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President's Newsletter Theresa Kosmoski, President We Make It Happen!

March, 2016

The Texas Primary, and Super Tuesday, are now behind us. Half of the electoral votes are decided, and the field has become clearer. The election is still some seven months away, but that does not mean we have nothing to do until November 8th! There is still much work ahead as we prepare to inaugurate a Republican President.

We, in Texas, are the most impressive and influential band of political operatives anywhere on the planet. We can, and will, take our time and our immense talent and fan out across the country to ensure that Washington, DC, is free of the current gridlock come January of 2017. We will position our leadership to move forward a conservative agenda that reflects the will of the American people.

If you are asked to participate in the Mighty Texas Strike Force, then I strongly encourage you to do so. This effort will take all of us, plus one more.

Here in Texas, we still have run-off elections to decide. I hope that each of you are finding a way to get involved with a candidate. If I could get one message across to our candidates and their campaigns, it would be this: please remember Reagan's 11th commandment, "Thou shall not speak badly of a fellow Republican." As a party we will be stronger and more effective if we are not engaged in the business of tearing one another apart. The D's will try their best to do that; let's not do their opposition research for them.

I cannot put my pen down without acknowledging the outstanding work that Karen Curnock and her crew did for us in putting together **Leadership Boot Camp 2016** in Houston. We had an incredibly high turnout and, judging from your feedback, you learned a lot and had even more fun. Thank you for participating, and special thanks to Karen and the many volunteers who pitched in for making it a productive and memorable day.

Our next Board of Directors meeting is April 30th in Austin. I hope you'll be able to join us. You are a member of the Texas Federation of Republican Women and, together, "We Make It Happen".

Theresa Kosmoshi



LEADERSHIP DAY BOOT CAMP 2016

Leadership Day Boot Camp 2016 has come and gone, but hopefully the friendships we have made with our sister clubs throughout the state and the knowledge we gained from our talented, creative, brilliant trainers have prepared and motivated us to march confidently into our communities and work to win the upcoming elections.

- This day has taught me that it takes a team-- in this instance-- a troop of TFRW women to make things happen. Led by our 5-star President, Theresa Kosmoski, the TFRW ladies donated their time and talents to make this day extra special. Our purpose was to equip you with the knowledge you need for the political battles ahead and to educate and influence your community for Republican causes!
- Thank you to our RPT Team—Tom Mechler, RPT Chairman; Amy Clark, RPT Vice-Chairman; Toni Anne Dashiell, National Committeewoman; and Rhonda Lacy, RPT Strike Force Co-Chairman for motivating us to get out there and work for our Republican candidates.
- Thank you to Toni Anne Dashiell for putting together a wonderful panel of experts on "How Busy Women 'Make it Happen' in Politics." Thank you to Senator Donna Campbell, M.D.; Rachel Woods, J.D., Leadership author, professor and political activist; State Representative and TFRW PAC Treasurer Patricia Harless; and Executive Director of Herdacity, Elizabeth Cox for imparting your honesty and wisdom on the topic.
- Thank you to all of you who showed up for Boot Camp ready to share and learn, and thank you to the TFRW staff—Elexis and Cindi-- for all you did behind the scenes to make the day a good one.
- I have learned that TFRW is filled with generous, creative, flexible, dedicated, brilliant, motivated women, and I am so proud to be part of this organization. The day would not have been possible without you.
- The day also would not have been possible without the generosity of our sponsors who helped underwrite our event. Special thanks to:

Thank you!

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Honorable Konni Burton, Texas State Senator, District 10 Gary Gates, Candidate for Texas Railroad Commissioner Johnson County Republican Women North Texas STAR Republican Women Leadership Day Boot Camp 2016 ended with a Boot Camp Cadence reminding us of who we are and of our purpose. Here it is for those of you who requested it for your clubs:

Texas women are on a roll
March to vict'ry at the polls;
Limited government is our goal
March to vict'ry at the polls;
Take back what Obama stole
March to vict'ry at the polls;
Liberalism takes its toll
March to vict'ry at the polls;
Republicans rock! Come join our fold!
March to vict'ry at the polls;
Conservative values break the mold
March to vict'ry at the polls;
Stopping Hillary is our goal
March to vict'ry at the polls;
TFRW—we're a sensation!
Giving our all to salvage our nation!
(refrain)
VOTE RED, WE SAID * WE SAID, VOTE RED!
Together, We Make It Happen!

