President’s Message

We are just weeks away from the 31st Biennial TFRW Convention; everyone should make plans to be there. We have some returning favorites such as the Campaign Management School and the Club Leadership Training, as well as some exciting new workshops and speakers.

Here are just some of the exciting speakers and workshops that we have lined up, as of press date:

- Senator John Cornyn
- Senator Ted Cruz
- Governor Greg Abbott and First Lady Cecilia Abbott
- Lt. Governor Dan Patrick
- Attorney General Ken Paxton
- Comptroller Glenn Hegar
- Railroad Commission Chairman Christi Craddick
- Speaker Joe Straus
- Nick Adams
- Chicks on the Right
- PolitiChicks
- Abbott University
- Birdwell Heller Strategies

And many more….we are working on some special surprises, too. Your general admission registration includes the Awards Lunch – a can’t-miss event to recognize the great work of our clubs, the “10 Outstanding” Dinner, the Memorial Breakfast, and of course, the Installation Lunch on Saturday to cap off a great weekend.

We will have fabulous vendors and a fun “Meet and Greet” for candidates in Texas. There are plenty of opportunities for you to volunteer, too, if you want to be a part of the action.

We look forward to seeing you in Dallas!

Theresa
Help after Hurricane Harvey

In spite of Hurricane Harvey, we are #TexasStrong and #TexasProud, and those of us who were spared the devastation will help those that were in the path of destruction.

You can help out in a very simple yet meaningful way: we are collecting gift cards, of any amount, for Walmart, Home Depot, and Lowe's to distribute to those in need. Please send your donations, as soon as possible, to the TFRW Office:

Texas Federation of Republican Women
13740 N Highway 183, Suite J-4
Austin, Texas 78750-1832

We will personally deliver your gifts into the hands of this storm’s victims.

Thank you for your generosity.

Jody Deller, member of Kaufman Co. RW, made a beautiful Texas Cabins Quilt (88 in x 88 in) that will be auctioned off at the TFRW 2017 Convention. Appliqued State of Texas surrounded by a field of wildflowers bordered by Log Cabin blocks.

2016-2017 Elected Officers

The President’s Newsletter is an official publication of the Texas Federation of Republican Women and is mailed or emailed monthly to its Club Presidents, Board of Directors, Patron Members, and Subscribers. It contains information about the Federation, its member clubs, and issues important to the political arena.

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Convention is Almost Here!!!

We are ‘seconds’ away from the 31st Biennial Texas Federation of Republican Women Convention, and I bet there are still some T.F.R.W. members asking themselves if they should go to Dallas in October. As you may ponder over how going to a political convention will improve your life, let me share with you my thoughts on convention.

There are reasons not to attend convention, conventions are costly and time consuming. There is the registration fee, transportation to the event, hotel, and food, not to mention the time you must give up. It’s an expensive investment in yourself and your club. Does the cost outweigh the benefits? YES!

Of course, there are workshops, speakers, and meetings, but I want to attend because I never know what will happen and what I will get out of going to convention. There is something thrilling about being with so many like-minded Republican women who are working on different projects and discussing new ideas.

I look forward to catching up with my sisters across the state and meeting new members. I look forward to the opportunity to talk to our elected officials and statewide candidates. I look forward to visiting the vendors that will be in Dallas and attending the State Fair. But, most of all, I look forward to how energized I will become at convention and how I will bring this energy back with me to San Antonio.

I cannot wait to get to Dallas in October and share this event with the most amazing Republican women in the country, please do not miss this well-planned event!

AWARDS

Plan, Plan, Plan....

A big thank you to all who submitted your John Goodwin Tower awards by August 15th!! We had only 55 submissions this year. I was hoping for closer to 90!! Melody Briggs, Sheila Faske, Debi Hayes, and I will be judging the submissions received. We are judging submissions by clubs outside of our home senatorial district. We plan to have all submissions judged by September 1st. Make sure you plan to attend the TFRW Convention in October to cheer on your club for this and other TFRW awards. Did you find something on the JGT award form you would like to see changed or explained differently? Now is the time to suggest changes. Email me any suggestions!!

