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## **President's Newsletter**

**July, 2016**

### **Theresa Kosmoski, President** **We Make It Happen!**

It may say “summer” on the calendar, but there is so much going on and so much that we are doing during this important Presidential Election year..... we cannot do it without you.

One of the highlights of my summer was being asked to speak at the Donald Trump rally in The Woodlands. While the convention center only held around 6,000, nearly 20,000 people braved a heat index of 103 degrees to hear the Republican nominee speak. Our own Toni Anne Dashiell was also on hand to speak and between the two of us, TFRW got some really good PR. Plus, it was a fun event, the number of Secret Service agents notwithstanding.

At the July 9<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting, all District Directors were give a flash drive of great importance. The RPT provided us with a list of “new movers” into or around Texas who are likely Republican voters. They further refined this massive list to a bit over 100,000 names, comprised only of women, all of whom are likely Republicans.

Each District Director was given this flash drive, narrowed to the “new movers” in her Senatorial District. She will further refine the list geographically and give each club in her district a list of the names most likely near that club.

Clubs: there are two very important things that I need you to do with the list:

1. **Use it as a voter registration tool.** Send letters with voter registration forms, hold a picnic or rally or voter drive and invite these “new movers”, send your deputized voter registrars to knock on doors if that works in your area. Make contact and get them registered....we need all hands on deck if we are to have a sweeping Republican victory in Texas and across the country.
2. **Use it as a membership tool.** Mine the list for new members – this list is ENTIRELY WOMEN....likely R's.....perfectly primed to join our clubs and help your club make

100% of the "One More" challenge. Send them invitations to a CHAT or another fun summer event that your club may be doing, or to your first fall meeting. Perhaps buy them lunch at your meeting, or offer a special discount for membership.

This list is worth its weight in platinum; we must use it and make the absolute most out of it that we can.

Remember, it will take all of us pulling together and bringing in others if we are to take the White House, preserve our majority in Congress, protect the integrity of the Supreme Court and keep Texas a red state.

It is up to us; there is no one else who can do the job. America needs us. Future generations are depending on us. We cannot let them down.

***Theresa Kosmoski***

**President**



**SINCE 1776**

*... land of the free  
because of the brave...*



## Leading the Way to Victory in November

Leadership. We all talk about its importance, especially heading in to the closing months of this crucial 2016 Presidential election. How each of us leads in our clubs and communities over the next 5 months will directly impact the future of our great country.

An outstanding example for each of us to follow between now and November 8<sup>th</sup> was displayed last month at the Donald Trump rally in The Woodlands when TFRW President Theresa Kosmoski took the stage, prior to Mr. Trump, and unquestionably defined what America needs and doesn't need in its next President.

The spirited crowd interrupted in cheers and applause after every point Theresa made! And, this was after standing outside in the Texas heat for hours, I know because I was one of the 5,000+ in the crowd. I was very proud of Theresa's message and her promise that the Texas Federation of Republican Women stands ready, willing, and able to elect Donald Trump as the next President of the United States.

Are you ready, willing and able to work to elect Donald Trump? Should anyone have the slightest of doubts, I strongly encourage you to watch Theresa's speech during the Trump rally, and follow her lead in your clubs and communities. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFhV1F0j3XI&feature=share> (Theresa is introduced at 9:31 mark)

Our ability to lead during this Presidential election will be tested but I am ready for the challenge! Donald Trump was not my first choice for President, but he is my only choice now. One by one my favored candidates dropped out of the running. It was not my choice but theirs, and so I moved on to another candidate.

I will be in Cleveland as an at-large alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention and I will proudly support Donald Trump for President. As members of the most powerful women's political organization in Texas – women who "Make It Happen" – we must lead in every way possible to elect Donald Trump President in November. I encourage you to get to work in your clubs and communities now! Volunteer for the campaign, join a strike force, and register voters this summer, and then, "Get Out The Vote" in the fall. Our strength and leadership will

Make It Happen!"

Julie Faubel \* 1<sup>st</sup> VP Special Events \* [firstvp@tfrw.org](mailto:firstvp@tfrw.org)



*We Make It Happen!*

Thank you sponsors and attendees for making the 2016 Tribute to Women Luncheon a huge success, our event netted \$37,196.86.

**We Make It Happen!**

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

I don't know about you, but every year as we approach Independence Day, my interest in the Congress reaches a peak. After all, our Founders declared independence chiefly so that government would be closer to the people, and it feels like a duty to pay attention when one considers what they put on the line to ensure our right to do so. Congress is in session through July 15 in Washington, and you have probably heard a little about what's been happening (big topics have included gun control legislation and the 2017 defense appropriations bill). But with a lot going on at the local level, it can be difficult to glean information about federal activity from traditional news sources.

