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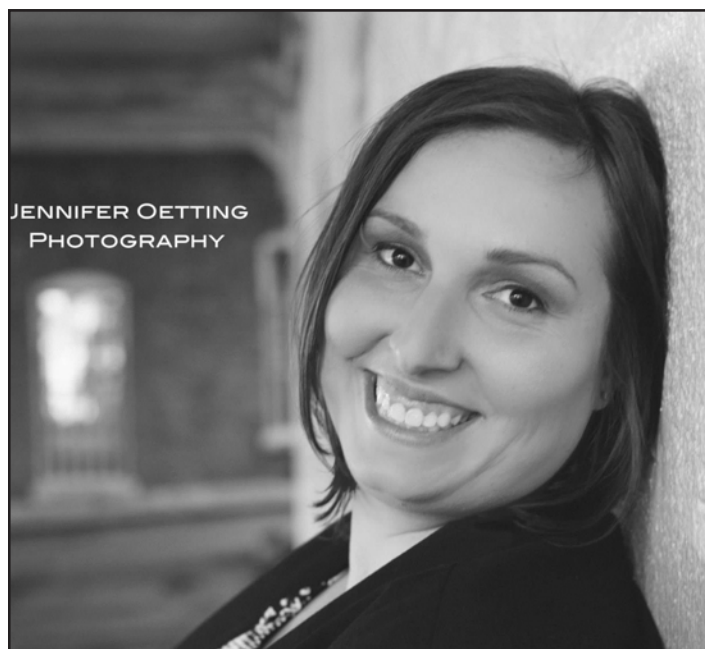
“The aim of education is the knowledge, not of facts, but of values.”

William S. Burroughs

Our children’s education is important. It’s one of the very few things that all parts of the political spectrum agree on, even when they vehemently disagree about curriculum, costs, and everything else. The Special Education Trust Fund is the single largest pot of state money in Alabama, and passing the Education Budget is always a critical issue for the Legislature in every session. At the local level, education is never far from the minds of elected officials, and political careers have been made and unmade solely on education issues.

The COVID pandemic rocked our education system to its foundation, as it did every facet of our society. Lockdowns and distance learning forced almost every parent to experience the reality of de facto homeschooling, and the results of this exposure to what our kids are being taught has been...interesting.

As early as mid-2020, when the lockdowns were still only a few months old, overall satisfaction with children’s education had dropped 10 percent in one year. Perhaps more important, and disturbing to the educational establishment, was that the percentage of children being homeschooled had doubled to 10 percent over that same period of time. Given that homeschooled children have consistently represented about 3.3 percent of the population prior to the pandemic, and that these children overall have better academic outcomes than public school-educated students, it’s doubtful that this shift will be reversed anytime in the near future. Perhaps most striking is that minority households saw the largest increases in rates of homeschooling as the pandemic progressed, with Blacks increasing from 3.3 percent to 16.1 percent and Hispanics growing from 6.2 per-



cent to 12.1 percent.

The fallout of this increased parental exposure to the content of their children’s education has extended far beyond a shift away from public education to homeschooling. Across the nation, parents have challenged school boards about elements of the curriculum. Most of these challenges have not been over sex education per se (as was typically the case in years gone by), but over ‘diversity’, ‘inclusion’, ‘gender’ and most significantly, ‘race’— specifically, Critical Race Theory (CRT).

Parents have objected strenuously to the precepts of CRT, stating that it is itself racist because it assumes that racism is inherent in our society. From that basic premise, CRT moves to “critically examine” every situation and interaction until one is able to “find” examples of the (assumed to be embedded) racism. This new-found racism need not be readily apparent to anyone except the finder. Indeed, a primary criticism of this method of identifying dis-

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criminatorial or racist events has been the highly subjective nature of the events. In many cases, it seems that discrimination, especially subtle events like microaggressions, truly are in the eye of the beholder — and probably nowhere else.

