

MCRW BULLETIN

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Region 2 Senate District 4



TO MCRW MEMBERS: This is such a difficult message to write to our members. One day we are making plans for helping at the voting polls, deciding what is for dinner, and or what do we have to do tomorrow. Suddenly, our World has been turned completely upside down. This Coronavirus is controlling everything in our life from the time we get up in the morning till we lay our heads down at night. To have the whole world affected by the Coronavirus has everyone bewildered and wondering "how could this happen". We are a Christian Nation and will find the way to bring our country back.

REMINDER: At this time, our April (Thursday, April 26) monthly meeting isn't scheduled due to the Coronavirus. When our monthly meetings can be scheduled, a notice will be sent out. We all are looking forward to that day. I have missed our meetings, speakers, and most of all seeing and visiting with our members.

NOTE: One event that was on our April Agenda is the announcement and presentation of the Scholarships. The Scholarships will be presented but is tabled for now. Also, The Fourth of July parade was going to be announced and a committee would begin the planning for this fun Patriotic day. These are just two events that we can look forward to. Just a reminder that everyone that participated in the 2019 Fourth of July parade had a lot of fun and said they wanted to participate in 2020. So please mark your calendars to participate.

NOTE: We have so many people who are trying to help with the life threatening Coronavirus. Doris Golemon and Kim Bailey are working together to plan a way that MCRW can send lunch to the ICU staff at Memorial Hermann Hospital. MCRW wanted to help in some way as we do appreciate the dedication of everyone.

NOTE: Our year books will be emailed out on Monday according to our by-laws. If you would like a hard copy, they will be \$5.00 per copy. And, will be ordered when possible. Please email Jean Baker (jean@bakerfamilytexas.com) if you would like a hard copy.

NOTE: The "Women of Distinction" luncheon for 2020 has been canceled for this year. The Organization is working out how the 2020 Honorees can be honored for their outstanding volunteering. When it is decided, all the clubs will be notified. The 2021 Luncheon is on the calendar for May 2021 at the Marriott Waterway Hotel. Everyone who has paid for the luncheon this year will have their money refunded. MCWCO is very sorry that we having to cancel this year's luncheon. It's always such a happy feeling to see how many wonderful organizations in Montgomery County that gives back to our community. MCRW is proud to honor Pat Bruen as our outstanding honoree for 2020. Pat, Thank you all you have done for MCRW.

REMINDER: MCRW offers our congratulations to Bryan Christ on being elected Montgomery County Republican Party Chair.

REMINDER: Everyone should have received your Census form. I have received notification that the return forms are slow to come in. Please get your back soon as possible.

REMINDER: Your Quarterly Volunteer Hours (January 1 - March 31) are now due. If your husband is an associate member and worked at the polls then he can count his hours. You only have to send your Total Hours to Pearl Maggio at pmaggio@consolidated.net. If you have any questions, contact Pearl. Please send your hours by Tuesday, March 31. These hours illustrate how our club gives back to our community.

REMINDER: Primary Runoff Election: Primary Runoff is now rescheduled for July 14th with early voting from July 6th to 10th.

Municipal Elections: May 2nd elections can now be postponed. Governor Abbott has encouraged election officials to take advantage of the waivers to move their elections to November. Conroe City has moved theirs to November.

State Convention: State Convention is July 13th - 18th in Houston.

Senate District 3 --- Robert Coats is the convention chairman. It will be rescheduled for a future date. Robert Coats' email is roats21@yahoo.com.

Senate District 4: Daniel Ure is the Convention Chairman. It is scheduled for June 6th Grace Church in The Woodlands. (2400 Interstate Hwy 45) Daniel Ure's email is daniel@mclaneadvisors.com.

If you want to help in some way with the Primary Run-off election; call Suzanne Adams.

REMINDER: "Tribute to Women" will be on Friday, July 17th (this is during the state convention) at Houston Marriott Marquis in Houston. The lunch will be from 12:00 to 1:30pm. The price for lunch is \$79 each ticket now through June 14. The price will be \$90 starting June 15th. You do not have to attend the convention in order to go to the luncheon. We will be honoring one of our members at the luncheon. Remember that when we have an activity across town, we always car pool together. You can buy your ticket to lunch online at vpfinance@tfrw.org. It would be great if we could have a table from our club. Thank you.

Last on the Agenda: Our club has lost two wonderful members this year, Lilija Grumulaitis and Neddie Jane Wilkerson. These two ladies will be greatly missed but have left us with wonderful memories. When we get to meet again together; we will honor these two wonderful ladies.

