



TO: TFRW Board of Directors
TFRW Club Presidents
TFRW Patrons
Members

FROM: Theresa Kosmoski, President

Mark Your Calendar

April 14 TFRW Office Closed for Good Friday

April 20 Postmark Deadline for Second Quarter Membership Submissions to TFRW

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President's Message



Final Half of the 85th Legislative Session

We are in the final half of the 85th Legislative Session, and things are moving at a furious pace.....it is truly a race to the finish.

Legislative Day 2017 was a phenomenal event - I am always awestruck by the sheer presence of hundreds and hundreds of our TFRW women in their red jackets at the Capitol. Is there a better sight anywhere? Nope. You showed up and made a difference, like you always do. A big thank you to Michele Samuelson, VP Legislation, for all her work in putting the day together in such a fun and informative way.

Belles & Boots was a blast - it was a fabulous way to meet up with our friends from all over the state, dance the night away and get geared up for a busy day in Austin. Karen Newton, VP Finance, put a lot of work into ensuring that everyone had a good time and she succeeded wildly. Thanks, Karen!

Even though most of you are not in Austin daily, there is still much you can do to move TFRW's agenda forward in the Legislature. I need each of you to continue to contact your Representatives to support **HB 3903** (Burkett). This is the legislation that will fix the current deficiency in the



code that prevents our clubs from accepting funds from a judge or judicial candidate's campaign funds.

There have been a number of bills filed that correspond to our resolution "Promoting Voter Photo Identification and Confidence in Election Results" that I would like each of you to contact your legislators to support.

- **HB 2815** (Oliveron) ends mail ballot fraud at nursing homes and state residential institutions.
- **HB 2139** (Schofield) stops voter fraud racketeering.
- **HB 1061** (Rinaldi), **HB 1072** (Lang), **HB 1086** (Goldman), **HB 1374** (Fallon), and **HB 1353** (Shaheen) all aim at changing Texas from an open primary state to a closed primary state. If you believe this will lead to greater voter integrity, then let your Representatives know.

Additionally, there are some very bad bills out there that will hurt ballot integrity, and it is sometimes just as important to keep bad bills from making it into law. Here are some bills that you should encourage your Representatives to vote "NO" to:

- **HB 1002** (Israel), **HB 1005** (Israel), **HB 1807** (Israel), and **HB 2202** (Vo) all attack photo voter ID laws.
- **HB 956** (Ortega), **HB 1215** (Johnson, Dallas), **HB 1897** (Dutton), and **SB 925** (Garcia) all focus on turning out the PRISON vote.
- **HB 949** (Villalba), **SB 506** (West), **HB 1711** (Hefner), and **SB 829** (Hughes) move Texas from electronic voting to paper ballots - and paper ballots are the simplest way to effect voter fraud.
- **HB 2105** (Paul) safeguards illegitimate voter registrations.

Thank you again for making our biennial Legislative Day such a huge success and for all you do to support TFRW and our Republican candidates and causes.

God Bless Texas!

Theresa Kosmoski, President



Republican ladies are unstoppable. We are DIESEL powered! Don't believe it, check the sign above us and the Republican elephant we found on the way home from Republican Women's Day at our capitol! Sherry L Fauth, Marilyn Bettes, Karen Smith Hale, and Susan Patrick from Grimes County Republican Women.

COURTESY

Sending a Card to Unite Us

COURTESY is what TFRW wishes to share with all members of the Federation. We want to send a card 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, as well as the many joys in life. Please include the name of the Republican Women's Club in your email. And, please put "TFRW card request" in the subject line.

Linda Hagler, TFRW Courtesy Chairman * lindahagler86@aol.com



Bylaws

by VP Bylaws Tina Gibson
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Need Advice When Amending Your Bylaws?



When reviewing your club’s bylaws to just tweak some sentences or to do major structural overhauls, remember the content should be basic and cannot contradict another section of the bylaws. The more restrictive the additions made to the bylaws now, the more difficult it will be to remove later. When there is an amendment your club wants to make that is in question, first review the TFRW Bylaws and the TFRW Sample Bylaws for clubs found in the TFRW Club Handbook and on the TFRW website. You can always contact me for questions. I try to get back to you right away, but please allow me a few weeks. It’s always best to email me.

