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President's Pen

Flight #2024 Now Boarding!

As we prepare for take-off on Flight #2024, please make sure your positive attitude is secured and locked in an upright position. All self-destructive devices should be turned off at this time. All negativity, frustration, and discouragement should be put away. There will be **NO BAGGAGE** allowed on this flight. The captain has cleared us for takeoff. Our destination - **SUCCESS** from the **Courthouse to the White House!**



Have YOU booked your flight? Have you invited your friends to join you? I've purchased my ticket; I'm buckled in and ready for take-off! Let's work together and make it happen!

I was fortunate to attend the RNC Winter Meeting where I heard a State Party Chair use the analogy above to energize others for the 2024 election. Everything TFRW does in 2023 will be to lay the groundwork for success in 2024 and beyond. Our goal is to ensure Texas is in the best possible position it can be in for success in 2024.

To be successful, we must first recruit new members and retain current members. TFRW should be known as informed, energetic, politically astute women who are fearless in working to accomplish goals. Women who campaign tirelessly for the election of Republican nominees, promote Republican principles, and educate members and the community.

To help clubs recruit members, we will soon distribute a new TFRW push-card to all clubs. TFRW is also reaching out to Republican women who are not engaged and directing them to our website and hopefully your clubs. These are just two small ways TFRW is reinvesting in your clubs.

When you invite friends to join you on Flight #2024, they may ask, "Why the Texas Federation of Republican Women?" Or, "What's in it

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Valentine's Day



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for me?" This is your opportunity to share your story of the difference TFRW has made in your life which may include benefits such as:

- Opportunities to make a difference, have a greater impact, louder voice
- Networking with women from across the state and country
- Hearing from informative speakers
- Meeting and getting to know candidates and elected officials
- Developing friendships you never would have had
- No longer fighting for conservative principles on your own as your TFRW sisters are fighting beside you

To sum it up, if women are looking for mentorship, networking, resources, training, lasting friendships, opportunity, achievement, recognition or growth, then TFRW is for them.

Next, we must train our members. Whether you want to be a stronger leader, a more effective communicator, or are ready to run for elected office, TFRW has training designed just for you. Our **Legislative Day** events will teach you how to build relationships, testify at hearings, and create correspondence that influences others. Our **Candidate Development Program** and **Campaign Management Schools** will prepare you for the 2024 campaign season whatever your level of involvement.

Next, we must engage. TFRW is motivated, energized, and focused and it's vital that we activate ALL our members whether it is on legislative issues, electing Republican candidates, or running effective clubs.

We are building strong leaders for Texas and are ready for take off on Flight #2024! Join us on this flight as we lead the charge to **Keep Texas Red!**

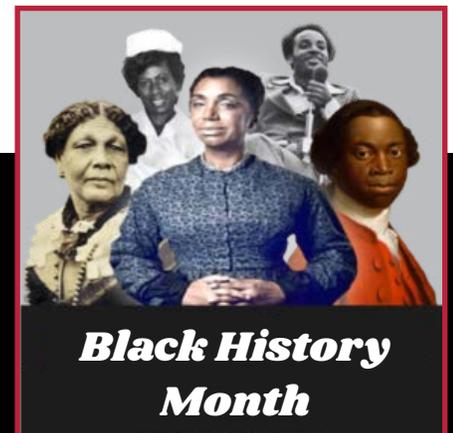
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Kit Whitehill
TFRW President



You don't make progress by standing on the sidelines, whimpering and complaining. You make progress by implementing ideas.

Shirley Chisholm
First Black Congresswoman





Special Events

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Appointment vs Running for Office

Have you considered appointment versus running for office?

You may not be ready to run for an Executive Officer position, so, consider applying for appointment and serving on the TFRW Board of Directors. This is an excellent way for you to bring your talents to light and make a difference. It's your first step to getting your feet really wet and understanding how TFRW works as a TEAM.

Standing Committee Chairs and Special Committee Chairs are the backbone of TFRW. We presently have five (5) Standing Committees and 38 Special Committees.

Both Standing Committee Chairs and Special Committee Chairs are members of the Board of Directors. Only Standing Committee Chairs have an active vote as they are members of the Executive Board as well.

A short cut has been set up on the TFRW website [HERE](#) to help you easily find the duties and descriptions of Standing Committee Chairs and Special Committee Chairs.

Duties as defined by our TFRW Bylaws, and duties for each individual position as defined in the TFRW Leadership Handbook are posted.

TFRW Officers rely on these women to carry out the proposed plan of action set by the TFRW President. Each Committee Chair has a very special and unique set of duties that they

successfully achieve during the two-year term they serve. They are appointed by the TFRW President. They work in conjunction with all TFRW Officers to ensure that TFRW members are provided the best training and updated information to achieve TFRW objectives, and they make a valuable contribution to our organization with their innovative ideas. They are required to attend Quarterly TFRW Board Meetings as stated in our Bylaws. They send quarterly reports to the TFRW President and Secretary. They speak to clubs when requested. They write articles for TFRW Today and update the Board with information for clubs. They pay their own expenses for Board meeting registration, special events, and travel.

TFRW Standing Committees and Special Committees (those NOT highlighted are filled by Executive Officers):

Awards

Bylaws

Community Engagement

DD/DP/Statewide Training

Finance

Legislation

Membership

Political Action (PAC)

Programs

Political Activities

Public Relations

Special Events

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Special Committees of the Texas Federation of Republican Women:

Americanism
 Appointments
 Ballot Security/Election Integrity
 Campaign Management
 Candidate Development
 Candidate School Coordinator
 Caring for America
 Chaplain
 Convention Chair
 Convention Site Selection
 Courtesy
 Data Team
 First Lady of Texas Liaison
 Historian
 Hospitality
 Judicial Liaison
 Leadership Day Chair
 Leadership Development
 Legal Affairs
 Literacy
 Member Welcome
 Membership Feedback
 Merchandise Manager
 Military Liaison
 NFRW Liaison
 Partnerships
 Past President's Council

Patrons Program
 Protocol
 Research and Current Issues
 Resolutions
 Scholarships (TFRW and NFRW)
 Texas State Board of Education Liaison
 Texas House of Representative Liaison
 Texas Senate Liaison
 Texas Treasures
 Timekeeper
 Women of Distinction

If you're ready and want to contribute to the growth of TFRW, consider applying for one of these positions. Once a new President is elected, it is her duty to fill these positions. Reach out to that new President and let her know you are ready to take this step and share your time and efforts serving on the TFRW Board.

Yes, it's a commitment... but you'll be glad you made it!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact any TFRW Officer or Special/Standing Committee Chair and they will be happy to talk with you. **TFRW needs you!**

Mark Your Calendar

Feb 2	Capital Outing/Patrons Event/ Capital Crime & Cocktails
Feb 3	Legislative Day - AT&T Center, Austin
Feb 4	1st Qtr Board Meeting - AT&T Center - Austin
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 20	President's Day
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

NUTS & BOLTS WORKSHOPS

Feb 18	Region 15
Feb 25	Region 3, N. Texas
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

Legislative Update

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88th Biennial Legislative Session



On January 10th, the 88th biennial legislative session began and it will run for 140 days ending on May 29th. The House and the Senate may begin holding hearings on day 31 of the session (the Texas Constitution provides that the first 30 days are for introduction of bills, emergency matters, and taking up the Governor's recess appointments). All bills must be filed by the 60th day of the session which will be March 10th.