If anyone has a concern or need to share something with us; please let me know. Please accept my apology for this being so long.

Our Heavenly Father, Please guide us as we go through this time of uncertainty, We place our worries and concerns in your hands. Please hear our prayers and be with us each day. We ask this in your name. Amen.

Please take care of yourself and family. Thank you, Mary Lea

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Neddie Jane Wilkerson

DECEMBER 22, 1930 – MARCH 18, 2020



Neddie Jane Bullock Wilkerson was born in Bryan, Texas on December 22, 1930 to Margaret Smith Bullock and Edward “Ned” Wilkins Bullock. Neddie Jane passed away peacefully at home on March 18 after a brief illness surrounded by her adoring grandchildren, children and husband. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters Margaret and Mary and her brother Quentin. She is survived by her husband Dr. Walter “Wally” Dumas Wilkerson, Jr; children Nancy Brasher (James) and Mark Wilkerson (Karen); and grandchildren Elizabeth Wilkerson, Jake Wilkerson (Sara), Emma Brasher and Nora Brasher. Neddie Jane grew up the youngest of four children on her family’s dairy farm near Bryan. The loving environment there was something she would often relate to her family and would shape how she lived her 89 years. After graduation from Bryan High School, she attended the University of Texas where she received a BA in Fine Arts in 1952. While in college Neddie Jane was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority resulting in lifelong connections with her college friends. After graduation she taught art in the public schools of Bryan and Dallas.

While teaching, she began spending more time with Wally, a young doctor-in-training and acquaintance from childhood who had once held her hand during a junior high play. They married in 1954 and spent their early years of marriage in Dallas, Houston and San Diego while Wally completed his medical education and naval service. In 1958 they settled in Conroe, Texas where they would raise their two children and enjoy, for over 65 years, an inspiring marriage that modeled true partnership, deep love and abiding friendship. During their life together in Montgomery County, Neddie was active in many civic affairs including Conroe Service League, Montgomery County Republican Women, Montgomery County Medical Auxiliary and Conroe Alumnae Chapter of Pi Beta Phi. A life-long Methodist, she was a member of First United Methodist Church of Conroe for over 60 years. She loved her Seekers Sunday School Class and Methodist Women’s group that provided decades of great friendships and spiritual inspiration.

She enjoyed gardening, reading, bridge and visiting with her friends; she delighted in sharing the lovely details of life: a perfect camelia, a romantic letter between her parents, a delicious bite of chocolate. Her admiration of art, culture and design endured for her lifetime. Neddie Jane loved touring museums and historic sites during her travels and appreciated the beauty and culture of the places she visited. Her curiosity about the world was evident in her library, art collection, cooking and impeccable style. She was active in politics, a passion she and Wally shared. As a team they made a significant difference in the political landscape of the region and the state. Even as a UT graduate, Neddie Jane was happy to indulge her family’s loyalty to Texas A&M and was the gracious hostess of many Aggie tailgates from College Station to Seattle to West Point to Honolulu and many places in-between. She loved to travel, and Aggie football was a

tolerable way to get there. And if the game lacked excitement, she could always take a nap in the bleachers, sitting completely upright and unbothered by the noise around. While all these interests and hobbies were important to Neddie Jane, her favorite moments were spent forging personal relationships with her precious grandchildren.

As a beautiful wife, mother and grandmother, Neddie Jane was self-less, smart, vivacious, classy, funny and, most of all, full of love. The epitome of a southern lady, she stressed treating others with kindness and respect, remaining humble, showing generosity and following the golden rule. She embodied politeness and dignity. With less than great success, she imparted the importance of etiquette to her husband and children and tolerated with elegance the good-natured teasing that such lessons sometimes inspired. An eternal optimist, she had an endearing belief in goodness that fit well with her go-to mottos: "moderation in all things"; "variety is the spice of life"; "this too shall pass" (thank you Mary Webster) and finally, "if you can't say something nice then don't say anything at all". She was incapable of malice. A close friend once said, "If you did not love Neddie, then you did not know her". Her friends and family knew her well, loved her every moment she lived and will love her dearly forever.

In lieu of customary remembrances, memorial contributions may be directed to:

The Salvation Army P O Box 897 Conroe, TX 77305

First United Methodist Church 4308 West Davis Street Conroe, TX 77304

Due to the national health concerns, a memorial service will be held at a later date.



MCRW offers our sympathy to Dr. Wally Wilkerson and his family at this time.