



“10 Outstanding” Special Edition



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Beginning in 1965, when the first recipients of TFRW’s “10 Outstanding” Award were announced, each biennial convention held since has been highlighted by the announcement of these “10 Outstanding” Republican Women across the state.

Traditionally held on the last evening of the TFRW Convention, it has been a special time to recognize the ladies who have given so much for Republican causes in their local clubs, TFRW, NFRW, party activities, and civic duty.

This year was no exception to those previous conventions! The “10 Outstanding” Reunion and Patrons Reception preceded the dinner held in the Dallas Omni Hotel on Friday, October 20, 2017, that featured U.S. Senator John Cornyn as the keynote speaker. Senator Cornyn also participated in the presentation of the “10 Outstanding” Awards to the honorees as did TFRW President Theresa Kosmoski.

The honorees were selected by the “10 Outstanding” Committee, chaired by Carolyn Hodges. The members of the committee were Mona Bailey, Shirley Martinez, Mary Mayo, Candy Noble, and Judy Parada. After the selection of the honorees, the committee members, except Candy Noble who could not be present at the event, wrote introductions for each of the ten. Presented in random order, the following were honored with the prestigious “10 Outstanding” Award.

Carolyn Hodges, “10 Outstanding” Committee Chair, 2017

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Freida Wright

Alamo City Republican Women



Freida Wright joined Alamo City Republican Women in 1997 and has served in several capacities since, including Club President. Her many ideas helped change the vision of the group, resulting in it becoming a Jumbo Club moving forward.

She has volunteered for numerous Republican candidates from President Bush, Paul Ryan, and the National Republican Congressional Committee down to local council candidates, and today, many potential candidates seek her out for advice before filing.

Freida did not become a U.S. resident until 1960, having been born in the United Kingdom. She married an American military man and moved here with him, living in many states across our country. She says that she felt she was destined to be a Republican, and she joined her TFRW Club after gaining her citizenship in 1997.

A local magazine in her city voted her as one of the most influential women in politics in 2004 and the most influential woman in politics in their area in 2006.

Her greatest honor, she will tell you, was greeting President George W. Bush off of Air Force One, and a close second was working at the Trump National Incoming Call Center. Politics is her passion!



Jennifer Lambert

Canyon Lake Republican Women

Jennifer Lambert is a fantastic example of leadership, dedication, and compassion for TFRW members, her local Republican Women's clubs, the Republican Party, and America.

Her first membership in a Republican Women's club was in 2000 in a northeastern state, but as we say, "she got to Texas as fast as she could."

At her first Texas Federation of Republican Woman's meeting, she met Toni Anne Dashiell, who encouraged her to get involved with her local clubs, where she began her association with local clubs, many local activities, and of course, electing Republicans.

When she takes on a task, she does it well and never leaves a job unfinished—even if it means staying up late to finish another historically-themed, Air Force Drone Pilot-approved snack for the District Director/Deputy President meeting!

Jennifer has held many TFRW positions including: Regional Deputy President, District Director Coordinator, numerous Convention Committees, TFRW Patron, NFRW Regent, and a Tribute to Women Honoree, just to name a few. She is currently a member of Canyon Lake RW.

In each of her various TFRW positions, one of her strengths has been assessing situations and stepping in to support and improve. During her years as a Deputy President, providing a listening ear to Club Presidents was her pleasure and privilege.



Kris Coons

Bexar County Republican Women

Passion, purpose, and bringing political promise wherever she resides is what Kris Coons of Bexar County Republican Women is all about. Her political life began over thirty-two years ago, outside of her home state; this was the beginning of what would become a family affair in Republican politics. She learned about phone banks, block walks, stuffing envelopes, and GOTV while working to successfully elect her mother to a state representative seat and her father to city council.

Since those days, Kris toggles between two states, Texas and Louisiana, working gubernatorial, congressional, senatorial, and local elections. She's been a member of NFRW for over twenty-five years and served TFRW on various board positions. Her extraordinary energy and enthusiasm to always be ready to serve propelled her as the number one candidate for the office she occupies, the Republican Party of Bexar County Volunteer Coordinator.