TFRW enthusiastically encourages its members to participate in the legislative process this and every session. As part of our commitment to our members, TFRW provides continuing education on how the legislative process works, how to do online research about legislative matters of interest, how to submit testimony or comment on pending legislation, and how to effectively communicate with elected representatives, among other things.

This session, TFRW will follow bills relating to election integrity, education, and border security, so watch your email for TFRW ACTION ALERTS which provide valuable information on how you can express your opinion on legislation that matters to you.

Remember, however, that when TFRW members communicate with their elected representatives on legislative matters, they act in their individual capacity. Any communication or correspondence directed to the Legislature or an elected official in the name of TFRW or the local club is prohibited. Quite simply, when you communicate with your representatives about a legislative matter, you communicate as YOU!

For those of you attending Legislative Day in Austin on February 3rd, we have a day packed full of amazing speakers and topics that will sharpen your skills and help you navigate this session. For those who are unable to attend, never fear. We will be adding resources from Legislative Day to the website soon after the conclusion of the event under the MEMBER tab.

As always, I am here to be a resource for you. If you have questions or need assistance, email me at vplegislation@tfrw.org. We appreciate your commitment to developing and electing the leaders of Texas and to influencing policy. Together, we build strong leaders for our state's and our nation's future.

It doesn't matter how Strong
 your Opinions are.
 If you don't use your POWER for
 POSITIVE Change, you are,
 indeed, Part of the Problem.



- Coretta
 Scott
 King



Political Activities

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Most Hours, Most Calls

What a start to a new year. I had the opportunity to attend **Governor Abbott's Inauguration** and what an experience. Lt. Governor Dan Patrick gave TFRW seats on the stage! Wow, we were sitting pretty! Thank you, Lt. Dan! There was a plethora of TFRW ladies in attendance. Due to the crowds, it was hard to meet up with everyone, but I've been seeing your photos on social media. Y'all looked fabulous and represented us well.

We are also starting to participate in **Nuts & Bolts Workshops** around the area and having a great time. Hopefully, you will be able to attend one near you and increase your knowledge. Especially if you are new to your role this year or are considering moving into a new role next year.

As you know, January starts a new quarter, and I am pleased to say we received a record number of hours for submission. I am so very proud of each of you and your clubs. As I have stated many times, everyone earns hours, but not everyone reports them. My challenge to all of you is to report your hours. Not sure what counts? Check out the **Political Activities Guide** that can be found in the Members section of the TFRW website.

Some simple things to remember when wondering if an activity counts:

- Does this help get a Republican elected?

- Am I informing voters about a candidate or issue?
- Is this helping to pass legislation?
- Is this supporting Republican philosophy or ideals?

Don't forget we are now tracking and reporting **political calls**. These are all of the calls you make for candidates, for club activities, for GOTV, and to elected officials. Are you helping to call past members to renew? Make sure to count those calls as this year those are some of the most important!

Now for some numbers. TFRW clubs have really gotten the message and reported their hours. We are in record territory:

4th Quarter 2022 HOURS

You submitted **477,140** hours, which when added to the previous quarters brings our term total to **2,546,559**. That is pretty awesome!

4th Quarter 2022 CALLS

Our calls for the 4th quarter were **100,895** and for the term **380,342**.

View your club's total hours [HERE](#)

View your club's total calls [HERE](#)

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CLUBS WITH THE MOST HOURS

Congratulations to the following clubs for reporting the most hours for 4th quarter in their size categories:

Small Club - **Red River Valley RW**, 3192

Medium Club - **Federated RW of El Paso County**, 10,350

Large Club - **Great State Republicans**, 13,487

Jumbo Club - **Canyon Lake RW**, 28,527

Super Jumbo Club - **Golden Triangle RW**, 53,112

CLUBS WITH THE MOST CALLS

We also want to congratulate the clubs that reported the most calls for 4th quarter in their size category:

Small Club - **Rio Grande Valley RW**, 20,437

Medium Club - **Cy-Fair RW**, 26,526

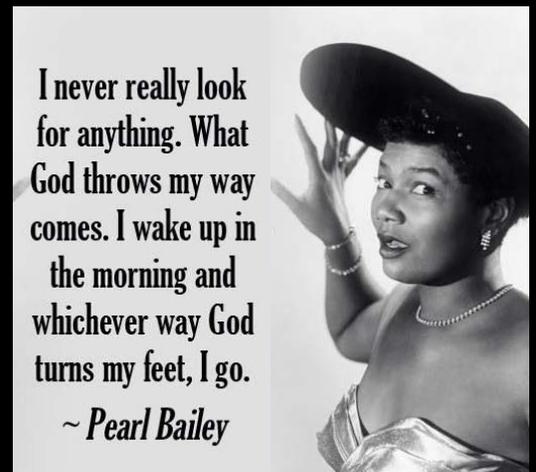
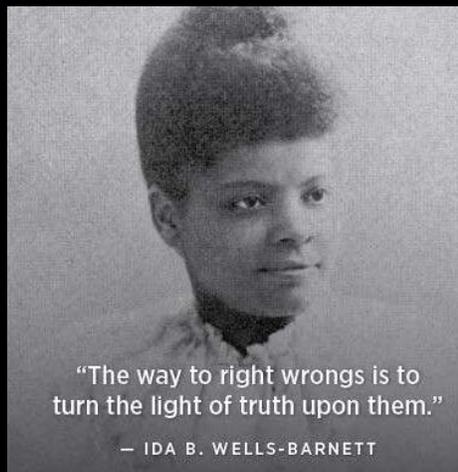
Large Club - **Tarrant Star RW**, 1,890

Jumbo Club - **Smith Co. RW**, 7,844

Super Jumbo Club - **Golden Triangle RW**, 7,289

Congratulations to all the clubs that submitted hours and calls. Make an effort to help your club report their totals on time by getting your personal numbers turned in. We only have FIVE months left to get our totals up there to submit final numbers to NFRW for the awards at the convention. We need every one of our TFRW members to do their part.

Hope to see many of you at Legislative Day and hope you can stay for the Board meeting.





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A Regular Check-up

I have one big thing you must all take away from my article today. Every club has just one Senate District Director and one Deputy President. If you don't know who they are, or you are confused about where your club falls, contact me right now at michele.samuelson@gmail.com.

And now, the rest of the story!

By now, your club should be hitting a rhythm for 2023. You have your meeting place set, your speakers planned, membership is chugging along. But before you go too far down the road, **STOP!** It is so easy to get set in our ways and not get a **regular check-up** done. So, here are some things you can incorporate now to make sure your club is maintained for years to come!

1. Get to know your District Director and Deputy President! Communication is always a two-way street. Make sure both your DD and your DP are on your club's email distribution list - for both meeting reminders and the newsletter. Make sure you have invited them to meetings by phone, too! Introduce them at meetings when they are present and let them have time to make announcements. And most of all, if you are having trouble of any kind, big or small, ask your District Director AND your Deputy President for help.

2. Spend time with your officers outside of your official meetings. Try getting coffee or lunch together every so often. One-on-one works, or doing it as a group is great, too. The goal is to build relationships! This

has the same effect that socials have for our membership. It creates a bond between you and strengthens your club!

