



The Party Line

Newsletter of the Republican Women of Coffee County

Upcoming Events:

August 12: Coffee County Republican Club meeting, 6 pm, Po Folks Restaurant. Guest speaker will be candidate for Congress Barry Moore. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call Ed Foy, 334-494-4663.

August 13: Special election to decide whether alcohol can be sold in Enterprise on Sunday.

August 21: RWCC Meeting, 11 am, Enterprise Country Club. Guest speakers will be former State School Board member Betty Peters and Barry Moore. More about this meeting on page 5.

September 18: RWCC meeting. Guest speaker will be Tammy Doerer, Enterprise Tourism/Main Street Director.



Enterprise City Library Director Sheila Harris and Matt Larson, founder of Annie's Outreach were the guest speakers at our July 17 RWCC meeting. We also heard from State Representative Matt Fridy, who is running for Alabama Court of Civil Appeals. Judge Mark Anderson spoke on behalf of his son, Rich, who is also running for that position. Pictured above, left to rt.: RWCC President Johnna Roberts, Judge Anderson, Matt Larson, Matt Fridy, and Sheila Harris.

RWCC Meeting—August 21
Social Time: 11:00 am
Optional \$12 Buffet: 11:30
Business Portion of Meeting: 11:45
Program: 12 Noon
All are welcome, but reservations are necessary to ensure there is adequate food/seating.
RSVP to Jan White at 334-494-3763, email: rwccreservations@gmail.com



President's Message

Well, things got a little more interesting in Alabama politics this month. Congressional District 2 House Representative Martha Roby announced that she would not be seeking another term. I think it took a lot of us by surprise—it did me. Already, we have three men who have committed to run for that seat—Dothan businessman Jeff Coleman, AL State Representative Will Dismukes of Prattville, and on

August 5, former House District 91 Representative Barry Moore announced his candidacy during a news conference at the family event barn. More names have been mentioned as possible candidates, so stay tuned. Barry will be speaking at our August 21 meeting.

We were all saddened to hear the news about the two mass shootings occurring in El Paso and Dayton. So scary to think they were all going about their business, never thinking about something like that happening. It could absolutely happen anywhere, and I hope some bright minds can come together to figure out ways to possibly prevent this happening in the future. Not getting as much coverage was that 7 people were killed and 52 wounded in Chicago over the weekend—their worst weekend of gun violence this year. There have been at least 300 homicides in Chicago this year and 1,600 shot. Chicago has some of the most restrictive gun laws in the U.S., so obviously that is not the answer. It's so odd that when I was growing up, I never heard of mass shootings happening. Guns were easy to get back then, and I'm pretty sure there were no background checks. So, what has changed? A lot of things, and it's very sad.

A special election to decide whether alcohol can be sold on Sundays in the City of Enterprise will be held on August 13, 2019, at the Enterprise Recreation Center, located at 421 E. Lee Street, Enterprise, AL. Voting will open at 7:00 am and close at 7:00 pm.

Citizens are reminded that they have to live in the city limits of Enterprise for at least 30 days before the election and register to vote at least 10 days prior to Aug. 13.

Those who need to register to vote may do so at the Coffee County Board of Registrar's office located at the Coffee County Complex in New Brockton or online through the Secretary of State's office at <https://www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/.../register-to-vote>. Those who need to vote absentee may do so at Enterprise City Hall NLT 8 August.

Regarding this referendum, Enterprise Mayor Bill Cooper stated, "I have had a lot of calls about this (Sunday alcohol sales) from different citizens and different groups. This has kind of stopped us from maybe getting the high-volume restaurants here because they want to make sure the Sunday sales are there. Then, when you have conventions that want to come to our city and, of course, on Sunday evenings watching football or dining out or whatever -- instead they go on to Dothan and we lose that revenue."

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Check Out Our Social Media Sites

Gail Evelyn, our webmaster, has been doing a wonderful job keeping our website updated. The website contains our bylaws, our list of officers, upcoming events, and photos from our events.

Our web address is:
www.rwcc-al.com

We also have a Facebook page: Republican Women of Coffee County. It is also a place to go for information on upcoming events and photos from past events.

RWCC UPDATE



We are always looking for new RWCC members (and it is not too late to renew your membership). Membership has its privileges. You get access to our award-winning newsletter and emails to let you know of upcoming events and the latest on what the Republican Party is doing in our county, state and country. Dues are still \$30, which includes membership in the Alabama Federation of Republican Women. A membership form is attached for your convenience.

News You Can Use



Our Membership VP, Peggy Autrey, will be glad to take your dues at our August 21 meeting, too.

