

Share the TFRW Vision!

NFRW Spring Board Meeting

March 11-13, Oklahoma City / Jo Konen, TFRW Deputy President Region II

The NFRW Spring Board Meeting was well attended by TFRW members and since this is the beginning of a new biennium for NFRW, you might like to know which ladies from Texas are serving on the National Board. Voting members of the Board are **Rebecca Bradford**, TFRW President; **Diane Thompson**, Past President of NFRW and Special Advisor to the President; and **Lisa Roper**, Chairman of the Public Relations Standing Committee.

The other Texans serving are not voting members, but are vital to the operations of various committees. They are: Parliamentarian, **Jan Kennady**; Fundraising Committee, **Carol Hanle**, ***Taffy Goldsmith**, and **Mary Mayo**; Legislative Committee, **Marilyn Davis**; Membership Committee **Jane Cansino** and **Hazel Roman**; Program Committee, ***Marisa Rummel**; Public Relations Committee, ***Tonya Adam**, **Janis Holt**, and ***Cynthia Tauss Delgado**; Leadership Development Committee **Jo Konen**; Lobbyist Committee **Urve Kiik**; Regents Program Chairman, **Caroline Pierce**. [**denotes did not attend*]

The Mission Statement of the NFRW is worth repeating to remind us of our mission as Republican Women: “The National Federation of Republican Women promotes the principles of the Republican Party; works to elect Republican candidates; informs the public through political education and activity; and increases the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government.”

Business of Board Meeting:

1. Installation of the officers elected last September in Orlando
2. Election a First Vice President to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Joyce Smith who resigned for health reasons: Rae Lynne Chornenky, Arizona, was elected.
3. Election of Second Vice President to fill vacancy left by Rae Lynn: Patt Parker of Maryland was elected.
4. Election of Member-at-Large to fill vacancy left by Patt: Jo Mitchell of New Mexico was elected.

The speakers passed on good information and inspired us to work harder to elect Republicans this fall. They were as follows: **Congresswoman Mary Fallin**, Oklahoma’s 5th Congressional District; **J. C. Watts**, Former Congressman, Oklahoma’s 4th Congressional District; **Gary Jones**, Oklahoma State Party Chairman; **Stuart Jolly**, Americans for Prosperity; and **Susan Tully**, Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) .

The Oklahoma Federation put on a “Hoedown” Friday night. The entertainment was thoroughly delightful. Kathryn Thurman, Musician and Storyteller, used her Naïve American flutes, crafted by Oklahoman artisans, to play melodies inspired by the sights and sounds of nature. Stella Long, author, storyteller, and member of the Choctaw Nation told us some absorbing stories of Native American lore and led us in a Choctaw Snake Dance. The National Cowboy Hall of Fame Square Dance Club performed their precision dances and the Oklahoma City Chorus of Sweet Adelines sang an array of songs in their barbershop harmony tradition. They led us in singing “Oklahoma” as we all “whooped” and “hollered”!

A Regents’ event is always planned. This time it was held in the Petroleum Club with its magnificent view of the city and delicious food. Also, NFRW helped the Oklahoma City Republican Women’s Club celebrate its 90th anniversary by presenting a plaque. Finally, it was announced that the NFRW Fall Board Meeting will be in Charleston, SC, September 9-11. Any Republican Woman can attend and your club gets Awards points for a member attending.