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President's Pen



I am always proud of our TFRW organization and members, but on February 24th, I was bursting with pride, excitement and gratitude at the **Texas Republican Voter Engagement Project (VEP) Appreciation Event** hosted by Karl Rove, Senator John Cornyn, and Governor Greg Abbott.

The event was a "thank you" to those who generously donated a total of \$2 million to make the VEP campaign possible, and to highlight the **"Super Volunteers"** who each made **5,000+** voter registration calls during the campaign. Their dedication resulted in **169,160 new Texas Republican voters** being registered for the 2022 election cycle, which surpassed the initial goal of 100,000!

I believe Senator Cornyn summed it up best by saying, *"Volunteers like this are what make TFRW our party's secret weapon. Without your commitment and leadership efforts, the VEP would not have been able to achieve the level of success it did. We are grateful."* - Senator John Cornyn

Please join me in congratulating TFRW's **"Super Volunteers"** below who worked tirelessly to register voters and who were honored at the event. Their efforts accounted for just under half of the total calls made. They are:

Carla Birk
 Mary Heffernan
 Patti Miles-Muniz
 Sheryl Miller
 Marie Moffett

Carol Ann Rima
 Gail Schubot
 Julie Tanner
 Sue Lynn Voigt
 Angela Williams

We also are grateful to the following TFRW women who made calls, served as VEP Regional Directors, or coordinated volunteer efforts in their area:

Mary Jane Avery
 Barbie Baker
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 Jana May



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All newly registered voters from the 2020 and 2022 cycles were targeted by VEP for extra GOTV attention. This group of voters represented **27% of Gov. Abbott's margin; and 29% of Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick's.**

As I watched the day unfold, I reflected on how grateful I am for every TFRW member who supports our objectives and dedicates her time to making Texas better. I am grateful for the lifelong friends I have made through TFRW and for the opportunities TFRW offers.

But, as I visited with those in attendance and learned even more about the VEP program, I was overcome with gratitude for the vision, dedication and sacrifice of **Karl Rove, Senator Cornyn and Governor Abbott** as they work to protect Texas. TFRW will continue to assist with voter registration efforts, knowing they are critical to keeping Texas **RED.**

Ladies, this is what it takes to win elections, and we can be proud that our members made this happen!

Kit

Kit Whitehill, President



Special Events

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District Director/Deputy President

Over the past two months I've encouraged you to consider running for an Executive Officer position or applying for appointment to a Standing Committee or Special Committee. There are two other very important positions you might consider: **District Director** or **Deputy President**.

Communication between your club and TFRW is ensured by your District Director and Deputy President. These Officers bind all TFRW Clubs together, securing unity and maintaining support. Your District Director and Deputy President work together as your liaison with TFRW. Both are experienced leaders and your first point of contact when you have club issues or just general questions regarding anything you might need to make your club more effective. They are the intermediary for your club with TFRW and can assist with conflict management. Before jumping the gun on anything, consult your District Director or Deputy President first.

District Directors are elected at our TFRW Convention in Senate District caucus meetings. We have 31 Senate Districts in Texas, and currently we have 26 District Directors. When electing your District Director, keep in mind that you want to elect a leader who will be available for you and your club and who will represent your Senate District well on the TFRW Board of Directors.

District Directors are members of the TFRW Board of Directors. They have a vote and they vote on your behalf. ***They are your voice.***

A District Director visits the local clubs in her district and maintains close communication with them. She is active in establishing new local clubs and promoting existing clubs' growth. Your District Director presents a quarterly report of all the great activities and achievements made by all clubs within her district to the Board of Directors. She is your point of communication and updates you with information from quarterly Board Meetings.

A District Director is required to attend all Board of Directors Meetings and training meetings. If she is unable to attend, she shall give a written proxy to a member in good standing of a local Federated Republican Women's club in her district so that the district's local clubs will be represented. The sending of a proxy does not preclude the requirement for an excuse. An excused absence shall be granted only by the TFRW President. Two unexcused absences from the Board Meetings in any one year shall result in automatic expulsion from the Board. A District Director may be asked to speak at a club and may conduct installation ceremonies. She pays for her travel and all expenses for Board Meetings, conferences, and Federation events.

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Deputy Presidents are appointed by the TFRW President and are members of both the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Presently we have 18 geographic regions encompassing the entire state and a total of 15 Deputy Presidents. Since they are appointed, they do not have a vote.

The Deputy President acts as a liaison between the TFRW President and their region and works with District Directors guiding local clubs. Deputy Presidents and the District Directors in their regions should be available to each other at all times.

Deputy Presidents submit quarterly reports and attend all TFRW Executive Committee meetings, Board meetings, meetings with District Directors, and other Federation conferences, workshops, and special events. She pays for her travel and all expenses for Board Meetings and special events. In the event a Deputy President is unable to attend a Board meeting, she must request an excused absence from the TFRW President.

Per TFRW Bylaws, Article VII, Sec. 1C: *“Two unexcused absences from meetings of the Board of Directors in any one year shall result in automatic expulsion from the Board.”*

Deputy Presidents should remain neutral when problems arise within a specific local club or neighboring clubs, unless members of that local club are in violation of TFRW Bylaws, Standing Rules, and/or policies. The Deputy President should be familiar with the contents of the NFRW and TFRW Bylaws.

Deputy Presidents should be in support of TFRW programs, projects, and objectives, and communicate their enthusiasm to the District Directors and local club presidents. Deputy Presidents should encourage effective communications with District Directors, local club presidents and members, SREC members, County Chairs, fellow Deputy Presidents, and other Republican organizations to strengthen conservative efforts.

Deputy Presidents are the face of TFRW in their region. They should visit clubs in their region, may be asked to speak, and may conduct installation ceremonies for clubs.

Specific duties for both of these offices can be found on the TFRW Website [HERE](#).

I hope you have taken some time to review the brief descriptions of all the open positions for TFRW leaders. I know you are all leaders. If you have a vision and want to make a difference, consider taking that next step, moving from your local club involvement to a state level.

Don't be afraid to ask your District Director or Deputy President what these positions entail. It's a commitment but I assure you the benefits are awesome!

“Building Strong Leaders for Texas” is our goal. We are the best and largest Republican Women's organization in Texas, **keeping Texas RED!**

United we will ensure **Victory in 2024!** And, it's right around the corner!



Fundraising

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Fantastic Fundraisers

While serving as your Vice President of Finance over the last three years, I have heard about some fantastic fundraisers our clubs are holding. They are:

- **Smith County Republican Women** hold a cookie auction. Members bring their famous cookies, and the community tries to outbid one another for their favorite cookies!
- **Central Texas Republican Women** hold a chili cook-off and auction. Members compete with one another for the year's bragging rights to the best chili, while raising money for their club.
- **Montgomery County Republican Women** held a Murder Mystery party with elected officials playing the parts. I thought this was such a fun idea, I used it for Capital Crime and Cocktails!

