

# The Anderson County Democratic Women's Club News

September 2023

## **Monday, September 25th**

### **ACDWC + Women in Politics and Public Service PLUS Gloria Johnson**

**201 Café and Wine Bar (201 Jackson Square, Oak Ridge TN 37830)**

**5:00 to 6:30 pm -- Light hors d'oeuvres provided – Cash bar**

**RSVP required!** This meeting is limited to the first 80 people who RSVP to [ac-democratic-women@outlook.com](mailto:ac-democratic-women@outlook.com) or to [powerofwomenac@gmail.com](mailto:powerofwomenac@gmail.com).

The Women in Politics initiative is an off-shoot of the Anderson County Women's Club – with the goal to get more women involved in local politics either as a candidate, an appointee, or an active supporter. In this meeting you will:

- Spend quality time with Gloria Johnson and Anne Backus,
- Hear how you can get involved in local politics,
- Meet other women who want to change the dynamics of local politics.

### **Gloria is running for US Senate against Marsha Blackburn!**

Gloria Johnson is a special education teacher of 27 years, a Tennessee House Representative (Knoxville) since 2012, a member of the Tennessee Three who was nearly expelled for standing up for common sense gun control, AND NOW a candidate for US Senate. Gloria will speak to us about "Changing the Conversation for Justice."



## **Other Events**

**Upcoming Public Meetings:** View [September 2023 Meeting Schedule](#)

City Council Regular Meeting, 7 p.m. September 11, Municipal Building Courtroom

City Council Work Sessions, 6 p.m. September 19, Municipal Building Courtroom

City Council Budget and Finance Committee Meeting, 10 a.m. September 20, Municipal Building Training Room

Recreation and Parks Advisory Board, 7 p.m. Thursday, September 14, Civic Center Social Room

Municipal Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, September 21, Oak Ridge Municipal Courtroom

Traffic Safety Advisory Board, 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 18, Central Services Complex Conference Room

Disability Advisory Board, 11 a.m. September 18, Senior Center

Land Bank Board of Directors, 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 19, Municipal Building Courtroom

Anderson County Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Monday, September 18, Anderson County Courthouse

Anderson County Library Board, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, September 14, Norris Public Library

### **Anderson County Library Support**

The freedom to read knows no political boundaries. Sign up with the link below, and the Anderson County Democratic Party will keep you informed about Anderson County Library book banning threats and responses. Join hands with us: <http://eepurl.com/ixa2v6> Let's stand for intellectual freedom and diverse perspectives.

**Anderson County Democratic Party:** October 12<sup>th</sup> – General meeting and trivia night. See the [ACDP website](#) for more information as it becomes available.

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## **Club Updates**

**2024 Board Positions:** Please contact Regina Guy or Ann Mostoller if you would like to serve as a Board Member or to help on any of the committees (programs, membership, scholarship, fund-raising, or events).

**ACDWC Membership:** Membership supports the work of the Club, including the yearly scholarship, support for local women candidates, and informative & entertaining meetings. You can support the Club with the yearly \$25.00 membership or pay as you go with a \$10.00 donation at our monthly meetings.

### **Member news:**

Appointment? Election? Promotion? Marriage? New baby? Move? If you have news to share with your sister Democrats please let us know and your news will be included in the newsletter.

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## **July 24<sup>th</sup> ACDWC Meeting**

### **How Our Local Governments are Using Pandemic Funds**

We met at the Apple Blossom in Clinton for an informative talk by Ellen Smith (Oak Ridge City Council Member) and Joshua Anderson (Anderson County Commissioner) on how our local governments are using the Covid Relief Plan and the Infrastructure Plan funds from the Federal Government.

Ellen reported that the City of Oak Ridge's budget includes items that are funded via tax dollars, items that come from grants, and items that are paid by subscribers (such as electric/water/sewer). The Federal funds have provided money for specific Oak Ridge projects.



Water and wastewater are acceptable projects, and the city is moving ahead on a new waterline for the Oak Ridge Water Treatment Plant (off Scarboro Rd.). The city will also use Federal funds to replace an aging water main along West Outer Dr. to the east of Illinois Ave. The fire training tower repairs and restoration were paid with assistance from the county in trade for the understanding that the tower will be available for training the county fire fighters also. The county was able to use some of their Federal funds to pay for the tower repairs.

Joshua reported that the county was allocated about \$15 million in pandemic funds – of that approximately \$10 million is already committed for 27 different

projects. The remaining funds need to be spent by 2026. In addition, they have a CBDG grant to get the last of the county covered with municipal water. The Sheriff's Department will get some of the funds with a body scanner that will help keep drugs out of the jail, and help toward violent crime intervention. There will also be improvements to the parks, and to broadband services, and water & sewer services from a variety of funding sources.

We learned that the proposed general aviation airport near the old K-25 site, will be paid by nonlocal money. After construction, the airport will become a city airport for small planes and jets, and the airport maintenance will transfer to the City. The goal is that the airport will be beneficial for economic and industrial growth, and help with pickup & delivery of time sensitive materials used and created at the labs. The Oak Ridge City Council approved the land for the airport, and the FAA will make their determination after hearing input at an August 8<sup>th</sup> public meeting.

We also learned that the new substation off Edgemoor Rd. near Melton Lake Dr. is a TVA project. Grid support that was done by the Bull Run plant will be done by the new substation when Bull Run is decommissioned.

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### **Contact the ACDWC**

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