3. Membership is an ongoing, every day endeavor. Never stop looking for new members, following up with former members, and turning in membership to TFRW. Pay attention to procedures and deadlines and make sure you've passed them on.

4. Always be training your replacement! This is true for all of us in leadership roles, however small they may seem. You want everyone around you to look for opportunities and be ready to fill them. So even if you can't name the woman who will one day have your job, in your club you can always make sure there are many people who know what it is you do and how to do it. TFRW and NFRW training opportunities are the place to start!

5. Don't just read this newsletter. Print it off, have copies available at your next club meeting. Encourage your ladies to read it. Find that one article in here that you know will speak to more than one person, and make it available to them however you can.

Remember that TFRW leaders are here to serve you. We are all available to answer questions and guide you on to success. **Let's make 2023 a huge year for Republican women in Texas!**



Awards

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Newsletter Awards

Yes ladies, this is the year to work on your Award Submissions and be recognized for your hard work! Remember these important dates: **TFRW Awards submissions are due August 1st.** **NFRW Awards submissions are due June 1st.**

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



NEWSLETTERS AWARDS

TFRW’s Newsletter awards were created to recognize outstanding achievements by clubs in their efforts to inform, educate and engage members.

There are two awards clubs may apply for: **Best Newsletter** and **Most Improved Newsletter**. A club may only apply for one award.

The categories for both of the awards are based upon the size of the club’s membership. Awards will be given to one club in each club size:

- Small - 10-30 members
- Medium - 31-60 members
- Large - 61-100 members
- Jumbo - 101-200 members
- Super Jumbo - 201+ members

The Award Application forms are posted on the TFRW website. It’s important to review the updates in the “Content Requirements” that must be in each newsletter and any “Additional Content Requirements” that must be in the four (4) copies submitted.

Follow the step-by-step instructions on the form and make sure the newsletters you are submitting meet all requirements. Remember that each club must submit two newsletters from 2022 and two newsletters from 2023 along with the Award Application form.

I encourage you to download the form and review the content requirements today. The August 1st deadline will be here before you know it! Now is the time to make changes to your newsletters to make them award contenders.

Submitting your newsletter for either award is an excellent opportunity to recognize your editor for her creativity and hard work in retaining members, attracting new members, and keeping your club vital to the political process.

- Julie Faubel
Public Relations 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	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



Membership

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You're Making it Happen!

January 2023 was a GREAT month! Great job everyone! Keep it up! A majority of clubs have already emailed their first, and in many cases, several additional 2023 submissions to TFRW allowing for quite a few to qualify for awards.

Strength is in numbers, and together we are building a fantastic army. I'm very optimistic that TFRW will reach our goal this year of 12,000 members. Our present membership as of January 20th is **4,121 members** including **724 new members**. It is the steady increase in membership which builds our solid foundation as we prepare for future elections.

I am excited to be able to start our **Shout Out** this month with five clubs reaching or surpassing 100% in membership renewals. Congratulations! Has YOUR club reached 100% membership renewal? Now more than ever, we need to maintain our strength.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Membership Renewal Dues become delinquent March 1st. February is the month we all need to start contacting our 2022 members to renew. I'm really happy to see so many have, and again, I'm seeing an increase in so many new members joining clubs but old members are still reluctant to renew. Following up is critical to retaining your members.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS:

If you have not recruited a committee to help you with this task, do it today! It is a team effort. Get help in contacting your members. Make personal contact. Host a calling party. Call members who have not renewed and let them know how important they are. Let them know you have a **club goal** to meet 100% renewing before the March 1st deadline. To those members who have not yet renewed: What are you waiting for? Tell them, "We Need You." Send out notifications using, texting, Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. Be creative.

TREASURERS AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS:

Please don't hold on to membership submissions waiting for a quota. Don't hold the middle-of-the-month application until after the next meeting. Let's get the members the information they are looking for as a member. Emailing them to us weekly is a great way of staying current. Please use the **2023 Membership Submission Form** available on the TFRW Website.

REMEMBER: Please EMAIL your EXCEL membership submission. The Excel format is designed for easy data entry for you and allows TFRW to download to the NFRW membership database.

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HOW: Save to your computer in the EXCEL Format. Once completed, attach the saved membership submission Excel worksheet with the online coversheet and email to tfrw@tfrw.org. Many clubs are still sending their membership submissions by snail-mail or converting the form to a PDF. Those submissions unfortunately must be returned to the club to be entered into the worksheet format. TAKE HEART, YOU CAN DO THIS!

NOTE: Please remember, a copy of the 2023 **Membership Cover Sheet** must be sent with your payments.

VERIFY: The other major issue we are seeing is that your club membership information submitted by your club has an incorrect email address. Email addresses are unique and must be properly submitted. Any incorrect character (even a space) can create a problem and prevent your club member from gaining access. If you try to log-in to the website and get an ERROR message, your email address was not accepted or updated. Please make sure when you fill out your membership application each year, your club and your current email address are listed correctly and legibly, ensuring that your proper email is submitted to TFRW and NFRW.

CLUB PRESIDENTS: Please encourage your Treasurers and Membership Chairs to make sure members are asked if there are any changes, especially email addresses. If you can't read it, confirm it. Don't guess or assume your member's email is the same. **A member's email address is the most**

important piece of information to keep your members informed and engaged.

If you need assistance in updating an email, we are happy to make the corrections, but the process can take up to 48 hours. Please email your request for an update to tfrw@tfrw.org. Make sure you include name, club, and correct email address. Please be patient, you will receive confirmation via email from wordpress@tfrw.org.

Unified in strength, our voices will be heard.
LET'S BUILD OUR ARMY!

If I can help you with anything, even a word of encouragement, please call me, I'm here for you.



Shout Out!

CONGRATULATIONS to our FIRST FIVE CLUBS who have met or surpassed 100% MEMBERSHIP for 2023!

Buffalo Gap RW	Small Club - 100%
Travis RW	Small Club - 100%
Upshur Co. RW	Small Club - 100%
Nueces Co. RW	Medium Club - 100% +
Wichita Co. RW	Large Club - 100% +

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

Woman of Distinction, February 2023

Angela Paxton

Angela Paxton was elected to the Texas Senate in November of 2018 and represents fast-growing Senate District 8 in Collin and Dallas counties, a district that is home to professional sports headquarters, dozens of Fortune 1000 companies, countless entrepreneurs and small businesses, and top-rated public schools. A secondary math teacher and school counselor for more than 20 years, she is the first educator elected to the Texas Senate in over two decades. Senator Paxton describes her job in three words: Listen. Learn. Lead.

Senator Paxton is an adopted child and the first person in her family to graduate from college. She earned an undergraduate degree in Mathematical Science from Baylor University and a Master of Science in Education from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Senator Paxton leverages her expertise as an educator, her interest in technology, her experience as a small business owner, and her deep roots in Collin County and North Dallas to advocate for her constituents and lead on policy that elevates educational and economic opportunity and human dignity.



I firmly believe you never should spend your time being the former anything.

— Condoleezza Rice —

Freedom and justice cannot be parceled out in pieces to suit political convenience. I don't believe you can stand for freedom for one group of people and deny it to others.

