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PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING DATES

May 12-14, 2016 - RPT Convention, Dallas TX
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 May 13, 2016 - TFRW Tribute to Women, Dallas TX
 July 8-9, 2016 - 3rd Quarter Board Meeting, Austin TX

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President's Newsletter

May 2016

Theresa Kosmoski, President
We Make It Happen!

Hopefully, by now you've all had a chance to peruse our new TFRW website – we know we still have some tweaking and some work to finish up but isn't it a great introduction to our organization? Don't forget to send your club meetings or fundraisers to the office so that we can include them on the master calendar. The videos on the website for TFRW are intended for our clubs to us. Download them, and use them on your websites; use the short pieces for your social media platforms. We will refresh this media content as time and budget allow. If you have something great from your club, we may be able to use it, too. If you have any suggestions, please let me know. TFRW is YOUR organization, and this is YOUR website and intended to help grow YOUR club. We want to hear from you.

As we move through the Presidential election process I cannot wait for our party to select a nominee and for all of us to begin working towards rolling out the RED carpet at 1400 Pennsylvania Avenue. I truly hope that there are many TFRW women who make the trip to the National Convention in Cleveland; our country needs the common sense and courage that you bring to the process.

What bothers me the most during this primary season are the vitriolic attacks against Republican candidates that came not from "the other party" but from within our own party. Especially the attacks insinuating that someone wasn't really a Republican because they differed on a point or two.

We are human, after all, and as such we are never going to agree 100% of the time. It's just not possible; even when we see eye to eye on our core ideals; we get too hung up on the minutia.

I'm fine with a debate between candidates on the finer points of their positions; in fact, I am always happy to see intelligent discourse between people who don't completely agree with one another. That is usually the kind of dialogue from which I can learn something useful and important.

What I cannot tolerate is the use of labels and the amplification of hyperbole to the point of defamation. It simply isn't necessary. We voters are a pretty intelligent bunch; those who choose to run for public office can be assured that we are able to listen to a candidate's positions and make an informed choice.

Hear me clearly, candidates: We don't need you to tell us why your opponent is the worst human being to walk this planet; we need you to tell us what **you** will do and why **you** are best for the position.

Not long ago, I heard Senator John Cornyn paraphrase Ronald Reagan in this way: **"What do I call someone who agrees with me 80% of the time? I call him a friend, not a 20% traitor."**

Amen, Senator Cornyn.

Theresa Kosmoski

President



Looking for something really fun to do in Dallas during the RPT Convention?

I'm Hooked on a Feeling that Girls Just Wanna Have Fun at the RPT Convention in Dallas! So, let's give them Something to Talk About Thursday, May the 12th at the beautiful Belo Mansion from 7:30-10 p.m., as TFRW presents "Cupcakes and Karaoke"! If you're Crazy and think These Boots Are Made for Walkin, you can, but we suggest taking that Big Yellow Taxi or a Fast Car. One Way or Another you'll get there. Do you Like Piña Coladas or Tequila? Don't Worry Be Happy we'll have a cash bar. Join us for the Celebration!

Cupcakes & Karaoke Reception

May 12, 2016

7:30pm until 10pm

Belo Mansion

2101 Ross Avenue

Dallas, TX 75201

Cost: \$50 per person or \$90 per couple*

*** Postmarked by April 29th/Purchased on Eventbrite by May 2nd**

Thereafter, cost is \$80 per person or \$130 per couple

Patrons receive one drink ticket

Karaoke Sponsorships:

"Living on a Prayer" - \$100 (Sponsor Recognition, 1 Drink ticket)

"Don't Stop Believin" - \$250 (Sponsor Recognition, 1 Guest & 2 Drink tickets)

"Something to Talk About" - \$500 (Sponsor Recognition, Speaking or Singing Opportunity, 2 Guests, 3 Drink Tickets)

"I Love Rock and Roll" - \$1,000 (Sponsor Recognition, Speaking or Singing Opportunity, 3 Guests, 4 Drink Tickets)

Tribute to Women



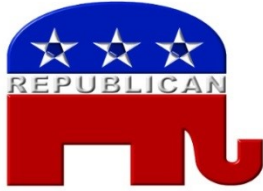
The luncheon, due to convention scheduling, is thirty minutes shorter than normal this year. It will begin at noon. The RPT, especially Neal Katz, has been an incredible partner in helping launch the event. Before our tickets went live, Neal helped secure the room, advised us with Eventbrite and even made sure our room, food and A/V costs were already negotiated! The RPT is providing TFRW with up to 15 volunteers to help check guest in to the event!