And as you can see, it’s never too early to start planning for this and other awards for the 2019 Convention. As you install new officers, share how important deadlines are for submission to the TFRW office, etc. Share the job descriptions for the various officer positions with the newly elected board.

Michelle Martin  *  Awards Committee Chair  *  awards@tfrw.org
TFRW Board Members, Patrons, and Club Presidents

The Texas Federation of Republican Women requests the pleasure of your company at

The President's Dinner

Honoring

Theresa Kosmoski
TFRW President 2016-2017

At the Closure of the 2017 TFRW Convention,
Please join us at the

Tower Club
Thanksgiving Tower, 48th Floor
1627 Pacific Ave, Dallas, Texas MAP
6:30 p.m. ~ Saturday, October 21, 2017

Tickets are $70 each ~ No on-site ticket sales

The Event will include
Cocktail Reception with Cash Bar, Dinner, and Program
Cocktail Attire

Tickets must be purchased in advance
RSVP online with Eventbrite at TFRWPresDinner2017.eventbrite.com

TFRW Patrons will receive one complimentary drink ticket

Attendance is limited due to space restrictions and venue requirements
Parking available, $5 per car ~ Thanksgiving Tower Parking Garage ~ 1601 Elm Street

TFRW 2017 President's Dinner ~ RSVP must be received by Sunday, October 1

Name ___________________________________ Phone ______________________
Email ___________________________________                          
Address, City, State, Zip ____________________________
Occupation __________________________________________

Check all that apply:
I am a TFRW ☐ Board Member ☐ Patron ☐ Club President

List any Dietary Restrictions ______________________________________

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Understanding Convention

Convention meetings are a little different from the regular meetings we are accustomed to attending. If this is your first convention, some things may be slightly confusing. Here is some information that may help.

- The business of TFRW takes place in the General Sessions.
- Quorum is the number of delegates required in order to conduct business. For convention, the quorum is a majority of the registered delegates.
- At the beginning of the General Session, before any business can be conducted, a quorum will be established.
- Once there is a quorum, the Convention Rules, which will be printed in the program, will be adopted.
- Then the agenda or program will be adopted.
- At that point, the official business of TFRW commences. There may be ceremonies and many guest speakers at the beginning, but the business meeting itself does not begin until quorum is established, the Convention Rules are adopted, and the program is adopted.
- Note that only delegates may participate in the business of the meeting. Only delegates may speak at the microphones, make motions and vote.
- Reminder - your convention badge is very important. Wear it at all times.

Come to the TFRW Convention ready to participate in the business of our important association and to be inspired and renewed. You’ll be glad you came.

Pam Meyercord, PRP * TFRW Parliamentarian

PATRIOT PAWS

We Made It Happen!

You won’t want to miss the culmination of our fundraising efforts for Patriot Paws.

Who  Veterans, their Service Dogs, and Patriot Paws founder Lori Stevens

What  Find out the startling statistics about our veterans, how our VA is failing them, and what a service dog can do to change their life, both physically and emotionally. You’ll hear first hand from our veteran heroes their remarkable stories of how their service dogs have changed their lives, and see a demonstration of what the dogs can do.

When  Saturday’s General Session 10:45 AM

Where  KBH Ballroom D

Don’t forget your tissues; these amazing veterans and their stories are sure to leave Paw Prints on your heart!

Don’t forget to stop by the Patriot Paws booth to “Smooch a Pooch” during convention! Pictures, petting, and kisses are encouraged!
Good to Know for Convention

OVERFLOW ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE

If the Omni room block fills up, and you cannot get reservations, overflow rooms are available at the A Loft Hotel, across the street from the Omni. Rates are $149/night, and you may make reservations online.

Here’s the link: https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1708238218&key=23D0C33D

PARKING RATES AT THE OMNI DALLAS HOTEL

The Omni is offering TFRW hotel guests a 20% discount on self-parking rates.

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POWER SCOOTER OR WHEELCHAIR RENTAL

After 20 years of Service, we’ve become known for our dependability. We are proud to assist the Texas Federation of Republican Women with mobility rentals.