Lots of fun and creative ideas going on at our clubs to keep our magnificent state RED! However, I do want to warn you about **possible violations** that could occur. Many people are not even aware of these rules in Texas. Yet, we know the Democrats would love to find a reason to turn us in for something.

BINGO

Bingo events can be played, however, you must have all the permits to be in compliance. The following is from the Texas Lottery commission:

Detailed rules may be obtained from the Texas Lottery Commission (TLC) by requesting a copy of the Bingo Enabling Act, the Charitable Bingo Administrative Rules and the Bingo Operations Manual. You will also need to request a Texas Application for a Temporary License to Conduct Bingo at your event. Even if the games are just for fun, where no entry fees are collected, a license is still required. The TLC must receive the application and all attachments at least 30 days prior to your first event. To obtain forms call the Charitable Bingo Division of the Texas Lottery Commission at 800-BINGO77 (800-246-4677). You may not advertise a Charitable Bingo prior to actually receiving your license.

CASINO NIGHT

The following is from the Texas Attorney General's website:

Poker/Casino Nights: Can my nonprofit hold a poker tournament or casino night fundraiser?

Unlike raffles and bingo, there is NO exception to the gambling law in Texas for nonprofits to hold poker or casino night fundraising events. The gambling law, Chapter 47 of the Penal Code, applies to nonprofits and to for-profits equally. See Tex. Pen. Code Ann. §47 (Vernon 2003). Basically, there are three parts to an activity that could make it illegal gambling:

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1. Money or anything of value is paid to enter the game
2. Winners are decided by a game of chance
3. Prizes of value are awarded

If all three of those conditions are met, then it's probably gambling and illegal. If the game is free to enter, then prizes of value may be awarded. If an entry fee is charged, then prizes of value may not be awarded. There are some exceptions to this rule, including certain carnival contests in which prizes with a value of less than \$25 are awarded and mechanical devices for amusement purposes in which prizes with a value of less than \$5 are awarded. If your organization is considering conducting an event involving a game of chance, you should consult Chapter 47 of the Penal Code to determine its legality.

What if the poker tournament or casino night is held in a private place? It is legal for individuals to play poker or other casino activities in a private place, defined as "a place to which the public does not have access." They can bet money and win money. However, all money must be redistributed to the participants. The "house" cannot keep a cut, thus it would obviously be difficult for a nonprofit to raise funds in this way.

I have been asked about **BUNCO**. I have consulted an attorney and asked this question. I was advised BUNCO, too, would fall under the casino rules.

Finally, I also want to caution you on **alcohol sales** at your events. While your venue or caterer will hold the permit to sell alcohol to your guests, if you are selling alcohol in an

auction, you must have a permit.

From the **Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission:**

TEMPORARY PERMIT - CHARITABLE AUCTION PERMIT (CA) - Chapter 53:

Authorizes the holder to conduct an auction where the sale of the type of alcoholic beverage to be auctioned is authorized by a local-option election. The permit may be issued only to an organization exempt by an I.R.S. 501(c)(3) and may be issued only one per calendar year. The term is for a maximum of five days. The fee is \$25 with a surcharge of \$171.

This applies if you are conducting an alcohol pull or selling alcohol in an auction item. If there is a bottle of wine that is included in an auction basket, unless you have the permit, it must be considered FREE. It should not be considered as a donation to the organization in the total amount donated or part of the sales price.

Remember that I am not an attorney, and your club should seek your own legal advice to make sure all laws for your fundraiser are in compliance.

There are still plenty of great fundraising event ideas. Group activities such as **a watch party, a BBQ or chili cook-off, bake or craft sale, ice cream social, golf or skeet tournament, purse auction, and, of course, a dinner with speaker and auction.**

I want to hear about your successful fundraisers. Please let me know what you are doing in your area. I would love to spotlight your club in the next newsletter!

Legislative Update

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Seven Priorities



First, I want to thank everyone who sponsored, presented, and attended the TFRW **Legislative Day** on February 3, 2023, at the AT&T Conference Center. In typical TFRW fashion, nothing could stop us—not even an historic Central Texas ice storm! You all helped make this an informative and successful event. TFRW is fortunate to have an amazing bench of experts in the legislative field that support our goal of educating our membership to foster participation in the legislative process.

Legislative Day materials are available to all TFRW members and can be found on the TFRW website, tfrw.org, behind the MEMBERS tab under 2023 Legislative Day Material. The Legislative Day Booklet has links to research organizations and to publications that help you better understand the legislative process, so be sure to explore the resources we have provided you.

Those of you who attended Legislative Day saw the afternoon presentation on the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), which is supposed to assist the State of Texas in improving the accuracy of its voter rolls. Unfortunately, there is reason to believe that ERIC is failing us here in Texas on a number of levels, so we also presented an alternative to the ERIC system based on software created by Dr. Rick Richards and

his team. In response to the ERIC situation, Senator Bryan Hughes (SD-1) has filed [SB 1070](#) which TFRW will be following.

On February 16th at the Governor's State of the State address, the Governor outlined **SEVEN LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES** that he is submitting to the legislature this session:

1. **Education freedom** including expansion of Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) for use by all Texas students ([Education 1-pager](#));
2. **Additional support to secure the border** ([Border 1-pager](#));
3. **End revolving-door bail** ([Bail 1-pager](#));
4. **Continue work to improve school safety** ([School Safety 1-pager](#));
5. **Cut property taxes** ([Property Tax 1-pager](#));
6. **Fight the fentanyl crisis** ([Fentanyl 1-pager](#))¹; and
7. **End Covid restrictions forever** ([Covid Restrictions 1-pager](#))

The included "1-pagers" provide significant information about these priorities, so please take the time to review them. TFRW will follow the Governor's priorities and update you on how these bills are progressing.

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In addition to the Governor's priorities, TFRW continues to prepare for a productive legislative session with our two primary legislative priorities being education and election integrity. While a number of election integrity bills have been filed, two are gaining a lot of attention, because they seek to provide a mechanism for enforcing our election laws. [HB 549](#) (Rep. Swanson HD-150) and [SB 220](#) (Sen. Bettencourt SD-7) both call for the establishment of Election Marshals and both have been referred to committee. We are following these bills and hope that both will be scheduled for hearing in the near future.

One of the education bills we are following is HB 1804 by former State Board of Education (SBOE) member and now Representative Terri Leo-Wilson (HD-23). [HB 1804](#) seeks to put the power for adopting curriculum back with the SBOE rather than ceding it to local districts and powerful outside interests like publishing companies.

The deadline for filing bills is the 60th day of the session which will be March 10, 2023. Prior to the 60th day, the legislature is limited by the Texas constitution on what actions it may take on legislation. With the exception of emergency matters submitted by the Governor, the legislature is limited to holding committee hearings to consider bills and resolutions but may not act upon these matters (debate, floor vote) until after the expiration of 60 days. As of this writing, legislative committees have been appointed by both houses, the committees are being staffed, and organizational meetings and hearings are beginning. After March 10th, things will begin to move fast!