Karen Curnock * Leadership Day Chairman

Bylaws Tips



At the TFRW Leadership Bootcamp in Houston last month I spoke about how to keep your club working as a well-oiled machine by making sure your club doesn't conflict with what is written in its bylaws.

By now all clubs should have the TFRW amendments from the state convention added to your bylaws. These amendments are especially important to review during primary and non-partisan elections regarding Republican contested races. If your club did not receive these amendments, please contact me. Your club will receive points for turning in your updated bylaws.

Here are some items that were reviewed at Leadership Bootcamp.

Any bylaw amendment your club makes must be turned in to the Bylaws committee for review before your club can officially accept the amendment.

Make sure your club knows your bylaws regarding executive board voting by email or conference call. If it's not in your bylaws, then your board cannot vote by email or conference call.

Nominating committee member descriptions need to be specified in your bylaws. There should always be an odd number on the committee. A designated number of alternates can also be included. The current sitting President can be an ex-officio member of any committee but the nominating committee. Please review Roberts Rules of Order for nominating committee rules.

In closing, I want to remind you that the grass is not greener on the other side of the fence. Your club **should not** be the thought police or judge on how another club is working. Please work on making your own club's bylaws as good as they can be and show support to your sister clubs. We must be unified for the November election!

Tina Gibson * VP Bylaws * vpbylaws@tfrw.org

TFRW Scavenger Hunt Winners

Twelve teams participated in the 2016 TFRW Statewide Scavenger Hunt by submitting items, photos and videos. I would love to share all the photos and videos with our entire membership but I was under strict orders by the clubs to destroy them after they were viewed for the competition!



FIRST PRIZE 2016 Club Patron Membership Lake Conroe Republican Women Kathy Jackson, Michelle Martin, Delma Landeverde, Lorena Garcia

SECOND PRIZE

2016 Club Patron Membership Canyon Lake Republican Women Jeanne Slupik, Janet Blum, Karen Baker, Carolyn Besselman

THIRD PRIZE

2016 Board Meetings Registration for the President Lake Conroe Republican Women Linda Mock, Brandie Lopez, Judy Powell, Belinda Lambright

FOURTH PRIZE

One Ticket to the Tribute to Women Luncheon Woodlands Republican Women Pat Truesdale, Janice Burkholder

Karen Newton * VP Finance * vpfinance@tfrw.org



MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations Ladies! You are now officially baptized into the depth of membership for your club. I know you are working hard to get those 2015 members re-upped. It seems that maintaining our good success is sometimes harder than building it up. Still, we don't want anyone slipping through the cracks, especially this year. We will need 'all hands on deck' after your brief break from the Primary races to head to your County/District Conventions and then become delegates to the May State Convention in Dallas.

A couple of reminders: PLEASE email me, Rhonda Lacy – vpmembership@tfrw.org as soon as you have determined that your club has reached 95% of re-upping 2015 members. We would like to acknowledge all clubs who have met this challenge by **April 1** in our April publication.

Also, don't forget our "2016 ONE MORE" challenge. We're encouraging each member of your club to think of just one more friend, one more relative, one more co-worker who needs the Republican message and information that your club is so successfully sharing. Besides, it's just downright FUN to be a Republican Woman. ** Ladies, I hope you are adding those wonderful NEW members even now, but they don't count in your 're-up' challenge, just the ONE MORE challenge.

A VERY important piece of information that your club members need:

Yes, your club sends TFRW \$15 for each member. Ladies, all of that \$15 does NOT stay in Texas at TFRW. **TFRW keeps only \$5 of that amount**. \$10 is then sent to NFRW. TFRW has always endeavored to keep our Texas State dues low. We are constantly striving to raise funds to run our organization in the most economical and frugal manner. Our desire is that all women would be able to become members of this very well-organized Republican Federation. Thank you for your commitment to bring in as many women as possible.

Rhonda Lacy * VP Membership * vpmembership@tfrw.org



Programs: Celebrate Membership for 2016!

Has your Club embraced TFRW's "Recruit One New Member" program? Each member recruits 1 new member and Viola, TFRW doubles in size and fun!

Let's celebrate the membership and initiate current and new members into our sisterhood. Set up an event that builds the relationships we already have, as well as the new relationships.

What ideas can your club find in the John Goodwin Tower Award? In order to receive 50 points on the Membership section, your club must have the following;

A. At least one function in both 2016 and 2017 for membership recruitment.

AND

B. An orientation for new members on club functions and activities.

The events could be luncheons, brunches, dinners, meetings or other creative get together.