— Coretta Scott King





Campaign Finance

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2023 Reporting Dates and Data

Below are the 2023 dates to remember for GPAC schedule filers, so mark your calendars! There is a penalty for late filing so you don't want to miss filing a report. I recommend keeping up with the club's incoming and outgoing money regularly so you have time to research missing data. All clubs should have filed their final 2022 Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) report by January 17th. If that has not been done, it is late but do it as soon as possible.

Your job will also be easier if you communicate your reporting needs to those collecting and distributing money ahead of time. You need to track and report all money **IN** and all money **OUT**. Reporting requires name, address, amount, and date for all transactions. For money coming in, referred to as contributions, you will need the **occupation** of the individual. Also, your club cannot accept contributions from corporations, labor unions, or foreign nationals. When collecting cash, use a tracking sheet or envelopes to document who gave it and keep that with your records.

DUE DATE	ELECTION	REPORT ENDING DATE
January 17th (2023)	Required Semi-annual Report	December 31st (2022)
April 6th	May 6th Uniform Election 30-day	March 27th
April 28th	May 6th Uniform Election 8-day	April 26th
July 17th	Required Semi-annual Report	June 30th
October 10th	General Election 30-day	September 28th
October 30th	General Election 8-day	October 28th
January 16th (2024)	Required Semi-annual Report	December 31st (2023)

A full explanation of the reporting schedule is on the TEC webpage [HERE](#). 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.



“Remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.

Harriet Tubman

You must never be **fearful** about what you are doing when it is **right**

- Rosa Parks





Appointments

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Abbott's Appointments



Who is excited for 2023 and for the 88th Texas Legislature to be in session? There are a lot of things to get involved in serving Texans. We want to do our part to help make Texas even better. Serving on a council, board, or commission is one way to directly help Texans. Governor Abbott's appointment process starts with you filing an application at this website [HERE](#):

Let's read what two of our serving members have to say.

Meet Charla Brotherton

I was appointed to the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority in February 2022 to a three-year term. Since that time, the board has met four times where we were able to approve multiple grants to regional task forces, sheriff's departments and other law enforcement agencies located across the state of Texas. The money used to fund the grants is from a fee that insurance companies pay to the state each year. The board is made up of insurance professionals, consumers, and law enforcement. I enjoy serving on the board and it has been eye opening to see what great things our law enforcement agencies are doing to keep our communities safe. - *Charla Brotherton*



Meet Sue De Villez

Governor Abbott commissioned me as a member of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection on October 23rd, 2019.

On May 24th, 2021, I received a letter from Senator Dawn Buckingham that the Senate Committee on Nominations confirmed me as a Commissioner. My Commission will expire February 1st, 2025.

I attended an "Appointee Training Seminar" on October 18th, 2019. Paul Maldonado, then Interim Executive Director of the TCFP, gave me a required "Commission Member Training" on October 23rd, 2019.



The Mission of the TCFP is "to Aid in the protection of the lives and property of Texas citizens through the development and enforcement of recognized professional standards for individuals and fire service organizations."

The Commission has nine professionals including fire chief officers, career firefighters, volunteer firefighters, a certified fire protection engineer, an arson investigator or inspector, and a fire instructor. There are four public members not affiliated with fire service: I fulfill one of those positions. As you can imagine, I have learned so

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much, and it is an honor to be included with this illustrious group of professionals.

I had the wonderful experience of touring the TEEX (Texas A&M Engineering Extension Services) and ESTI (Emergency Services Training Institute) in College Station, and to attend a state meeting of Fire Chiefs.

I realized after a meeting or two that many did not know the Texas Pledge. So, I took copies for all the other Commissioners and since then, at every meeting, I hear louder voices reciting the pledge. As a TFRW woman, that makes me

very proud of my small contribution to their education as they have done so much for mine.

I highly recommend everyone apply for an appointment to allow yourself the privilege and experience of serving Texas, and to grow your knowledge and expertise. - Sue De Villez, Commissioner TCFP

Thank you ladies for serving! We need more strong conservative leaders serving.

Will you apply now?

Governor Abbott Appoints Miskel To Fifth Court Of Appeals

(Read article [HERE](#))

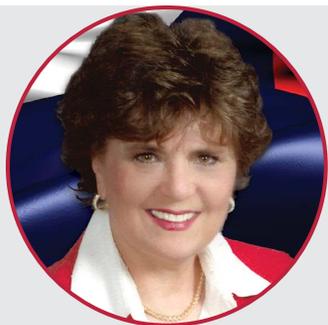
Governor Greg Abbott has appointed **Emily Miskel** to the Fifth Court of Appeals, Place 13, for a term set to expire on December 31, 2024, or until her successor is duly elected and qualified.

Emily Miskel of McKinney is Judge of the 470th Judicial District Court in Collin County, where she has served since 2015. She is board certified in Family Law and Child Welfare Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. She previously served as an Associate Attorney at Thompson & Knight L.L.P., KoonsFuller, P.C., and as an Adjunct Professor of Family Law at the University of North Texas Dallas College of Law. She is the 2020 recipient of the William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence. She is the Chair of the Civil Justice Committee of the Texas Judicial Council, a member of the Supreme Court Advisory Committee, Vice-Chair of the Pattern Jury Charge Oversight Committee for the State Bar of Texas, and a council member for the State Bar of Texas Computer & Technology Section. She is a member of the Federalist Society, Eastern District of Texas Bar Association, Collin

County Bar Association, Dallas Bar Association, and Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists. She is a Trustee of the Texas Supreme Court Historical Society, Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow of the Texas Bar College, a Director for the National Center for State Courts, Vice Chair of the Texas Supreme Court Remote Proceedings Task Force, and a Master for the Henderson American Inn of Court.

Additionally, Emily is a member of the Junior League of Collin County's Community Advisory Panel, former member of the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County Gala Committee, former Vice President and Secretary for the Harvard Club of Dallas, and former board member of the DFW Stanford Club. Miskel received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Stanford University and a Juris Doctor degree from Harvard Law School. Emily's home club is **Golden Corridor Republican Women**.





Victory

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Thank You Team

Ladies! Thank you so much for your commitment to registering Republicans to vote in 2022!

A SPECIAL thank you to my wonderful team. So many of them went way above and beyond when it came to recruiting our almost 2,500 volunteers.

Thanks especially to **Mary Jane Avery** – more than 130 recruiting events – and **Lynda Hogue** – 26 counties traveled – for not only the VEP (Voter Engagement PAC) work but also working in Georgia for the U.S. Senate run-off race.

Mary Jane and **Gail Teegarden** also did Strike Force work in San Antonio. Robin Hayes led a several-day Strike Force team to Ft. Worth to help **Susan Wright**, who not only covered Tarrant, but over a dozen more counties in successful elections.

Tina Gibson and **Gwen Withrow** covered numerous races in the Houston Metro area with volunteers while **Rhonda Marquardt**, **Kelly Perry**, **Barbie Baker** handled the south and coastal areas.

Mary Heffernan handled all of Austin while making thousands upon thousands of calls herself to register voters.