What to Expect:



- **Print your tickets or download your tickets on your mobile phone.** This is **critical** to ensure successful entry in the most efficient fashion so that you don't miss a moment of the great program!
- The event starts at noon. Doors will be open at 11:30 for early check-in.
- There are six doors at which to enter the event each with 1-2 volunteers scanning tickets at each.
- A "problem solver" table will be available in the hall in front of the doors to the event.
- A light lunch and dessert will be at your place when you arrive.
- We will begin with an invocation, pledges, and a few words from our sponsors. Our program will then commence.
- Honorees will be called to line up in club order in the hallway outside the room.
- Honorees will be named individually at the luncheon, walk across the stage, have their picture taken and, pick up their booklet and their TFRW pin.
- We will return to the convention at 1:30 PM.

Karen Newton * VP Finance * 210-863-5540 * vpfinance@tfrw.org



Republican Party of Texas

RPT State Convention in Dallas May 12th–14th

- Visit the State Party website at www.texasgop.org
 - Register & buy event tickets
 - Book your hotel room
 - Find the Schedule
- FIRST TIME attendees check out our training videos
 - We cover everything:
 - Registration
 - Caucus Meetings
 - Various Officer Election Processes
 - Scooter Rental
 - Committees
 - National Delegate Info
 - Helpful Hints
 - Other Fun Events!

New Mover List Coming Soon!

- The Republican National Committee (RNC) will be sending out an updated New Mover List. If your club wants to obtain the list for your area, email me at cdaniel@texasgop.org
 - Remember these are individuals that have Republican voting history but have moved and not yet updated their voter registration!
 - Automatic & Easy way to increase your Republican voter turnout!
 - Don't forget when you get them to update their voter registration to invite them to attend and/or join your club!!

May 24th Runoff Election

- Early Voting May 16th – May 20th & Election Day on May 24th
- Serving as an election worker can count as Campaign Activity Hours!!

New Party Officers

- June 13th – New County Executive Committee assumes office,
 - County Chairs & Precinct Chairs that were elected or declared elected (in the case of an uncontested Precinct Chair race)

Cassie Daniel * RPT Liaison * cdaniel@texasgop.org

TFRW CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

Are You Reporting?



The First Quarter Reporting period is completed. Did you report your club's Campaign Activity hours? If you didn't, don't despair. Please go ahead and report those hours either online on the TFRW website or email them to me. They won't count for this quarter but will be added to the Second Quarter Reporting.

Coming Soon: Get Out the Vote Training. Once our presidential nominee is decided, we will be organizing to get him elected, as well as other candidates down the ballot. Stay tuned for information on this training.



Remember: You CAN count the time spent at the Republican Party of Texas Convention, as well as, travel time to and from your home. And don't forget the Male Delegates who are Associate Members of your club. You can count their hours, as well.

***** DEADLINE APPROACHING*****

The Second Quarter Campaign Hours are due by July 15th.

Campaign Activities Chairs: You may email your club's hours to me or you may enter them on the TFRW website.

See you on the campaign trail!

Janis Holt * VP Campaign Activities * vpcampaignact@tfrw.org



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

During the summer, when many clubs are taking breaks or focusing on social activities, it may seem as though legislative activities should take a backseat, too. However, you can subtly work legislative training and communication into your club's summer activities – and all of these things, as political activities, count as campaign hours! (Gotta keep up the work all the time, so TFRW can come out on top once again!)