One fun idea to recruit members is to have a table decorating and hosting competition.

Get current members to have a competition where a member gets a table, prepares table decorations and invites some new ladies. Ask a local celebrity or elected official to award 1^{st} , 2^{nd} , and 3^{rd} places.

Your contest could have an election theme. I can imagine some great tables created by our inspired members. Have fun and enjoy the membership! Again, please send me information on your club's programs!

Besa Martin * VP Programs * vpprograms@tfrw.org



Have you started to check off your John Goodwin Tower Award application? The 2016-2017 JGT Award application is updated and now available on the TFRW website. Download it, and the Monthly Planner, to help guide your club toward a successful award term! I urge all club presidents to share each aspect of the award that corresponds with their officer or committee chair, to assure they know what is required of them. This is also true of the Leadership Handbook. As part of the John Goodwin Tower Award, each officer and committee chair should receive the sections that pertain to their duties and responsibilities. Also check out the Awards Central Chart for deadlines. Tribute to Women nomination deadline is **April 13th**.

Please remember the Monthly Planner is merely a guide. It is not a check list of items to complete that month, unless a deadline is coming. I can't stress enough to plan ahead! Don't wait until half of the year has slipped by before holding a membership event to encourage new members and find a committee to get those new members involved. Plan your programs to ensure you are holding quality programs that inform, educate, and inspire your members.

It is my personal goal to increase the overall club participation in the awards program by at least 50%. I hope you will help me surpass that. If there are any questions or if you need clarification on an item, do not hesitate to call or email me. I am here to help you and your club make TFRW the shining light of NFRW. As our president Theresa Kosmoski has stated, "We make it happen".



Monthly Planner for 2016 – 2017 John Goodwin Tower Award of Excellence

This planner is meant for **guideline** purposes only. Make sure you share with your committee members the requirements associated with their committees. This will assure they know the expected or requested activities for a successful club.

"Every Month"

Include in the meeting:

- Hold a regular meeting (at least 5 per year required). CF-1.
- Hold a board meeting (<u>at least</u> 5 per year required). CF-1.
- Information about National, State, Regional Republican Events. P-4.
- Invite Deputy President and District Director to attend meeting. CF-17B.
- Contribute to DP and DD travel expenses or membership dues. CF-18B.
- Present a Legislative Report. P-4.
- Present a political or issue oriented program (at least two such programs are required in both 2016 and 2017). P-1.
- Collect campaign volunteer hours to send to TFRW. CA-2.

JANUARY 2016

- See "Every Month" above.
- Get your official Roster of all officers including names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and office held to the TFRW office in Austin on or before January 1st. CF-3.
- Submit the first installment of dues plus service charge to TFRW on or before Jan. 31. CF-2. Or submit by Jan. 15. CF-1B.
- Distribute a job description from the TFRW Handbook to each of your Board Members. CF-6.
- Plan your New Year with the John Goodwin Tower Award of Excellence guidelines.
- Elect or appoint a Campaign Activities Chair, and a Legislative Chair. CF-5.
- Appoint a Parliamentarian. CF-9B.
- Add County Republican Headquarters; TFRW President, Office, Public Relations Chair, Deputy President, and District Director to newsletter list. CF-4.
- Make a plan to retain and grow membership this year. Remember, you want to reach last year's membership **PLUS** more! MD-1B. MD-2B.
- Host **any** quarterly TFRW Board meeting by donating treats or at least \$25 for hospitality. CF-19B.
- Club member, other than TFRW Board member, attends **any** quarterly TFRW Board meeting. CF-12B.

FEBRUARY 2016

- See "Every Month" above.
- Attend TFRW Leadership Day in Houston. CF-20B.
- REGISTER REPUBLICAN VOTERS CE-1
- Plan a Membership Recruitment Event to increase new members. MD-2B.
- Plan a Membership Orientation. MD-2.
- Plan a date to invite a member of the TFRW Board of Directors to attend a meeting. CF-2B.
- Appoint a member / committee to welcome visitors and new members. MD-3B.
- Have Primary Candidates on a program. CA-1B
- Encourage members to be precinct chairmen, election judges, etc.CA-3B CA-9B.
- Plan a GOTV program. CA-3.
- Encourage members to become TFRW Patrons (both 2016 and 2017). CF-10B.
- Encourage our **Club** to become an **Elite** Patron (both 2016 and 2017). CF-11B.

