



Share the TFRW Vision!

**“GET OUT THE VOTE” TRAINING SEMINARS
TENTATIVE DATES FOR CAMPAIGNS ALL ACROSS TEXAS
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The stage has been set! The first GOTV Seminar was held in Paris, Texas. Chad Wilbanks of GOPAC led this event, with Rebecca Bradford and me serving as speakers from TFRW. The response from LaMar County and six surrounding counties was great. Over 70 people came to meet candidates and learn the process of “Getting Out the Vote!”

Debra Coffey, TFRW District Director Coordinator, held a GOTV seminar for Deputy Presidents and District Directors. The purpose the seminar was to give an overview of the GOTV events they could host in their counties, with the help of TFRW clubs and Republican parties of surrounding counties. The Honorable Phil King, Dist 61 and The Honorable Wayne Christian, Dist 9, also gave a presentation on “Redistricting and Why This Election is Critical to Texas.” They are both also members of GOPAC.

My aim is to build “GOTV Seminars” that fit your counties’ needs. Who knows best the topics that need to be covered in these seminars to make them “fit” your workers AND voters? Who knows best the locations to hold these events? YOU DO, the Deputy Presidents (DPs), District Directors (DDs), Club Presidents and County Chairs!

And that is exactly what is happening! Beryl Dowd was the first to sign up. We completed a GOTV seminar for HDs 93, 96, and 105 on May 22, 2010. The topics requested and presented were: Candidate Perspective, Redistricting, Communicating with Voters and Potential Voters, Election Day Activities, and a Candidate Panel. Another fulfilled request was that the seminar be opened by the Honorable Wayne Christian. The candidate panel was another big highlight! The candidates discussed the issues and expressed what they needed from TFRW and volunteers to WIN!

Caroline Geer, President of RW of Gregg County is locked in for September 18, 2010. We will begin planning a full-day event for her area as soon as she and her committee get their location and basic GOTV topics selected.

Martha Hall, President of Wichita Co RW, and Virginia Hindman, President of San Patricio Co RW, are committed to having GOTV seminars and are in the initial planning stages, but dates are not firm at the present time. Tentatively, Wichita Co will have their seminar on either August 21 or 28. San Patricio will have their seminar on September 4 or 24. If I can give my TFRW and GOPAC committee enough lead-time, we can help with the two seminars scheduled in September (Gregg Co is September 18.)

Ellen Harrison, SD14 is meeting with her GOTV committee and will get back with me on a date. I have had other interested parties but no other dates have been set. Dates suggested at the recent TFRW Board meeting which are still open are: June 26, July 24 and October 16. The TFRW/GOPAC committee will consider other dates within those months, but you need to make a commitment ASAP. Summer is upon us and vacation time always impacts attendance, so call me at 903-769-0962, so I can “book you!”