- Organize a field trip. A great social activity for clubs! Talk to your legislators' offices about organizing a personalized tour of the State Capitol in Austin. Contact members of the State Supreme Court or Court of Criminal Appeals for tours of those buildings. Summer is the perfect time to do this, because there are fewer school tours and other organizations around.
- Don't want to go so far from home? See about getting a personalized tour of your county courthouse or city hall, and tie it into getting an update on local issues from one of your elected officials.
- Have a summer membership event with your legislators. Invite them to a casual tea or other event that isn't a regular meeting.
- Congress usually breaks in August – call now to see about scheduling a special event for your members with your Congressman. Alternately, find out when town halls will be held, and make sure to announce them to your members. Organize a group to attend. If there isn't one planned, maybe your club can host such an event for your community.
- A lot of us have more time on our hands in the summer, so now is a great time to organize groups to go to meetings at the county commissioners' court or city council meetings. Find out the schedule and then make plans.

Other great ideas for including legislative activity in less formal settings:

- Host phone banks or letter-writing parties to support NFRW's priority legislation in Congress. Supply a light brunch or snack.
- Are any of your members going to Washington, D.C., this summer? Ask them to stop by your congressman's office and ask questions, – then ask them to get up during your legislative report at the next regular meeting and talk about the experience!
- Does your club publish a newsletter in the summer? Use your regular space in there to talk about how members can communicate with Congress or the Texas Legislature, instead of just reporting on what's going on.

Do you have other ideas? Share your most creative ones with me at vplegislation@tfrw.org!

Michele Samuelson * VP Legislation * vplegislation@tfrw.org



Congratulations to all the clubs in Texas that have reached their goal of 100% of last year's membership numbers!! All of these clubs were highlighted in a recent email notice to our membership, and I hope to add even more clubs to that list.

We also have three brand new clubs with a combined membership of 70 members and growing! Congratulations to these new clubs:

Capitol RW – Austin, Travis County
North Texas STAR RW – Denton County
Texas Strong RW – Denton County

Two of our clubs took on a BIG mission this year. They were already two **large** clubs who combined forces to help create an even larger effort to reach one of the fastest growing areas of Texas encompassing Frisco and many surrounding areas. Frisco Area RW and RW of North Collin County combined forces, combined their total 2015 memberships, and became the new **RW of Greater North Texas**. Not only that, but they **still** answered the challenge of reaching 90% of the combined 2015 membership. Out of these two clubs the new evening club, **North Texas STAR** was also birthed. They are also booming!

Another club in the far reaches of South Texas has already more than doubled its membership. **Hidalgo Co. RW** in McAllen grew from 14 to 33 and they're going to keep adding. These are just two examples of how our clubs are adapting to reach the masses for the Republican message. I sincerely hope that I have not overlooked ANYONE in this initial challenge. Please alert me as soon as possible if I have.

Congratulations, Ladies!! **63 of our 149 clubs** met the early challenge for membership and are well on their way to tackling that **ONE MORE** initiative. We can all do one simple thing to strengthen your club and TFRW.....bring in just **ONE MORE** member! Thank-you, Ladies! Read upcoming newsletters for the next Membership Challenge.

Rhonda Lacy * VP Membership * vpmembership@tfrw.org

Membership: It's How You Package It – Ector County RW

Membership One More.....And One More.... And One More...



I know that some of you love everything about being a part of TFRW and your local club, but you dread the thought of always having to recruit new members and begging the old members to sign up. Some days you feel as though, when people see you coming, they run in the opposite direction. You can hear them thinking, “Oh no here comes Debi, she’s going to talk politics and hit me up for \$20.” Right, we’ve all been there.

Ector County Republican Women had 70 members in June 2015 and with a different approach we grew 600% in six weeks and became the second largest club in Texas!! It was all in how we packaged and sold our product. I know you’re scratching your head and thinking, “We have a product?” YES, we do have a product; that product is knowledge. We are no different than a publication full of articles. Think of it like this, we have meetings with guest speakers, publish county club newsletters, attend local political events, and receive TFRW and NFRW newsletters. A member receives all of these things (knowledge) for only \$20 a year. That’s only \$1.67 a month. That’s cheaper than a Starbucks coffee, coke, or a Happy Meal and a lot better for them. So, if your membership dues are more than \$20, drop them because everyone has a \$20 bill in their wallet. You explain to your prospective members, they get all of these great ways to stay up-to-date on local, state, and federal issues for only \$20 a year. Sell them knowledge, not a membership. The word membership automatically makes them think they have to work, be overly involved, and totally committed; all of which involve a lot of time – time they don’t necessarily have.