She's been President of her local Republican Women's club and a member of their Executive Board since joining in 2010. She was most recently honored as the 2016 SREC Senatorial District 25 Volunteer of the Year. Kris is the mother of a four year old son, the wife of a very understanding husband, and the daughter of a very proud mother and former state representative of Louisiana.

Lissa Smith

Conner Harrington Republican Women



TFRW Makes It Happen! The principles of the Republican Party—you must be a part of the process for it to work effectively—working at grassroots level, influencing legislation, encouraging Republican Women to run for office, providing training to become effective campaigners and office holders. Lissa Smith of Conner Harrington Republican Women personifies this.

She is a 25-year member of Texas Federation of Republican Women, serving in almost every office of her club, including President; raising money each year; former TFRW District Director; nominated by her club twice as Tribute to Women Honoree; and Delegate or Alternate to ten TFRW Conventions and three NFRW Conventions.

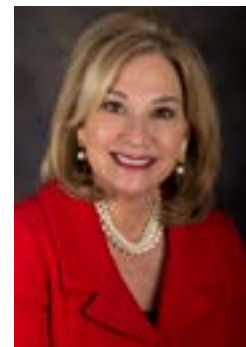
Lissa has attended TFRW and Republican Party Campaign Management Schools, campaigned diligently in local elections; in time, becoming a Volunteer Coordinator, a campaign manager, or advisor in campaigns; a member of the Mighty Texas Strike Force, and traveled to other states helping get Republicans elected.

Working in many capacities for her county party—Lincoln Day Dinners since 2005, serving on Nominations, Credentials, Resolutions, and Audit Committees, Election Judge, Poll Watcher, working at county party headquarters, receiving their highest award for her dedication and outstanding service. Her community service includes executive board positions from the Symphony and Junior League, to the County Transportation Board and Child Protective Services Board.

She ran for and was elected to office. There are many "Firsts" in her career: the first Hispanic Woman elected to the City Council; the longest serving Mayor Pro Tem and the first Hispanic Woman to serve in that capacity; appointed to serve on the 16-county North Central Texas Council of Governments (representing over 7 million people), she became the first Hispanic Woman President, and one of only five women in their 51-year history to serve in that capacity; the first woman Co-Chair of Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition; and the first woman to serve on the City Council Legislative Committee.

Debra Coffey

Cowtown Republican Women



The familiar adage, “If you want something done right, give the job to a busy person” fits Debra Coffey to perfection. This “10 Outstanding” woman embodies these qualities: execution of any plan in precise detail, exceptional professionalism and preparedness, and excellent communication ability.

When her older sister enlisted her to volunteer at county Republican headquarters for a school project regarding the George H. W. Bush campaign for U.S. Senator in 1970, she began her political path.

She has been a Republican Woman for over twenty-five years, serving locally as an officer and multiple committee chairs, also serving on the 2011 TFRW Convention Committee.

Debra joined the TFRW Board as Marketing Chair in 2006, developing a brochure to encourage membership as well as highlight our mission and purpose. Since then, she has served as District Director Coordinator (two terms), First Vice President (two terms), and now as Patron Co-Chair. During this time, she has supported TFRW as a Patron and attended every TFRW convention. From first-hand experience, her special events were remarkable! Her participation in NFRW has also been exceptional.

Debra’s political involvement in the Republican Party has been intense since 1995. She has had significant roles in her county, attended state conventions, and in 2016, was selected as a Presidential Elector from Congressional District 12.

Over the years, she has facilitated and made presentations encouraging Republican Women to run for office. All of this has been done while she has served as Vice-President of Governmental Affairs for Smart Start, Inc. focusing on legislative efforts in state government and Congress.

She and her husband Judge Daryl Coffey make Fort Worth their home, and she is a member of Cowtown Republican Women.

Barbara Buxton

Cy-Fair Republican Women



Attention to detail and quiet, calm, capable leadership are attributes of Barbara Buxton of Cy-Fair Republican Women.

Coming later in life to the political arena, her first campaign was that of George W. Bush. The national and global destruction she saw after 9/11, propelled her to become involved and to make a difference which she has done well!

Living in Boerne, Texas, she had her first taste of the Texas Federation of Republican Women being encouraged by, in her words, "some great Republican Women."

