

Mary Mayo - VP Finance

Tribute to Women 2008

The Stars of Texas were in attendance! Thank you to all who attended our TFRW event recognizing the outstanding women nominated by their respective clubs to receive the Tribute to Women Award. There were 950+ of you present to cheer these wonderful women who have distinguished themselves by their exceptional service to their local clubs, the Texas Federation of Republican Women, and the Republican Party of Texas.

Your presence and support is certainly a tribute to our Honorees and this organization. It was an inspiration to chair this event and sincere thanks to the many dignitaries in attendance in the audience.

Also, special appreciation to our elected officials who participated in the program – Governor Rick Perry who gave the invocation and presented each Honoree with the Tribute to Women Pin; Texas Supreme Court Justice Dale Wainwright who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Texas Flag; Texas Supreme Court Justice Phil Johnson, for his introduction of the Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison; Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst for his introduction of the Honorable John Cornyn; United States Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn for their inspiring remarks, Texas Railroad Commissioners Elizabeth Ames Jones and Chairman Michael Williams; and Princella Smith-keynote speaker and spokesperson for American Solutions.

Our luncheon event was enhanced by the beautiful talent of our own Rhonda Lacy, Midland Co. RW, who sang the Star Spangled Banner; the presence of the Color Guard, coordinated by Jeanette Sterner, RW of Wood Co.; our TFRW immediate-past president 'Borah Van Dormolen, Salado Area RW, who announced the name of each Honoree for recognition and kept our event moving smoothly.

Thank you to the wonderful women of the Greater Houston Council, and their President Pat Hebert for their generosity in sponsoring the luncheon cost of the 6 members of the Color Guard and the 10 pages who assisted with this event. And thank you, Cheri Creekmore, Northeast Bexar Co. RW, for your contribution.

Special gifts at each place setting of the 950 attendees at the luncheon were gorgeous yellow roses from Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst, etched wine glasses from Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, and bookmarks from Comptroller Susan Combs. Thank you!

The centerpieces were designed by Mary Mayo and fabricated especially for TFRW for this occasion. Thank you to those who purchased them as a

memento of this event and left your payment envelope on the table – all proceeds benefit TFRW PAC.

Thank you Sharon Acker and Cooke Co. RW for your assistance with the decorations on the stage.

The meal was delicious, and the Honorees all were lovely and radiant as they walked across the stage.

This successful event came together with the assistance of a great team

Registration: Suzanne Monsour – Parker Co. RW
Ellen Harrison – Austin RW
Dan Harrison – Assoc. – Austin RW
Vickie Stubblefield – Kleberg Co. RW
Carl Josephson – Assoc. – Canyon Lake RW
Karen Diaz – San Patricio Co. RW
Louraine Robertson – South Llano Co. RW
Photography: Deanna Kuykendall – Frisco Area RW
Chuck Kuykendall – Assoc. Frisco Area RW
Jeanne O’Neill – First RW of Dallas
Kathy Thomas, Kerry Gaines, Catherine Monk, Susan Fischer - Richardson RW
Nancy Boston – Central Texas RW
Nancy Meyer – Central Texas RW
Karin Lim Tucker - Anne Armstrong RW
Seating Chart: Susan Fischer. June Rentmeester - Richardson RW
Jeanne O’Neill – First RW of Dallas
Taffy Goldsmith – Westlake RW
Technical Asst: Juandelle Lacy Roberts – Midland Co. RW
At-Large Asst: Patti Johnson – Canyon Lake RW
Belinda Frisk – Canyon Lake RW
Janet Gilbert – Parker Co. RW
Decorations: Besa Martin, Carol Marshall, Sheryl Holland – Kendall Co. RW
Dottie Merrill – Alamo City RW
Barbara Dorsey, Cheryl Mills, Barbara Buxton, Dawn Shull,
Millie Alford, Mary Moss, Kay Waghorne – Cy Fair RW

And a very special thank you to our great staff – Robyn Tepper and Ellen Harrison; and to our President, Toni Anne Dashiell, who love to make a plan come together! Also, a note of appreciation to family – my husband, and Toni Anne’s mother, who postponed surgical procedures until the completion of this project.

TFRW is a great organization due to the dedication of our membership. God bless you all and God bless our great State of Texas!