For those individuals you know that would be an asset to your club but are reluctant to join, get local companies, local elected officials, and individuals to sponsor memberships. Some people don’t feel comfortable asking someone to join, but they will write you a check if someone else does the work. ECRW received over \$3,000 in sponsorships that helped sign up 150 new members. Have a contest among your members. Get your local spa to donate an all day spa package, a hotel to donate a couple’s weekend, or a gift basket with donated gift cards from restaurants, a bottle of wine, movie, or theater passes for the member that signs up the most members in two months. Have a booth at the gun show; who’s not a Republican at the gun show? Attend chamber events, non-profit fundraisers, City Council meetings, school board meetings and, hospital board meetings. Sign up every elected judge, county clerk, tax assessor, county commissioner, and every republican elected official. Always have several membership forms with you. Every day is an opportunity to sign up a member.

One More and One More can be that easy!!!
Get EXCITED!! Have FUN!!! Make it FUN!!!!!!

Debi Hays * President Ector County Republican Women * desissue@cableone.net



PROGRAMS – Parliamentary Procedure

Has Parliamentary Procedure Been a Program for your Club Yet? Parliamentary procedure is an important part of our Club meetings, but it is also very important at our conventions.

Have you ever wondered why you can't amend a motion while another amendment is pending?

Or do you have a hard time just understanding the previous question?

Some general knowledge about parliamentary procedure can really help club members understand what's going on in a meeting. It can also be important knowledge so our members can be more involved in the party conventions. It may give them the confidence to lead a caucus or convention.

Invite the TFRW Parliamentarian Pam Meyercord, your club parliamentarian, local Republican County Chair, or other knowledgeable individual to speak to your members about parliamentary procedure.

(FYI – If TFRW President Theresa Kosmoski is speaking at your club, she is a wealth of knowledge regarding parliamentary procedure!)

Let's empower Texas Federation of Republican Women to run the show!

Besa Martin * VP Programs * vpprograms@tfrw.org



Awards

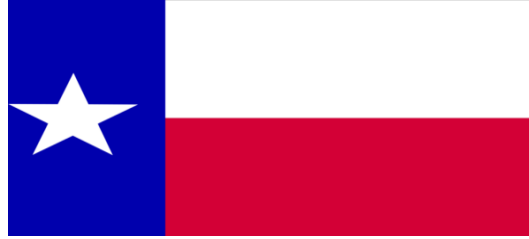
I'm so excited to get your emails and phone calls regarding the John Goodwin Tower award!! I hope this is an indication we will meet **my goal of 50% increase in participation** at next year's convention. I do want to stress that there are several awards through TFRW as well as NFRW. Please refer to your **Awards Central chart in the Leadership book, page 111**. It's a great resource for other awards and will let you know who to contact if you have any questions. **Make sure you are sharing your Leadership Handbook file**. There are MANY awards. All of the contacts can be found in your handbook. Here are just a few examples:

- **Barbara Tague (pr@tfrw.org)** is your contact for the **TFRW Best Newsletter and Most Improved Newsletter awards**
- Questions regarding the **TFRW State Scholarship** should be referred to the **Scholarships and Interns Committee Chair, Angie Flores (aflorestx@me.com)**
- The contact person for the **TFRW "Champion of Freedom" award** is **Community Engagement Committee Chair, Mary Mayo at (msm.mayo1@gmail.com)**
- The **TFRW Americanism Award** will be awarded by **TFRW Americanism Committee Co-Chairs June Rentmeester (johnren1936@gmail.com)** and **Jeanne O'Neill (bjoneill@sbcglobal.net)**

Are you "in it, to win it??" Don't forget this is a **TWO**-year process. Make sure you are meeting the requirements for this year, as well as making plans for next year. Set a reminder in your calendar for August to do an **"awards audit."** See if there are any requirements or even bonus points you can take care of before the next year begins.

Again, I'm here to help you make your local club an **OUTSTANDING** club by simply following the awards program. Contact me for any questions or clarification.

Michelle Martin * Awards Chair * 281-804-0147 * awards@tfrw.org



Public Relations / *Texas STAR Editor*

NEW GUIDELINES FOR NEWSLETTERS AND PRESS RELEASES!