Free Delivery with Advance Reservation to the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas or an area hotel.

Contact AABCO-Ready Rental Sales & Repair at 972-412-3500 or www.readyrentalmedical.com for assistance.

Advance Reservation is Recommended to Guarantee Your Rental

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TFRW CONVENTION

Chairs of each TFRW Convention Committee are requesting volunteer help NOW, so PLEASE fill out the online form, and hit “Submit” when you have completed it. You will be giving us:

• Your contact information,
• What you would like to do, and
• What special skills you may have.

We will even take your MAYBE at this point and confirm with you later.

The need is now, so please sign up now, and let us know you will help!

Here is the link to complete and submit your form: http://www.tfrw.org/2017-convention-volunteer/
## Convention Schedule

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TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN
31st Biennial Convention
October 19-21, 2017
Dallas, Texas

TFRW is pleased to announce our
2017 CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT SCHOOL

Coordinated by:
Toni Anne Dashiell, Republican National Committeewoman for Texas
Janet Jackson, President TRCCA
Janis Holt, VP Campaign Activities

Speakers Include:
Amy Clark, RPT Vice Chairwoman
Michele Samuelson, TFRW VP Legislation

Wednesday, October 18, 2017
(the day before the convention)
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (8:30 a.m. Check-in)
Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center
650 S Griffin St, Dallas, TX 75202

Coffee, lunch, pm break, and materials are included in the registration fee
Early Registration ends October 1st
$50.00 per person

This will be a special version of TFRW’s Campaign Management School partnering with TRCCA, RPT, and Abbott University. This seminar provides comprehensive training from putting together a plan for targeting and identifying voters. It includes a fundraising section and highlights the latest techniques and tools used to win elections.

Register online with Eventbrite at https://tfrwcms2017.eventbrite.com

TFRW 2017 Campaign Management School

Name: __________________________________________________________
Email: __________________________________________________________ Phone: __________________________
Address, City, State, Zip: ________________________________________
Occupation (REQUIRED): ______________________ List any dietary restrictions: __________________________

For questions, email tfrw@tfrw.org or call 512-477-1615

Mail completed form and a personal or PAC check made payable to TFRW Convention 2017 PAC, 13740 N Highway 183 - Suite J4, Austin, TX 78750-1832
TFRW Club Leadership Training

The Day Before the TFRW Convention
Especially for Incoming Club Officers

Presentations on:

- Club President
- Club PAC Treasurer
- Club Treasurer
- Fundraising
- Membership
- Parliamentary Procedure
- TFRW Administration

Wednesday, October 18, 2017
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
KBH Convention Center
FREE TO ATTEND!

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT

Register with your TFRW Convention Registration

Included in your full convention registration
MEET & GREET
YOUR
ELECTED OFFICIALS & CANDIDATES

All TFRW delegates, alternates, and guests
are welcome to visit one-on-one with our
great elected officials and candidates

Thursday, October 19, 2017
9:30am-12:30pm in the Omni Dallas Hotel
Dallas Ballroom Lobby

Great opportunity to visit and exchange ideas with your
elected officials and candidates and get your
Meet & Greet Bingo Card stamped

Cover your Bingo Card with stamps, then place your name
in the drawing for spectacular door prizes!

FUN, FUN, FUN!
Let’s Kick Off the first night of Convention with a rip-roarin’, boot-scootin’, friendly talking, “Howdy, Pardner!” Good Time!

Date:    Thursday, Oct. 19th
Time:    6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Place    Omni Ballroom D-H
Cash Bar – Live Music – Dance and Get Acquainted!
Announcing the Slate of Officers 2018-2019

Delegates to the 31st Biennial Convention will elect TFRW's officers for the 2018-2019 term. In accordance with the TFRW Bylaws [Article XI], the 2017 Nominating Committee, elected by the TFRW Board of Directors, has unanimously nominated the following Slate of Officers to serve the Texas Federation of Republican Women for the 2018-2019 term.

