

HAMILTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Message

There are thirty-five days until the election of the next President of the United States. There has been one Presidential debate and it is clear there is the sharpest of contrasts between the candidates.

John McCain understands the economy. He wants to make the existing tax cuts permanent and has fought against big government spending. The Democrats want to increase spending and increase taxes.

John McCain clearly understands the importance of the outcome of the war in Iraq. John McCain is connected as is shown by the bracelet he wears in the memory of Specialist Matthew Stanley, killed in Iraq December 16, 2006. Time after time he proves he takes "Country First" seriously. His opponent stammered at the debate to remember the name on the bracelet he is wearing. Most probably it is because he is not wearing it for the right reason.

John McCain understands that the relationship with world leaders cannot be gained simply by having a Vice Presidential pick that has been around a long time. What happens in a calamity? Remember the television ad that farmers know everything and during a disaster you call a farmer? In a disaster John's opponent goes to the phone and says "Get Joe." John McCain is the only candidate that will not require "on the job training." He is the only candidate that has actually served and fought for the United States of America. Once again "Country First."

Sarah Palin is a conservative candidate that appears to be easy pickings for the elitist media. Don't we all get tired of the bias toward Sarah Palin? Who gave the news media the authority to vet and prove her qualifications? She has the same national experience that Bill Clinton had when he was elected President. She misspeaks and it is the "proof of her naivety." Joe Biden speaks of Franklin Roosevelt during the 1929 stock market crash. Roosevelt went on television and comforted America. The stock crash came three years before Roosevelt was elected and there was no television in 1929. The media seems to say "That's okay Joe."

The McCain-Palin ticket will strive that government will never impede Americans from doing what they have always done best. That is to overcome obstacles and turn challenges into opportunities. They both bring forth qualities that provide substance and leadership. They wear no mask or carry pretenses. We in Tennessee see the best man and woman for the job. We won't let the liberal elites tear us down. We will stand strong and stand united.

Tennessee favors McCain by a clear 16-20 points. Call your friends and relatives in other states and express your concerns, educate them on the importance of this critical election. We as Tennesseans see the light, so let's share some of that light with those that are in the dark and get out the vote nation wide.

Early Voting begins October 15th and ends October 30th. If you would like to volunteer in any way, call us at the Hamilton County Republican Party (423) 266-9351 or e-mail hcgop@hcgop.com.

Your Party Chairman
Connie Weathers

HAMILTON COUNTY PACHYDERM CLUB

Greetings from the Pachyderm Club!

October is upon us which means we have LESS than a MONTH until Election Day! With the flurry of activity surrounding our local McCain efforts as well as those of our local, state, and federal candidates up for re-election, there's no excuse for anyone to sit on the sidelines this year. 2008 is a year in which conservatives must speak loudly to overcome the empty rhetoric of "change we can believe in." The Pachyderm Club is certainly doing its part to energize and empower local Republicans to take action this important election cycle.

Last month, we heard from Wendell Moore, state co-chair for McCain/Palin, followed by former State Senator Jim Bryson who both made the trip down from Nashville to carry forward the conservative message and its implications for our state and country's future. In October, we're excited to hear from Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey, House GOP leader Jason Mumpower, and our very own local GOP Chair Connie Weathers, all of whom will not be ones you'll want to miss. Special thanks to Phil Smartt, this month's program chairman, for your work in organizing these fine speakers.

Make plans now to be with us each and every Monday this Fall as we build up to victory in November!

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

HAMILTON COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS

It's hard to believe that we are now in October and that Election Day is only a month away. The past month has been a good one as the YR's have had the opportunity to participate in the "Beans & Jeans" supper at the Hamilton County Republican Party headquarters on September 18 and to get involved with various campaign work.

We have a full plate in front of us for the remainder of the year. First, we'll be helping with any Republican campaign that needs our assistance. We're more or less "on call," so if you know of a campaign that needs help, please let me know. Also, plans are being made for the annual Christmas Party, and so stay tuned for more details about that. In addition to these items, we have scheduled our next meeting for Thursday, October 16. Information about the location and agenda for that meeting will be available on our website at www.hcyrs.com.

Finally, we are accepting nominations for officers to serve the Young Republicans during 2009 and 2010. If you are a current member of the YR's and would like to nominate another current member, please do so by contacting me directly. The available offices are Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and four board members. Nominations will be accepted through the end of the year, with the election taking place during our regular meeting in January 2009.

For the Grand Old Party,

**Brent Lambert
Chairman
Hamilton County Young Republicans**

HAMILTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The Hamilton County Republican Women were honored to have Rep. Jim Cobb as guest speaker at its monthly meeting on September 16 at the Country Place Restaurant. He explained the makeup of Tennessee government—the three branches—and who would be up for election or re-election this year. Rep. Cobb gave each member a copy of “Tennessee Blue Book—2007-2008” which serves as a manual of useful information on our state and its government, both past and present. (Note) “the term Blue Book dates from the 15th century when the English Parliament began keeping records in large volumes covered with blue velvet. Since that time the name ‘Blue Book’ has been used to describe many forms of government manuals.”