Logical fallacies inherent in CRT notwithstanding, its basic assumptions have become truisms in many circles among the political Left, in academia, and in many Schools of Education. It is this acceptance, and its integration into the K-12 curriculum, that so many parents find objectionable.

Despite what many defenders of CRT on those criticized school boards, in the affected county commissions, or on the Left would insist, there have been essentially no blatant discriminatory acts that have been downplayed by parent protesting CRT. In fact, many of these parents have been minorities themselves, and they have all stated in no uncertain terms that they do not want to see a return to the days of Jim Crow. The general consensus has been that our nation as a whole has made too much progress over that past few decades and we should not be rushing backwards.

Educators and school boards accused of promulgating CRT in classrooms have (predictably) either attacked protesting parents or denied they are teaching CRT altogether. Just as predictably, this has not been well received by parents or by the public as a whole. Perhaps the best recent example of this was the Virginia gubernatorial election, where Republican challenger Glenn Youngkin defeated incumbent Democrat Terry McCauliff. Youngkin campaigned strongly against CRT, while McCauliff repeatedly insisted that it wasn't being taught in Virginia schools (even though he refused to give a definition for what CRT is). The parents and voters of Virginia made their feelings known on election night, and this pattern is being seen more and more across the nation. School board members are being challenged in elections, and many have already been defeated at

the polls based on their pro-CRT stance.

Here in Alabama, one would think CRT is no longer an issue because the Alabama State Board of Education banned it from public school classrooms this past June. However, it appears this action by the State BoE was insufficient to remove all cause for concern, at least in Huntsville. Given the pervasive nature of CRT-derived ideology in the educational establishment, it behooves every parent to be aware and alert about just what is being taught to

their children. After all, if the underlying assumptions and ideas are being taught, does it really matter what name is used? A rose by any other name would smell as sweet.

It won't be easy to maintain your vigilance over your child's education. With so much money, and the power to mold children's minds involved, educrats and others who seek to undermine our conservative values will push

back. We've already seen the National Association of School Boards and the Department of Justice weaponize the FBI against parents who dared to exercise their 1st Amendment rights by speaking up in favor of their children and their beliefs. It's sadly ironic that mothers (and fathers) are being branded "domestic terrorists" for being loud at school board meetings while Antifa, BLM and other Left-favored rioters and looters have been allowed to run rampant with basically no consequences.

Easy or not, we must be aware of what our children are being taught. We must be unafraid to stand up for our beliefs, and for our children's education. We must be willing to take a stand against insane, retrogressive ideas, no matter what labels are applied to them.

We must do these things because, as Alabama Republican Women, we dare to defend not only our rights, but our beliefs.

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Athens-Limestone Republican Women

Laura Leigh Prater, President

The Athens-Limestone Republican Women have had an exciting, productive and informative fourth quarter. Our enthusiasm continues as we work on keeping our state and nation great!

We hosted a variety of qualified candidates this quarter and enjoyed learning more about their policies and beliefs.

Our October guest speaker was Katie Britt, candidate for U.S. Senate. Mrs. Britt is a first-time candidate and began her career as Senator Richard Shelby's Deputy Press

Secretary and later became Press Secretary. Britt spoke on an assortment of issues articulating her policy positions. She said she is committed to putting Alabama first and delivering results for our great state. Her platform is based on faith, family and freedom.

November was a busy month for our club! We participated in the Athens Veterans Day Parade, walking along the parade route handing parade watchers flags and candy while displaying our patriotism. Our members decorated a Christmas tree for the Donnell House Festival of Trees, decorating it with a patriotic theme.

Our guest speaker for November was John Roberts, candidate for Alabama's Fifth

Congressional District. Roberts is a lifelong resident of North Alabama, growing up in Hartselle. He is also a first-time candidate and stated, "It is time for a new generation to step up and lead." If elected, candidate Roberts says he is committed to putting Alabama values first.