Karen C Newton, Alamo Heights RW, President

Glynis Chester
RW of Greater North Texas
First Vice President

Diane Haddock
Cowtown RW
Vice President Bylaws

Michele Samuelson
Northwest Austin RW
VP Campaign Activities

Becky Berger
RW of Yoakum
Vice President Finance

Julie Faubel
Lake Conroe Area RW
Vice President Legislation

Rhonda Lacy
Midland Co. RW
Vice President Membership

Linda Hagler
Central Texas RW
Vice President Programs

Marie Maggio
Golden Triangle RW
Secretary

Cindy Barberio Payne
Bulverde Area RW
Treasurer

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Special Thanks to the 2017 Nominating Committee

Jody Rushton, Chair
Sue DeVillez
Beryl Dowd

Melanie Grammar
Janis Holt
Pearl Maggio

Judy Parada
Becky Berger, alternate
Barbara Tague, alternate
Special Reception
To Meet the
2018-2019 TFRW Officer Nominees

31st Biennial Convention
Thursday, October 19, 2017
Immediately Following the Lone Star Reception

Omni Dallas Hotel
Dallas Ballroom Prefunction Area
Third Floor
555 South Lamar
Dallas, Texas
Convention Workshops
Friday, October 20, 2017

Workshop Session I  *  2:45 pm - 3:30 pm

Abbott University
Learn Organization Building to help your club increase its influence and how to use Social Media, Voter Registration, and the Advantage Mobile App to impact elections.

How to Make Social Media Work for Your Club
Birdwell Heller Strategies, LLC, will help you learn the tips and tricks needed to become a social media expert.

Civilization Jihad: How the Enemy is Winning this War
John Guandolo, President of Understanding the Threat, explains the Global Islamic Movement, its objective (global sharia), the jihadi network, and how the enemy gets our leaders (pastors, generals, elected officials, law enforcement, community leaders) to do their bidding for them.

Workshop Session II  *  3:45 pm - 4:30 pm

What does it mean to be an American?
Nick Adams explains why Texan/American values are the greatest in the world and how we teach the next generation what being an American means.

Connecting Conservative Women
Railroad Commission Chairman Christi Craddick's program, "Connecting Conservative Women" is engaging women in local, state, and national leadership through collaboration and mentorship.

Texas State Rifle Association
The Eddie Eagle GunSafe® program is a gun accident prevention program that seeks to help parents, law enforcement, community groups, and educators navigate a topic paramount to our children’s safety.
TFRW Patrons Reception

&

Ten Outstanding Republican Women

Honorees Reunion

With Special Guests

The Honorable John and Sandy Cornyn

United States Senator

Omni Dallas Hotel
Friday, October 20, 2017
6:00 pm ~ 6:50 pm
Katy Trail Room
555 South Lamar
Dallas, Texas

All Patrons, Associate Patrons, and Past Ten Outstanding Award Recipients are Invited

Please RSVP with your Convention Registration

Questions ~ TFRW@TFRW.org or (512) 477-1615
This special service will be dedicated to the memory of our members who have passed away since the TFRW 2015 Convention. We will pay tribute to these women, honoring their outstanding service.

RESERVATIONS are REQUIRED due to limited seating
RSVP with your Convention Registration

CLUB PRESIDENTS: If your club has lost a member after November 6, 2015, please complete this form and return it to the TFRW Office. We will want to include her name during the TFRW Memorial Service. Please duplicate this form if necessary.

Name(s) of Deceased Member(s)

____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________

Full Name of Club: ____________________________________________________________________

Club President: ______________________________________________________________________

Phone: __________________________ Email: _____________________________________________

Please send the completed form no later than October 15, 2017, to TFRW@TFRW.org or:
Texas Federation of Republican Women  *  13740 N Highway 183, Suite J-4  *  Austin TX 78750-1832
NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR CANCELLATIONS; HOWEVER NAME CHANGES WILL BE ALLOWED. ALL NAME CHANGES MUST BE RECEIVED BY TFRW IN WRITING BY MAIL OR EMAIL. NO NAME CHANGES WILL BE HONORED AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2017. EMAIL NAME CHANGE REQUESTS TO TFRW@TFRW.ORG, OR MAIL THEM TO TFRW, 13740 N. HIGHWAY 183, SUITE J4, AUSTIN TX 78750. HOTEL ROOM CHANGES MUST BE HANDLED WITH THE OMNI DALLAS HOTEL DIRECTLY.

