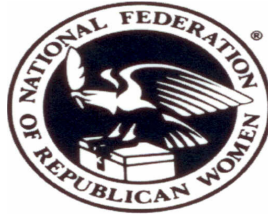


NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

2009 CONVENTION



Orlando, Florida

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From start to finish, Republican women made it known that 2010 was the year of the Republican comeback! Although the convention numbers were down a bit from two years ago (due to the recession), the spirit and willingness to make it happen in 2010 was there in full force. Actual numbers were as follows: 738 delegates; 137 alternates; and 338 guests, for a total of 1213 convention attendees.

The Texas delegation once again was a strong presence, as Texas is the second largest federation. Toni Anne Dashiell, TFRW President was presented with the Ronald Reagan Leadership Award – the highest honor NFRW has for leadership. Congratulations Toni Anne! Of the three million campaign hours for the NFRW total, one million of those campaign hours came from Texas.....this is how you get Republicans elected to office!

Other Texas Honors:

- The Betty Heitman Award for State Excellence, (Excellence);
- Campaign Award 1st Place for 150+ clubs;
- Public Relations Award, Honorable Mention;
- Caring for America Award, Honorable Mention.
- Sharon Albertson, Golden Corridor RW (Houston area) had the most volunteer hours for Texas.
- The Membership awards: Texas won for the New Club Award; Club Membership awards went to three Texas clubs;
- The Texas winner for Outstanding Achievement went to Jeanette Stermer.

The TFRW vendor booth was a spectacular success! The booth was staffed by TFRW convention attendees and a few stray husbands, notably: John Manley and Chuck Konen. From fresh yellow roses to bling and glitz, the TFRW booth outshone them all. Thank you Maria Burbridge, TFRW Gift Shop Chairman, Becky Berger, booth decorations chair and Andrea Reid, who coordinated hourly drawings of items Texas delegates donated.

The convention speakers were all excellent and each had a different message about how to get Republicans back into Congressional seats in 2010. Governor Charles Crist (FL) gave a resounding welcome. He is running for the U.S. Senate (FL). Michael Steele, RNC Chair, told us how really awful it was in D.C. these days, but gave us encouragement that we are about to see a change (that WE can believe in.) Two notable speakers were Governor Tim Pawlenty (MN) and the Honorable Benjamin Sasse, former Assistant Secretary, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. Angela McGower, a Fox News Contributor, who had spoken at the Washington, D.C. Tea Party on Saturday, September 12th and gave a vibrant and inspirational speech.

The most rousing speaker was Mason Weaver. Mr. Weaver had just returned from also being a speaker at the march in Washington D.C. He reported 1.9 million people in attendance; Mason Weaver had us on our feet throughout his speech – we were energized! Check out his website: www.masonweaver.com

The NFRW convention adopted the following:

- \$2.00 dues increase; (which was opposed by most Texas delegates)
- Provision mandating that state federations hold a minimum of two Board meetings a year;
- clarified the removal of federated clubs;
- Made it easier for college RW clubs to pay dues and function easier at university.

The two-day Campaign School was attended by several Texans and was reported to be excellent.

Many thanks go to the clubs for sending delegates and alternates to this convention! The next NFRW Convention, 2011, will be in Kansas City, Missouri.