After moving to Houston in 2007, she joined a club where she immediately became engaged. She has never looked back! She served as Treasurer, First Vice-President, and now as President. TFRW also benefitted from her support and leadership as she has been a long-time Patron, was appointed Deputy President, Region II, then PAC Chair, and now serves as District Director for SD 7. She also has presented numerous times regarding the Treasurer/PAC Treasurer position for Greater Houston Council and TFRW.

She has served as Precinct Chair and Election Judge in Harris County since 2008. Numerous candidates have benefitted from her generosity and volunteerism! Her home has been the scene of many fundraisers.

This astute woman is the owner of an oilfield supply company along with her husband Larry. She knows that financial success and the future of her beloved family depend on her activism. She credits outstanding TFRW women for mentoring her to become a leader.



Rena Peden

Tarrant Star Republican Women

Rena Peden is a member of Tarrant Star Republican Women. She joined her first Republican Women's club in the 1980s, and since then has served in numerous offices, both in that club and in her current one and has been a delegate to most TFRW Conventions. This past year, she also attended the NFRW Convention.

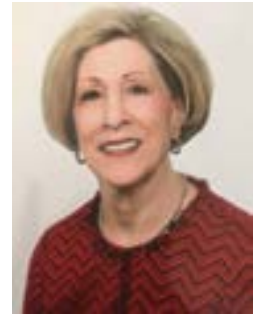
She has worked in many local, state, and national campaigns over the years, and has been active in her local county party, serving as a delegate to most county and state conventions, as well as once being a delegate to the national convention, where she served on the National Credentials Committee.

Some of her county titles include being elected as a County Commissioner (the first female in this county); County Chair, among other county offices, and being elected to the State Republican Executive Committee. As a member of the latter, she served on the Redistricting, Rules, and the 2012 Convention Committees. In 2015, Rena was elected Volunteer of the Year in her district, and she has served as Secretary of the State Party and 2016 RPT Convention Secretary. She is currently serving on RPT's Candidate Resource Committee and the State Convention Committee.

This Outstanding Republican woman has been active in her community for years and currently serves as President of ESD 1, which provides fire and first responder services to the county.

Marie Maggio

Golden Triangle Republican Women



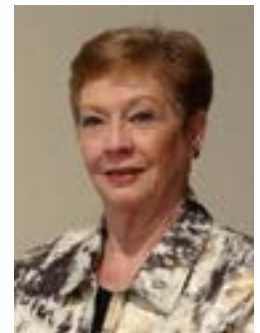
Marie Maggio is a wonderful example of leadership and devotion to America, TFRW, her local TFRW Club, and the County, State, and National Republican Party.

Opening and staffing the County Republican Party Headquarters was her job for the 2016 Election. She spent many hours making sure the office was staffed, campaign signs were distributed, and phone lines were in full operation. In October, she worked with her County Chair in planning and organizing workers to make the county's Freedom Fest a success.

As a loyal TFRW attendee at all quarterly meetings since 2012, Marie has served as Literacy Chair from 2012 to the present. As the TFRW Literacy Chair in 2013, she was instrumental in leading TFRW Clubs in a very successful book drive for the schools and libraries in the small town of West, Texas, after the tragic explosion that was very destructive. Her leadership includes working hard to increase the Greater Houston Council's membership participation to 99%. She has served her local club Golden Triangle RW for fifteen years, as President, Membership Chairman, Legislative Chairman, and Bylaws Chairman. Marie is currently the 2018-2019 TFRW Secretary.

Jody Deller

Kaufman County Republican Women



"The Texas Federation of Republican Women provides the avenue for women to influence policy, develop candidates, and elect leaders in Texas, and nationally, as well. We provide the structure and support for political activists to learn, engage, and flourish."

Jody Deller of Kaufman County Republican Women has taken all of this to heart and spirit, and placed it into action throughout the years. She has been actively involved as a political activist in her Republican Women's club for almost twenty years, serving for three terms in the essential positions of Vice-President of Publicity and President. She served as an Election Judge in many elections and elected as Precinct Chair for five terms in her county. She has worked on numerous campaigns, not only in her own county, but also state and national elections—working for the re-election of President George W. Bush.

She has been honored twice by her club as their Tribute to Women Honoree; these nominations span the distance of ten years apart, so she is a tireless and passionate worker for our cause. She chaired two sub-committees in her service to the TFRW Board of Directors and has worked on the TFRW Conventions, as well as the Republican Party Conventions, plus being elected as a delegate to these conventions for almost sixteen years.



