

# HAMILTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

## NEWSLETTER

— SEPTEMBER 2008 —

### **Chairman's Message**

What can be called one of the most magnificent and game changing decisions was made this week with the choice of Sarah Palin as John McCain's Vice-Presidential pick. Sarah Palin brings energy, decisiveness, governmental experience, honesty, strong conservative values, and strength to the ticket. We now have two candidates that will offer real change and not the glassed over rhetoric offered by the Democrats. Two Reformers that can take on the stagnant politics as usual of Washington and make real change to spending, corruption, and the evil partisanship of today. The only candidates that are serious about challenging the partisan gridlock. To quote John McCain "the people of America are looking for real change." Their campaign message will be Reform, Prosperity, and Peace.

The addition of a woman in 2008 as a Vice-Presidential candidate on the Republican ticket just a few weeks past the 88<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, brings the Republican Party to the table as the Party that "Get's it."

The Constitutional Nineteenth Amendment was ratified on August 18, 1920, upon its ratification by Tennessee, the thirty-sixth state to do so. Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby certified the ratification on August 26, 1920.

There is no doubt that Women are going to make the difference in this Presidential race. The Hamilton County Republican Party has formed "Women for McCain" to involve women in this campaign and encourage voter turnout for women.

Voter registration is one of the most important parts of any Presidential campaign and the Hamilton County Republican Party will continue to make a difference with its voter registration drives. Please call us (423-266-9351) and let us know if you want to get involved with this important effort.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. The Hamilton County Republican Party wants to generate the same energy with a party unity event called "Beans and Jeans." We're planning great entertainment, food, and fellowship. Please call if you will be attending. See you there.

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

## **HAMILTON COUNTY PACHYDERM CLUB**

We hope you all will make plans to join us. We have a great lineup for September. The speakers are listed below. See you on Monday!

**SEPT. 8      MSG JIM DERRY, TN NATIONAL GUARD**  
**SEPT. 15     DR. AMANDA WOJTALKI-COUTER, McKAMEY CTR.**  
**SEPT. 22     WENDELL MOORE, NASH. CO-CHAIR FOR McCAIN**  
**SEPT. 29     JIM BRYSON**

**For the Grand Ole Party,  
Matthew Bryant, President  
Pachyderm**

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**Thank you to Ricky Crook, owner of The Meeting Company!! Ricky does events  
of all types and sizes including banquets, birthday parties and weddings.**  
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## **HAMILTON COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS**

The Young Republicans enjoyed a relaxed meeting in August, as we gathered for a Chattanooga Lookouts baseball game on Thursday, August 21. It was a great chance to unwind and welcome some new members to the group. We added three new members for the month and also several new contacts for our email list.

Our group is gearing up for a busy fall, and we're excited about the opportunity to help conservative candidates with their campaigns. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18 at 6:30 pm, although we're still trying to confirm our activities for that night. It is highly probable that we'll be working for one of those campaigns, but firm details will be available on our website in the coming days.

As always, if you're interested in working with the YR's or simply want to learn more about us, please visit our website at [www.hcyrs.com](http://www.hcyrs.com).

**For the Grand Old Party,**

**Brent Lambert  
Chairman  
Hamilton County Young Republicans**

## **HAMILTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

On August 19, 2008, the Hamilton County Republican Women met at the Country Place Restaurant for their monthly meeting. After opening with the devotional and pledge, the business proceeded. It was announced the board had decided the club would have a spaghetti supper on October 24, as a fundraiser. This will include also a bake sale, an auction, and door prizes.

Paper goods were collected for "Teen Challenge."

Connie Weathers, Hamilton County Republican Chairman, made a few comments about "Women for McCain." McCain shirts are available from Connie.

Wes Kliner, co chairman (Oscar Brock-other co) of the McCain campaign in Chattanooga and Hamilton County spoke about the plans they have for us and asks for volunteers. The headquarters are on Lee Highway—once occupied by Jim Hammond campaign.

We should all work together to support our presidential candidate.

Linda Mosley, recently elected school board member, was our featured speaker. She outlined her plans for the coming term.

Jim Cobb, re-elected representative, dropped by and spoke for a few minutes. He will be the featured speaker at the September meeting.

Congratulations to all the newly elected officials and re-elected ones. May your term be as successful as planned.