Below are a few bylaw sections that have been the subject of the most frequent questions clubs have had over the past year. Please review the TFRW Sample Bylaws sample on proper wording.

Members:

- Classes of members must include “Active;” may include “Active/Supporting,” “Associate,” “Associate Men,” “Honorary,” and “Young Affiliate.
- Qualifications or eligibility for membership
- Required dues and fees, when payable, when delinquent, date dropped for nonpayment
- Resignations

Membership, Newsletter, Community Engagement, Events, Yearbook.

- Special Committees: Internal Review, Nominations, and Finance.
- Standing and Special Committee Chairmen are appointed by the Club President, except Nominations.

Other committees may be added that would suit your club.

Clubs may opt to put job descriptions of committees not listed above in their Standing Rules.

Officers:

- List in order of rank
- Duties & Authority
- Method of nominating
- Election
- Term of office and when term commences
- Any term limitation
- Method of filling vacancies

Amendments:

- Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the club by a two-thirds vote provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to each member by a specific number of days prior to the general meeting. Or the proposed amendment may be submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.
- The ability to call special meetings must be in your bylaws; if you need to add them be sure to include provisions for advance notice, manner and time.
- A two-thirds vote of the members present is the process by Roberts Rules of Order.
- No Proxy voting.

Standing Committees:

- Standing Committees shall include: Campaign Activities, Political Action, and Legislation.
- Other Standing committees may include Awards, Bylaws, Caring for America, Finance, Historian, Hospitality,



Legislative Update

by VP Legislation Michele Samuelson
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The Legislature is Still in Session!

Have you called your Representative and Senator?

- The TFRW Board has approved four resolutions to date, all of which can be found at <http://www.tfrw.org/programs/legislative>. Updates on related legislation will be included in upcoming TFRW Legislative Briefs.
- We are asking you to call your legislators, and ask them to support HB 3903 by Burkett (relating to GPAC donations by judges and judicial candidates) and HB 25 by Simmons (relating to the elimination of “one-punch” straight-ticket voting).
- To date, 6,570 House and Senate bills have been filed (this does not include resolutions). This is, surprisingly, not even the most in recent memory – 7,419 were filed in the 81st Legislature in 2009. The majority of these bills will not actually become law. You can see statistics comparing sessions back to 1991 at <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/Reports/Report.aspx?ID=legislativestatistics>. In addition, that page is updated as bills and resolutions pass.

GET EDUCATED! Key Legislative Terms

This section is here to help you become a better legislative advocate and understand the legislature better. Pass these on to your club members in your newsletters or during Legislative Updates at meetings.

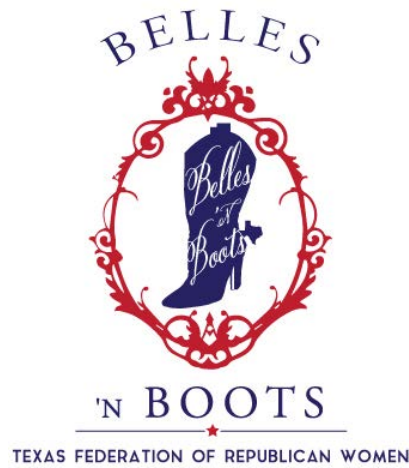
AMENDMENT - Any proposed alteration to a bill or resolution as it moves through the legislative process. Amendments to a measure may be proposed by members in their assigned committees or by any member of a chamber during that chamber's second reading or third reading consideration of the measure.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE - A committee composed of five members from each house appointed by the respective presiding officers to resolve the differences between the House and Senate versions of a measure when the originating chamber refuses to concur in the changes made by the opposite chamber. Upon reaching an agreement, the conferees issue a report that is then considered for approval by both houses.

READING - The presentation of a bill before either chamber by the recital of the caption of the bill. The Texas Constitution requires that every bill be read in each chamber on three separate days. Until a bill is finally passed, it will be in the process of a first, second, or third reading. The first reading of a bill is the point in the process when the bill is referred to committee by the appropriate presiding officer. The second reading of a bill is the first point in the process when the entire membership of a chamber has the opportunity to debate the bill and amend it by majority vote. The third reading of a bill is the next point in the process when the entire membership of a chamber may debate a bill and the final opportunity the members of a chamber have to offer amendments to the bill.