If you have not already done so, create your own MyTLO account [HERE](#) so you can get updates on bills that you are interested in following. For more information on how to create an account, set up "Bill Lists," and set up "Alerts," review the Online Legislative Research PowerPoint in the 2023 Legislative Material referenced above.

During the regular session, a House committee must give at least five (5) calendar days notice before the hearing; however, the Senate is only required to post notice 24 hours before the scheduled committee meeting. Since these things move so fast, there often is not time to send out an Action Alert prior to a scheduled committee hearing, particularly when the hearing is in the Senate. Therefore, the best way for you to keep up with the dates for upcoming committee meetings is to use Texas Legislature Online. For a list of upcoming committee meetings in the House go [HERE](#).

As always, you can email me at vplegislation@tfrw.org with any questions. I am here to be a resource for you and to empower you to do your own legislative research, so you are in control of the information that you rely upon and share with others. Remember that there is a lot of misinformation that is circulated about pending legislation and what is going on at the Capitol. TFRW continues to Build Strong Leaders by providing the necessary resources that allow you to be part of the information solution and not part of the misinformation problem.

¹See also [HB 1581](#) by Rep. Thimesch calling for criminal penalties relating to the manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance causing death or serious bodily injury.



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*Without your support Legislative Day would not be possible
Thank You!*

LEGISLATIVE DAY 2023 PHOTOS







Political Activities

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Political Calls - What Counts?

There has been some confusion and questions on what constitutes a political call. NFRW has requested that we track the number of political calls and also track the time spent on calls. The time spent goes under your hours and quantity of calls goes under calls.

Most of us are making **political calls** without even realizing it. Political calls include campaign calls for candidates, voter registration calls and calls made for our clubs, our precincts, and to legislators. Also included are the many calls we make to club members about events and projects and the work we do for our clubs and organizations. Even something as simple as calling the elections office to check on how to become a voter registrar would count.

Tracking these calls isn't difficult. If you are using a computer or on-line calling system such as Red Dialer, calls are tracked for you. How easy is that?! Log into your account and record that number if you haven't already turned it in.

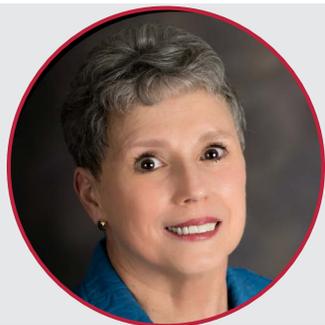
For everyday calls on your cell phones: open your phone, go to your recent calls and count those calls that you made that were for political reasons. I recommend you do this monthly as many phones only hold the last 30 days or so. If you use your landline for calls, you will need to estimate or track those differently.

If you are questioning if it counts, remember this: does it help get Republicans elected, support the party and elected officials, or support and spread Republican ideals? Check out the Political Activities guidelines that can be found on the TFRW website under the Members section. Log in today!

The other item I've been asked about is **turning in old hours**. Yes, we'll take previous quarters hours, but I need you to notify your Chair that they are from old quarters. And that is because we need to track properly which time frame they are from, especially when tracking members with most hours. We had a few submissions of hours for members that were more hours than existed in the time period. Oops, we realized that was an error and have worked with the clubs.

Make sure you participate in following the legislative process while our Texas House and Senate are in session. There are lots of bills filed and being worked on. I'm certain there is one that you would be interested in seeing through the process. Your time working on those bills counts. Be sure to be active and engaged.

Keep tracking and reporting your hours and your calls, no matter how many or few. They all count for the whole and show the nation the power of Texas women.



Programs

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Good Programs = Members

During my term as Texas Federation of Republican Women's Vice President of Programs, I have had more than one local club president tell me that one of the best recruitment tools for her club has been good programs.

Just think about it! What draws a person to attend your club meeting? The answer is a good program—one that will capture the visitor's interest. And, what makes a person want to attend another one of your club's meetings? Again, the answer is good programs.

No one wants to spend over an hour sitting in a chair simply listening to a club's business meeting. We all want to leave the meeting feeling that we have been informed, inspired, and/or invigorated! A good program can do all of these things.

As your local club is planning the programs for the remainder of the year, keep the goal of increasing your club's membership in mind. Choose speakers who are interesting as well as informative. And choose these speakers while keeping the requirements of the TFRW Club Achievement Award in mind. Your club should have at least two (2) issue programs in 2023. Possible subjects to consider are current political topics and issues of local, state or national interest such as: health care legislation, education, immigration, water for Texas, the Constitution, homeland security, border security and/or candidate presentations.

Also, keep in mind that local clubs, in order to earn the TFRW Club Achievement Award, must report on legislation each month. The report does not have to be a long one, but it is important to keep our members informed on proposed legislation. This is especially important this year since the Texas Legislature is in session.

Remember to refer to the TFRW Speakers Bureau if you need to find a speaker on a particular topic and are having trouble finding one. There are 120+ speakers listed along with their contact information and the topics about which they speak. The Texas Federation of Republican Women wants our clubs to be successful so the Speakers Bureau has been formulated.

And don't forget, we need your help. Please remember to submit names of outstanding speakers and their contact information and topic of expertise. I want to be able to share this information with the other clubs.

Attention Club Presidents and Program Chairs: I will be hosting a Zoom meeting for Presidents and Program Chairs in March. The Club Presidents will be receiving an email with the necessary information in early March. Please make every effort to join this Zoom call.

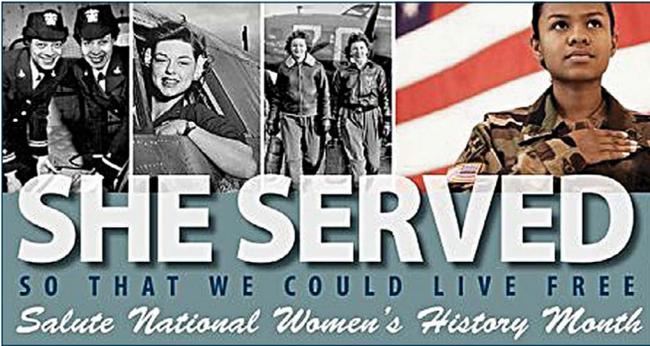
Don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance to you. I love hearing from Club Presidents and Program Chairs.

Military

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Special Military Dates in March



March is **Women's History Month** and **Women Veterans History Month**. NFRW has many female veteran members scattered throughout the clubs. Some of these women retired and some only did a few years but they all volunteered to serve their country.

March 3rd - U.S. Navy Reserve Birthday

The U.S. Naval Reserve Birthday is celebrated annually on March 3rd to commemorate the establishment of the United States Navy Reserve. Did you know the Navy Reserve was established in 1915, making it more than a century younger than the U.S. Navy?

March 13th - K-9 Veterans Day

National K-9 Veterans Day is celebrated on March 13th on the official birthday of the U.S. Army K-9 Corps, which was formed in 1942. These "service members" are vital to our missions.