In the meantime, she made history in her county when she was elected the first woman ever as County Chairman.

Jody is a woman of great heart, volunteering and serving on the boards of four civic organizations in her community—the latest of which is First Vice-President for the 2017-2018 Quilt Guild.



Rachel Woods

McClennan County Republican Women

Giving. Serving. Shaping. Three words that describe what Rachel Woods of McClennan County Republican Women is all about.

She started **giving** early in life. Her first memory as a volunteer in politics was in the third grade—making homemade campaign signs for Ronald Reagan, and her first campaign experience unfolded in 1996 as a political science student at Baylor.

Rachel joined her local club fourteen years ago and began **servicing** where needed. When her club recognized her strengths in leadership development and conflict management coupled with her academic credentials—a graduate of Baylor University **and** a law degree from St. Mary's School of Law—she **served** as President, Parliamentarian, Membership Chairman, and became a forceful master of GOTV. Word quickly spread to the TFRW leadership. They, too, wanted a stake in that stock. She's led the TFRW Board in various positions: VP of Programs, VP of Legislation, Chairman of Leadership Development, and her **service** has even extended to public radio representing TFRW on women running for public office.

For the past twenty years, she's **given** and **served** in grassroots politics and in volunteer organizations. But that's not all. Wherever she gives or serves, her work always results in **shaping** a new direction, a new mission. How far does her **shaping** extend? Rachel is the founder of Leadership Trek Corporation where she consults and trains business, political, and government leaders. She launched the first TFRW Candidate Development Program, established the Women's Democracy Network Women's Leadership School, and served as a Leadership Coach to women from over thirty countries. She was recently called to Kenya and Bhutan to coach and train women in politics from five political parties.

Today she teaches Leadership and Organizational Behavior at Baylor Business School.

Of all the giving, serving, and shaping, what are her proudest achievements? Her eighteen years of marriage to her best friend Riley and their two children, Jackson and Reagan.

“10 Outstanding” 1965-2015

2015

Halene Crossman
Susan Fischer
The Honorable Patricia Harless
Pearl Maggio
Shirley Martinez
Candy Noble
Jan Ott
Judy Parada
Zan Prince
Deborah Wall

2009

Capy Alexander
Maria Burbridge
Mary Darby
Beryl Dowd
Betty Hill
Carolyn Hodges
Irene Kerr
Sylvia Manley
June Rentmeester
‘Borah Van Dormolen

2003

Fern Burke
Fran Colby
Meg Grier
Linda Hancock
The Honorable Jean Spradling
Hughes
The Honorable Jan Kennady
Roe Lear Machen
Nancy Oughton
Jo Anne Powell
The Honorable Jean Anne Stratton

2013

M. Elizabeth (Beth) Cathey
Belinda Frisk
Catherine Gibb
Nancy Mayer
Mary Mayo
Denise McNamara
Sherry Peterson
Deborah Guitian Roan
The Honorable Florence Shapiro
Rebecca Williamson

2007

Rebecca Bradford
Cheri Creekmore
Daphne Hamilton
Patti Johnson
Lilian Norman Keeney
Kathie Nenninger
Dotty Ragley
Marian Stanko
Mandy Tschoepe
Nelva Urick

2001

Rena Bowles
Jayne Brainard
Fran King
Peggy Mason
Kathy Parrish
Pat Peale
Caroline Pierce
Carol Ragland
Teresa Spears
Carol Van De Walle

2011

Mona Bailey
Jane Cansino
Shirley Cooper
Toni Anne Dashiell
Sue Evenwel
Kaye Goolsby
Rhonda Lacy
Barbara Meeks
Bonnie Sudderth
Dorothy Woodall

2005

Wanda Bell
Miriam Burton
Lois Chambers
Audrey McDonald
Tomi Porterfield
Mary Sage
Judy Smith
Gail Suttle
Pat Tillman
Mary Ann Wall

1999

Sue Bradley
Mary Belle Brown
Merri Easterly
Ann Harrington
Annette Hopkins
Barbara Jordan
Willie Lawley
Barbara Nowlin
Dianne Thompson
Kris Anne Vogelpohl

