesday—June 18               Women for McCain—1:00 p.m., HC Republican Hdqtrts.
- Thursday—June 19                Young Republican; 6:30 p.m. ([www.hcyrs.com](http://www.hcyrs.com))
- Monday—June 23                   Pachyderm Club—Noon @ Niko's Southside Grill  
Speaker: School Board Member Rhonda Thurman
- Monday—June 30                   Pachyderm Club—Noon @ Niko's Southside Grill  
Speaker: State Representative Jim Cobb

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**\*EARLY VOTING—July 18th thru August 2<sup>nd</sup>\***

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