MARCH 2016 (PRIMARY)

- See "Every Month" above.
- Members attend precinct conventions the night of the primary. CA-8B.
- At least one member works as election judge, alternate judge, clerk, or poll watcher. CA-3B.
- At least one member was elected as a county, district, or state party officer (includes precinct chair, SREC, etc.). CA-9B.
- Provide a program/workshop on Republican Party Organization and Party convention process. P-2.
- Members attend Senate District/County Conventions. CA-8B.
- Campaign Activities Chairman turn in quarterly campaign volunteer hours from members to TFRW. CA-2.
- Establish an online presence. Various social media Website, Facebook, Twitter Instagram, etc. (for both 2016 and 2017). MD-6B.
- Present to members information about Federation structure. P-3.

APRIL 2016

- See "Every Month" above.
- Nominate members for the "Tribute to Women" lunch at the RPT convention. CF-4B. (up to 4 nominees according to club size)
- Club member, other than TFRW Board member, attends **any** quarterly TFRW Board meeting. CF-12B.
- Host any quarterly TFRW Board meeting by donating treats or at least \$25 for hospitality. CF-19B.

<u>MAY 2016</u>

- See "Every Month" above.
- Honor up to 4 members at the "Tribute to Women" lunch at the RPT convention. CF-4B.
- Attend the Texas Republican Party Convention.
- Buy and donate a book to the library for the Barbara Bush Literacy Project and/or the Mamie Eisenhower Literacy Project (both 2016 and 2017). CE-3.
- Mentor at least one new Republican to attend a TFRW Board meeting &/or training session. MD-5B.
- Give a program on Robert's Rules of Order (parliamentary procedure). P-4B.

JUNE 2016

- See "Every Month" above.
- Contribute to a scholarship fund to benefit a Republican woman from your area. CR-2B.
- Contribute to the TFRW State Scholarship (both 2016 and 2017). CR-1B.
- Club PAC contribute to Republican Candidates. CA-1. CA-3.
- Campaign Activities Chairman turn in quarterly campaign volunteer hours from members to TFRW. CA-2.

JULY 2016

- See "Every Month" above.
- Present a program to promote volunteerism and leadership in the community as a Caring for America program. Submit a description to NFRW. CE-2. CE-6B.
- Identify a Republican woman in a local, state, or national campaign and support her campaign with a financial contribution and/or volunteer help and promotion. CA-2B.
- Host **any** quarterly TFRW Board meeting by donating treats or at least \$25 for hospitality. CF-19B.
- Club member, other than TFRW Board member, attends any quarterly TFRW Board meeting. CF-12B.

AUGUST 2016

- See "Every Month" above.
- Plan an "Awards Audit" Look at your requirements for 2016. Complete all requirements and work toward bonus points. Plan ahead for 2017!!
- REGISTER REPUBLICAN VOTERS CE-1.
- Encourage members to work in at least one Voter I.D./GOTV program sponsored by the Party or a Republican Candidate. (Could be a phone bank, door to door canvas, etc.) CA-3.

SEPTEMBER 2016

- See "Every Month" above.
- Support or contribute to the campaign of a Republican Woman. CA-2B.
- Volunteer at state or county Republican organization. CA-4B.
- Devise a Community Engagement Recruiting Program. CF-16B.
- ORGANIZE a Voter I.D./G.O.T.V. program (Get Out The Vote) CA-3
- Register REPUBLICAN Voters. CE-1.
- Campaign Activities Chairman turn in quarterly campaign volunteer hours from members to TFRW. CA-2.
- Have a "how to" program on political campaign methods. P-5B.

OCTOBER 2016

- See "Every Month" above.
- Hold a program on the difference between Republican and Democrat philosophies. CE-3B
- Encourage members to volunteer hours to the state and county Republican organization such as headquarters or do precinct work. CA-4B.
- Host a C.H.A.T. (Chicks Having a Good Time) to discuss monthly TFRW topic or other political topic (in both 2016 and 2017). MD-7B.
- Have members participate in a campaign to promote GOP legislation at the local, state, or national level. CA-6B.

- Host **any** quarterly TFRW Board meeting by donating treats or at least \$25 for hospitality. CF-19B.
- Club member, other than TFRW Board member, attends **any** quarterly TFRW Board meeting. CF-12B.