To follow Congress more closely, follow these tips (and share them with your club members!):

- **Learn About the Process and Find Specific Bills** - <https://www.congress.gov/> is home to the Library of Congress, where you can find current and historic information on legislation. This is a great resource, too, if you want to find out more about the federal legislative process. It is easy to view on a mobile device, and if you have an iPhone or an iPad, you can get a free app called "The Congressional Record," maintained by the Library of Congress, to follow specific pieces of federal legislation.
- **Sign Up for Updates** – Once you've located your Congressman's official website, sign up to receive updates by email. You'll want to do this even if you are represented by a Democrat, so you can get information about what is happening in the Capitol directly from the source. Individual committees may also have email updates available through their pages (for example, the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs is located at <http://veterans.house.gov/>). Speaker Paul Ryan has a newsletter available through <http://www.speaker.gov/>. Senate information is all available through <http://www.senate.gov>.
- **Legislative Calendar** – You can find the House calendar here: <http://www.house.gov/legislative/>. Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy also has information on what's scheduled to be heard daily, weekly, and so forth here: <http://www.majorityleader.gov/floor/>. For the Senate, all links can be found on the front page at <http://www.senate.gov> (look on the right hand side for the calendar link). You can find video archives for both chambers here: <https://www.congress.gov/>
- **C-SPAN** – C-SPAN airs live proceedings in the House and Senate, and often airs committee hearings of interest as well. Check your local cable listings, or go to <http://www.c-span.org>.
- **Caucuses, Outside Organizations, News Sources** – The Republican Study Committee is led by Texas Congressman Bill Flores (CD-17), and you can get information from this caucus at <http://rsc.flores.house.gov>. Outside organizations such as <https://www.govtrack.us/> also keep up with legislation. NFRW sends out occasional action alerts and updates on legislation (make sure your email address is up-to-date with TFRW!) and groups like Americans for Prosperity, National Taxpayers Union, and others send out regular updates on their priority legislation. Non-partisan websites such as <http://www.politico.com> and <http://www.thehill.com> publish news stories daily on Congressional activity.

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## TFRW MEMBERSHIP 2016

You may be thinking it's too late to bring in new members for your club. It's NEVER too late and right now is a great time to do so. REMEMBER, **every woman who has brought in just ONE MORE member to her club will be acknowledged on the TFRW website when her club President sends me the names for that club by August 15.**

This past week at my eye doctor's appointment I got into a great conversation with 5 ladies who work at the doctor's Office. YES, it took a little more time to show them my Republican Values card, share the facts of this upcoming election and then tell them about my own club. They wrote down several key talking points to share with their neighbors, especially those "Values". I then gave them applications to join MCRW.

Ladies, we just need to keep those club membership forms ready to share. Women WILL join your club, but you have to let them know it exists. I am always amazed at how many people I run into on a daily basis who still don't realize there is someplace to 'plug into' when it comes to Republican activity.

Ladies, sign up your daughters, your mothers, your aunts, your cousins. They not only add membership, but you will be educating your entire family. And they just might "catch the Republican bug" and choose to begin a new club in their respective towns.



Shout out to Bush Legacy RW in Weatherford: they have gone from 57 members in 2015 to 86 members and have a goal of crossing that 100-member mark. I think this club will actually end up meeting that ONE MORE challenge for this year. They are also signing up MANY to go on Strike Force in the fall. They actively encourage folks to pull the lever for ALL our REPUBLICANS securing not only the White House, but all the down-ballot races too.



Shout out to High Plains RW in Amarillo: they put on a fantastic Summer Membership Barbecue and Dance and also honored our troops.



Our Pampa Ladies from Top 'O Texas also drove over to support Amarillo for the evening and shared with me about the full-out parade that had been put on for our Benghazi Warriors traveling from White Deer to Pampa with fans and supporters lining the highway. These clubs are continuing to grow during these summer months and are actively signing up volunteers for Strike Force. These are just stories from three more of our incredible TFRW Clubs in this state.

Let me know if you want to begin a new club! And "happy" ONE MORE to all of you!

Rhonda Lacey \* VP Membership \* [vpmembership@tfrw.org](mailto:vpmembership@tfrw.org)





Thank you to the many clubs that have turned in their bylaws for review. I know several of the clubs are using the summer to review and or make amendments to your bylaws. Remember that you must send your bylaws to the TFRW VP Bylaws when your club makes amendments. You can still receive John Goodwin Tower awards when you have your bylaws reviewed.