Please follow the new guidelines below when sending your Club Newsletter, Press Releases and all pictures. The more information that you include will allow us to promote your club's activities, news, and ideas with all the TFRW clubs throughout Texas.

Texas STAR - Your Club Newsletters!

- Each of your club newsletters must be sent as separate attached PDF files.
- In the subject line of the email, please put your club's full name, NOT your club's acronym.

Your Club News, Press Releases, and Special Events and Pictures

- Send your Club news as a .doc file or a PDF file.
- Send all pictures as a JPEG or PNG file with each person clearly identified – name and title if applicable. Also the event or activity where the picture was taken.
- Include Your Club Name, Event date, name and location.

The forms for the Most Improved Newsletter Award and the Best Newsletter Awards are on the TFRW website. There are changes to the requirements for the two awards and information on what to include in your newsletters. I am looking forward to seeing all of your club newsletters. Don't forget to mail your actual printed hard copies for 2016 and 2017 according to the awards schedules! Visit TFRW.org for more information!

Let us share your news, pictures, and events with all our TFRW Clubs throughout Texas! *We make it happen!*

Barbara Tague * Public Relations Chair / Texas Star Editor * 713-851-0737 *
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COURTESY

COURTESY is what TFRW wishes to share with all members of the Federation. The members of TFRW appreciate giving and receiving greeting cards which help to unite us in sharing and caring for one another. Most importantly, we become aware of one's needs, joys or sorrows. We should never feel alone. Please notify me on behalf of any TFRW member who needs recognition for a job well done, who is experiencing difficulty or loss or who is particularly blessed with many joys in life.

Linda Hagler * Courtesy Chair * lindahagler86@aol.com

HOSPITALITY

We are so grateful to the 15 Clubs who have already donated to Hospitality for the TFRW Board meetings. The members – and guests – can tell you how grateful they are when they can have a second (or first!) cup of coffee or a small snack pick-me-up in the later afternoon! We hope your club will want to join this great group of clubs – and that you will visit our board meetings and let us thank you personally.

The following clubs have donated thus far in 2016 and will receive bonus points toward the JOHN GOODWIN TOWER AWARD IN 2017!

- Bay Area RW
- Clear Creek RW
- Ellis County RW
- Georgetown Area RW
- Golden Triangle RW
- Johnson County RW
- McLennan County RW
- Montgomery County RW
- North Texas STAR RW
- Northwest Austin RW
- RW of Yoakum
- Salado Area RW
- Tri-County RW
- Williamson County RW
- Yellow Rose of Texas RW

Belinda Frisk & Patti Johnson * Hospitality Co-Chairs



2016 TFRW Patrons News

Welcome back to all of TFRW Patrons who have renewed for 2016 and a special welcome to our 53 new Patron members and 9 new Patron clubs!

Patrons enjoy the following benefits of Patron membership for a donation of \$250:

- Attending a special Patron's reception, with guest speaker, at each board meeting. Recent Patron's Reception on Friday, April 29th at the TFRW board meeting featured Professor Jeffrey Addicott of the Center for Terrorism Law at St. Mary's School of Law speaking about "Radical Islam. Why?"
- Preferred seating at board meeting meals;
- A Patron club nametag.

Upcoming Events for Patrons

- Cupcakes and Karaoke Event Thursday, May 12 at the RPT convention where Patrons receive a complimentary drink.
- Tribute to Women Event at the RPT Convention where ELITE Patron Clubs will be seated at front of Ballroom.
- Patrons' receptions and speakers at the July and October board meetings TBA.

For those who have not renewed or joined for 2016, it is not too late to sign up before the April board meeting. Just fill out the form on the TFRW website and mail with your check or bring the form and check to the Patron Reception on April 29.

Remember: Benefits are great, but the best reason to join Patrons is to provide funds for TFRW to continue doing what it does best—electing Republican candidates. Patron membership is \$250 per year for TFRW members and \$100 for non-members. So don't forget spouses! They enjoy our programs, too.

Marilyn Davis * Patrons Chair * marilyndavis17@gmail.com



TWO SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

It's important to celebrate young women and help engage them in the political process. Young women in politics can inspire participation among other young women. Let's highlight the importance of women's distinctive contributions to the political process and help cultivate tomorrow's leaders. Here are two scholarships that the National Federation of Republican Women offer.

