



Harrison County Republican Women Newsletter January 2011

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HCRW will meet January 23, 2012, on the second floor of the Gulfport Yacht Club at 6:30 PM. Dinner is \$20, and the speakers will be the five mayors in Harrison County. Please attend and bring some guests with you so that we'll have a good turnout for the mayors. The topic will be the State of the Cities, and we will learn what new projects are on the horizon as we continue our slow recovery from Hurricane Katrina. The 2012 HCRW Yearbooks should be ready to be picked up at the January meeting. Since we do not have state elections in 2012, the schedule for meetings varies slightly; and you'll need your yearbooks to check meeting times and places. Plan to pick your yearbook up at the meeting; it is too costly to mail them. The 2012 budget includes paying for our yearbooks out of HCRW funds; but if you want to toss in \$1 or \$2 when you pick up your book, a contribution will be appreciated but is not required. We had 35 members attend the December HCRW meeting. We need to significantly increase attendance at the January meeting.

Officers Installed: Nell Frisbie, the incoming president for the Mississippi Federation of Republican Women, installed the 2012 officers for HCRW at the December 2011 meeting. The officers are Shirley Godsey, president; Gayle Bentz, first vice-president; Georgie Morton, second vice president; Kerry Ryan, recording secretary; Dana Lamey, corresponding secretary; Kathie Short, treasurer; and Lisa Palazzo, parliamentarian.

Holiday Mail for Heroes: The HCRW mailed 51 cards to wounded soldiers in the military hospital in Maryland and sent 20 cards electronic cards. Thank you, ladies, for participating.

2012 Budget Approved

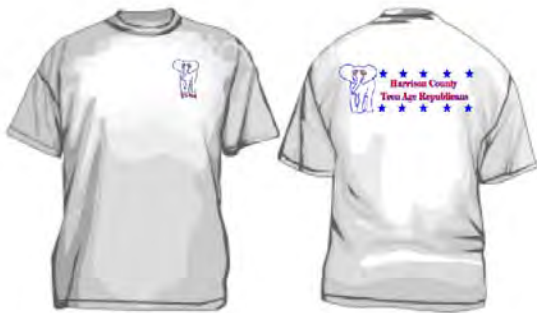
National Pathfinder Scholarship Fund	10.00
Betty Rendell Scholarship Fund	10.00
Marion Martin Building Endowed Fund	10.00
Dorothy Kabis Internship Fund	10.00

Yearbook	250.00
Speakers' Meals	360.00
Paper for printing	200.00
Post Cards	300.00
Name Tags	100.00
Postage	300.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
	<u>\$1,750.00</u>

Literacy Fund-To date \$453.00 plus \$200.00 from National
Balance in checking account \$6,573.85

Please see balance after December deductions in the December Minutes & Treasurer's Report sent in a separate email. Kathie Short sent \$3000 (to be deducted from December balance) to the Wounded Warriors' corporate offices in Florida on December 20th. Thank all of you who made donations in 2011 for your generosity.

Teenage Republicans Sponsor: Wendy Peavy—with the help of Kim Irish, Jess Houge, and Gayle Bentz—sponsored the Teenage Republicans in 2011. Approximately, five outstanding teenage women were active, although there were ten members totally. Last year the group met four times at McAlister's Restaurant near the corner of Pass Road and Popp's Ferry in Biloxi, and the group also decorated graves on Memorial Day in addition to regular meetings. The meeting place is flexible and can be determined by the sponsor. Also, the bylaws may be amended to state the number of meetings the sponsor wishes to hold each year. Because the teenagers are in school, the most appropriate time for the group to meet is probably on a Saturday. We need a member to step up and work with these teenagers. They are our future. I heard that the Young Democrats in Gulfport have a large and active membership. The 2011 sponsors—Wendy, Jess, and Kim—all work full time. Isn't there someone in our group who will work to increase membership and participation with these youngsters? Please! The group also has 11 t-shirts on hand for \$15 each: 1 small, 5 medium, and 5 large.



The shirts are printed with "Harrison County Teen Age Republican" on the back and the elephant logo on the front and back. Please email me (drjosh1@aol.com) if you can help with this group. We need at least two co-sponsors in case one sponsor has a conflict with meetings from time to time.

Member Awards

In addition to winning three awards from the National Federation of Republican Women in 2011—the Barbara Bush Literacy Award, a Bronze Achievement Award, and an award for increasing the HCRW membership by 300%--Jeanne Johnson presented members of our own group certificates of appreciation for outstanding service to the HCRW's club. These women made the HCRW's group run and work as an organization this year by repeatedly stepping up to the plate to do a variety of jobs when asked. Awards were given to the following members: Dot Moore, Kerry Ryan, Linda Scott, Kathie Short, Georgie Morton, Mary Bankston, Lynn Bates, Sherri Bevis, Angele Boudreaux, Donna Cox, Bonnie Edwards, Evelyn Gregory, Juanita Griffith, Paula Hewes, Trish Hubbard, Kim Irish, Jeanne Johnson, Connie Kate, Harriet Manuel, Camilla Martin, Jane McElroy, Suzy Moss, JoAnn O'Neal, Lisa Palazzo, Dot Parker, Penny Payne, Wendy Peavy, Leslie Vaughn, and Clarice Wallace. Each woman has my sincere gratitude for the help she gave me and the club. Thank you!

Odds and Ends

Following the regular December meeting, a board meeting was held with officers and committee chairwomen, who were asked to phone members who have not yet paid dues and to recruit all our legislators as members for 2012. The focus was on phoning members who have not responded to emails. I was thrilled when those attending took all the names and phone numbers of those who needed to be called. I never cease to be amazed at the willingness of a core group of members who always help. Thank you again!

Sold Out! The Christmas ornaments we had left over from 2007-2010 were all sold at the December meeting. Those buying the old ornaments got a real bargain because we sold ornaments that cost us \$25 for \$5 each.

Isabelle Keating will be the Literacy Chair for 2012, and we will begin to buy books in January to place in the public school libraries in Harrison County. Please volunteer to take a book to the library by calling Isabelle Keating: 896-6363. If each member takes one book, delivering the books will not be a burden for anyone. This means that we need members from each city to participate.

Currently, we do not have members from D'Iberville. If you know of people who live in D'Iberville who are Republicans, please send me their names and phone numbers so that I can invite them to join the HCRW. We need members to take books to the libraries in the school in D'Iberville and to hear Mayor Rusty Quave speak in January.

Connie Rockco provided the members who attended the December meeting with a real treat when she sang two patriotic songs and a little-known Christmas song for us. Thank you, Connie.

Call for Letters to the Editor for the Sun-Herald

Those of you who read the newspaper are aware that the newspaper has begun to attack Congressman Palazzo in its attempt to see him defeated in his 2012 reelection bid. The number of letters to the editor and sound-offs criticizing Congressman Palazzo and calling for the election of Gene Taylor are alarming. Please write the newspaper in support of Congressman Palazzo and all Republican candidates. The newspaper is extremely biased. Without your input, it will continue to be a Democratically controlled media outlet. Let your conservative voices be heard!



Photos from the December 2011 Meeting



Lisa Palazzo



Jeanne Johnson, Donna Cantrell, Stevie Cantrell



L to R: Kerry Ryan, Kathie Short, Georgie Morton, Gayle Bentz, Shirley Godsey, Nell Frisbie



Sherri Bevis



Elaine Morton



Linda Scott and Susan Lyon