

Dear Leaders:

Congratulations to all newly elected officers. There is a lot to do this year but I know you have made the commitment to accomplish the goals you, your clubs, NFRW and TFRW have set. TFRW is here to help you be a huge success!!! Call on us.

I am declaring 2009 the year of our VOICE. Let's take the challenge to enhance our jobs by taking on something new. TFRW members are the best when it comes to getting Republicans elected. It's time to take our dedication to another level. We have helped many republicans get elected now they need to hear from us on our concerns and priorities.

Our **VOICES** need to be heard, we need to be **EDUCATED** on the issues we are passionate about, and then **COMMUNICATE** in a positive, productive way. Rebecca Williamson, TFRW 1<sup>st</sup> VP, and her committee have come up with the Citizen Lobbyist Training. This training will take place in conjunction with RPT (Republican Party of Texas) and TRCCA (Texas Republican County Chair Association). I hope you read the TEXAS STAR as Rebecca has an article in it regarding this training, The Honorable Patricia Harless also wrote an article "Watch Bills in Real Time". Using this information will improve our level of communication with our elected officials.

The TFRW Board Meeting in November took on a new format for our Friday afternoon session. Mary Sergesketter, TFRW Strategist and Rachel Woods, TFRW Women Working Together Chairman, made a presentation. Discussion groups were formed by regions. The summary from the groups was sent out via e-mail. I hope you'll join us at our Board of Directors Meeting and to participate in a new discussion group Saturday, February 7, 2009 in Austin.

Happy New Year



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