Following our monthly meeting, club officers left for Fairhope to attend the AFRW Convention. The officers enjoyed participating and listening to a variety of enthusiastic speakers and candidates.

In the spirit of Christmas our club hosted a Christmas Soiree at the lovely Donnell House. Club members and distinguished guests enjoyed food, fellowship and fun!

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and victorious New Year!



Azalea City Republican Women

Donna Skipper, President

Merry Christmas from Azalea City Republican Women! We trust you are enjoying the holidays with friends and family and celebrating the birth of Christ.

The fourth quarter has been packed with school book drives, brunches, lunches and dinners, participating with local ministries in our city, excellent meetings and speakers, and more.

October's meeting was "Celebrating Fall & Football." Our ladies all dressed in our favorite team attire. We also selected the cutest dressed fan and presented some nice door prizes, as well. Wes Allen, Candidate for Secretary of State, was our special guest.

In November, we celebrated

Veteran's Day by participating in the Veteran's Day Parade, the Mayor's Luncheon for Veterans and honored six special veterans with a Quilt of Valor presented that evening at our meeting. During this month, 18 of our ladies also enjoyed attending the AFRW Biennial Convention at the Grand Hotel.

Our organization was honored to receive three awards ... AFRW's Legislative Days "Best Overall" ... the Mary Ellen Miller Award for "Most Outstanding Club" and NFRW's Diamond Achievement Award.

It was a great couple of days. Congratulations to our new AFRW officers. It should be another two great years under their

leadership.

Our ACRW December Meeting was actually our Christmas Party. Ladies (and gentlemen) enjoyed a delicious meal, some really nice door prizes, a jazz band and hearing Katie Britt share about Christmas traditions and her campaign for U.S. Senate.

We raised more than \$3,500 for five local ministries in the Mobile area ... our "Merry

Christmas" to them.

We are excited about the next two years, especially with major elections going on in 2022. We will be working hard to promote good, Republican candidates and help secure some important victories for our U.S. House and Senate.



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Capital City Republican Women

Rosemary Glass, President



Above: Capital City Republican Women Board Members with Rep. Mike Holmes. **Right:** Pregnancy Center Director, Sharon Mason, holding \$500 check donated by Capital City Republican Women.

Capital City Republican Women met again in November.

Our guest speaker was Representative Mike Holmes who spoke on Redistricting of the State with an emphasis on the River Region. It was a very informative discussion.

November is our opportunity to share our Caring for America donations for 2021. Our chairperson for Caring for America is Peggy Bamberg. We chose Brantwood Children's home, where they take in children from various difficult situations. The other charity we

chose to support this year was The Pregnancy Center of Tallassee. This donation was designated for gasoline as this is a constant need for low income clients with new babies and often other young children. Each charity received \$500. Donations came from members simply donating extra cash, from drawings, or fundraisers. Caring for America chairperson, Peggy Bamberg, and CCRW President, Rosemary Glass, were very pleased to make the donations at our November luncheon at Montgomery Country Club.



Republican Women of Coffee County

Virginia Howard, President

The Fourth Quarter has been a busy one for RWCC. We continue to hold forums for candidates running for election in 2022, while participating in Caring for America projects. The Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox and Chuck Colson's Prison Ministry's Angel Tree continue to be top on our list.

We participated in the Enterprise Whoville event with a booth, making campaign material and yard signs available to the public and conducting voter registration. Several candidates were on hand to greet the people, including representatives from U.S. Senate candidates Katie Britt and Mo Brooks, and Supreme Court candidate Debra Jones. We also participated in the Enterprise Christmas Parade with Uncle Sam (associate member Travis Parker)



RWCC's Downtown Enterprise Whoville Booth, left to right: Jan White, Robin Foy, Virginia Howard, Susan Letourneau, and Gerdy Proffitt.

and Betsy Ross (President Virginia Howard) leading our RWCC entry of walkers and a float. The weather was beautiful — the crowds were huge and very receptive to our entry. People are hun-

gry for a return to freedom!!!