NOVEMBER 2016

- See "Every Month" above.
- General Election VICTORY CELEBRATION!!!!
- Encourage members to renew their memberships for 2017 year and invite new members. CF-2

DECEMBER 2016

- See "Every Month" above.
- CELEBRATE YOUR SUCCESSFUL YEAR AND REMEMBER TO THANK YOUR VOLUNTEERS!
- Get your official Roster of all officers and required committee members including names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and office held to the TFRW office in Austin on or before January 1st. CF-3.
- Submit email addresses to TFRW for 100% of club members. CF-21B.
- Submit the first installment of dues plus service charge to TFRW on or before Jan. 15. CF-1B.
- Campaign Activities Chairman turn in quarterly campaign volunteer hours from members to TFRW. CA-2.

JANUARY 2017

- See "Every Month" above.
- Distribute a job description from the TFRW Handbook to each of your Board Members. CF-6.
- Plan your New Year with the John Goodwin Tower Award of Excellence guidelines.
- Submit the first installment of dues plus service charge to TFRW on or before Jan. 15. CF-1B.
- Make a plan to retain and grow membership this year. Remember, you want to reach last year's membership **PLUS** more! MD-1B. MD-2B.
- Raise funds for the Republican Party and/or a Republican Candidate. CA-10B.
- Appoint at least one new club member to serve on a club committee, or as an appointed officer. MD-4B.
- Host **any** quarterly TFRW Board meeting by donating treats or at least \$25 for hospitality. CF-19B.
- Club member, other than TFRW Board member, attends **any** quarterly TFRW Board meeting. CF-12B.

FEBRUARY 2017

- See "Every Month" above.
- Establish an online presence. Various social media Website, Facebook, Twitter, etc. (both 2016 and 2017). MD-6B.
- Appoint a member / committee to welcome visitors and new members. MD-3B.
- Donate funds or hold a book drive for a literacy program or agency in your area. CR-3.
- Host a C.H.A.T. (Chicks Having a Good Time) to discuss monthly TFRW topic or other political topic (in both 2016 and 2017). MD-7B.

- Have a program that discusses state election laws, Party rules, and the Party convention process. P-2.
- Encourage members to become TFRW Patrons (both 2016 and 2017). CF-10B.
- Contribute to the TFRW State Scholarship (both 2016 and 2017). CE-1B.

MARCH 2017

- See "Every Month" above.
- Publish a Membership Directory of the current club officers and members. Include names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. CF-15B. May be done electronically.
- Publish current contact information of elected public officials serving your area. CF-14B.
- Supply members with Information pertaining to Federation structure. P-3.
- Campaign Activities Chairman turn in quarterly campaign volunteer hours from members to TFRW. CA-2.
- Send member(s) to NFRW Legislative Day on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. P-2B.

<u>APRIL 2017</u>

- See "Every Month" above.
- Send member(s) to TFRW Legislative Day in Austin. P-3B. Contribute to their expenses. CF-13B.
- Participate in a TFRW sponsored workshop. P-5.
- Sponsor program to school children on civic issues. CE-3B.
- Sponsor school program on the difference in Democrat and Republican philosophies. CE-3B.
- Lobby national, state, or local elected officials on an issue important to RW. P-1B.
- Host any quarterly TFRW Board meeting by donating treats or at least \$25 for hospitality. CF-19B.
- Club member, other than TFRW Board member, attends **any** quarterly TFRW Board meeting. CF-12B.

<u>MAY 2017</u>

- See "Every Month" above.
- Buy and donate a book to a Library for the Barbara Bush Literacy Project and/or the Mamie Eisenhower Literacy Project (must be done for both years in the biennial cycle). CE-3.
- Select legislation affecting women for study and action. P-1B
- Nominate and elect Delegate and Alternate to NFRW Convention. CF-5B. Contribute to their expenses. CF-7B.
- Prepare submission for NFRW Club Achievement Award Application, due June 1 to TFRW President.

JUNE 2017

- See "Every Month" above.
- June 1 is the postmark deadline for submitting the NFRW Club Achievement Award Application to the TFRW President for signature.
- Establish and/or contribute to a scholarship fund to benefit a Republican woman from your area. CE-2B.
- Campaign Activities Chairman turn in quarterly campaign volunteer hours from members to TFRW. CA-2.

JULY 2017

- See "Every Month" above.
- Organize Voter ID and/or Get Out the Vote [GOTV] Campaign CA-3.
- Host **any** quarterly TFRW Board meeting by donating treats or at least \$25 for hospitality. CF-19B.
- Club member, other than TFRW Board member, attends **any** quarterly TFRW Board meeting. CF-12B.
- Prepare submission for the TFRW JOHN GOODWIN TOWER AWARD, due August 15, 2017.