Three new members were welcomed into our club. (The membership is growing steadily.) Thanks to Dean Jackson, our publicity chairman.

The upcoming spaghetti supper was discussed at length. The president distributed sheets stating the duties for each member for the supper. The date is October 24 at the Ruritan Club house on Highway 58 beginning at 5:30. Tickets are \$8.00 each, which may be purchased from a club member or at the door. There will be a bake sale (all homemade), a patriotic jewelry sale, and also many door prizes! So join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!!

Ida Cotter, yearbook chairman, distributed the attractive yearbooks. Thanks, Ida, for a job well done.

The members signed up to work (volunteer) at the McCain-Palin headquarters on Lee Highway (across from Sam's). This is a good time to show your patriotism and support your party (pins, signs, shirts are available here). The phone #643-0690.

See you there!!!

Janelle Merritt, President
Hamilton County Republican Women

TENNESSEE VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The month of September began as several people from the Hamilton County Republican party made their plans to attend the National Convention in St. Paul. Since this event, many of these delegates have shared their experiences. Special guests at the September meeting of the TVRW who were there in St. Paul were Marty Fairbanks, Chris Lanier, Tim Gossett, and Oscar Brock. Each of these guests created excitement and enthusiasm for the upcoming election as they retold what they witnessed in Minnesota.

This monthly meeting of the TVRW was also an exciting time as three new members were welcomed into the organization, Melinda Rodriguez, Jerry Doud, and Lisa Callinan. These ladies will be joining other TVRW members as plans are made to attend the "Beans and Jeans" party at the Hamilton County Republican headquarters and as everyone volunteers to help promote Republican candidates at the Hamilton County Fair next week. The TVRW will be involved in helping citizens to register to vote, staff the McCain/Palin headquarters on Lee Highway, and rally for the first Presidential Election Debates on September 26th.

In addition to this being a time for all Republicans to get involved and campaign for the party's candidates on the November ballot, this is also a time for people to support the TVRW in its annual spaghetti dinner that will benefit the Fisher House that is being built in Nashville. A Fisher House is "a home away from home" for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers. Currently, there are 38 Fisher Houses located on 18 military installations and nine VA medical centers in the United States and Germany. The Nashville house is one of five more houses that are currently under construction. The TVRW encourages everyone to contact any member of the organization for a ticket to the dinner. The date is Friday, October 10th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be plenty of food, live music, and your elected officials will be serving. All of this will take place at the Harrison Ruritan Club on Highway 58, just across from Central High School. The cost of an adult ticket is \$8.50 and a child's ticket is \$4.00.

This is an exciting time to be a Republican. Join us on October 10th for an opportunity to give back to our military families whose lives have been impacted by contributions they have made to keep our nation safe from harm.

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

Our September 18th “Beans and Jeans” event was a great success. It was a evening of great Republican fellowship and music. A special thanks to *Matt Brown*, husband of our Executive Director Bobbie Brown, for his wonderful entertainment. We thank everyone that attended. The beans and cornbread were delicious. We had enough beans to blow the Democrats off the map.

Thank you to all who contributed.

Jeannie Hammond	Delores Vinson	Ann Floyd
Jeanne Wood	Chris Lanier	Richard Floyd
Bobbie Brown	Pam Lanier	Hylida Bevans
Matthew Bryant	Marilyn Parker	Bill Hullander
Charlie Peavyhouse	Patsy Henry	Janice Gross
John Weathers	Janey Stitt	Bo Watson
Helen Proffitt	Jim Cobb	Dot Sertel
Patsy Henry	Larry Henry	Dean Jackson
Janelle Merritt	Ester Taj	Jack McGill
Jim Woods	Ray Roy Evans	Bettye Parker
Sybil Guy	Ann Harris	Brent Lambert
Scott Kultau	Ricky Crook	Jim & Kathy Queen
Billie Whiteside	Bobby Wood	Suzanne Cobb

DATES TO REMEMBER – October 2008

- Saturday--October 4 **Deadline to Register to Vote**
- Monday—October 6 **Pachyderm Club**— Noon @ Niko's Southside Grill
Speaker: Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey
- Friday—October 10 **Tennessee Valley Republican Women Spaghetti Supper,**
Harrison Ruritan Club, Hwy. 58, 5:30 p.m., Tickets \$8.50,
\$4.00 under 12 (Benefit for Fisher House)
- Monday—October 13 **Pachyderm Club**—Noon @ Niko's Southside Grill
Speaker: Jason Mumpower, Republican Leader in
the State House
- October 15-30 Early Voting**
- Monday—October 20 **Pachyderm Club**—Noon @ Niko's Southside Grill
Speaker: Connie Weathers, Hamilton County Republican
Party Chairman
- Friday--October 24 **Hamilton County Republican Women Spaghetti Supper,**
Harrison Ruritan Club, Hwy. 58, Tickets \$8.00
- Monday—October 27 **Pachyderm Club**—Noon @ Niko's Southside Grill
Speaker: U.S. Senator Bob Corker or County Commission
Chairman, Jim Coppinger

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY—NOVEMBER 4TH ELECTION DAY!!!!!!

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