Several members attended the AFRW Convention, where our own Robin Foy was honored with

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Enterprise Christmas Parade, left to right: Travis Parker, Virginia Howard, Shannon Smith, Lisa Bebee, Jan White, Heather Waterman, Vickie LeCompte, Phyl Grich, Susan Letourneau, and Jane Wardrobe.



AFRW 2020-2021 Martha Foy Award: Robin Foy and Britney Garner.

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the Martha Foy Most Valuable Member award. AFRW President Britney Garner spoke at our November meeting and then installed our officers for 2022-23. Jan White is our incoming president, taking office January 1.

We have a gubernatorial forum set up for January

19, so she will hit the ground running for an exciting 2022.

We meet the third Wednesday of the month, 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club for a luncheon meeting. Please join us when in the area and find out why we are one of the top clubs in AFRW.



Installation of 2022-23 RWCC Officers: From left: Britney Garner, Jan White, President; Carol Boylston, VP-Programs; Shannon Smith, VP-Hospitality; Sue Neuwen, VP-Campaigns; Jane Wardrobe, VP-Membership; Lisa Bebee, Recording Secretary; Leslie Olson, Corresponding Secretary; and Juleigh Ayer, Treasurer.

Republican Women of East Alabama

Kara Silvers, President

The Republican Women of East Alabama had some great speakers these past couple of months.

The month of October featured Jessica Taylor, candidate for State Senate and Rusty Glover, candidate for State Auditor. Taylor had much enthusiasm to share with us for some of the things she hopes to accomplish if elected to this position. Glover gave us an education on the Auditor position, a position that many fully don't understand the duties of!

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Republican Women of East Alabama member Angela Shepherd and Jessica Taylor.



Chris Horn, Candidate for Secretary of State.

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In November, we had a meeting that featured some local non-profits that came in and gave us some updates about projects they were working on in the community.

We rounded off the year by having three great speakers in December: Christopher "Christon" Horn, candidate for Secretary of State, John Hammock, candidate for Public Service Commission and Debra Jones, candidate for Alabama Supreme Court. All three gave information and insight on their platforms and their excitement for these positions was felt by all who attended. We also had a special Christmas giveaway, Representative Debbie Wood donated two adorable Christmas plants for a fun drawing at the end of the meeting!



Debra Jones and President, Kara Silvers.



Representative Debbie Wood, Ann Whatley and Carolyn McConnell.

Eastern Shore Republican Women

It's been an amazing year for the Eastern Shore Republican Women. Our membership drive has been in full swing and we are excited to see all the new members joining! The Quarter Meetings have been so informative and brought in great crowds.

In October, at the day meeting held at the Fairhope Yacht Club, we had Attorney General Steve Marshall as our guest speaker. It was encouraging to hear Secretary Marshall speak about fighting back against Bidens' vaccine mandate. We also hosted a Caring for America wine tasting event that all the ladies enjoyed.

Jerry Ann McCarron, President

Matt Simpson was our guest speaker for our October night meeting. It's always great to hear him talk about that exciting events happening in Baldwin County.

November was a packed full month for the ESRW! We had Supreme Court Justice Sarah Stewart speak at our day meeting. Justice Stewart helped us honor Veterans Day by reading an amazing poem and speaking about the duties of each supreme court justices.

We also had Judge Michelle Thomason who helped us vote in our new board for 2022 at the

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Guest Speaker Attorney General Steve Marshall, President Jerry Ann McCarron, Baldwin County District Attorney Bob Wilters.

EASTERN SHORE, from 8 — November Meeting. The new board will be sworn in at our January Meeting. President Judy Barlow, First Vice President Laurie Weber, Second Vice President VP Melinda McGhee, Second Vice President Assistant Angie Hawes, Corresponding Secretary Libby Franklin, Recording Secretary Charlotte Crigler and Treasurer Alison Ward.