SOLICITATIONS MADE BY FEDERAL CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS ARE LIMITED BY FEDERAL LAW. THE FEDERAL CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS ARE SOLICITING ONLY DONATIONS OF UP TO $2500 FROM INDIVIDUALS AND UP TO $5000 FROM MULTI-CANDIDATE POLITICAL COMMITTEES. THEY ARE NOT SOLICITING DONATIONS IN ANY AMOUNT FROM CORPORATIONS, LABOR ORGANIZATIONS, NATIONAL BANKS, FEDERAL CONTRACTORS, OR FOREIGN NATIONALS.

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SUSAN FOUNTAIN, TREASURER  *  www.tfrw.org

TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN
31ST BIENNIAL CONVENTION
October 19-21, 2017 | Dallas, Texas

DELEGATE | ALTERNATE | AT-LARGE DELEGATE

To be a delegate or an alternate, you MUST be registered for the full convention. Guest tickets cannot be purchased for Delegates, Alternates, or At-Large Delegates.

Early Registration - $175.00
Through September 15

Late Registration - $250.00
September 16-October 1

On-Site Registration - $300.00
After October 1

Name to appear on badge: _____________________________
Email: _____________________________ Phone: _____________________________
Address, City, State, Zip: _____________________________
Occupation (REQUIRED): _____________________________
My Senate District #: _____________________________ My TFRW Club is: _____________________________

Please check each event that you plan to attend.

- Club Leadership Training: Wednesday, October 18 1:00 PM-4:30 PM
- Meet & Greet Candidates / Elected Officials: Thursday, October 19 9:30 AM-12:30 PM
- Lone Star Welcome Reception: Thursday, October 19 6:30 PM-8:00 PM
- Coffee with Comptroller Glenn Hegar: Friday, October 20 7:30 AM-8:45 AM
- Awards Luncheon*: Friday, October 20 12:15 PM-2:15 PM
- 10 Outstanding Awards Banquet*: Friday, October 20 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
- Memorial Breakfast**: Saturday, October 21 7:45 AM-9:00 AM
- Installation of Officers Luncheon*: Saturday, October 21 1:15 PM-2:45 PM

* At these dining events, members will be seated with their club unless otherwise noted.
** RESERVATIONS for the MEMORIAL BREAKFAST are REQUIRED due to limited seating.

List any dietary restrictions: ____________________________________________________________

TFRW Patrons & Past 10 Outstanding Award Recipients
10 Outstanding Reunion & TFRW Patrons Reception
6:00-6:50 PM Friday, October 20
- Yes, I will attend as a past recipient of a 10 Outstanding Award (Patron dues does not required).
- Yes, I will attend as a Patron.

Mail completed form and a personal or PAC check made payable to TFRW Convention 2017 PAC
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TFRW 2017 Patron Members

Check one:
- I am a TFRW Patron/Associate Patron.
- My club is a Patron Club.
- My club is an ELITE Patron Club.

At dining events, I prefer to be seated:
- At a Patrons’ table
- With my club

Not a 2017 Patron? Join Now!
http://www.tfrw.org/about/patrons/

SUSAN FOUNTAIN, TREASURER  *  www.tfrw.org
Amendment #1

Add to:

Article III - Policy

Section 6. Delivery of Records

All officers and all committee chairmen and vice chairmen shall deliver all records, files, passwords, social media administrative rights, and properties of the club to their successor before December 31 of the year in which she is retiring from office, or within 3 days of leaving the position if earlier than December 31, unless otherwise directed by the club President or Executive Committee. Failure to meet the deadlines may result in the termination of her membership by the club.