Thanks also to **Carol Van De Walle** (San Antonio) and **Diane Dees** (Dallas) who took

on their massive metro areas, and **Jo Miller** and **Daiquiri Beebe** for pinch hitting in East Texas.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 27% of the Governor's margin was due to new voters.
- The VEP Phone Bank goal was 12,500. Actual calls completed were 947,939.
- The training session goal was 150. Actual training sessions were 239, thanks to **Amariah Pinchback** and **Mary Heffernan**.

Amariah was wonderful to help all of us with tech and training. Mary kept the call lists functioning on the back end. And since we began four months later than the 2020 cycle, our goal to register new voters was 100,000. Actual voters registered from our efforts resulted in **169,160**.

Again, CONGRATULATIONS LADIES! Thank you for your commitment to **Keep Texas RED**. Republican women did it again!



Struggle is a never ending process. **Freedom** is never really won, you **earn it and win it** in every generation.

— Coretta Scott King



Treasurer's News

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Filing Forms

I'll begin by saying I hope the first month of 2023 was successful in either transitioning to a new office in your club or continuing for another year in your current office. A way to make sure it is successful is to attend one of the **Nuts & Bolts Workshops** that will be available all over the state this year.

Nuts & Bolts are wonderful training opportunities for current officers, as well as all members of your club. Take advantage of these. The cost is usually very minimal, and you can gain so much knowledge from attending. Most have scheduled presentations by the TFRW PAC Treasurer and TFRW Treasurer.

Below is a list of forms that I talk about in all my presentations. The IRS website will have instructions for each form.

FEDERAL FORMS

Do Clubs Pay Taxes? IRS Section 527 - Political Organization (NAICS Code 813940)

- Tax-Exempt for **Federal** Income Tax Purposes
- Dues, Political Contributions, and Sales Proceeds are NOT subject to Federal Income Tax

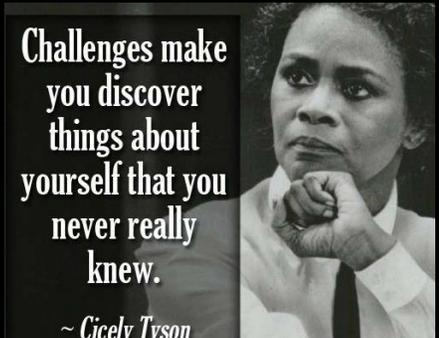
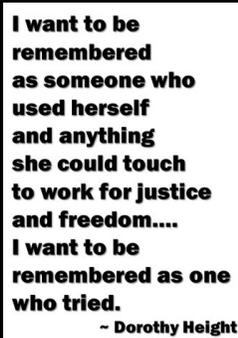
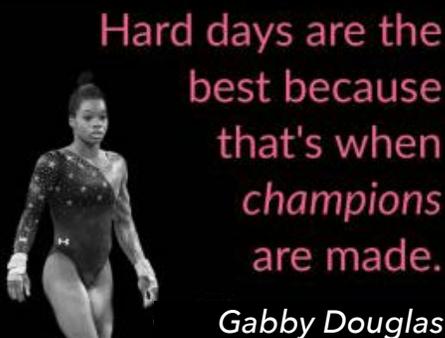
- Interest and Dividends ARE subject to Federal Income Tax

FORMS TO BE FILED - www.irs.gov

- **IRS Form 8871** Initial Notice: Exempt if Annual Gross Receipts are Less than \$25,000
- **IRS Form 8822-B** Change of Address or Responsible Party: Completed when a new Treasurer takes office
- **IRS Form 990 or 990-EZ** Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax: Exempt if Annual Gross Receipts are Less than \$25,000
- **IRS Form 1120-POL** U.S. Income Tax Return for Certain Political Organizations: Taxable Income in Excess of \$100 - Contributions to 527 Political Organizations are NOT Charitable Donations and are NOT Tax Deductible to the Donor

I look forward to meeting some of you at Legislative Day, the Q1 Board Meeting, and Nuts & Bolts Workshops. My email is treasurer@tfrw.org. I'm always available to help.

Wishing you a fabulous February!



Bylaws

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2023 Template and Checklist

NFRW has a new requirement for all Federated clubs to use the new Club Bylaws Template going forward for new clubs and for clubs requesting bylaws updates.

As of January 1st, TFRW has implemented the Texas version of NFRW's standard style template for 2023.

The new **2023 Club Bylaws Template** is [HERE](#). It is also posted on the TFRW website.

The TFRW Template includes all of the language from past TFRW Conventions so that the sections important to Texas have been preserved. The NFRW updates, amendments, and clarifications are included as well. The additional benefit is that the document is very user-friendly. Clubs fill in the blanks with their club custom choices. The approval process should be quicker.

Presidents, if you have not already done so, this is a good time to review the **President's Checklist** attached [HERE](#). It is a one-page document that Presidents can use to proactively plan important tasks and

deadlines for the year. It is a great calendar companion.

TFRW celebrates all of our Federated clubs. Thanks to all members for your contribution to keeping **Texas Red**. Unfortunately, clubs sometimes risk dissolving for various reasons. If your club is at serious risk, it is imperative that the Club President or her representative on the Executive Committee contact these officers:

- TFRW President Kit Whitehill at president@tfrw.org
- TFRW Vice President - Membership Melanie Grammar at vpmembership@tfrw.org
- TFRW Vice President - Bylaws Debra Harper at vpbylaws@tfrw.org

These officers can consult with the club and potentially offer solutions for sustaining the club. As a last resort, dissolving a club is a serious matter and the process is complicated. It is not to be taken lightly.

Never be limited
by other
people's
limited
imaginations.



Dr. Mae Jemison

"All great
achievements
take time."

Maya Angelou



PERSISTENCE

A Letter from the Vice Chair of the Republican Party of Texas



Dana Myers, MD

Dear fellow Texas Federation of Republican Women,

We are at a crossroads in our nation's journey. The path we, as Republicans, choose is important. Many are watching how we conduct ourselves, especially our children and grandchildren. As many of you have heard me comment in recent days... **BE THE EXAMPLE**. Lead with grace, respect, and iron-willed determination.

I have studied history and historical letters prior to the founding of our country, during the World Wars, the Great Depression, and reviewed the topsy-turvy current events to see if I could find an inspiring message of perseverance, hope, and courage.

The simple truth is this: We have gone through turbulent events and conflicts during much of our country's existence. The United States, and Texas, have had great highs and lows. Through it all, we survive, we rebuild, and we learn how to become even better stewards of this fragile gift, our Constitutional Republic.

Resilience, determination, and grit are key traits that we will need now, more than ever. Remember too, that as Texans, our state, and our response to key issues such as election integrity, the border crisis, parental rights, and child safety/issues, the "woke" agenda, free speech, and government overreach, continues to rapidly become exponentially more important. Many of the country's Republican voters will look to Texas to lead. The entire world watches us. We must rise to this challenge and claim our Texas legacy!

I suggest that you all watch Ronald Reagan's speech, ***A Time for Choosing***. Listen carefully. You will find many of his talking points timeless. These words are as relevant today as the day first spoken. In Reagan's words:

"Already the hour is late. Government has laid its hand on health, housing, farming, industry, commerce, education, and, to an ever-increasing degree, interferes with the people's right to know. Because no government ever voluntarily reduces itself in size, government programs once launched, never go out of existence."

So, ladies, prepare and challenge yourselves to learn more, work harder, and connect with more friends and neighbors as we build participation in the Republican Party of Texas, the Texas Federation of Republican Women, and our local Republican County parties and groups for the future.