See you next month.

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

## **TENNESSEE VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

Special guests who attended the August meeting for the Tennessee Valley Republican Women let all the members know first-hand that the work to help Republican candidates win in the November elections is in full swing. Oscar Brock is the Southeast Regional Coordinator for the McCain campaign. He announced that their headquarters had been set up at One Park Place on Lee Highway and plans are being made for an Open House. He challenged the TVRW to not take McCain's lead in Tennessee for granted, but for everyone to get involved to get out the vote. Connie Weathers then spoke to the group and encouraged the members to join the Women for McCain organization. She has plans to make a strong presence at the Hamilton County Fair in September and invited everyone to take part by signing up as a volunteer. Members were given a Talking Points card that could be used as a quick reference anytime information was needed on just where John McCain stands on issues that are facing our nation.

Senator Bo Watson was the guest speaker for the evening. He began by thanking the group for what they had done in the past and for what was expected of the TVRW in the weeks ahead. He is focused on the Tennessee state elections and asked the group to actively support Ken Yager in his efforts to win a Republican seat in the Legislature. Another critical election in West Tennessee is the race being conducted by Delores Gresham as she attempts to win the seat once held by Lt. Governor Wilder. These and other victories are needed in order to enhance the position of the current Lt. Governor, Ron Ramsey. Senator Watson did a recap of the last session of the State Legislature and let the TVRW know that our current weak economy called for tough decisions to be made about education, health care, and state employment.

The TVRW is asking everyone to make plans to come to our annual spaghetti dinner that will be held on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Rotary Club on Highway 58 in Harrison. Tickets can be purchased from any club member with proceeds going to support the Fisher House that is being built for military service families who need to be near their loved ones who are being treated at the VA hospital in Nashville.

Marti Fairbanks concluded this meeting by thanking everyone for their work in helping elect Jim Hammond as sheriff for Hamilton County.

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

## **DATES TO REMEMBER – September 2008**

- Monday—Sept. 1            **Pachyderm Club**— NO MEETING—LABOR DAY
- Sept. 1-4                    **Republican National Convention**
- Monday—Sept. 8           **Pachyderm Club**—Noon @ Niko's Southside Grill  
Speaker: MSG Jim Derry, Tennessee National Guard  
Counterdrug Task Force
- Monday—Sept. 15         **Pachyderm Club**—Noon @ Niko's Southside Grill  
Speaker: Dr. Amanda Wojtalik-Courter, Exec. Director  
of McKamey Animal Care & Adoption Center
- Tuesday—Sept. 16        **Hamilton County Republican Women**—11:00 a.m.  
Country Place on Shallowford Rd.; Speaker: State  
Representative Jim Cobb  
**Tennessee Valley Republican Women**—6:00 p.m.  
Karl's Family Restaurant; Speaker: TBA
- Thursday—Sept. 18       **Beans & Jean Roundup**  
Hamilton County Republican Party Headquarters  
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Response appreciated to  
confirm amount of food needed.
- Monday—Sept. 22         **Pachyderm Club**—Noon @ Niko's Southside Grill  
Speaker: Wendell Moore, Nashville Co-Chairman for  
John McCain
- Sat.&Sun.—Sept.27&28    **Hamilton County Fair**, Chester Frost Park
- Monday—Sept. 29         **Pachyderm Club**—Noon @ Niko's Southside Grill  
Speaker: Jim Bryson

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- OCTOBER 4**                    **Deadline to Register to Vote**
- OCTOBER 11**                  **Tennessee Valley Republican Women Spaghetti Supper**,  
Harrison Ruritan Club, Hwy. 58
- OCTOBER 15-30**              **Early Voting**
- OCTOBER 24**                  **Hamilton County Republican Women Spaghetti Supper**,  
Harrison Ruritan Club, Hwy. 58,

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**“Beans & Jeans”  
Republican Round Up**

**Thursday  
September 18<sup>th</sup>**

**The Hamilton County Republican Party**

316 North Market Street

Food, Live Music, and Friends

5:30 p.m. till the Beans are gone

**Please let us know if you’re coming  
and how many friends you’ll bring.**

423-266-9351 or [hcgop@hcgop.com](mailto:hcgop@hcgop.com)