As of August 5, we have 77 members and 37 associates. If you know of someone who would enjoy becoming a member of our group, please bring them with you to our next meeting.

**RWCC VOLUNTEER
HOURS (REPORTED):
6746**

Please welcome RWCC's newest member—Laura Creazzo. We appreciate your membership and look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

RWCC July Meeting

At our July meeting, RWCC focused on two great people who are doing wonderful things for our community. Sheila Harris, the Enterprise City Library Director, presented an overview of what has been happening at the library and what is to come. The library has great programs for both young and old, and she is constantly improving the services they offer. Matt Larson, co-owner of Annie's Cafe and founder of Annie's Outreach (a nonprofit created to help those in need), discussed what his outreach has been doing, to include feeding the victims of Hurricane Michael and the survivors of the Beauregard tornado, the annual Annie's Christmas Meal, and a back-to-school bash for Coffee County children who need help with school supplies and clothing. Also, State Representative Matt Fridy spoke about his campaign to fill a vacancy on the Court of Civil Appeals. Judge Mark Anderson spoke on behalf of his son, Rich Anderson, who is also running for that position.



Pictured above left to right: (1) Rep Fridy speaking with some of our members; (2) left to rt, Al Apel, Dawn Johnson, Joan Williams, LaWanda Grill, and Judge Anderson; (3) Rita and John Whitfield catching up with Matt Larson; (4) left to rt, guest David Owens, Sheila Harris, and Matt Larson; (5) Jacque Hawkins and Travis Parker; (5) another photo of members lunching with Judge Anderson; (6) left to rt, new member Laura Creazzo, guest Pat Coffee, and Margaret Dobbs.

RWCC August Program

Our guest speakers for August will be former State School Board Member Betty Peters and candidate for Congress, Barry Moore.



Betty is a dear friend of RWCC, and served as our district's state school board representative from 2003 until 2018. Betty was on the forefront of the fight to repeal Common Core and is still advocating for that. During the last legislative session, a Constitutional Amendment on Education was passed that would replace Alabama's elected state board of education with an appointed commission on education and change the education state standards. This amendment comes with some controversy, and Betty will give us her take on it. The amendment will be on the March 3 ballot.

Former House District 91 Representative Barry Moore will also speak at our August meeting. Barry formally announced on August 5 that he is a candidate for Congressional District 2 House Representative. Barry, the owner of Barry Moore Industries, served in the Alabama Legislature from 2010-2018. He served as the Chairman of the Veterans and Military Affairs. Barry and his wife, Heather, have been long-time RWCC members.



Hope to see you there.

ANNIE'S OUTREACH BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH



Annie's Outreach teamed up with Coffee County Family Services to hold their first Back-to-School Bash on August 3 at Wiregrass Outdoors. Some of our RWCC members volunteered to help set up on August 2 and worked at the event the next day. Approximately 300 children were given backpacks full of school supplies, a shirt and pants, shoes, socks and underwear (at our May meeting, we held a school supply drive to help fill the backpacks). They were also treated to lunch by Zaxby's and given haircut coupons. It was an uplifting day for the RWCC members who helped the families pick

out clothing and shoes for their children. Pictured above, left to right: Dawn Johnson, Johnna Roberts, Sue Neuwien, Elaine Ridenour, Laura Creazzo, and Marie Wardrobe. Members participating, but not available for the photo were Lisa Beebe, Carol Dennis, Scotty Johnson, and Travis Parker.



2019 Membership Application

Enclosed is my check payable to “**Republican Women of Coffee County**”.

Calendar Year: January 1st through December 31st

Regular Membership (\$30): New __, or Renewal __.

Associate Member (**Spouse**) (\$15): New __, or Renewal __.

Miss / Mrs / Ms / Mr

First	MI	Last Name	Date of Birth	Spouse
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Email Address: _____

I would like the newsletter sent by: ***Letter** - ____ or **E-mail** - ____ (Please select delivery option).

*NOTE: If Newsletter selection is via U.S. Mail, add addition \$10 to cover cost

Committees:

I am interested in : Americanism __, Awards __, Budget/Finance __, Campaigns __, Education __, Fundraising __, Greeter/Hostess __, Legislation __, Membership __, Newsletter __, Program __, Publicity __, Telephone __, Scrapbook/Photography __, Scholarships __, Other _____

Please tell us how you found out about Our Club? Friend __, Newsletter __, Other _____

When did you first became a member of Republican Women of Coffee County? _____

What is your experience, business background and any club or political positions held? _____

Please mail this form and dues to Republican Women of Coffee County, c/o Kimmie Stafford, 302 Arrowhead Drive, Enterprise, 36330. For more information, call Peggy Autrey at 334-347-6705.