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We will be discussing and implementing what we need to do in Texas to protect **Election Integrity** and educate our communities on multiple subjects: **Rising Crime**, challenges in all levels of **Education**, the dangers of our **Open Border and Fentanyl**, and the importance of **Protecting our Children** and **Preserving Parental Rights** and more. Your involvement on learning how to file and follow Legislative Session Bills and engaging your friends and community in the political process is of the utmost importance.

As Reagan made his final point:

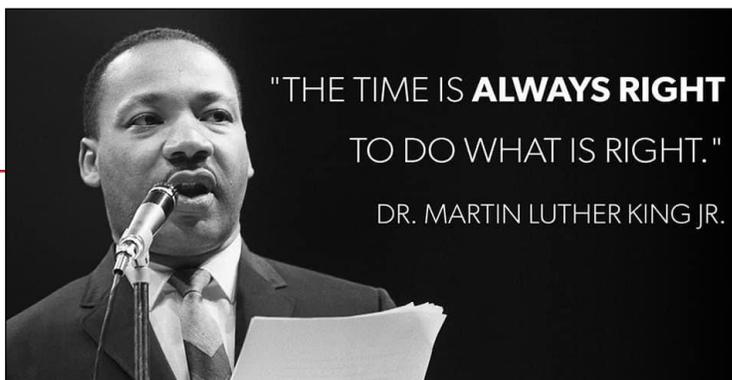
“You and I have a rendezvous with destiny. We can preserve for our children this, the last best hope of man on earth, or we can sentence them to take the first step into a thousand years of darkness. If we fail, at least let our children and our children’s children say of us, we justified our brief moment here. We did all that could be done.”

Republican women and their families have always risen to the challenge whether founding the Republic, taming frontiers, or securing our vote. We will be the sparks of liberty that light the brushfires of freedom in the hearts of fellow Texans.

2024 is on the horizon. Texas will be prepared.

Be Bold, Be Texans.

Dana



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TFRW Newsletters Available Online

Would you like to read a past edition of the *TFRW Today*? If you missed out on an issue or you are a new member and would like to read about what we’ve done in the past, all of the newsletters from 2016-present are available for you to download on our website! Just click [HERE](#).



Programs

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Why Are We Doing This?

We know that good programs draw people to your meetings and encourage them to join your local club. We also know that good programs encourage members to continue attending your meetings. But what types of programs should we be having at our meetings?

As I visit with local clubs and chat about the types of programs to include at club meetings as indicated in the TFRW Club Achievement Award form, I often hear the same question. "Why do we have to have these types of programs?" As you are selecting speakers for your clubs, remember that your program topics should fulfill the goals of electing Republicans, educating the public, growing your membership, and/or increasing the visibility of the Texas Federation of Republican Women. It is also helpful to refer to the TFRW Club Achievement Award guidelines and the guidelines of the National Federation of Republican Women Achievement Award.

Category 3 of the TFRW Club Achievement Award form is dedicated to requirements regarding Programs. The requirements indicate that a local club should have two programs on issues each year. And during the two-year award period, a club should have a program on state election laws, a program on Federation structure, and a program on current legislation.

Obviously, there is a reason that these topics were included in the award form. When you consider these topics, it becomes clear that these are the topics which will inform our members. In order to be an informed voter, our members should know about the current issues and events on the political scene and should know about legislation being considered on the state and national level. As members of TFRW, we should be aware of how the state and national organizations are structured. And, after the 2020 Federal elections, and the 2022 Federal and local elections, it is quite obvious that we need to be aware of **state election laws**.

Since the Texas Legislature is meeting this year, clubs have the perfect opportunity to have speakers present programs on current legislation and current issues on the political scene.



As you plan out your club's programs for the coming year, you may want to refer to the **Speakers Bureau** (click link on next page) for suggestions. The Speakers Bureau lists the speaker's name, the topic about which he/she speaks, contact information, and where the speaker is located.

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I am always eager to add to the Speakers Bureau. If your club has heard a speaker that was particularly interesting, please contact me at 713-410-4399 or by email at vpprograms@tfrw.org. It is always good to hear from the local clubs, especially when I hear that a speaker was chosen from the Speakers Bureau and was well received at the meeting.

I will be contacting the local club presidents by email in late February or early March to set up a **Zoom meeting with the Presidents and the local club Program Chairs**. We will use that opportunity to get to know each other and have a small training session.

Again, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding programs.

SPEAKERS BUREAU

Our Speakers Bureau can be found on the TFRW website [HERE](#).

Scroll down to view the highlighted TFRW Recommended Speakers with their photos, titles, websites and contact information.

You also can find a more in-depth list of speakers [HERE](#).

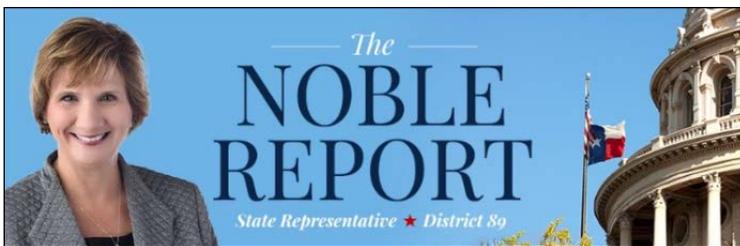
Texas House of Representatives

The Honorable Candy Noble
Texas House of Representatives Liaison

88th Texas Legislature Now in Session



Excerpt from *"The Noble Report"*



The 88th Texas Legislature is now in session! Last Tuesday at noon, we gathered on the House floor to be sworn in. It is so stirring to be a part of Texas history – something that has been done the same way since Texas was admitted to the Union in 1845. The first Texas

Legislature (that was not the Congress of the Republic of Texas) was held from February 16th to May 13th, 1846. Since we meet every other year, this makes us the 88th. Lest I get too full of myself, someone once told me "they had 85 Texas Legislatures without you and they will probably have another 85 once you're gone." True, but still, I'm so honored to be part of this in this time and place.

Today, I wanted to give you a little background on how the Texas Legislature runs. The House and Senate have very different processes... (to read the rest of this report click [HERE](#)).



Candidate Development

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Candidate Development Program

Well, I don't know about yours, but my 2023 started off with a bang! Can you believe January is over?! Pretty soon, we'll look up and the year will be gone.

I have been so busy in January with my work that my volunteerism suffered. I did not get the applications for the Candidate Development Program finished in time for this newsletter. I know I said in December that applications would open February 1st, but I beg your indulgence for my busy-ness.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE 2/13

Applications will be available Monday, February 13th, and you have until Saturday, April 15th, to complete one. That still gives you **two full months** to apply!

Why should you apply for the Candidate Development Program?

