

MARION COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN SEPTEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER



Donna Rackley, President

President's News

Congratulations to all the Republican candidates that won in the August 2nd Primary and the August 23rd Run-Off election. WOW! What an awesome election this has been. BUT, we are just getting started! I cannot even imagine what 2012 is going to be like. We have 3 Amendments that will be on the November ballot. It is so crucial that we understand and know 'how' to vote and 'why'. Our guest speaker for the September meeting will be Reid Guy. Reid is the southern representative for Initiative #26-the Mississippi Personhood Amendment. I want to encourage all members and associates to be present to listen to Mr. Guy. He will be bringing signs and pamphlets for those interested in showing their support. Bring a friend and bring your favorite finger food. We are beginning something new with the September meeting. Members and associates have to wear something **RED** to

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every meeting or pay .50-fifty cents.

Plans are underway for the October meeting as well. We will have a guest speaker who will be talking to us about Initiative #31-Eminent Domain at the October monthly meeting. It is so important that we hear and understand these issues before we go to the polls. We need an understanding about the wording as it will be on the ballot. Please make every effort to be at the September and October meetings.



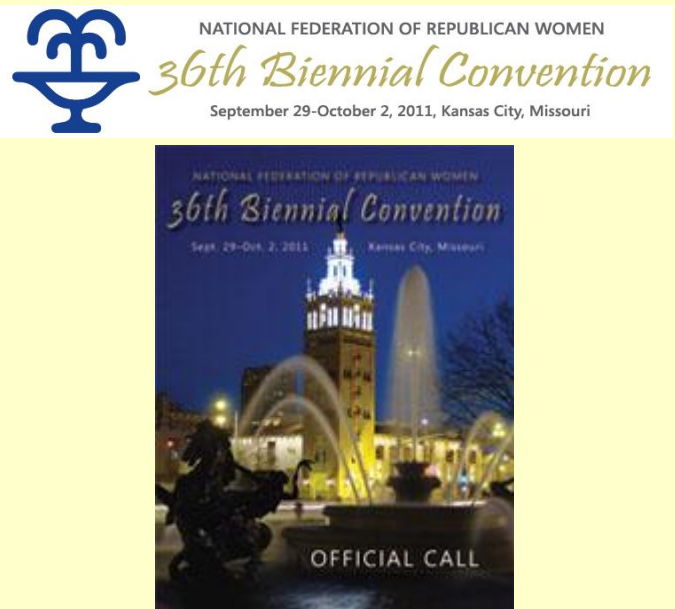
Vote Pro-Life! Stop Abortion and Cloning

The Mississippi Personhood Amendment, Amendment 26 in November's election, is a citizen's initiative to amend the Mississippi Constitution to define personhood as beginning at fertilization or "the functional equivalent thereof". Its purpose is to protect all life, regardless of age, health, function, physical or mental dependency, or method of reproduction. The passing of Amendment 26 could challenge Roe vs. Wade at the very core by recognizing the personhood of the unborn. If this amendment is passed, all human beings regardless of their size, location or developmental stage, will be ensured equal rights and protection under law in our state. **Abortion will be outlawed.**

"I have set before you life and death...therefore choose life, that both you and your seed may live..." Deuteronomy 30:19

NFRW Convention

Kay Patterson and Donna Rackley will be traveling to Kansas City, MO to the 36th Biennial National Federation of Republican Women 2011 Convention September 29-October 2. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel. The convention is shaping up to be one of the top Republican gatherings of the year and will feature keynote speakers, political and policy workshops, educational seminars, networking opportunities and events. A few of the confirmed speakers are Herman Cain, Newt Gingrich, Rick Santorum and Scott Walker. They will be attending the Awards Luncheon on Saturday, October 1.



2011 Heritage Festival–Friendship Park

This year's Heritage Festival is scheduled for October 1st. We are looking at having a tent for this year's Heritage Festival. Volunteers will be needed to help man the booth if we do. We will be asking local and state candidates to be sure and visit our booth and leave some of their signs and literature for patrons/supporters to pick up. We will also have our fundraiser on display and chances on the 2011 Campaign quilt-drawing to take place on November 8, General

Election Day. (See the picture below to see example). The quilt will be double sided. One side will have t-shirts from state candidates and the other side will have those that ran in the local election. Thanks to all who donated the shirts. Bring a chair, something cool to drink and smiles to greet patrons. The Marion County TARS will also be available to help with the booth. This is a great way to promote new members into the MCRW.