AUGUST 2017

- See "Every Month" above.
- The <u>postmark deadline</u> for the TFRW JOHN GOODWIN TOWER AWARD is August 15, 2017.

SEPTEMBER 2017

- See "Every Month" above.
- Send Delegate and Alternate to NFRW Convention. CF-5B. Contribute to their registration and/or expenses. CF-7B
- Elect Delegates and Alternates to **TFRW** Convention. CF-6B. Contribute to their expenses. CF-8B.

OCTOBER 2017

- See "Every Month" above.
- NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS THIS MONTH!!
- Host **any** quarterly TFRW Board meeting by donating treats or at least \$25 for hospitality. CF-19B.
- Club member, other than TFRW Board member, attends **any** quarterly TFRW Board meeting. CF-12B.
- Send Delegates and Alternates to TFRW Convention. CF-6B. Receive your John Goodwin Tower Award of Excellence!

NOVEMBER 2017

• See "Every Month" above.

DECEMBER 2017

- See "Every Month" above.
- CELEBRATE YOUR SUCCESSFUL YEAR AND **REMEMBER TO THANK YOUR VOLUNTEERS!**
- Get your official Roster of all officers including names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and offices held to the TFRW office in Austin on or before January 1st. CF-3
- Submit email addresses to TFRW for 100% of club members. CF-21B.



TFRW Community Engagement

During this very busy first-part of the year, one of our clubs' top goals has been membership renewal and recruitment. As we move about our communities recruiting new members, please keep in mind that we have an extraordinary opportunity to grow our memberships and influence the outcome of this election by forming strategic partnerships with Republican-oriented groups and recruiting members of diverse backgrounds to achieve our common goals.

A great asset to your club is the appointment of a Community Engagement Chair for your club, as well as a sub-committee, focused on working with your Membership Chair to promote membership to all women in the community and establish a relationship with other Republican-affiliated groups in the area. Please contact me if I can be of assistance in this area, or if you need further information.

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As part of our Community Engagement Program, TFRW presents the Champion of Freedom Award. In order to prepare for this event, we will have several fundraising initiatives throughout the year to give everyone an opportunity to participate in sponsorships and to be a part of this event. Our first initiative:

Specialty Silent Auction ~ Purses

In order to assist us in our quest for the perfect purse/handbag, we will have a very special Silent Auction featuring Very Special Purses, at the upcoming TFRW Board Meeting.

You don't want to miss this, so mark your calendars. You have a personal invitation to attend the TFRW Board meeting in Austin on April 29th and 30th.



TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN & THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF TEXAS GRASSROOTS CLUB AWARD

Jumbo and Super-Jumbo Clubs: Awards for as little as 10% of your total 2015 membership participating. All Other Club levels: Awards for as little as 25% of your total 2015 membership participating.

> Awards will be presented at the Texas State Republican Convention. Deadline: Friday May 6, 2016

On the TFRW Website, you will find your Club's report form— Just fill it in and email it to: LKinney.sd25@gmail.com

Your Active Members and Male Associate Members all count toward your goal. To join the Grassroot Club: <u>www.texasgop.org</u> or <u>www.grassrootsclub.com</u>

For questions contact: Linda Kinney, TFRW/RPT Grassroots Club Liaison Or Candy Noble, RPT Grassroots Club Chair

> Linda Kinney * TFRW/RPT Grassroots Club Liaison * 512-785-8810 * Lkinney.sd25@gmail.com

Candy Noble * RPT Grassroots Club Chair * 972-322-8782 * candy@candacenoble.com



CARING FOR AMERICA

By now, I know all of the TFRW Presidents have appointed Caring for America Chairs, and your clubs are starting to get their CFA projects organized. Below are three of the most frequently asked questions, and their answers.

1. What constitutes a Caring for America project?

A. Any <u>community</u> volunteer work your club collectively or its members individually perform is considered a CFA event, so long as it <u>does not involve work for a candidate or</u> <u>elected official</u>. You should identify yourself as a TFRW member, either by wearing your club name tag, or a TFRW pin, scarf, or any other type of TFRW member identification. These projects may be as varied as your membership chooses, and can encompass volunteering in hospitals, food banks, churches, wounded warriors, and/or rescuing flood victims. The choices are limitless! VOLUNTEERING IS A GREAT MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT TOOL.

