



Let's celebrate! It's America's Birthday, you are leaders, members want to stay active and new members are showing up at every meeting. There is much for us to celebrate.

Every July we celebrate our independence. This year our independence and choices are being challenged by the current administration. Over the years our country has been through many ups and downs, but with our determination we can help bring it back on track. As I tell myself, we must NOT become discouraged. We must stand proud, continue to have our voices heard and get Republicans elected.

As leaders, encourage your members to stay involved. Have them recruit new members and give them a job. Sit around a table, be it in your kitchen, in a coffee shop or restaurant, and share ideas on how we can get the public informed and how we will elect Republicans. I was visiting with a member (former Democrat) at Central Texas Republican Women and she told me every person is really a Republican deep inside. They just need to understand the Republican philosophy. One of our jobs is to keep talking with people that are frustrated by what is happening today.

June was a very busy month with getting awards ready for the NFRW Convention. Once again, Texas shines bright with many of our clubs reported campaign hours, Caring for America Awards, Club Achievement Awards, and submitting names for My Favorite Teacher and Scholarships. When you read Barbara Perales article you will see the announcement that Brenda Beaven is the Texas winner for My Favorite Teacher. I am thrilled to announce Brenda has been selected as one of the "top five" finalists for the NFRW 2009 My Favorite Teacher.

Ladies, we are very proud of our great state and our great nation. Our job is to be sure everyone understands the opportunities and challenges that we will have in the next few years. Keep up the good work. You are very much appreciated.