SPONSOR - The legislator who guides the bill through the legislative process after the bill has passed the originating chamber. The sponsor must be a member of the opposite chamber of the one in which the bill was filed.





LUCCHESE

\$5,000

MONA BAILEY/TARRANT STAR RW

JUSTIN

\$2,500

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER RYAN SITTON

\$1,500

TEXANS FOR LAWSUIT REFORM

RESERVED TABLE WITH SPONSOR NAME

\$500

Governor Greg Abbott
Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick
Sue DeVillez/TFRW District Director SD5
The Honorable Kent and Elise Grusendorf
Debby Hovda/Nueces County RW

Agricultural Commissioner Sid Miller
Juandelle Lacy Roberts/TFRW Deputy Pres.
Congressman Mac Thornberry
State Rep. Paul Workman

BOOT SPONSORS

\$250

State Rep. Charles 'Doc' Anderson
Land Commissioner George P. Bush
Ruth Chambers
Toni Anne Dashiell
State Rep. Gary Elkins
Comptroller Glenn Hegar

State Rep. Todd Hunter
State Rep. Jason Isaac
State Rep. Linda Koop
State Senator Charles Perry
Republican Women of Katy

LIVE AUCTION SPONSORS

Auctioneer: State Representative John Kuempel

Alamo Heights Republican Women
Collins of Texas
Carolyn Hodges/TFRW Past President
Daryl Reynolds/TFRW Deputy Pres.

Karen and Joe Newton
Eric Opiela
Jill Tate
Gail Teegarden

Belles & Boots Photos



Send your photos to tfrwphotos@gmail.com

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TFRW Partners with Patriot Paws



The Texas Federation of Republican Women is currently partnering with Patriot Paws, a non-profit organization whose mission is to train and provide service dogs of the highest quality at no cost to disabled American combat veterans with mobile disabilities and PTS in order to help restore their physical and emotional independence.

It costs a minimum of \$30,000 to acquire a puppy, train him/her, and then train the Veteran. This training includes instructional materials, supplies, and support for training the disabled veterans. **The program also includes home visits, public access testing, and follow-up support for the life of the dog/Veteran team.**

There are so many men and women who have sacrificed so much to ensure our freedom and our liberty. Professionally trained dogs like these can make a real difference in the lives of our service men and women but the cost is generally out of the reach of disabled vets.

Working together, we can make the world a better place.....one dog, one veteran at a time.

I must share this story of serendipity with all of you.....while the Lt. Governor and I were at the Legislative Day luncheon, a State Representative "tripped" over Tommy, the Patriot Paws service dog who was our special guest. Naturally, Tommy barked a little and the Lt. Governor leaned over to me and asked, "Is that a dog I hear barking?". I laughed and said, "Yes, that's Tommy." and proceeded to tell him about our service project mission. Lt. Gov. Patrick was so impressed with what we were trying to accomplish that he made a promise to me: if we raised all the funds for a first dog, he would fundraise for us to be able to provide



a second dog. The Lt. Governor then announced from the podium that this was such a worthwhile project that if he couldn't raise the funds he and his wife would personally contribute the funding.



You could have heard a pin drop. And then you cheered!

When I announced at the luncheon that we had raised approximately \$25,000 at Belles & Boots for our first dog, but needed approximately \$5,200 more to put us "over the top," you came through in amazing fashion by donating \$5,300! Your generous spirit means we are able to reach our first goal!! Combined with Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick's very generous offer, we can now partner TWO dogs with disabled combat veterans!!

At TFRW, we don't play small.....there are 150 disabled veterans on the waiting list for a service dog. Surely, we can do more for them; after all, they have sacrificed for us. We will continue to work so that we might pair at least one more dog and veteran together. Haven't they earned that much from us?

Watch for fun ways that you can contribute.....and be sure to visit our "Smooch the Pooch" booth in Dallas at our Convention!



Won't you join us? Make a tax deductible donation to "Patriot Paws" and note "TFRW DOG" on the memo line. You may mail your contributions to the TFRW Office.





Membership Update

by VP Membership Rhonda Lacy
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Your Strength is in Your Numbers

Today, we are going to focus on a few basics.