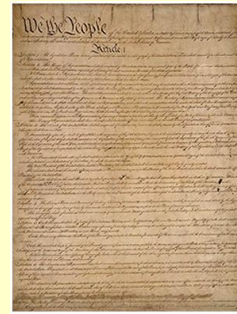
*The best minds are not in government.
If any were, business would hire them
away. - Ronald Reagan*



Constitution Day

Constitution Day commemorates the formation and the signing of the United States Constitution by thirty-nine brave men on September 17, 1787, recognizing all who, are born in the U.S. or by naturalization, who have become citizens. On September 17, 1787, the delegates to the Constitutional Convention met for the last time to sign the document that they had created. Celebrate Constitution Day by flying a flag, wear something patriotic. This years celebration will be observed on September 16th.

The Constitution has 4, 440 words. It is the oldest and the shortest written constitution of any major government in the world. We are seeing daily with our current administration that the Constitution is no longer important. Let's stand together and take back our Constitution. *We the People* meant something to



The Constitution of the United States of America

the thirty-nine brave men who formed and signed 'our' Constitution. George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton—just to name a few. Take the time to read the Constitution and be proud to be living in America!

LIFE, LIBERTY, FREEDOM, PROSPERITY



Eminent Domain—Amendment #31

Amendment # 31—Mississippi Eminent Domain Amendment will be on the November 8, 2011 general election ballot in the state of Mississippi as an indirect initiated constitutional amendment. This amendment prohibits state and local government from taking private property by eminent domain and then conveying it to other persons/businesses for a period of ten years. The measure does however allow for an exemption for levee facilities, roads, bridges, ports, airports, common carriers, drainage facilities and utilities. The proposed amendment would not apply to public nuisances, structures

unfit for human habitation or abandoned property. There were 119,251 supporters who signed and submitted a petition to get the ball rolling—all that was needed was 89,285. Delbert Hosemann, Mississippi Secretary of State certified the measure for the 2011 ballot on October 25, 2010. We will be hearing more about Amendment/Initiative #31 at the October meeting. Be present and prepared to ask questions concerning the taking of private property by state and local governments. Find out what you will be voting on if you vote – YES!

Dues for 2012

Membership dues for the 2012 year are being accepted now. Dues will be due by December 1, 2011. All dues can be mailed or taken to Kay Patterson, MCRW Treasurer. Dues for members & associates are still \$20.00 each.

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Mississippi Voter Identification Amendment, Initiative 27

A **Mississippi Voter Identification Petition** will appear on the November 8, 2011 general election ballot in the state of Mississippi as an indirect initiated constitutional amendment. The measure, if enacted by voters, would require Voter ID at the polls in the state. It was sponsored by Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann and State Senator Joey Fillingane after the Mississippi State Senate failed to take action on the proposal.



Mississippi State Flag

Confidence... thrives only on honesty, on honour, on the sacredness of obligation, on faithful performance. Without them, it cannot live. - Franklin D. Roosevelt

Save the Date

MFRW 2011 Mini-Biennial Convention
Leadership & Vision: Determine Your Goal and Stay the Course!
October 21-22, 2011



Mark your calendar for this event. More details will be made available when I receive them.

Voices of Conservative Women

Check out the following website: <http://voicesofconservativewomen.org>

Voices of Conservative Women endorses Lynn Fitch

<http://voicesofconservativewomen.org/press-release/lynnfitch/>

We are always looking for new websites to visit that will inform us of today's issues. A group of six friends saw the need to recruit and provide early support for conservative women candidates at all levels of government in order for "common sense, pocket book" women to compete with liberal women candidates. **Women turn out to vote in races up and down the ballot and are the difference between winning and losing elections.** We believe that the common sense pocket book mom is key to winning elections. Therefore, we believe it is important to engage these women in political process. (Voices of Conservative Women website)

Read more about their history, mission and leadership. It is time to get involved.



Women in Politics—Let your voice be heard!

Book Donations for Joplin

NFRW Request

2011 NFRW Convention is asking those attending to bring books to be donated to local Joplin organizations that suffered loss due to the tornado earlier this year. They are asking for books that will help with the study of our country, its founding vision and the character of our Founding Fathers (and Mothers), plus offers ideas that give energy to ensure a strong country. With this being the centennial year of Ronald Reagan, they are particularly asking for books by or about Reagan. The books will help redevelop libraries and promote our NFRW Literacy

theme, "Our History Is Our Future," as well as honor President Ronald Reagan. Those clubs that participate will be documented as part of that clubs federated work for the 2011 Barbara Bush Literacy Project. If you would like to make a donation, please bring your book(s) to the September meeting or to Donna Rackley or Kay Patterson no later than September 27. If donation is made, please write your name on a separate sheet of paper and place inside book. Thanks in advance for helping with this project.



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Dates to Remember

September 16
September 27th
Sept. 29-Oct. 2
October 21-22
October 25th
November 8
November
December

Constitution Day
Monthly Meeting
NFRW Convention
MFRW Mini-Conference
Monthly Meeting
GO VOTE!
Happy Thanksgiving!
TBA at a later date



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