There are several clubs around the state that are working on being federated with TFRW. If you know of any clubs that want to be federated, please let them know that they must have bylaws reviewed before they can be considered. There are TFRW bylaws and a club bylaw sample to follow on the TFRW website. If you have questions, please contact me. I'm happy to help!

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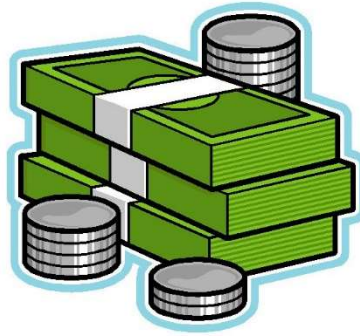


## **TFRW 2019 CONVENTION**

### **Site Selection Application**

- If your club or area clubs are interested in submitting an application to host the 2019 TFRW Convention, you may now find that application on the TFRW website at [www.tfrw.org](http://www.tfrw.org)
- It is important to start the site selection process as early as possible. The **deadline** for applications is **November 15, 2016**, which is not flexible. Applications may be sent prior to this date.
- Send completed applications to: Jody Rushton, 4500 Barwyn Ct., Plano, TX 75093.
- If there are any questions about the application, or if you need additional information, please contact Jody Rushton at [rjrushton@verizon.net](mailto:rjrushton@verizon.net)

Jody Rushton \* Immediate Past President \* [pastpres@tfrw.org](mailto:pastpres@tfrw.org)



## ***Bank Account Basics***

Whether you are a New Treasurer opening a New Bank Account or an Experienced Treasurer changing Bank Accounts, navigating the maze of financial institution requirements can sometimes be a challenge. What documents do TFRW Clubs need to open a Bank Account?

Keep in mind that different Banks and Credit Unions may have slightly different requirements; however, here is a basic list of the documents you will need.

- **IRS Letter Confirming Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN)**
- **TFRW Club By-laws**
- **TFRW Club Meeting Minutes indicating election of Authorized Officers**
- **Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) Letter Confirming Committee Account Name & Number**

It is important to obtain a Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) for your club. This EIN will be used to open your Bank Account. If your club does not currently have an EIN, you will need to submit Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number (EIN), to the IRS.

The Bank Account Name should be the full TFRW Club Name (and also the TEC Committee Name). Authorized check signers will need to be present at the financial institution and provide a Photo ID, Social Security Number and additional identifying information. This is also necessary when authorized check signers change due to officer elections, resignations or other circumstances.

It may be helpful to call or stop by your financial institution and ask about their specific requirements before you officially open a Bank Account.

Cindy Barberio Payne \* Treasurer \* treasurer@tfrw.org



## Awards

Ahhh.... the dog days of summer!! I know its hot ladies, but there are lots of COOL things to do this summer to check off the John Goodwin Tower award application.

First of all, I'd like to thank the few ladies for pointing out some typos on the application. Please find a new and improved application on the TFRW Website. Be assured none of the requirements changed, just some simple errors corrected.

Then I want you all to download the NEW AWARDS AUDIT FORM! This is a checklist of what you should have already done, or should plan to do before the end of the year. Then an outline of what you need to plan for in the next year!

**Remember the deadline for the application submission is August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** So there is just about a year to go! PLAN, PLAN, PLAN!!!

I want to see representatives from EVERY club walk across the stage at the 2017 Convention to receive their awards. Don't forget to check out the NFRW site for more awards for your club!!

Please feel free to contact me for any questions or clarification.

*"I'm Republican because everyone can't be on welfare."*



Summer provides the optimum opportunity to promote your club to different groups in a more targeted environment. Your club can host, or participate in, different events in your community.

Last month, we talked about getting ready for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in your town or having a booth at celebrations, or summer festivals. Consider perhaps having a 'summer meeting' in a different location, such as a barbeque or picnic, in a public or a private venue. This will provide women working outside the home, students, or single-parents, opportunities to get to know about your club at a more casual summer meeting and promotes the club to different groups.

We can reach out to all segments of our community in friendship and inclusion and influence the outcome of this election by recruiting members of different backgrounds.

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*\* Specialty Silent Auction \* Jewelry in July !*

We will have a Very Special Silent Auction featuring Very Special Jewelry at the upcoming TFRW Board Meeting in Austin July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

We make it happen! You're likely find the perfect piece of jewelry for traveling this summer, plus gifts for your special friends.

As part of our Community Engagement Program, TFRW presents the Champion of Freedom Award and Event. Our fundraising initiatives give everyone an opportunity to participate in sponsorships and be a part of this event. All proceeds from the Specialty Silent Auction will benefit this project.