March 25th - Medal of Honor Day

The Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in combat and honors the recipient's extraordinary heroism and risk of life while demonstrating the values of **Courage, Sacrifice, Citizenship, Integrity, Commitment, and Patriotism**. We honor the Medal of Honor recipients every March 25th.

March 29th - Vietnam War Veterans Day

The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act, signed into law in 2017, designates March 29th of each year as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

Mark Your Calendar

Mar 12	Daylight Savings Time begins
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day
April 9	EASTER
Apr 14-15	2nd Qtr Board Meeting - Sheraton Georgetown
July 14-15	3rd Qtr Board Meeting - Courtyard, Pflugerville
Sep 28-30	2023 NFRW Convention - Oklahoma City
Oct 12-14	2023 TFRW Convention - Irving

March is Women's History Month

NUTS & BOLTS WORKSHOPS

Mar 11	SD 8/23
Mar 11	Reg 12, SD 24/25/28
Mar 28	GHCO, Houston
Apr 1	SD14
Apr 1	Regions 13 and 14
Apr 29	Region 2, Lubbock



Nominating Committee

Glynis Chester, Nominating Committee Chair
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Just Say "Yes!"

Many years ago, a very dear friend said to me, "Someone is going to call you this afternoon and ask you to do something. Just say 'yes.' I'll help you." Cryptic, right?

What I didn't know then was that she saw leadership potential in me that I had not yet recognized, and that was her way of mentoring me. I was asked to just say "yes" many more times over the years and I'm so glad I did! She is a wonderful mentor and friend!

The 2023 Nominating Committee is now accepting TFRW Officer applications for the 2024-2025 term. If you're ready to take that next step in your leadership journey, just say "yes!" The first step in the process is to submit an application form to the Nominating Committee by April 15th. You can download the application [HERE](#).

The completed form, a typed letter stating, "Why I Want This Position," or a specific Action Plan, three to five letters of recommendation, and a digital photo file must be included with your packet. Please see the application for complete details.

THE ELECTED POSITIONS ARE:

President
1st Vice President- Special Events
Vice President- Bylaws
Vice President- Campaign Activities

Vice President- Finance
Vice President- Legislation
Vice President- Membership
Vice President- Programs
Secretary
Treasurer

Duties and descriptions of each position can be found in the TFRW Bylaws and the TFRW Leadership Handbook.

THE 2023 TFRW NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE:

Glynis Chester, Chair; Lesli Fitzpatrick, Secretary; and Rebecca Bradford, Trasa Cobern, Cassie Daniel Howell, Toni Anne Dashiell, Julie Faubel, Linda Hagler, Theresa Kosmoski, Rhonda Lacy, and Ruby Manen.

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"The quality of a leader is reflected in the standards they set for themselves." – Ray Kroc



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Awards

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Americanism Award

We are one month closer to the deadline for your award submissions! Don't wait!

TFRW Awards submissions due August 1, 2023.

NFRW Awards submissions due June 1, 2023.

As the largest state in NFRW, we need great representation from our clubs at the national level. Please submit your applications for NFRW awards and show off your club's accomplishments at the national level! Remember that the NFRW Club Achievement Award is very similar to the TFRW Club Achievement Award. If you earn the TFRW award,

you are just a few steps away from the NFRW Club Achievement Award. In fact, our NFRW 1st Vice President and Regional Director, Vanessa LeFranco, guarantees that she can help our clubs make that happen! This month, Vanessa will be leading **Zoom sessions** to take us over the line and represent Texas at the national level. Watch for an email with the date, times, and registration information.

During the next few newsletters, we will be shining the spotlight on specific awards. This month, our spotlight is on:



AMERICANISM

The purpose of our Republican Women's clubs and our Federation is to get Republican candidates elected to office. But in the course of this mission our clubs support our troops, veterans, women's assistance organizations, and other worthy groups to show the public what truly is important to us as Americans - helping our fellow citizens. Our clubs also support educational efforts in the area of citizenship - essay contests for school-aged children, citizenship classes for LEGAL immigrants wishing to become American citizens, etc.

Last year, very few clubs turned in documentation for the Americanism award. Most clubs do lots of activities in the area of Americanism - some of these activities are VERY creative. Awards are NOT just to try to receive recognition - they also assist clubs in keeping up with their ultimate mission - to publicize their activities and, ultimately, convince citizens to vote for Republican candidates.

Here is a sample list of some of the activities in the area of Americanism:

1. Help with U.S. citizenship classes
2. Recognition of veterans
3. Treats for the troops
4. Items for border patrol agents

5. Essay contests for students on various American history topics
6. Participation in Fourth of July and Memorial Day parades
7. Distribution of copies of the U.S. Constitution
8. Contribution of American history and civic-related books to schools and/or libraries
9. Having speakers at meetings who speak on historical topics
10. Treats for first responders and medical personnel
11. Teaching flag etiquette
12. Voter registration drives

This is only a sample of the activities in which clubs can participate. Think outside the box and come up with some unique Americanism projects! Please note that some of the Americanism activities can overlap with Caring for America projects.

To submit your Americanism activities for award consideration, go to the TFRW website - there will be an Americanism awards submission form in a few weeks to submit with your information.

Remember—awards help keep your club on track to fulfill its mission—keeping America RED!

- Julia Morton, Americanism Chair

2022-2023 TFRW and NFRW AWARDS DEADLINE DATES			
AWARD	CONTACT	EMAIL	DEADLINE (Form Must Be Received by this Date)
Americanism Recognition Award	Americanism Chair - Julia Morton	mortonags@yahoo.com	August 1, 2023
Best Newsletter Award & Most Improved Newsletter	Public Relations Chair - Julie Faubel	pr@tfrw.org	August 1, 2023
TFRW Club Achievement Award	Awards Chair - Patty Castillo	awards@tfrw.org	August 1, 2023
NFRW Club Achievement Award	TFRW President, Kit Whitehill	president@tfrw.org	June 1, 2023
Legacy Leadership Award	Chair - Jody Rushton Co-Chair, Carolyn Hodges Co-Chair, ToniAnne Dashiell	jody.rushton@aol.com chodges@hodgessw.com tad@tdtexas.com	August 1, 2023
Elizabeth Cady Stanton District Director Award	Awards Chair - Patty Castillo	awards@tfrw.org	August 1, 2023
Kay Bailey Hutchinson Leadership Award	KBH Leadership Award Chair - Cindy Payne	cbpayne177@gmail.com	August 1, 2023
NFRW Caring for America Award	Caring for America Chair - Kellye Duncan Garrett	kellye316@yahoo.com	June 1, 2023
NFRW Armed Services Awards	Chair - Brenda Howard	brendaghoward@protonmail.com	June 1, 2023
Ten Outstanding Award	Chair - Gail Teegarden	gailteegarden7@gmail.com	August 1, 2023
Shooting Star Award	Awards Chair - Patty Castillo	awards@tfrw.org	August 1, 2023

If you have any questions on Awards, please contact Patty Castillo at awards@TFRW.org.



Membership

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We Are Growing!