2. When is our report due?

A. Your report is due **June 1, 2017**, and should be turned in to your TFRW State Caring for America Chair. There will be more information about this as that hard deadline approaches. *You should be cheering*, because you have 15 months to get your report done. We recommend you prepare a report on your monthly volunteer work, as it occurs, and take lots and lots of pictures. Remember, there are prizes involved.

3. When and to whom do we report hours?

A. Your hours are cumulative, and will officially be made a part of your final <u>June 1</u>, <u>2017</u> report. We do, however, recommend that you log your members' volunteer hours on a monthly basis, and keep the log in a safe place. You may also send your club hours to the TFRW State Chair for dual safekeeping.

And please remember that you may always contact me with any questions and/or suggestions.

Texas Moore * Caring for America Chair * 830-281-5080 (H) * 830-570-7600 (cell) * texmoore@aol.com

AMERICANISM

Flying our Flag:

March 27 Easter Sunday

Important Dates:

- March 01 Republican Primary
- March 13 Daylight Saving Time begins ("Spring Forward")
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day in honor of the Patron Saint of Ireland.
- March 20 1st Day of Spring and Palm Sunday
- March 27 Easter Sunday

Unusual Historical Facts of Famous Americans and U.S. Presidents:

Sam Houston: born March 2, 1793 in Rockbridge County Virginia. When he was in his teens he ran away to live with the Cherokee Indians. He later served as a Congressman and Governor of Tennessee. In 1882 Houston traveled to Texas and became sympathetic to the cause of the Texans struggle to gain their independence from Mexico. After the fall of the Alamo he became a Commander in the Texas army and helped to defeat and capture of the Mexican army and its commander, Mexican president Santa Anna. Sam Houston is the only man in US history to be elected Governor of two different States. He was the 7th Governor of both Tennessee and Texas.

Alexander Graham Bell: born March 3, 1847 in Edinburgh Scotland. His father was a Professor of Elocution and they were both interested in teaching deaf persons to speak. He chose his own middle name but was called Alec or Aleck by his family. After coming to the United States, he continued with interests working with the deaf and established the Association for the Promotion of Teaching Speech to the Deaf. In March 1876 Bell received the patent for his invention of the telephone and founded the Bell Telephone Company. Among his other inventions was a precursor to the iron lung and a metal detector used to locate the bullet in President Garfield's body after being shot.

Albert Einstein: born March 14, 1897 in Ulm, Germany. His theory of relativity led to new ways of thinking and a Nobel Prize in 1921. He immigrated to the US in 1933 where he became an outspoken critic of Nazi Germany. He warned President Roosevelt about Germany developing the Atomic Bomb, and this encouraged the President to start the secret Manhattan Project.

Andrew Jackson: born in a log cabin on March 15, 1767 (Lincoln wasn't the only one) in Wax, South Carolina. He was the 7th President and the first Irish-Catholic President (his parents immigrated from Ireland in 1765). His nickname was 'Old Hickory' and he was a target of the first attempted Presidential assassination. He was also the only President to have been a P.O.W.

James Madison Jr.: born March 16, 1751 in Port Conway, Virginia. Madison was the 4th President. He is best known as the father of the Constitution and the key author of the Bill of Rights. Dolly Madison was one of the most well-loved first ladies.



Time to renew or join TFRW Patrons

Thanks to the many TFRW members and clubs who have renewed their Patron memberships for 2016. For those who have NOT yet renewed or joined, it is NOT too late. Send in one of the following 3-types of Patron membership forms: TFRW Members Patrons, Associate Patrons, or Club Patrons, which are included in this newsletter.

Individual membership dues are just \$250 for TFRW members and \$100 for associates. The benefits include invitations to exclusive Patron events at TFRW Board meetings; preferred seating at TFRW board meeting meals and other TFRW events; a Patron name badge; and an opportunity to support TFRW and its many projects and endeavors.

The Club Membership is returning for \$250, which allows one Club member to attend TFRW events as a Patron and use the club's Patron badge.

BEST DEAL. There is a new Club Membership available this year. For \$500, a TFRW club will be able to send 2 members to any TFRW event as a Patron; receive 2 Patron badges; receive preferred seating for all club members at non-Patron events such as Leadership Day, Tribute to Women, Legislative Day, Convention, etc.

The next Patron event will be a cocktail reception with a speaker on Friday evening, April 29 at the TFRW board meeting in Austin. There will be Patron events at the July and October board meetings as well.