Mary Mayo \* Community Engagement \* [community@tfw.org](mailto:community@tfw.org) \* 817-594-2569



## GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

We are in the process of building a TFRW database of the Governor's Appointees to Texas Boards and Commissions. If you currently serve on a Texas Board or Commission, please send the following information to Shirley Martinez, [samartinez@sbcglobal.net](mailto:samartinez@sbcglobal.net):

1. Name
2. Home Address, City, State, Zip
3. County
4. Telephone: Home, Office, Cell
5. E-mail Address
6. State Senator
7. State Representative
8. Name of Board/Commission/Task Force
9. Title and Type of Appointment
10. Date of Appointment
11. Length of Appointment
12. TFRW Region
13. TFRW Senate District
14. Club Name

We would love to highlight our members who serve on Boards or Commissions in future newsletters.

Shirley Martinez \* Appointments \* [samartinez@sbcglobal.net](mailto:samartinez@sbcglobal.net)

# Caring for America

TO ALL TFRW CLUB PRESIDENTS AND CFA CHAIRS:

It's the Texas Summer of 2016, and some of the clubs will continue on with meetings, and some will take the summer off. In either instance, your work for TFRW should continue on, even if you're drinking lemonade or Texas Sweet Tea on the veranda. That's the perfect time to visit and talk about your plans for your Caring for America projects, and scheme about how to entice your members to get their hours in! (This may require Texas wine.)

Please remember to take lots and lots of pictures of all of your CFA activities, and to make sure all of your hours are counted.

If you're looking for some new or different projects, go to TFRW.org and visit all of the Texas Star publications which are now available online. These Texas Stars are full of wonderful things clubs across Texas have done and are now doing, and you're absolutely sure to get motivated.

I continue to have requests for suppliers of constitutions for the schools. Here is one that has a particularly good constitution format, with a question and answer section for the students. They also have a "resource packet" which is essentially a teacher's guide:

Liberty Day Institute

3443 S. Galena St., Suite 120

Denver, CO 80231

[www.libertyday.org](http://www.libertyday.org)

866.718.3434

Again, please remember that you may always contact me with any questions and/or suggestions. And have a wonderful and productive TFRW summer!

Texas Moore \* Caring for America \* [texmoore@aol.com](mailto:texmoore@aol.com) \* 830-281-5080 \* 830-570-7600 Cell

# Patron's Special Event

## "Making Your Wardrobe Work For You"

- ❖ Feeling your wardrobe doesn't work for your life style?
- ❖ Feeling you have one look for one outfit?
- ❖ Feeling overwhelmed at the thought of organizing your closets?

Bonnie Balistreri, Image Consultant, will show you how to:

- ✓ Maximize your wardrobe to gain various looks for your lifestyle and different occasions.
- ✓ Mix and match clothing and accessories to go from casual to dressy
- ✓ Benefit the most from your shopping
- ✓ Take simple steps right away to organize your closets



Join TFRW Patron's on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m., at the Wyndham Garden Woodward Conference Center, to hear what Bonnie Balistreri has to say about how looking and feeling good can make you feel poised, confident and motivate you in your personal, professional and TFRW life. This is a patron program you will not want to miss. If you have not joined Patron's or renewed, now is the time.

Marilyn Davis & Debra Coffey \* Patron Co-Chairs

## RETAIL MARKETING CHAIR

### TFRW Merchandise at RPT Convention

The TFRW red tent and YETI tumblers were a hit at the GOP convention. Many Thanks to ALL who donated time and “muscle” during the process.

My apologies to those that may have missed shopping at our booth during the few times I had to close due to a conflict of schedule.

The YETI cooler which raised \$2,833 in the Mystery Gift Bag auction will reside with Alexandra Bourgeois from the Republican Women of Katy!!

Thank you to our booth sponsors which included:

- U.S. Congressman John Carter, Texas’ 31st District
- Chairman Susan King, Texas House District 71
- Texas State Representative Molly White, District 55
- Texas State Representative-Elect Hugh Shine, District 55
- Bell County Precinct 3 Commissioner Bill Schumann



### How About 20-30% Off TFRW Merchandise??

Realizing that many members are unable to attend TFRW board meetings, so let’s bring the merchandise to them. Check out the items listed below:

Item	Quantity	Donation	Originally	Savings
TFRW Pins	12	\$108	\$12 ea	\$36
Power Banks	12	\$108	\$13 ea	\$48
<b>Republican Women are the Life of the PARTY! (these are great for local events):</b>				
T-Shirts	12	\$108	\$12 ea	\$36
Sweatshirts	6	\$96	\$20 ea	\$24
Hoodies	6	\$156	\$35 ea	\$54

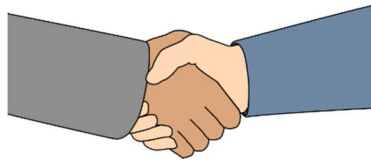
Simply contact me by phone or email to place your request, and mail your check made payable to TFRW PAC to 13740 N Highway 183, Suite J4, Austin, TX 78750-1832.