Ladies, I am thrilled so many clubs have been diligent in renewing memberships for 2023. Spring is in the air and we are growing!

There is strength in numbers, and you are building an Army to take back our country. As of February 24th, we had **6,160 members** including **1,214 new members**. Your clubs are building a solid foundation as we prepare and train for the upcoming elections. Do not stop, keep striving to have every Republican woman in your area be a part of your club.

I've enjoyed meeting many of you at your Nuts & Bolts workshops. It's been a pleasure sharing Membership 101 with your clubs.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS

Membership renewals are **delinquent as of March 1st**. Following up is critical to retaining your members. We need you to get your submissions to the office ASAP so that your members continue to receive their benefits for this year. I'm seeing an increase in so many new members joining clubs. Congratulations!

If you have not recruited a committee to help you with this task: **DO IT TODAY!** It truly is a team effort. Get help contacting your non-renewed members. Call or text with an uplifting personalized message asking the member to rejoin and let them know how important they are. To those members who have not renewed: ***What are you waiting for? "WE NEED YOU."***

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS AND TREASURERS

- **Remember, don't hold on to your submissions.** Please send them in weekly or as soon as you can. Once the renewal is in the office, the member will again receive both TFRW and NFRW updates along with the **ALLIMPORTANT** legislative updates for this session.
- **PLEASE VERIFY MEMBERS' EMAIL INFORMATION:** Both TFRW and NFRW have been receiving weekly calls and emails from members unable to access the website or are concerned they are not receiving emails. Email addresses are unique, and it is critical that you verify the information. A mistake can be a simple typo on the membership submission. An example would be MaryJane@pmail instead of gmail. Any incorrect character (even a space) will create a problem and prevent you or your club member from having access to the website and information. If you cannot read the data provided, please contact the member for clarification. Members should provide you with information that is legible, ensuring that you can communicate with them.

GREAT PERKS AS A CLUB MEMBER

Here are some great perks to remind all of us why being a member is so important:

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- You meet like-minded women, make friends and establish lasting relationships by networking with women from all over the state.
- You get to know and have greater access to elected officials and their office staff.
- You get to know the candidates running for office and have many opportunities to talk one-on-one with them.
- You have access to info about campaigns that need your help. You won't be on your own if you choose to work on a candidate's campaign, and your time will be well appreciated.
- You have access to political info in general - if only to get newsletters and emails, you will find out about events and opportunities the public wouldn't know about.
- You gain cumulative knowledge and information on important topics. (Examples - immigration and border security, ballot integrity, voter fraud, women's health issues - over time you'll hear from those directly involved in these issues such as elected officials, attorneys, volunteer groups, journalists/authors, etc.)
- You get info and training about resolutions and testifying at the Capitol on bills.
- You learn to ease the process to become a delegate to the Republican Party of Texas state convention, crafting resolutions for the platform, and serving on the various committees.

- You hear about campaign schools and training, especially if you are considering running for an elected office.
- You gain organization and structure, reinforcing your political efforts.
- You learn about other volunteer opportunities in your community.
- You have the clout of numbers behind you, locally with your own club and statewide with the Federation.
- You get real information, not fake news.
- You have an outlet with like-minded people to express your frustrations and discuss conservative values.

For those of you who feel that one club is enough, remember that strength is in numbers and the more options offered to prospective members, the stronger and more unified your county and senate district becomes. After all, our objective is to **Keep Texas RED!**

TFRW is undeniably the most powerful women's political organization in Texas today. We preach time and again: **Every Vote Counts**. Also, please remember that every member counts as well. We all strive to be role models and we all have the capability to be mentors. Unified in strength, our voices are being heard, and we do make a difference. I want to hear from you, especially if your club has achieved 100% membership.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am here to help you and your club grow with a lasting root system to carry you for the years ahead.

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NEW CLUBS

Congratulations to these new clubs that were approved February 18, 2023, at the TFRW Board Meeting!

- **Rowlett Area Republican Women SD2** (12 members), Dallas County: Rachael Britton, President; Cindy Burkett, SD2 District Director; Region IV - Diane Dees, Deputy President.
- **Republican Women of Starr County SD 21** (14 members), Starr County: Yvette Hernandez, President; Ruby Manen, SD 21 District Director; Region XVI - Mary Garza Deputy President.
- **Republican Women of Kimble County SD 24** (66 members), Kimble County: Molly McMillan, President; Gail

Teegarden, SD 24 District Director; Region XII - Kellye Duncan, Deputy President.

- **Abilene Republican Women SD 28** (19 members), Taylor County: Diana Hartmann, President; Joni Matthews, SD28 District Director; Region VIII - DP is vacant.

Note: New club applications have been sent to NFRW for approval. New clubs will be updated on the TFRW website as soon as the club is approved by NFRW.

PLEASE REVIEW YOUR CLUB'S MEMBERSHIP STATS [HERE](#)

**Shout Out!**

I am so excited to see so many of our clubs that have met or surpassed 100%.
Way to go ladies! You are Rock Stars!

SMALL CLUBS

Baytown RW
Buffalo Gap RW
Dallas Star RW*
Johnson Co. RW*
Lampasas Area RW*
Spirit of Goliad RW*
Sutton Co. RW*
Travis RW
Upshur RW*
Val Verde Co. RW

MEDIUM CLUBS

East Montgomery RW
First RW of El Paso Co.*
Kendall Co. RW*
Liberty Belles RW*
Nueces Co. RW*
Robertson Co. RW*
West Pearland RW*

LARGE CLUBS

Fannin County RW*
High Plains RW*
Wichita Co. RW*

***Surpassed 100%**

Woman of Distinction, March 2023

Deborah Wall

Deborah Wall is a graduate of the University of Louisville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree. She is a member of the San Antonio de Bexar Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution and the Military-Civilian Club of San Antonio. She was a military spouse for 25 years with four overseas tours and six stateside assignments that offered ample opportunities to organize activities for military families.

Deborah has also been very active with the Texas Federation of Republican Women. Campaigning has been the main focus of her political activities and she has devoted herself to electing quality candidates for the Republican Party.

Currently, Deborah is the President of **Camino Real Republican Women**. She concentrates on informing members who work on campaigns, voter registration, policy issues, events and candidates. The main policy issue has been border security and the club's main focus since its inception has been the **Border Care Project** which solicits donations for hygiene items for Border Patrol Agents. Due to the high rate of infectious diseases, this is a constant need.



Deborah acknowledges the many people who give time, energy, and resources to make this project possible. A club is a compilation of people with various backgrounds and talents. Camino Real is blessed with some very experienced, personally accomplished members. It is at this point that she feels any accolades must be shared with our Camino Real/ Border Care Project crew.

Also, many TFRW clubs have contributed to the Border Care Project. It has provided a way to express their support for the Border Patrol Agents and all law enforcement protecting us. Many have sent heartfelt notes to the agents wishing them well.