Complete your Patron application and mail it with your check. Note the new address for the TFRW office shown on each of the membership forms.

Marilyn Davis & Debra Coffey * Patrons Co-Chairs

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DElite Patron Club Membership

- 1. Entitles club to send two members to attend TFRW board meetings and other events as Patrons.
- 2. Two Patron Club badges will be issued to New Patron Club.
- 3. Priority seating for <u>entire club</u> at non-Patron seated events (Legislative Day, Tribute to Women, Leadership Day, TFRW Convention).
- 4. A check for \$500.00 is enclosed for the 2016 calendar year.

Patron Club Membership

- 1. Entitles club to send one member to attend TFRW board meetings and other events as a Patron.
- 2. One Patron Club badge will be issued to New Patron Club.
- 3. A check for \$250.00 is enclosed for the 2016 calendar year.

Please make check payable to *Texas Federation of Republican Women PAC*, and note **"Patron Club"** in the lower left hand corner. Send checks to:

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2016 PATRON ASSOCIATE APPLICATION (<u>For Men Only</u>)

New Patron AssociateRenewing Patron Associate
Date Primary RW Club
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□ My check is enclosed for \$100.00 for the 2016 calendar year.
□ Enclosed is a check for \$50.00, the first of two payments for the 2016 calendar year.
Please make check payable to <i>Texas Federation of Republican Women PAC</i> and note "Patron Associate" in the lower left hand corner. Send checks to:
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TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Save the $\ensuremath{\mathsf{D}}\xspace{\mathsf{ATE}}$

2016 Juncheon

FRIDAY MAY 13TH 11:30 AM OMNI DALLAS HOTEL 555 S. LAMAR, DALLAS, TEXAS

Honorees per Club

Small (10-30 members) 1 Honoree Medium (31-60 members) 2 Honorees Large (61-100 members) 2 Honorees Jumbo (101-200 members) 3 Honorees Super Jumbo (200+ members) 3 Honorees

Clubs will need to submit a short bio for each member honored. Club honoree forms can be found at tfrw.org and nomination deadline is April 13, 2016



Tribute to Women Quncheon



Friday, May 13, 2016 11:30 am to 1:00 pm **Omni Dallas Hotel** 555 S Lamar Dallas, Texas 75202

Club Name: (No acronyms please)			Club SD
Is your club a TFRW Patron Club Elite?	Yes	No	

As a TFRW Patron Club Elite, your club will receive preferential seating at this event.

For club members who wish to be seated together:

- 1. List ALL members attending from your club (list Honorees first)
- 2. Mail completed form with total payment to TFRW
- 3. After April 13, tickets are \$80 per person

Please Note: Seating assignments are based on "first received" basis. Tables accommodate 10. If your table is not full, members of other clubs may be assigned to sit with you.

Name of Honoree Attending	
Email	Phone
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	Payment by check #
List any Dietary Restrictions	
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(Please list additional attendees on next page. Make copies as needed.)

If mailing your registration, make check payable to "TFRW PAC" Return this form with your payment no later than April 13, 2016, to: **TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN** 13740 N Highway 183, Suite J4 * Austin, Texas 78750-1832 For questions: TFRW@TFRW.org * 512.477.1615 * www.TFRW.org Early Bird Registration \$69 per person by April 19 Total Number of Attendees ______ @ \$69 per person. Total Amount Enclosed \$______. After April 19 \$80 per person Total Number of Attendees @ \$80 per person. Total Amount Enclosed \$.

2016 Tribute to Women Luncheon

Additional Club Members, Elected Officials & Guests Attending

1. Please identify as:	Club Member		Elected Official	Guest
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2016 Calendar and Deadlines

- March 1, 2016 TFRW 1st Submission and Club Dues are Delinquent
- March 17, 2016 NFRW Legislative Day at the U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C.
- NFRW Spring Board Of Directors Meeting, Arlington VI March 17-19, 2016
- TFRW 2nd Quarter Board Meeting, Austin TX April 29-30, 2016
- May 1, 2016 2nd Quarter Membership Dues to NFRW
- May 13, 2016 Tribute to Women, Dallas TX
- TFRW 3rd Quarter Board Meeting, Austin TX July 8-9, 2016
- August 1, 2015 3rd Quarter Membership Dues to NFRW
- TFRW 4th Quarter Board Meeting, Austin TX October 21-22, 2016
- October 31, 2016 4th Quarter Membership Dues to NFRW
- November 1, 2016 **TFRW Membership 2016 Begins**

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