National Pathfinder Scholarship

The National Federation of Republican Women established the National Pathfinder Scholarship Fund in 1985 in honor of First Lady Nancy Reagan.

The three annual scholarships of \$2,500 provide financial assistance and support to women seeking undergraduate or graduate degrees. Undergraduate sophomores, juniors and seniors, as well as students enrolled in a master's degree program, are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

Recent high school graduates and undergraduate freshmen are not eligible. Applicants may only apply for one NFRW scholarship per year. Scholarship winners may not reapply.

Deadline: Applications due to State Federation President by JUNE 1.

Betty Rendel Scholarship

The National Federation of Republican Women established the Betty Rendel Scholarship Fund in September 1995 in honor of NFRW Past President Betty Rendel's extraordinary leadership skills and dedication to the Republican Party in her home state of Indiana, as well as at the national level.

The three annual scholarships of \$1,000 are awarded to female undergraduates who are majoring in political science, government or economics and have successfully completed at least two years of college coursework. The recipients are chosen from applicants from across the nation.

Applicants may only apply for one NFRW scholarship per year. Scholarship winners may not reapply.

Deadline: Applications due to State Federation President by JUNE 1.

For more information, click on: <http://nfrw.org/scholarships>

Angie Flores * Scholarships Chair * aflorestx@me.com



AMERICANISM

MAY 2016

May 1st - Loyalty Day and May Day

May 5th – National Day of Prayer and Cinco de Mayo

May 6th – Nurses Day and Military Spouses Day

May 7th – Kentucky Derby Day

May 8th – V-E Day Declared 1945 and Mothers Day (Fly the Flag)

May 15th – Peace Officers Memorial Day (Fly the Flag at half staff until sunset)

May 21st – Armed Forces Day (Fly the Flag)

May 30th – Memorial Day (Fly Flag at half staff until noon) was Decoration Day

Who Said That?

Harry S. Truman (Middle name was S), the 33rd President from Lamar, Missouri said “The buck stops here”. His no-nonsense style earned him the nickname “Give ‘em Hell, Harry”. He was born on May 8, 1884. When FDR died he took over the presidency and because there were no provisions for a Vice President he went without being elected until elected President over Thomas Dewey. He also survived an assassination by two Puerto Rico nationalist while living at Blair House.

Samuel Morse, inventor of the telegraph sent his first official message from the U.S. Capitol to Baltimore on May 24, 1844. His message was “What hath God wrought”.

Wild Bill Hickok was born on May 27, 1827 in Troy Grove, Illinois. He was a gambler, army scout, frontiersman and a lawman. As a legendary marksman he was a star in Buffalo Bill Cody’s Wild West Show. Hickok was killed in Deadwood while playing in a poker game in Saloon 10. Jack McCall walked into the bar and shot him in the back of the head. The hand Hickok was holding at that time were black aces and eights with a 9 of diamonds and the hand was immortalized as the “Dead Man’s Hand.”

Patrick Henry, legendary orator was born on May 29, 1736 in Hanover County, Virginia. He was a primary person for initiating the American Revolution. It was his speech in 1775 that he spoke the words “I know not what course others may take, but for me, give me liberty or give me death”. He was instrumental in the adoption of the Bill of Rights in the US Constitution.

Other Famous Americans who’s Birthdays are in May:

John F. Kennedy, 35th President and the fourth president to be assassinated; Robert Perry, leader of expedition to the North Pole; and Clara Barton, founder of the Red Cross.

Americanism Co-Chairmen June Rentmeester and Jeanne O’Neill



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2016 Calendar and Deadlines

- May 1, 2016 2nd Quarter Membership Dues to NFRW
- May 13, 2016 Tribute to Women, Dallas TX
- July 8-9, 2016 TFRW 3rd Quarter Board Meeting, Austin TX
- August 1, 2015 3rd Quarter Membership Dues to NFRW
- October 21-22, 2016** TFRW 4th Quarter Board Meeting, Austin TX
- October 31, 2016 4th Quarter Membership Dues to NFRW
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