Any recognition also must be shared with these clubs that have provided carloads of first aid supplies, food and necessities. Also, individuals from our Republican Community have been incredibly generous! It is truly an organic effort by all, not just one person. Most recently, Christmas Cards and cookies were sent to Del Rio, and Christmas Cards were sent to the Rio Grande Valley.

Deborah says it has been an honor to help put the Border Care Project together. Most importantly, it has been inspiring for her to work with such amazing grassroots people who are helping to care for our own.

"Each team member and contributor is worthy of distinction," says Deborah.



Leadership

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Life is About Relationships

Your personal life, your professional life, and your political life are all about PEOPLE!

How are you connecting with the other members of your club? Beyond attending meetings, are you grabbing coffee? Are you connecting on social media? What about sending a supportive text or picking up the phone for a short call?

Are you Facebook friends with all of the ladies in your club? Make sure to wish them a happy birthday, go to their personal page and comment on their profile picture, or comment on something they have recently posted.

There is an added benefit to making the effort to connect with these individuals. It will ensure that the Facebook algorithm starts sharing your posts with them and you will begin seeing that member's post in your news feed.

If you are the club president, make sure you are connecting with your officers as the amazing women they are, not just as leaders of your club.

This small action will empower your officers that you are supportive of what they are doing. Connecting outside of a monthly membership meeting or executive committee will support the effectiveness of your team. If something is not on track, you can course correct long before the train is derailed as opposed to things falling apart in a public setting.

Time is the most valuable resource any of us have. Make sure you are intentionally using it to create a community of strong, empowered women and watch your club, and life fill with abundance.



"People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."

- Theodore Roosevelt

VOTER ENGAGEMENT PROJECT (VEP) APPRECIATION CONFERENCE

What a fabulous day for some of our TFRW leaders as they spent Feb. 24th at the Voter Engagement Project Appreciation Conference. They had a great time and came away energized for the mission ahead in 2024.





Campaign Finance

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Itemizing Contributions

The Campaign Treasurer must keep a record of monetary and in-kind (goods or services) contributions to the club. The record must include the amount or value, date, name and address of the contributor. If the contributor is a person, the principal occupation of the person must be recorded. For in-kind donations by a person, the employer must also be recorded. All contributions are reported to the TEC either in the lump sum total or itemized.

Contributions must be itemized on the TEC report in these conditions:

- Electronic contributions must be itemized on the TEC report.
- Standard reporting method: In addition, contributions over \$100 by any contributor in the period must be itemized for regular filers, or contributions over \$20 by any contributor in the period for monthly filers.
- Alternate reporting method: The club can choose the alternate reporting method if its contributions maintained at the end of the previous reporting period were below \$29,300. In this case, contributions over \$200 by any contributor in the period must be itemized for regular filers, or contributions over \$40 by any contributor in the period for monthly filers.

Contributions that are not required to be itemized may be included in the report in the Lump Sum; however, the treasurer must still retain records of all contributions for two years following the report's filing deadline date.

Reference: Campaign Finance Handbook for Political Committees (Revised 1/1/2023) [HERE](#).

Filer Type	Contributions maintained on the previous report	Max amount for contributors
GPAC	<\$29,300	\$200
GPAC	>=\$29,300	\$100
MPAC (monthly filers)	<\$29,300	\$40
MPAC (monthly filers)	>=\$29,300	\$20

You can contact the **TEC Helpline** directly with questions at 512-463-5800. Even though I do not answer legal questions, I am available to assist you at pacchair@tfrw.org.



First Lady

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Human Trafficking Awareness

From the Office of Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott

"Can You See Me?" Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign Relaunch

Hello TRFW friends! Now that the 88th Legislative Session is well underway, I want to share with you all an update about some of the work my office is doing.

In January, I was proud to relaunch the statewide "Can You See Me?" human trafficking awareness campaign in partnership with state and local leaders including Secretary of State Jane Nelson, Senator Joan Huffman, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Outdoor Advertising Association of Texas, A21, and others. Throughout this year, this multimedia awareness campaign will highlight the horrific realities of human trafficking through a series of billboards displayed in public spaces and transportation hubs across more than 70 Texas cities. Given the past success of this campaign, I am hopeful that these billboards will continue to make an impact in Texas by educating and equipping the public to recognize and report suspected trafficking activity.

Texas is already a national leader in the fight against human trafficking, and the relaunch of this successful campaign will help us continue to raise awareness, call people to action against this heinous crime, and make a tangible impact. I am so grateful for the continued collaboration with so many partners as we work together to put an end to human trafficking.

January was Human Trafficking Prevention Month, but this is an issue that we need to be spreading awareness about throughout the year. I am so thankful to everyone who participated in this campaign relaunch, but the efforts to prevent trafficking are not limited to just these individuals and organizations. We need all Texans to join together in this fight. When we recognize the signs of trafficking and report suspected trafficking activity, we can change the lives of our fellow Texans.

Anyone who suspects human trafficking activity is urged to call the Polaris National Human Trafficking Hot-line at 1-888-373-7888 or the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1-800-THE-LOST.



Cecilia Abbott



Treasurer's News

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Simple Tips

It's been so great seeing new Treasurers at the *Nuts & Bolts Workshops* I have attended this year. I hope I have been able to answer some of your questions and concerns about your new position. Keeping it simple and starting out step-by-step should make your job easier.

One of the best pieces of advice I can give you is to create those **Income and Expense Worksheets** to record all the information you and the PAC Treasurer need. You will be recording your contributions and expenditures at all meetings and events. Below are a few simple tips:

- **Record amount of each payment received** and form of payment (cash, check, credit card, etc.)
- **Record required information for the payer:** name, address, occupation. Your PAC Treasurer will need this info. Email addresses can come in handy also.

- **Deposit funds promptly** - recommended within three days.
- **Disburse funds** as authorized by your President keeping your budget in mind.
- **Pay invoices** in a timely manner and keep a copy of the invoice or receipt.
- **Reimbursements** are to be submitted with an Expense Reimbursement Form with a copy of the receipt. Get the President's approval/signature.
- **Expense Reimbursement Forms** should be submitted promptly so information can be submitted to the PAC Treasurer to report the expenditure during that TEC reporting period.

This basic information will put you well on the way to being a successful Treasurer for your club. I am always available to help. My email is treasurer@tfrw.org. **Happy March!**



Participate in TFRW's Social Media

Post your comments, photos and videos on the TFRW FaceBook page (pictured right), Twitter feed, YouTube page, our Instagram account, and perhaps on the NEW [TruthSocial](#). Use the hashtags **#tfrwleads** and **#tfrwbuilds**.

It's a great way to market our action-packed organization and bring in new members!



Bylaws

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Club Achievement Award Alert!

During TFRW Convention years, deadlines are particularly important. If your club is applying for the **Club Achievement Award**, there is a new bylaws update item in the required checklist. These required items must be completed as a baseline before the club qualifies for bonus points.

BYLAWS REQUIREMENT

“Our club reviewed our current bylaws, adding any required TFRW changes passed in October 2021. A copy of our club’s bylaws with all changes was submitted and received, and a notification of approval from the TFRW Vice President-Bylaws, was received by June 30, 2023.”