1997

Dona Bruns
Mattie Friedlein
Sandra Halsey
Gladys Jeter
Mary Kochs
Jo Konen
Sonja Main
Bonnie Maynard
Peggy McDuff
Marvel Sayers

1991

Harriet Armstrong
Vera Carhart
Jan Crow
The Honorable Mary Denny
Florace Kling
Dolly Peralta
Margaret Rhea
Carolyn Roberson
Dottie Sanders
Theo Wickersham

1985

Ruth Allison (Tansey)
Jane Berberich
Pat Berry
Beulah Childress
Fran Chiles
Natalie Kern
Jan Patterson
The Honorable Gwen Shea
Rickey Thompson
Martha Weisend

1995

Lou Brown
Naomi Godfrey
Taffy Goldsmith
The Honorable Beverly Kaufman
Betsy Lake
Sandra Logan
Jeanne Musselman
Ann Smith
Patsy Standerfer
Gayle West

1989

Nancy Boston
Rita Bristow
Barbara Campbell
Alma Carter
Laverne Evans
Louise Foster
Ramona Kennedy
Yvonne Kohutek
Shirley McSpedden
Edith Schuler

1983

Patti Clapp
June Deason
Peggy Engelhardt
Beverly Fisher
The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison
Gerry Johnson
Jean Rheudasil
Helen Rutland
LaVeta Sealy
Estelle Teague

1993

Kay Baird
Phyllis Cole
Jeanne Cotellesse
Rose Farmer
The Honorable Peggy Hamric
Marjorie Hardway
Margie Nunn
Carol Teddy Petersen
Anna Clarie Rice
Betty Strohacker

1987

Cindy Brockwell
Shirley Costello
Maxine Grothouse
Barbara Lockard
Florence Neumeyer
Jane Pieper
Marcia Saunders
Claudene Spellios
Nancy Stevens
Jane Yancey

1981

Mary Jane Allen
Anne Bergman
Penny Butler
Audrey Cannon
Ann Covert
Barbara Foreman
Ruth Fox
Bette Hervey
Jane Juett
Ruth Schiermeyer

1979

Dixie Clem
Marion Doubleday
Ada Gibbs
Myrtis Gibson
Shirley Green
Carolyn Huchton
Ann Mason
Mary Lou Mergele
Elizabeth Paterson
Ruth Potter

1973

Jane Burgland
Peggy Dunlap
Jo Kanowsky
Mary Kirchoff
Blanche Martin
Carolyn Messenger
Nancy Palm
Juandelle Lacy Roberts
Ellie Selig
Mildred Staley
Lou Stapleton

1967

Mrs. John Culver
Judy Eidson
Mrs. George Irving
Mrs. Gordon King
Mrs. Glen Lealand
Mrs. J. P. Mason
Violet Mottwiler
Mrs. Bradlee Postell
Mrs. H. J. Roper
Mrs. Lloyd Winship

1977

Marguerite Binkley
Leibert Clinkinbeard
Mary Louise Johns
Carolyn Knight
Adele Luca
Joyce Pittman
Joy Rash
Dorothy Reed
Kit Sears
Iris Snell

1971

Mary Black
Mrs. James Cochran
Jean French
Mary Lou Grier
Babs Johnson
Mrs. Pierce Langford
Mrs. Cornelius Olcott
Mrs. Robert Paxton
Mrs. Adolf Stieler
Irene Wischer

1965

Mrs. W. J. Alexander
Mrs. John Andujar
Dixie Crossman
Mrs. C. F. Hamilton
Mrs. Elmer Kreuber
Mrs. Jack Maxfield
Beryl Milburn
Patricia Skinner
Mrs. Bill Steger
Mrs. Frank Wedding

1975

Jacque Allen
Jeanne Barnes
Joan Cason
Dorothy Crockett
Allie Jane Davis
Patricia Duaine
Jewell Fleming
Nancy Elizabeth Judy
The Honorable Anna Mowery
Lena Taylor

1969

Mrs. Ralph Bruse
Mrs. William Dabney
Lorraine Dyas
Mrs. Rudy Juedeman
Janelle McArthur
Mrs. George Pearson
Mrs. Jack Pumphrey
Mrs. Alton Ray
Mrs. Noel Schroller
Sandra Walker



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