REMEMBER! – Turn in as many club membership submissions to our **TFRW office** as you can by **May 20**. This is the most important deadline before the **NFRW** count for this year's NFRW convention. **MAY 20 is the date TFRW MUST have your submissions and checks postmarked.** We would be THRILLED to reach our 15,000 member goal. PLEASE, DO NOT HOLD MEMBERSHIPS. You may submit these weekly - you don't have to have ten to send in your submissions after the first one!

Renewing members are as important as new members. Please do the following five things:

- **Club Presidents** – Stay in close touch with your membership chair and treasurer and KNOW your club membership number.
- **Place a membership application in front of each member** at every single general and board meeting. Ask each member to go get ONE MORE, even if they've brought in their ONE MORE for the year. We need to help each other. [It does not count if your club places a stack of membership apps on the table for people to pick up at random.]
- **Have a Membership Calling Party.** Secure the lists of those who need to rejoin, add names of potential members and have fun calling 'together'. As soon as you call, immediately address an envelope, tuck in an application and mail it to the person with whom you just spoke. **FOLLOW UP** within the week. Have 'runners' who will go pick up membership applications and checks. Call and follow up with online sign-up. *Folks, this works. My own club brought in 65 members in one week. We've had two very fun calling parties. We'll have another soon.*
- **Set a goal [HIGH, but ATTAINABLE] for your club,** and announce it many times at your meetings and in your newsletters. Many people are bringing in their **ONE MOREs**, but we need to make sure that everyone is participating. Perhaps have a 'prize' waiting for those who participate.
- **And finally, EACH MEMBER needs to carry multiple copies of applications** in their purse. This only works if one is willing to SHARE our GREAT REPUBLICAN MESSAGE.

We need to remind folks out there that Texas is NOT as RED as it needs to be. A LARGE TFRW membership will help us fight the fight very soon as elections will begin sooner than we realize. A LARGE TFRW membership will HELP deter the **liberal left**. **Once more ladies, let's go get 'em!**

AWARDS

Don't Let These Deadlines Sneak Up on You

It's April!! In less than three months you need to have your NFRW awards sent to the appropriate Chairs or our TFRW President. Don't let these deadlines sneak up on you. Check all of the awards, make sure your Treasurers have sent in funds to the required scholarship and endowment funds. Has your club profile been updated? Hopefully, you have kept up with these and other items for both years. We want our TFRW clubs to FLOOD the NFRW office with award applications!

How many of your members attended the TFRW Legislative Day on April 6th? Your club earned points for those attending. You can also earn points for sending delegates to the NFRW Convention in Philadelphia this September, as well as the TFRW Convention in Dallas October 19th-21st. If you help cover some of the cost for those delegates, you earn points for that, too!

Now, stop and think about all of the time you and your fellow members spend for your clubs and the Republican Party! All those meetings, fundraisers, and time you are spending reading this newsletter!! Are you reporting those hours?? Again, we know our ladies in TFRW do the work! Let's report them!!

Michelle Martin

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

News from the Nominating Committee



The deadline is **June 1, 2017**, for applications for the elected officers of TFRW to be received by the Nominating Committee Chair Jody Rushton, rjrushton@verizon.net. All applications are to be sent electronically. (In addition, one hard copy of the application packet should be sent by mail to Jody Rushton.) There are changes in this application from previous years, so please read the instructions carefully. Any of the members of the Nominating Committee are willing to answer any questions that you might have. Also serving on this committee are Secretary Janis Holt, Melanie Grammar, Pearl Maggio, Sue DeVillez, Judy Parada, and Beryl Dowd. Alternates are Becky Berger and Barbara Tague.

This committee will submit one nominee for each office in a report that will be included with the Call to the 2017 Convention. The interviews for these offices will be held in conjunction with the July Board of Directors meeting in Austin. **The interviews will be held on Thursday, July 13 from 1-5 PM and Friday, July 14 from 9 AM-5 PM. Each applicant must be available for an interview and will receive a specific time for her interview in advance of the meeting.**

The slate of proposed officers will be announced on Saturday, July 15 during a report of the Nominating Committee at the July Board of Directors meeting.

The application form and information regarding the application are on the TFRW website. There are many capable women in TFRW to hold these positions, so please consider seeking a TFRW office for 2018-2019. We welcome you and look forward to a very successful and productive two years!