Please check the date on your bylaws to verify when your bylaws were approved. If the date was prior to the TFRW Convention (October 13-16, 2021) in Round Rock, your bylaws will need to be re-approved to meet this award criteria. The Bylaws Committee is available to work with all clubs. At this point, since the new template is in effect, the review process is faster and more streamlined.

We want all clubs to win as many awards as possible! Let’s do this!

NEW TEMPLATE

TFRW announced in September that NFRW required the state federations to

adopt a new club bylaws template. Texas customized it to include the amendments passed during state conventions. The new template was approved and posted on the TFRW website November 18, 2022. Bylaws requests in queue before the end of the year were evaluated on the 2022 Template. The new template was implemented January 1, 2023. Going forward, new requests will be reviewed using the new standard template. The benefit is this template speeds up the review and turnaround process.

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws Committee is currently accepting proposals for bylaws amendments. Any club member can propose a bylaw amendment. The process is to complete the **Bylaws Proposal Form** and send it to Debra Harper at vpbylaws@tfrw.org. The committee will review the proposals and recommend if they will be sent to the Board of Directors for a vote. If passed, the proposals will be placed on the 2023 Convention Agenda.

The deadline for submitting amendment proposals to the Bylaws Committee is **June 1, 2023**, in order to meet the bylaws notice requirements.



Candidate Development

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Women in Politics

Women need to shift from thinking 'I'm not ready to do that' to thinking 'I want to do that and I'll learn by doing it.' – Sheryl Sandberg

This quote typifies women in politics. As pointed out by newly elected Texas State Representative and longtime TFRW member Ellen Troxclair in her book, ***Step Up! How to Advocate Like a Woman!***, women almost always must be asked to run for office before they will. Unlike men, who often have elected office in their plans or in their dreams, women put themselves on the back burner and prioritize family, work, and everything else. On average, women must be asked to run for office seven times before they will actually file to run. Most men run out of their own desire, without anyone asking them.

However, we need more women in office, especially on the Republican side of the aisle. This past Congressional class was the largest female class and the most diverse, yet it only included 22 female freshman representatives. 2023 is a record year for Republicans with 42 women in Congress, including nine Senators. However, that is out of a total of 535 Senators and Representatives.

Troxclair's book argues, along with other sources, that women provide a different point of view, one that is more collaborative and less combative; more focused on solutions to problems rather than grandstanding.

"Having the diversity of thought and experience is critical to our representative democracy," said Republican Representative Erin Houchin, who took office in January and noted that she's the first woman to represent her Indiana district.

TFRW is here to help more women run for office, and one step toward that goal is for Federation members to join the Candidate Development Program. It is a Zoom-based class that runs from June 8th through August 3rd, with fantastic speakers each week like former State Party Chair Steve Munisteri, CD24 Congresswoman Beth Van Duyne, and fabulous Image Consultant and TFRW member Debra Coffey, among others. There is also a curriculum to help candidates work through information they need to consider prior to filing for office, and a small amount of homework each week. All TFRW women are invited to apply. Each cohort can host 16 women, and priority is given to those who plan to run in the next two election cycles.

Applications are now available, and are due on **Saturday, April 15th**. To apply, go [HERE](#). This will take you to the description of the class and the application toward the bottom of the page. Download it as a PDF or as a Word document. You can then either fill it out on your computer or print it out and fill it out by hand.

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Either way, you'll have to print it out to sign it, and then send a scanned version to me at Trasa@TrasaRobertsonCobern.com. If you don't have a scanner, use your iPhone or a free app for Android such as GeniusScan. The app will save the two-page application in a single file and allow you to share it through email, upload it to your drive, or send it in a text message.

I look forward to seeing your application, and reading which office you would like to run for and why. As a woman who has both run for office against men in election campaigns and who attended the 2021 Summer cohort of this class, I can assure you that it has value. It will be helpful to those who want to help candidates as well, but it has particular value to those who want to be the candidate.

Come join us for Summer 2023!



Caring for America

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Forms and Docs

Happy March!

March brings Spring and Spring means that it's nearly time to complete your paperwork on your Caring for America project!

The forms for the individual club projects are now on the TFRW website under the Awards section. (You may also click [HERE](#) for the forms.) There are instructions for filling out the forms and submitting documentation of projects, as well as information on deadlines. Of course, please feel free to call me or reach out to me for any questions you may have.

Be sure to review the other Awards criteria and follow the Awards calendar. Your club

could very likely receive more than a Caring for America award!

For new Caring for America Chairs, welcome to your new position which you will find very rewarding! In a nutshell, Caring for America projects are non-political projects which meet the needs of the people in your community. The projects may be on-going or may be a one-time project. Whichever project your club decides to do for your community just document, document, DOCUMENT, and have those documents submitted to TFRW by June 1, 2023.

Again, feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or need further assistance.



Partnerships

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Creating Win-Win Events

What do good partnerships look like? Ask the **Salado Area and Central Texas Republican Women** led by Brenda Howard and Janet Brown. These clubs partnered with **Americans for Prosperity (AFP)** for an incredible movie night around educational choice and the movie *Miss Virginia*.

Janet said, "It was fun, educational and engaging." And, Brenda reported that "the feedback is awesome."

Utilizing the Fall Partnership training, Brenda and Janet, with AFP, packed the **Beltonian Theatre** where they offered inspiration and policy information on education savings accounts.

Attendees were checked in by Republican Women from both clubs and then AFP treated everyone to dinner while watching *Miss Virginia*, an inspiring story of a mother who fought against all odds to bring educational opportunities to her community.

The stage was then turned over to AFP State Director Genevieve Collins and AFP Legislative Director Sam Sheetz for a legislative update and comprehensive Q&A session. The evening concluded with calls to action from all three organizations. Working together created a WIN-WIN event!

Does your club need to reach new audiences or access additional resources? Partnerships may be the answer! If you have questions regarding partnerships and how to get started, please contact me at the above email address.





Public Relations

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'Round About Texas



Georgetown Area Republican Women hosted a "Fun Day of Learning" during its recent "Nuts & Bolts" workshop focusing on running a fun, efficient and effective Republican Women's Club in Texas. TFRW District Directors Sue DeVillez and Gail Teegarden led the workshop.

Texas Gulf Coast Republican Women's club leaders are excited about plans for the club in 2023 after meeting with TFRW Deputy Regional President Sherry Peterson, and Debbie Roan, TFRW District Director for SD 11.



Golden Corridor Republican Women's executive committee spent their Saturday recently planning wonderful programs and events for 2023.



Canyon Lake Republican Women recently showed their appreciation for area fire department and emergency medical service teams by taking Valentine baskets to all 6 Fire Stations in Canyon Lake for Valentine's Day.