Joanna Laxton, JLLaxton@aol.com, 254-721-6651





## *Outreach Coordinator*



Primary season is over. Our party has endured a uniquely contentious election and now it's time to pick up the pieces. Over and over, you have heard the rallying cry, "Unite to win!" **But how will we do it?** This is a question which has plagued the hearts and minds of many who have a passionate desire to prevent another oppressive term under the socialist principles of the Democrat Party.

Dinesh D'Souza's newest Political Documentary ***Hillary's America***, attempts to answer that question.

*"Hillary's America* takes audiences on a gripping journey into the secret history of the Democratic Party and the contentious rise of presidential candidate, Hillary Clinton. In *Hillary's America*, New York Times #1 best-selling author and celebrated filmmaker Dinesh D'Souza reveals the sordid truth about Hillary and the secret history of the Democratic Party. This eye-opening film sheds light on the Democrats' transition from pro-slavery to pro-enslavement; how Hillary Clinton's political mentor was, literally, a cold-blooded gangster; and how the Clintons and other Democrats see foreign policy not in terms of national interest, but in terms of personal profit. *Hillary's America* will uncover how their plan is to simply...steal America."

Grace Jones \* D'Souza Texas Outreach Coordinator \* [mrs.e.gracejones@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.e.gracejones@gmail.com) \*  
432.254.0130



**Our Country's 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** On July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 our great Nation will celebrate its 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It is with great pride that our flag will be flying everywhere across the United States representing Freedom and Democracy. On July 27<sup>th</sup> the flag should be flown at half-staff until sunset signifying the end of the Korean War in 1952.

**July / August Important Dates:** The U.S. Army Air corps was established July 2, 1926 and Air Force Day is August 1<sup>st</sup>. On August 4, 1790 the Coast Guard was established. The first Purple Heart was established on August 7, 1782 by General George Washington to honor those soldiers who fought in the Continental Army during the American Revolution. Sergeant Daniel Bissell received his badge for spying on British troops quartered in New York City and then returning to American lines with invaluable intelligence. After the Revolution the Washington's Badge of Military Merit fell into disuse for almost 150 years. General Black Jack Pershing and the American Expeditionary Force revived the use of Medals and Congress passed legislation creating the Distinguished Service Cross. Audie Murphy of Hunt County, Texas was the most decorated soldier of WWII, receiving every Medal of Valor awarded. Honoring those individuals in our clubs and communities who have been recipients of military awards would be an excellent theme for meetings during July.

**Heroes in History:** On July 3, 1775 **George Washington** took Command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Continental Congress issued orders to General Washington and his Generals under his command. To help finance this endeavor **Benjamin Franklin** spent a great deal of his time in France to finance and obtain funds for the Continental Army. This was a delicate situation as France did not want to again go to war against the British. One of the most famous Naval officers was **John Paul Jones** (1747-1792) and was best remembered for responding "I have yet begun to fight!" to British opponents seeking his surrender during a naval battle. The flag flying from on board his ship was the Grand Union Flag. The 6<sup>th</sup> President of the United States was **John Adams**. He was the first President to be preceded by his father. Adams first began his career in diplomacy as the U.S. ambassador to the Netherlands and then later to Prussia and Great Britain. As Secretary of State under President James Monroe he helped to develop the Monroe Doctrine. **Admiral Farragut** born July 5, 1801 in Knoxville, Tennessee was best known for yelling to the opposition during the Civil War "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead." It was during this war that battle ships were changed forever with the introduction of the ironclads the Merrimack and the Monitor. The Confederate States of America also had a mini sub called the H.L. Hunley. **Amelia Earhart** was the first woman to get a pilot's license from the National Aeronautic Association in 1923.

Americanism Co-chairmen June Rentmeester and Jeannee O'Neill



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## 2016 Calendar and Deadlines

- July 8-9, 2016 TFRW 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Board Meeting, Austin TX
- August 1, 2015 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Membership Dues to NFRW
- October 21-22, 2016** TFRW 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Board Meeting, Austin TX
- October 31, 2016 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Membership Dues to NFRW
- November 1, 2016 TFRW Membership 2016 Begins

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