On Veterans Day, we were sponsors for the Trop Rock for our Vets event held at the American Legion Post 199. It was in support of all the local veterans and their service.

Eastern Shore Republican women was the host for the AFRW Biennial Convention that was held at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear. It was a great honor to be able to help with the convention and listen to so many great speakers. We were able to sponsor the band for the reception at Oak Hollow Farms for all club members.

We will be closing out this fourth quarter with our Christmas Party



Left to right: President Judy Barlow, 1st Vice President Laurie Weber, 1st Vice President asst Angie Hawes, 2nd Vice President Melinda McGhee, Corresponding Secretary Libby Franklin, Recording Secretary Charlotte Crigler and Treasurer Alison Ward.

on December 22 at the Fairhope Yacht Club. We are excited for 2022 and can't wait to bring the red wave across Alabama.

The Eastern Shore Republican Women want to thank our outgoing board for their years of amazing leadership, dedication and hard

work. President Jerry Ann McCarron, First Vice President Barbara Wheeler, Second Vice President Jenny (jo jo) Owen, Second Vice President assistant Judy Barlow, Corresponding Secretary Tracy Hirsh, and Treasurer Alison Ward.

Houston County Republican Women

The Houston County Republican Women have had a great year.

We have had many interesting and informative speakers to share information that helps us learn more about "the happenings in our local, state, country and in our world."

Our group is always reaching out to help other organizations and groups in our city of Dothan and other areas.

The speaker for the October meeting was Britney Garner, President of AFRW. Since 2006

Barbara Wheelless, President

Britney has been a visible presence in Alabama Republican Politics. Britney is doing an outstanding job as President of Alabama Federation of Republican Women. At this meeting, we had our Martha Foy Award Presentation. This award is named in honor of Martha Foy for her service and the many contributions she has given to HCRW and the Republican Party over the years. Our former HCRW President, Lila Fillmore, was the recipient of this award.

Lila has served as Houston County Republican Women President and continues to do an outstanding service for Houston Country Republican Women. Valerie Judah presented the award to the recipient, Lila Fillmore. Before we closed our meeting we sang "Happy Birthday" to Ms. Martha Foy!

We had great response with our "Ring the Bell" for The Salvation

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Our October speaker was AFRW President, Britney Garner, and the 2021 Martha Foy Award was presented to Lila Fillmore.



Recipients of The Martha Foy Award: From left; Rona Miller–2019; Lila Fillmore–2021; Martha Foy; Linda Overton–2018; Barbara Wheelless–2020.

Army. This has been our organization's tradition for many years for this worthy cause.

HCRW once again participated in "Wreaths Across America" honoring our veterans. A donation has been given for four Wreaths at this annual day of re-

membering their sacrifices for Our Great Country.

HCRW has reached out to promote events for our members and new HCRW members. Tesi Rodriguez, our Membership Chairman, arranged a "Meet and Greet" for our members and our new members. "Coffee with The Conservatives."

This event was held at Mural City Coffee Company. It was a great HCRW event with many new members attending.

In November at the AFRW Biennial Convention our Club was awarded the Caring for America Award 2020-2021 and the Diamond Award that we were awarded at the NFRW National Convention in Orlando, Fla.

The Houston County Republican Executive Committee and The Houston County Republican Women held their annual Christmas Party, Dec. 2, 2021, at Bella's in downtown Dothan. It was a wonderful time with our regular group and with our new members and guests.

We ask everyone to continue to Pray for our Country and our leaders. In the challenging days ahead, we must remember those who have gone before us and with their motto and ours," IN GOD WE TRUST."



The Houston County Republican Women attended the state Biennial Convention 2021 at The Grand Hotel in Point Clear.



HCRW attended the 2021 NFRW National Convention, Orlando, Fla.