TFRW Senate District Director Kristi Antonick and TFRW Scholarship Chair Rhonda Anderson appeared as Striking Suffragists at the Republican Party of Gregg County's "Save our Country from the Gutter FUNdraiser!" The pair won a trophy for best costume. The duo was heard to say "This would have been us for sure if we were alive back then!"



TFRW 2023 Convention Chair Cindy Burkett was spotted at the **Dallas County Council of Republican Women** catching up with Annette Ratliff who was honored with the Council's Jan Patterson Lifetime Achievement Award.



Walker County Republican Women have been on the road recently attending TFRW's Nuts & Bolts workshop in Georgetown, followed by TFRW's Legislative Day in Austin.



Leander Area Republican Women were out in full force at the recent *Rally for Life* on the Capitol grounds.



West Pearland Republican Women joined the Pearland Chamber of Commerce's First Friday networking event providing voter registration and membership opportunities.



Hays County Republican Women took a break from their hard work to meet for good conversation and a fun time during its recent happy hour.



TFRW Senate District Directors Ruby Manen and Sylvia Gartner joined Wilson County Republican Party's Lincoln Dinner with keynote speaker Congresswoman Monica De La Cruz.



Patron Program

Heather Stoner and Sherry Hurt
Patron Program Co-Chairs

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Legislative Day Patron Event

It was AWESOME to see so many Patrons at Legislative Day in Austin! Many of you braved the ice to be with us.

Although we were disappointed we were unable to attend the Governor's Mansion, we understand and look forward to rescheduling for you.

We will have your badges/ribbons/pins at the **April Board Meeting**. If you cannot attend please send someone from your club to pick them up (this saves postage).

Thank you for being the BEST Patrons ever!



Renew or Sign Up for a Patron Membership for **2023** [HERE](#)

2023 Patrons

Anderson, Carol	Gibb, Catherine
Anderson, Rhonda	Grammar, Melanie
Antonick, Kristi	Grimes, Heather
Avery, Mary Jane	Groysman, Jennifer
Bailey, Mona and Bill	Halsey, Sandra
Bain, Joan	Harper, Debra
Barker, Howard	Harris, Jennifer
Boyd, Sarah	Hauser, Barbara
Bradford, Rebecca	Hauser, Jennifer
Brown, Janet	Heffernan, Mary
Burkett, Cindy	Hull, Robbi
Burns, Melanie	Hurt, Sherry
Butchko, Kay	Johnson, Patti
Cain, Bergundi	Kappers, Sharon
Canon, Judith	Kelm, Donna
Calloway, Judy	Kosmoski, Theresa
Carroll, Lorraine	Lacy, Rhonda
Castillo, Patty	Lacy Roberts, Juandell
Chambers, Joyce	Lesch, Pauline
Chester, Glynis	Lundsford, Renee
Cintron, Susan	Maggio, Marie
Cloud, Crystle	Maggio, Pearl
Cowell, Ronnye	Manen, Ruby & Don
Craddick, Christi (Hon)	Matthews, Joni
Cumby, Susan	Melancon, Alice
Dashiell, Toni Anne	Miklosh, Corrine
Dees, Diane	Miller, Jill
Draper, Cheryl	Miller, Jo
Dunkin, Carolyn	Miller, Joyce
Duncan, Jan	Miller, Susan
Eisner, Amanda	Morris, Karen
Endres, Kathy	Morrison, Cynthia
Fauth, Sherry	Morrison, Geanie (Hon)
Fitzpatrick, Lesli	Morton, Julia
Forte, Marty	Munday, Amy
Fox, Jill	Myers, Dana MD
Friedrich, Susan	Navjar, Susan & Michael
Frisk, Belinda	Neff, Cheryl
Garrett, Jay	Newton, Karen
Garza, Mary	Parks, Cat
Gatlin, Beverly	Pearson, Carlisle

Post, Dani
Reeves, Sue
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Rice, Kittie
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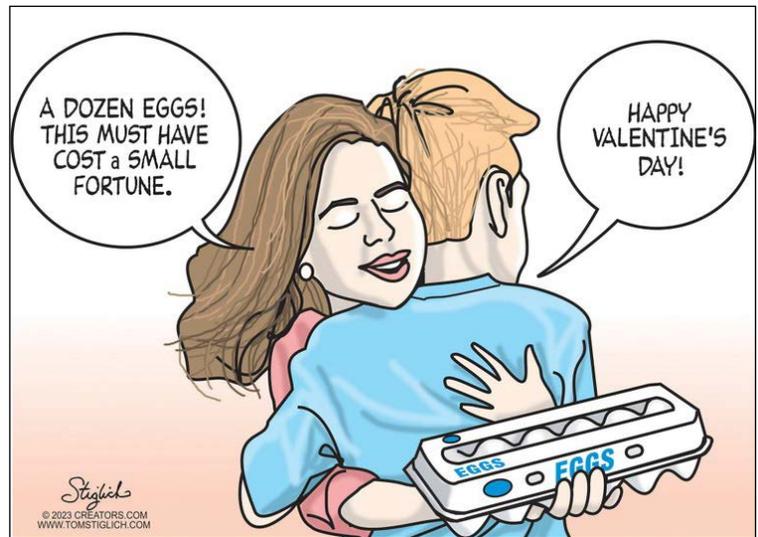
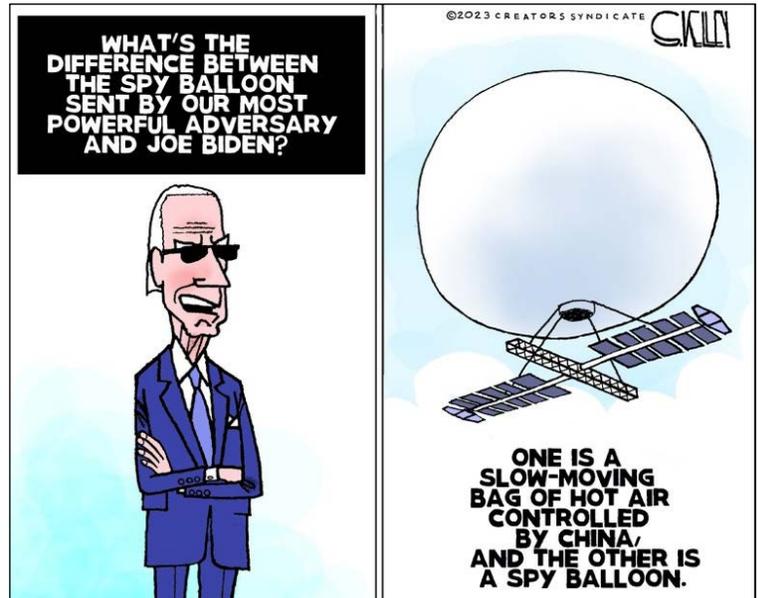
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Please contact any of the committee members with a brief bio and photo of the member that you feel deserves recognition and we will feature her in a future newsletter. We also want the honoree recognized at her next local club meeting when she is selected. A District Director or Deputy President will be notified in advance to do the honors.

- Gail Teegarden, Woman of Distinction Chair



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