Jody Rushton, Nominating Committee Chairman * rjrushton@verizon.net

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NOMINATION APPLICATION FOR TFRW BOARD 2018 -2019

This completed form accompanied by a typed letter of 150 words or less from the applicant stating "Why I Want This Position"; with a wallet size photo attached (professional head shot is preferred, in a JPEG or PNG file); and one 1-page letter of recommendation. Letter of Recommendation should come from an officer, TFRW or local club member, and someone with whom the applicant has worked. One electronic copy of the application packet must be emailed to the **Nominating Committee Chairman by June 1, 2017.** In addition, one hard copy of the application packet must be **mailed to the Nominating Committee Chairman by June 1, 2017.**

Name _____ Senate District # _____

Address _____

Telephone (H) _____ (Mobile) _____ E-Mail _____

Application for _____ position

Alternate position _____

Member of _____ TFRW Club

Federation Activities: Elected and appointed offices, committee chairs, honors, etc.

Local RW Club _____

TFRW _____

NFRW _____

Convention Attendance; Delegate or Alternate, Committee (dates if possible)

TFRW _____

NFRW _____

Republican Party Activity

County Elected Office _____

County Appointed Office _____

State Party Elected Office _____

National Appointed Office _____

Convention Attendance as Republican Party Delegate or Alternate, (dates if possible)

County _____

District _____

State _____

National _____

Campaign Activities (candidate, campaign management, office, walk, phone, etc.)

Specific Experience Related to Office Applied For (use additional page if necessary)

Federation Bylaws Requirement
Article XI, Section E

"Nominees must be members in good standing of the Texas Federation of Republican Women and shall be in accord with the objectives, bylaws, and policies of the Organization and the Republican Party. With the exception of the Treasurer, all nominees for office shall have served one (1) full term on the TFRW Board of Directors prior to taking office"

Should I be nominated and elected I agree to serve.

Signature

Date

AMERICANISM

Little Known Stories in History

There are two important events in history that all school children study about in their history books. They are the midnight ride of Paul Revere and William Dawes on April 18, 1775 and D-Day on June 6, 1944. D-Day did not occur because a couple of Generals and Admirals decided to storm the beaches of Normandy with thousands of ships, planes, gliders, and personnel over cocktails in the officers' club one evening. Instead many months of secret meetings and preparations resulted in a rehearsal between the 20th and 30th of April in 1944. The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere and William Dawes was orchestrated by Joseph Warren, a key figure in the famous tea parties in Boston Harbor and a friend of Samuel Adams.

Joseph Warren (1741-1775) was regarded as a true patriot of the American Revolution. He was a major figure in the famous Boston Tea Party and wrote the first blue print in a set of Resolves for the formation of our American Democracy. His speeches and writings became the impetus to the beginning of the Revolutionary War. It was his plan to send Paul Revere to make his famous ride that poet Henry W. Longfellow referenced as "One, if by land and two, if by sea" meaning the coming attack by the British. It was the passage of the stamp act that led Dr. Warren to write articles for the Boston "Gazette." He published his articles under the signature "A True Patriot." Eventually he was charged with the task of organizing the militia and collecting military supplies.



The rehearsal for D-Day was named Exercise Tiger, or Operation Tiger, which were the designated code names for the invasion of Normandy. Unfortunately, this exercise resulted in an attack by German E-boats and 749 American servicemen were killed. Because of the secrecy of this rehearsal it was not reported and all survivors were sworn to secrecy and this incident was not revealed until forty years later. There were ten missing officers with Bigot-level clearance for D-Day. Their knowledge of the secret plans if they were to captured alive would comprise the invasion plans and until the bodies of all these officers were found all plans were on hold. The exercise itself was conducted to acclimate the troops to the LST's (Landing Ship Tank) The daytime rehearsal was successful, but the nighttime convoy of eight LST were attacked and met with disaster caused by the use of live ammunition for authenticity which in turn caused confusion among the participants. It was unclear as to the source of the explosions as troops met a German Convoy on a normal nighttime patrol. An investigation into this tragedy revealed that a lack of naval escort vessels, and an error in radio frequencies attributed to the loss of lives.

Important Dates

* Flying the Flag

April

- 10 Passover Begins
- 14 Good Friday
- 16 Easter and Orthodox East *
- 18 Income Tax Day

May

- 1 Law Day and Loyalty Day
- 4 National Day of Prayer
- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- 8 VE Day *

Jeanne O'Neill and June Rentmeester
Americanism Co-Chairmen



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