During the NFW National Convention, Barbara Wheelless HCRW president, accepted the Diamond Award from NFRW President, Ann Shockett (Houston County 6) on behalf of the HCRW.



In December, HCRW held their annual Christmas Party!



Huntsville Express Republican Women

Gwen Shelton, President

As 2021 ended, the last quarter of the year continued to be a busy one for Huntsville Express Republican Women.

In October, club members joined with special guests Governor Kay Ivey and Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle to honor Huntsville's Black Suffragists heroic achievements at their historic marker dedication held at William Hooper Council Memorial Park.

A successful HERW membership drive was held in October



Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill.

and November.

The December club meeting was cancelled since it fell during Christmas week, and in its place, donations were accepted at the November meeting on behalf of New Leash on Life, a rescue organization that supports local animal shelters.

Engaging and vibrant guest



Sydney Dean and Gwen Shelton.

speakers finished out the year. In September HERW was honored to host Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill. Secretary Merrill has been at the forefront of the fight to protect vote integrity in Alabama. For example, he ensured that voting machines are custom built without modems, so hacking is not possible. Due in large

part to his efforts, Alabama is now recognized as the premiere

state in the nation in election administration.

Attorney General for the State of Alabama, Steve Marshall, spoke with the club in October 2021. The AG initially spoke of the great law enforcement leadership we have in Madison County. He talked at length about the vaccine mandates instituted by the Biden Administration, with focus on the mandate involving employers with one hundred or more employees. A particular issue that the office of the AG is investigating concerns employers' access to the vaccine registry maintained by the Office of Public Health, which he states is in violation of



From left: Mary Scott Hunter, Gwen Shelton, Alabama Attorney General Marshall, Sydney Dean, and Belinda Melson-Kennedy.

criminal law. In July 2020 a federal appeals court upheld

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Alabama's photo voter ID law, after advocacy groups claimed the law discriminates against minority voters. Board member Belinda Melson-Kennedy presented to the AG the first flag of the new branding of her company from Alabama Flag and Banner to Revolution Flag.

The last featured speaker of the year was Katie Britt, CEO of Alabama's Business Council, and candidate for the U.S. Senate. Britt worked for



Members of the Huntsville Express Republican Women took part in the Santa Fun Run on behalf of Christmas Charities Year Round!

Senator Richard Shelby, and helped to find conservative judges for appointment. She described judges as the last line of defense to protect constitutional rights. Her experience with the Business Council was described as fiscally responsible, and that during her tenure money was placed in reserves. Ap-

proximately 90 percent of businesses in Alabama are considered small businesses, and everyone should have a seat at the table. She promotes an audit of the 2020 election, is against ballot harvesting and cancel culture.

In the New Year, HERW looks forward to welcoming gubernatorial candidate, Ambassador Lynda Blanchard, and U.S. Senate candidate Mike Durant, among others. HERW also looks forward to working to help the GOP reclaim the majority in the United States Congress in 2022, and elect strong Republican candidates to Alabama offices.



Katie Britt, candidate for U.S. Senate.

Local Elections/Referendums

January 11, 2022: City of Opelika — to fill a vacancy in council district 3

January 11, 2022: Dale County - Special Election for School Tax Renewal and Continuation

February 15, 2022: Baldwin County — Zoning Referendum Election

August 23, 2022: City of Gadsden Municipal Election

August 23, 2022: City of Huntsville Municipal Election

Knollwood Republican Women's Club, Mobile

Shelley Powell, President

In October our speaker was Jack Galassini of the Alabama Council on Compulsive Gambling. There are many in our state affected by gambling in a negative way. We learned of many resources available to help people trapped in the addiction of gambling.

In November we had Pete Riehm, a local Navy veteran, radio show host, and patriot. Pete shared a moving Veterans Day message, as well as his personal experience attending the Jan. 6 Trump Speech in Washington.