Bylaws Committee Members

Tina Gibson, VP Bylaws
Diane Haddock, District Director SD-10
Michele Samuelson, VP Legislation
Legislative Update
by VP Legislation Michele Samuelson
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After the Special Session

The 85th Legislature, 1st Called Session ("special session") ended on August 15, a day earlier than expected. Legislators are home in their districts now updating citizens on what happened and preparing for the upcoming election cycle. At this time, it is not clear whether there will be a second special session on any of the stated priorities that did not pass; Governor Abbott has issued no formal statement on the matter. In addition, there was some talk about a possible special session on congressional redistricting, but Attorney General Paxton announced that his office will appeal the decision of a judicial panel in San Antonio to the Supreme Court instead.

To understand what passed and did not during the special session this summer, I recommend this guide from the Texas Tribune: https://apps.texastribune.org/special-session-issues/

What’s Next?

Any legislation that didn’t go into effect immediately upon signing during the 85th Legislature will do so on September 1. The highlights include the statewide ban on texting while driving (HB 62), the elimination of one-punch straight-ticket voting (HB 25), and David’s Law (SB 179), which strengthens Texas’ existing anti-cyberbullying law.

Action Items for TFRW Members and Clubs

• Invite your State Representative and/or State Senator to speak at a fall meeting to give an update on the legislature. At the same time, remember the TFRW rules about equal time for primary candidates for elected office.

• As legislative staff also comes back to the districts, recruit them as members of your club! The advantage to you is having members connected directly to the Legislature. The advantage to them is building relationships with key community leaders – YOU – back home. Win-win!

• Watch your school districts, counties, and cities for possible tax rate increase hearings, bond proposals, and other decisions prompted by the adoption of budgets for FY2018. Some entities are willing to bring presentations about bond and tax proposals to groups – take advantage of this for a unique and informative club meeting.

COURTESY

TFRW Card Request

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.

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Texas is in Second Place

Ladies, Thank you for working hard to drop your membership dues to $15 and add many more women to our 2017 TFRW membership. Personally, I have committed to bringing in 25 more members for my own club. I know we all want Jody Rushton to be voted into the NFRW Presidency with the LARGEST STATE MEMBERSHIP in the nation.

Below is part of a great message from Membership VP Elise Grusendorf, Hill Country RW, that I believe will inspire you. She has invited you to share this with your own clubs.

Ladies, did you know that Texas cannot boast the largest state federation of Republican Women? The Red State of Texas is overshadowed by the Blue State of California.

Are you okay with that? Are you okay with the bluest state of California, woefully mismanaged at every level of government, boasting the largest state Federation of Republican Women?

Texas Federation of Republican Women needs to gain around 1500 more members, and we need to do it quickly in order to right this cringe worthy trend!

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Commit to recruiting at least two new members to Hill Country RW. That is a realistic goal. We know Austin is full of many Deplorables who are constantly beat up by the liberal environment which is Austin. Conservatives in Austin usually keep their heads down and their opinions quiet. By joining a club, they can feel strengthened by meeting other conservatives in the same boat. I'm sure we all know someone who is not liberal but lives in Austin or Travis County.

Bring a guest or potential member to our meeting/event on Thursday, August 10, 2017, at Doc’s Backyard 6:30 PM-8:30 PM. What a great setting to bring a guest who may not be active in politics, but may want to meet Representative Workman and other conservatives in a casual setting.

Hill Country RW will drop our standard $25 membership to $15 as an incentive for women to sign up at this late point in the calendar year.

We will have applications for membership at our meeting, so new members can fill them out right then and pay their $15. We won't reject a $20 bill if someone is feeling generous!

Call/email/text me for questions.

Watch for more emails updating you as to our membership count for Hill Country RW and TFRW. Emails will contain more ideas on recruiting and fixing the 2nd Place State of Texas! It is hard for me to even write that—“Texas is in 2nd place…” Let’s change this annoying fact!

Sincerely,

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Communication Tools

How Does YOUR CLUB Communicate within Your Clubs and the Community?

What tools for communication does your club use, and how do you communicate with your individual club members and within your community?