If you have ever thought about running for office, or if anyone has ever told you that you should run for office, come check it out! We

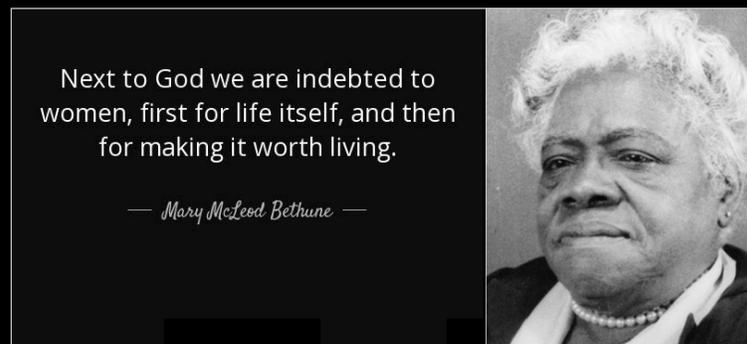
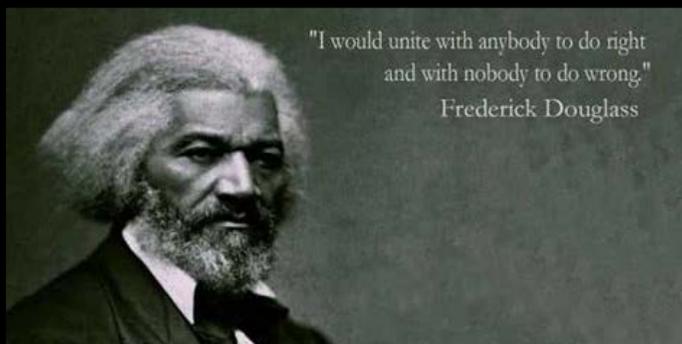
work to ensure you are prepared for each aspect of a campaign, from your "why" to fundraising to social media, and so much more!

THURSDAY NIGHT ZOOM CLASSES

We meet on eight Thursday nights in the summer via Zoom, so that women around the state can join us. We have incredible speakers already lined up such as Ellen Troxclair, newly elected Representative for House District 19, Steve Munisteri, former Republican Party of Texas Chair, and TFRW's own style-icon Debra Coffey. Others will be announced soon!

Keep an eye out for the application which will be available on the TFRW website by February 13th. Links will be available in next month's newsletter.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing your applications!





Leadership

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SMART Goal Setting

Last month was focused on planning ahead, *"If you fail to plan, you plan to fail."*

Part of planning is goal setting. There are a million ways to view goal setting. Here are a few ideas to get you started.

First, think BIG! Start where you stand and ask the follow:

- What is your club's vision?
- What is your club doing well that you can expand upon?
- What challenges is your club facing?
- What feedback are you hearing from members?

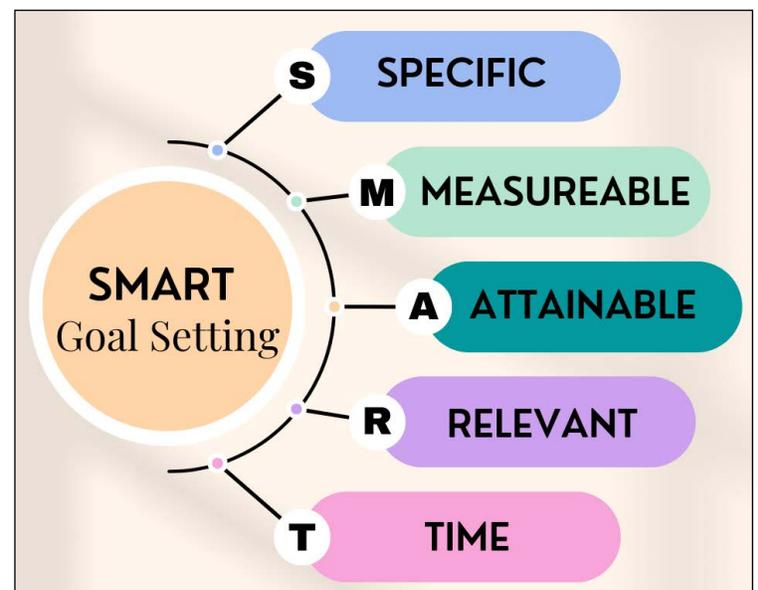
Make sure you are considering strengths, weaknesses, challenges or threats, and opportunities when asking these questions.

SMART GOAL SETTING

Be SMART! Create goals that are **Specific**, **Measurable**, **Attainable**, **Relevant**, and **Timely**.

Specific - Saying "We want to increase membership" is a great goal. But what does that really mean? Are you wanting to focus on primary/active members - those women who are making your club their home club? Or, are you seeking an overall increase in the number of members who pay dues? Being specific supports you in developing the best plan for success!

Measurable - If the club decided your goal is to increase the quality of programs, how do you measure that to ensure you are moving toward your goal? Perhaps by creating a poll to send to members to first obtain feedback about your current programming. Like any 6th-grade science project, you have to have a baseline to compare any variables to determine if there is a shift. You might also want to solicit input to source ideas. Make sure you know how your club can calculate success.



Attainable - While you do want to seek BIG ideas, they must also be attainable. Perhaps your club has decided that increasing political activity hours is where they want to improve. Declaring five million political

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activity hours in a quarter is unlikely, unless you have a super jumbo club that is already a very high producer. It might serve you best to gather info about the performance of your club to this point, then determine what feels 'stretchy' to achieve.

Relevant - In the past, I had to steer our club away from focusing on goals that didn't serve our purpose. One instance was related to selecting our Caring for America projects. The idea was to have a hobby gardening group as the beneficiary of our efforts for community service. While it is a lovely group, it does not serve our direct mission of educating and turning Republicans out to vote.

Time - Time is a finite commodity and should be considered in a number of ways. Do you have time to accomplish the goal? How much time is required to achieve your intention? There are some ideas that might take more time than they are worth in the value they create for your club. Be careful

not to confuse stretchy with a challenging or hard task.

Of course, as Republican women we work SMARTER not harder! So we have two more bonus words: **Evaluate** and **Re-adjust**. Taking feedback on your progress is crucial. If your mechanism is not producing the desired result, this step will help you pivot, or re-adjust if needed.

This might also create momentum because small wins create big results! Never forget to celebrate the small wins and publicly acknowledge club officers and members who worked to create that result!

As your club moves forward, make sure to evaluate your **Resources**. What is available to you through TFRW or through the connections of your members? To stay on track, make sure you **set deadlines** and clearly communicate them to your team!

Dream. Declare. Deliver.



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 **#tfrwbuidls**.

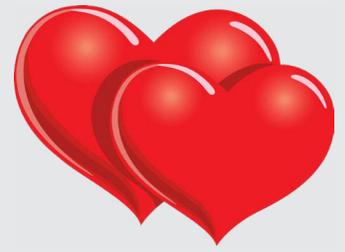
It's a great way to market our action-packed organization and bring in new members!





Caring for America

Kellye Duncan, CFA Chair
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It's Easier Than Ever

Can you believe we already have January 2023 behind us? I want to STEP ON THE BRAKES and slow things down to reflect on what we've done with our **Caring for America** projects over the past year.

For all newly appointed Caring for America Chairs, WELCOME! We still have time to host projects in our communities that can be submitted for award review this June. For clubs without projects, turn your attention to **ReSTORE**, which is where we have focused on food insecurity in our communities. Our amazing TFRW clubs have been so generous across our great state and have truly met people where their need is.

As we move into February, many families will face food insecurity as they stretch their dollars to pay for higher heating costs during one of the coldest months of the year. So, for a quick project, perhaps your club can host another food drive or a **"FUND" drive** for a food charity in your

community. "FUND" drives give money directly to the charities and the food charities can make those dollars turn into more meals than just canned food items. Sometimes those "FUND" dollars help the charities buy things they fall short on such as cleaning supplies and other tangible items.