Our December meeting included a presentation by Frances McGowin from Service Dogs of Alabama. We were amazed at how dogs can be used as life-sav-



From left: Judy Motlow, AFRW 2nd VP, Treasurer Betty Morphey, Outgoing Treasurer Jean Albritton, Secretary Jeannie Flowers. President Shelley Powell. Not pictured: Vice President Sharon Argiro.



PJ Owens

ing medical equipment for many, including our veterans.

Judy Motlow, AFRW 2nd VP, in-

stalled our newly elected officers for 2022-2023.

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From left: Gail Griffith, Jackie Zeigler, Jeannie Flowers, Shelley Powell, Tanya Rogers, Janet Olgesby, and Luci Sheffield. Not Pictured: Sharon Argiro.

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The ladies elected for office for 2022-2023 are Shelley Powell, president; Sharon Argiro, Vice President; Jeannie Flowers, secretary; and Betty Morphew, Treasurer.

Jean Albritton, who is stepping down from office this year, was recognized for her faithful service as treasurer for the last 13 years!!! Thank you, Jean.

KRWC was recognized at the AFRW State Convention in Point

Clear, Ala., in November. Thanks to the hard work of our ladies, we were recognized as a

Diamond Award club. Thanks to the leadership of our Caring for America chairperson, Tanya Rogers, we also were awarded the Caring for America Award for Small Clubs. Also at convention, two of our ladies led break-out sessions. Jackie Zeigler led a session on issues at the State Board of Education including Critical Race

Theory, Alabama Literacy Act, and the importance of attending board meetings and researching the issues to be better informed. PJ Owens led a session on the topic of Article 5 Constitution Convention. We appreciate these ladies going the “extra mile” to keep others informed.

We may be a small club, but we are busy getting informed and informing others.

Merry Christmas to you all!

Morgan County Republican Women

Melanie Little, President

Morgan County Republican Women are excited to provide our community the opportunity to hear and question candidates who, if elected, will represent our area in national, state, and local elections.

Our meetings give our members and guests a chance to learn more about the candidates and have greater confidence in their selections when voting in the primary. We have already begun the process and will continue through the Republican primaries in May 2022.

Andrew Sorrell, candidate for State Auditor and Greg Cook, candidate for the Alabama Supreme Court, spoke to our club in October. Sorrell, from Muscle Shoals, discussed his background and current activities as the Alabama State Representative from House District 3, primarily with election integrity bills and gun laws.

Cook, from Florence, shared his background and focus as a lawyer for more than 30 years, involved with election recounts and election security.

In November, MCRW welcomed Parker Moore, who is running for reelection as the Alabama State Representative from House District 4, and Andy Blalock, from Athens, running for election to the U.S. House to represent Alabama’s 5th Congressional District. Both candidates outlined their backgrounds, experience, and motivation to represent

our community.

Our club was well-represented at the AFRW Biennial Convention in Fairhope in November by President Melanie Little, Recording Secretary Beverly Ward, Assistant Recording Secretary Lori Mallette and member Kim Campbell.

Our December activity will be a Christmas party with the Morgan County Executive Committee.



From left: Kim Campbell, Melanie Little, AFRW Assistant Recording Secretary Lori Mallette and AFRW Recording Secretary Beverly Ward enjoy the AFRW Biennial Convention.

Pike County Republican Women

Virginia Hamm, President

The fall of 2021 has been most unusual for the Pike County Republican Women.

Increased COVID cases resulted in cancelling meetings, two speakers cancelled (for valid reasons) at the last minute and one speaker was rescheduled twice. However, we did have some excellent meetings and events.

In October, Representative Mike Jones and Josh Carnley, both candidates for the Alabama Senate seat of retiring Senator Jimmy Holley, addressed our members. PCRW also had a booth at the Pike County Fair and won a Blue Ribbon in our cat-

egory. This is the second Blue Ribbon we've won in the past few years. At the end of October we also had a booth at the Brundidge Peanut Butter Festival. Both of these events resulted in excellent contacts and requests for more information.