1. Club Newsletter

Newsletters are the best way to communicate with your club members about upcoming and ongoing activities within your club.

How do you get your members to actually read it?

- Make it interesting – Colorful graphics, many pictures with CAPTIONS! Change the format periodically, surprise features, and highlight club members and their activities.

- Send out printed newsletter done in COLOR. Yes, it can be costly; find a sponsor for the newsletter. The benefit outweighs the cost if careful consideration is done when choosing your printer. Ask your printer to sponsor the newsletter, and let him place an ad in it.

2. Text Message

Consider sending an occasional group text message with info about important items that your members need to know about.

Use this tool wisely do not overdo it. Be considerate! Remember not everyone has unlimited text messaging.

3. Press Release

When sending out your club press releases, send a copy to your club members, ask them to share with their friends and email lists. Get the information out in your community about what your club is doing!

4. Posters

Create posters for your meetings and ask your members to find creative places to put them out before meetings and events.

Involving your club members; ask them for suggestions as to where to put up the posters – libraries, grocery stores, restaurants, community centers, retail merchants, school, church, community bulletin boards, office buildings, etc.

Send me your club’s ideas, what has worked for your area, any suggestions to share with all of our TFRW clubs!

Let us create a resource for all of our clubs, both old and new, together!

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September-October

Thomas Edison

Thomas A. Edison, inventor extraordinaire, has changed the lives of people throughout the world. He had a unique method to interview prospective lab and research assistants; they were offered a bowl of soup to ascertain whether they would add salt and pepper without tasting it. The premise of this simple test was to determine their research methods as opposed to simply assuming what they felt was the obvious conclusion. Those individuals who added salt or pepper were ruled out as Edison wanted assistants who made decisions based on fact. He also developed a 150-question test to see if they had a wide range of knowledge equivalent to his own level of intelligence. Magazines began running “Edison pop quizzes” based on what participants could remember from the tests. Employers began to develop tests of their own as well observing the interaction between the receptionists and prospective employees for their ability to “play well in the sandbox together.” As an example, one of the crew chiefs for NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson administered the “car test” for prospective mechanics. He would walk them out to their cars, and if the exterior and interior were dirty and cluttered they were eliminated. He felt that this was indicative of their work ethics. This test is also appropriate for possible tenants seeking an apartment or house rental.

Maps

Another invention that has changed the world is the use and development of maps that have been handed down through the centuries. They have gone from paper to the GPS systems in cars and on phones. Christopher Columbus came across the Americas because of an error in distance on the maps he used. Errors are still present on our current mapping systems. Sometimes drivers are so intent on following the directions of the GPS voice prompts that they have driven into streams, lakes, and even buildings.

Calendars

Calendars have also evolved over the ages. For instance, we celebrate New Year’s Day on January 1st. The Chinese begin their new year in January and end in the first week in February. The Jewish Rosh Hashanah in 2017 begins on the evening of September 20 with the blowing of the Shofar and ends on Friday September 22. This is followed by the most holy of the Jewish Holidays, Yom Kippur, on September 30, a Day of Atonement. There are other New Year’s throughout the year and the world. If on board a ship you can celebrate January 1st two days in a row by crossing the International Date Line.

Thank you to all the clubs who participated in the Americanism Award.

Jeannee O’Neill and June Rentmeester
Americanism Co-Chairmen

Flying the Flag

September

4  Labor Day
11  Patriots Day; National Day of Service and Remembrance (Flag at half-staff until sunset)
15  POW/MIA Recognition Day
17  U.S. Constitution approved (1787)

October

9  Columbus Day Observed (it falls on the 12th)
27  Navy Day
2017 NFRW Achievement Awards Live Broadcast

For the first time ever, the National Federation of Republican Women is streaming the Achievement Awards Ceremony LIVE, so all who cannot attend the 39th Biennial Convention can tune in to witness their clubs’ acceptance of awards. We encourage NFRW clubs to plan Achievement Awards watch parties for all members to see the last two years of their hard work come to fruition!

When? September 16th 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Where? www.facebook.com/nationalfederationofrepublicanwomen