As we enter Spring, don't forget that the time is nearing to get your **Caring for America project documentation** in place for review. More information will follow on that in the coming months. For now, focus on the needs of the people in your community as we hit the needs of this season of cold weather.

Feel free to contact me with any questions. I want to help every club however possible. My email is kellye3160@yahoo.com.

TFRW Clubs are the best!



"Don't sit down and wait for the opportunities to come. Get up and make them!"

- Madam CJ Walker

You have to believe in yourself when no one else does.

- Serena Williams





Public Relations

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'Round About Texas



Lake Conroe Area Republican Women celebrated their 30th Anniversary recently and honored all Past Presidents. TFRW President Kit Whitehill was the featured speaker at the event.



Cameron County Republican Women turned out in a big way to complete yet another Border Care Project recently. Their efforts were supported entirely by donations, and were delivered by club members.



Rockwall County Republican Women kicked off the New Year with great discussions about new issues and new ways to better the community.



East Montgomery County Republican Women are off to a great start in 2023 with their new officers, and getting to know their new County Commissioner.



Bexar County Republican Women and Hardin County Republican Women were well represented at Governor Abbott's Inauguration!



Republican Women of Trinity County celebrated the Swearing-In of two of their members - Dr. Audrey Young on her 2nd term as State Board of Education District 8; and Jillian Steptoe on becoming the new Trinity County District Clerk.

Village Republican Women at the Capitol during the Swearing-In ceremonies. Reps Lacey Hull, District 138; and Mano DeAyala, District 133; **Greater Houston Council President Tina Gibson** joined **Village Republican Women** members to congratulate State Senator Joan Huffman, SD17.





Burnet County Republican Women had a great day at the Texas Capitol during the Swearing-In ceremonies recently. Among the many stops, club members presented State Senator Pete Flores with a handmade quilt.



*Republican Women
of the Texas House*



Patron Program

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Ready to Be a Patron?

Welcome back to our 2023 TFRW Patrons! We have another exciting year planned ahead for you! The **Patron By-Invitation-Only Events** are our way of thanking you for your generous support to TFRW.

Thank you to Governor and First Lady Abbott for hosting our Legislative Day sell-out event!

There are more future Patron Events to attend so it is NOT too late to sign up for a 2023 Club or Individual Patron membership.

There will be a Patron Table at **Legislation Day** check-in. Please pick up your 2023 Patron Ribbon and Pin (if you are a new Patron). If you need Patron Name Badges you can order those as well. After Legislative Day, please contact the TFRW office at louri@tfrw.org to receive any Patron items you need.

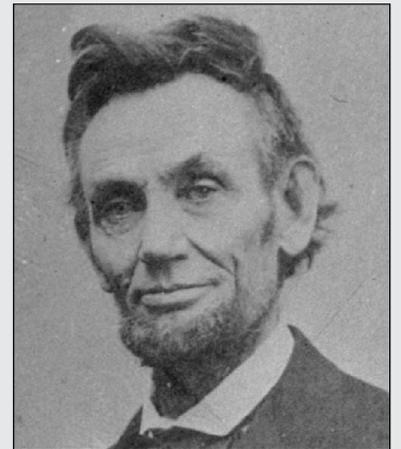
See our list of Patrons and Patron Clubs on the following page. Renew or sign up to become a member now at the link below. Join us at our next Patron Event!

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

The Origins of Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Half a century after the **Thirteenth Amendment** abolished slavery in the United States in 1865, Harvard-trained historian **Carter G. Woodson** and prominent minister **Jesse E. Moorland** founded the **Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH)**, an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by Black Americans and other peoples of African descent.

The group sponsored a **National Negro History Week** in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of **Abraham Lincoln** and **Frederick Douglass**. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.



President Abraham Lincoln's 1863 Emancipation Proclamation and 1865 13th Amendment abolished the institution of slavery.

2023 Patrons

Anderson, Carol	Harper, Debra
Antonick, Kristi & Robert	Harris, Jennifer
Avery, Mary Jane	Hauser, Barbara
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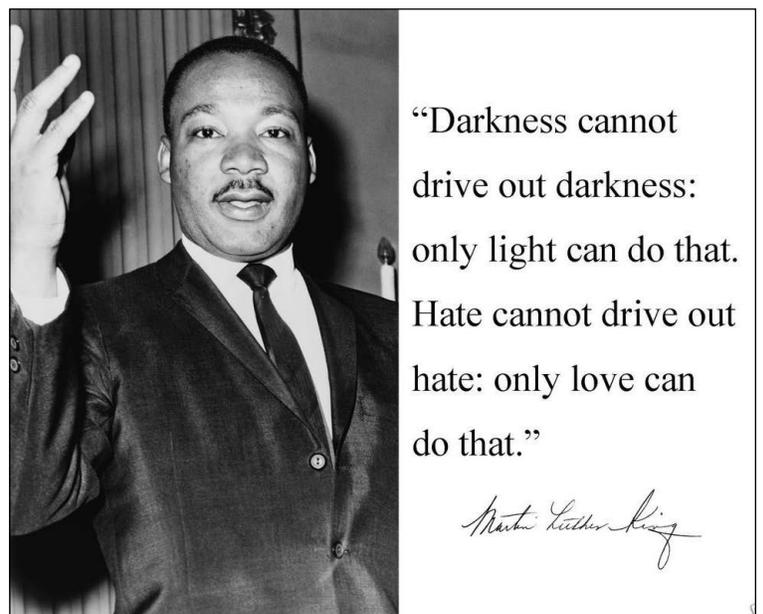
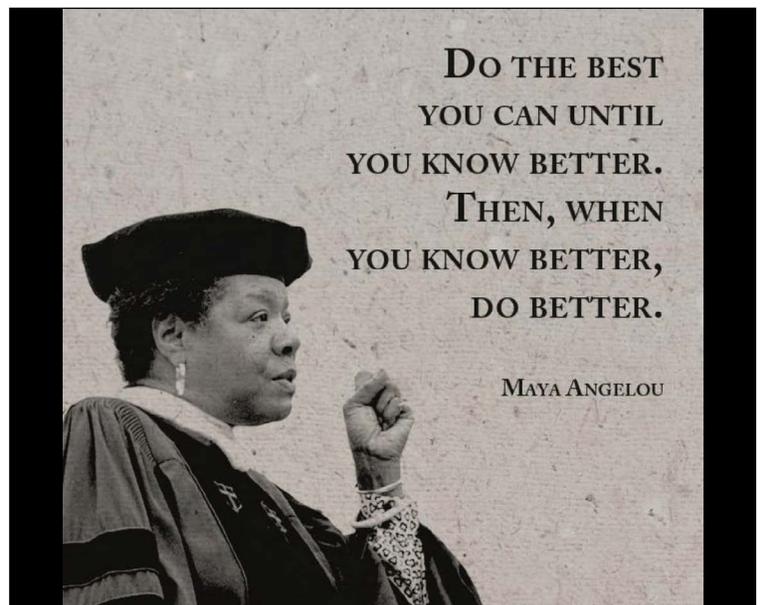
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