In January we will induct new officers and hear from Senate candidates. 2022 will be a very busy year for our state and our nation. Let's remember to pray for our state and nation, as well as each other.

We wish each of you a blessed and joyful Christmas Season and New Year.



South Baldwin County Republican Women

Barbara R. Zander, President

The South Baldwin Republican Women has an annual tradition of presenting an individual who has served our Country with A Quilt of Valor.

The South Baldwin Republican Women in conjunction with Joyce Reed of the Mobile Azalea City Republican Women and additional quilters tirelessly make these quilts for the veterans. This year it was given to Retired Coast Guard Capt. Mark Robinson, our club photographer. The Quilt of Valor Organization has made more than 11,000 Quilts which have been distributed nationwide and 75 to 100 quilts are made annually to be given to the various service men or women who serve our country.

As part of our Community Outreach, Diane King, Standing Com-

mittee Chair, works with the Foley Library to donate "Books for Kids" in memory of a South Baldwin Republican Women's deceased club member or their spouse.

In addition, Past President Becky Vasko, works with the Baldwin County Bicentennial Park to purchase a brick in memory of a Club member or their spouse who has served in the military or supported the Republican Party of Baldwin County.

The October Food drive was a great success and donations were given to the Catholic Social Services for distribution. Our November Toy drive brought lots of great items which were donated to the Economical Council of Foley for local children.

During the last quarter our Club had the pleasure of having the following speakers:

September: Mitchell Sims, October: Lyndia Blanchard, November: Rusty Glover, Donna Givens and Frances Holk Jones

AFRW Delegates to the Annual meeting at the Grand Hotel, Fairhope were SBRW President Barbara Zander, Secretary Sheila Rihner Green and Past President Becky Vasko.

The new officers were installed by Judge Scott Taylor in December.

The South Baldwin Republican Women meets the fourth Tuesday of the Month at 11:30 a.m. at the Gift Horse in Foley. If anyone is visiting the area, we would like you to come and be our guest at the monthly meeting.



Republican Women of the South

Tad Douglas, President

Greetings from RWOS!

In September, Mike Parsons did an excellent program on his organization SAVE-Save Alabama's Values and Education. The purpose of SAVE is to inform people about the educational changes being made which are facilitating a liberal, socialist cultural shift in Alabama. Our Caring for America Chairman Bobbye Guyton collected money for The Well House. The Well House is a safe haven for female victims of human trafficking who have been sexually exploited.

In October, Ann Eubank did an excellent program on Critical Race Theory. Ann is state co-chair for Rainy Day Patriots Tea Party, and statewide co-chair and legislative chair for Alabama Legislative Watchdogs.

In November, our club focused on our veterans. Callie and Tad participated in the Birmingham Veterans Day Parade which is the oldest and largest in the country. Charon Rivers founder of S.O. S. (Support our Soldiers of Alabama) gave a wonderful presentation at our November meeting. Her son Marine Lance Cpl. Thomas Rivers, Jr. died in Afghanistan. Charon is no longer president of S.O.S. and has passed the baton to VFW Post 12185. They continue to send packages to U.S. military service members, as well as providing many services to local veterans. A love offering was collected by our club to help with this work

Caroline Coleman, a student at Samford University, was presented a scholarship from RWOS. Caroline is a Political Science major. She has worked for Congressman Mike Rogers and as an in-



tern at the State Headquarters. Ann Bishop, our Scholarship Chairman did a wonderful job with her committee!



Our Christmas party will be held on Dec.16. We invite candidates to join us as well as ladies who might like to become members of our club. Donations for Three Hots and A Cot will be collected. The primary mission for this organization is to assist homeless military veterans in transitioning to a self-sustained lifestyle.

Our club is ready to work hard to elect Republican candidates in 2022. We are planning to have a fundraiser in the spring to raise money for our PAC account.

