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*President's
Message ...*

The Season Is Fall - May It Be Remembered as the “Fall” of Obama! “Focus on the Outcome – Imagine Our Impact!”

Did you know you are part of the largest Republican organization in Texas? We are on track for TFRW members to give over ONE MILLION hours and countless dollars to Republican candidates this year. Now we are just a few weeks away from the election and you are part of one of the most powerful Republican organizations in not only Texas, but in the entire United States. You have been giving countless hours engaged in many activities, providing financial support, and pledging your undying dedication to make our nation exceptional once more. Now it is time to use our strength to elect the Republican slate.

As I travel to places around the state I am so proud to serve as TFRW President. To see you in action makes me realize why TFRW is so successful. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your assistance in so many ways since I have become President. Just a few weeks ago, I served as a delegate from Texas at the Republican National Convention along with the largest group ever from TFRW.

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U. S. Senator, Kay Bailey Hutchison

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As I wind down 19 wonderful years in the U.S. Senate, the Texas Federation of Republican Women asked that I write about the legislative accomplishments about which I am most proud. Let me begin with heartfelt thanks to TFRW for making it all possible. You were my earliest and most loyal supporters. Your backing and your good advice made it possible for me to bring the perspective of conservative Texas women to Washington, D.C. and fight for our shared values.

We know that it all starts with strengthening American families. That's why my first legislative accomplishment was sponsoring the Homemaker deficit IRA, which allows stay-at-home mothers (and fathers) to make the maximum, fully deductible contributions to individual retirement accounts (IRAs). And stronger families was the reason I fought to repeal the federal income tax marriage penalty, which was costing married couples an average of \$1,400 per year. I also sponsored the bill that allows Texans to deduct their sales taxes from federal income taxes, letting families keep more of the money they earn.

That same practical perspective applies to military families. I've worked hard on behalf of our troops in the field, to ensure that they have everything they need. But when a government shutdown was threatened last year due to our fundamental disagreements with the White House and Congressional Democrats

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I came away from that experience knowing that Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan must be elected for our nation to prosper and re-build a strong economy. They are indeed the "Comeback Team!" And, Mitt Romney is the right man to lead our country at this time – a caring, compassionate man with the proper vision and business acumen who loves this nation! Each of you should be doing all that you can to make sure they are elected.

Many thanks go to Campaign Activities Vice President Jeanette Sterner who has organized GOTV Workshops all over the state. She has truly been our "Energizer Bunny" in setting the agenda and lining up the speakers for these events as well as traveling to many locations. Appreciation goes to her steady "line-up" of presenters and volunteers who assisted. At these workshops many ideas are presented and I know that you are putting these plans into action.

You are amassing thousands of volunteer hours in campaign activities. Do not forget to report these hours. October 15 is the reporting deadline for July, August, and September hours; you are out there working so do not let this get past you.

More about numbers – Women In Numbers win! Focus on additional members for your club; there are many requests coming to both TFRW and NFRW regarding membership. There are plenty of prospective members who are ready to help; get them involved! Do not forget the Membership Challenge sponsored by Senator John Cornyn with awards being given at Legislative Day, April 18, 2013.

Many of your clubs are donating funds to candidates. TFRW has asked that you report the amount of these funds to VP Finance Jody Rushton.

We need to see the power of TFRW in this amount, as well as in our numbers for membership and campaign hours.

While attending the Dallas County Council Power Rally earlier this fall, I heard Congresswoman Kay Granger state that we must be "strong, direct, and active." We are not members of TFRW to stand by and do little. We are there making a difference!

In the presidential election, some states matter more than others – the "must win" swing states. Please consider calling voters in these states! Have a calling party or call on your own. Perhaps you are traveling to one of these states with a strike force or Dr. Robin Armstrong's group to Ohio. Please do everything within your power to reach out to voters in these states. Think of all of your circle of friends - high school, college, military, former neighbors, professional and any relatives. Make a list and contact them to vote Republican and ask them to reach out within that state to other voters.

Please use the TFRW website for additional information regarding this election. Updates from the Romney-Ryan campaign are posted frequently and do not forget the "Members Only" section. You must enter an email address which is tfrw@tfrw.org and login is tfrw2012. Please check the website frequently and utilize it to the fullest.

You are out there with Romney-Ryan bumper stickers on your vehicles, wearing a pin any time you leave your home, signs in your yard, and if possible, make a donation – large or small. It all matters. Be engaged in social media which is the "new precinct" and become a spokesman for the campaign. The TFRW website will assist you with talking points via www.mittromney.com

Remember the Congressional races that need your attention, especially in CD 23 where Congressman Quico Canseco is in a Democrat targeted race. Remember all of our Republicans all the way down the ballot.

Be bold and close the deal!

Carolyn Hodges, President

POLLS: HOW TO READ THEM.

BEGALA MCGRATH By Jim McGrath

It's a maxim of politics that you always campaign like you are behind, but the national media and their deliberately skewed polling data are taking the notion that Republicans are trailing too far. To understand why, consider these two news snippets:

In July, a CBS/New York Times poll admitted that "three and a half months before election day, Republican enthusiasm about voting this year has shot up since Mitt Romney clinched the nomination in April, from 36 percent of Republicans saying they were more enthusiastic in March to 49 percent now."

At the same time, the Huffington Post reported that only 39 percent of Democrats said they were "more enthusiastic about voting than usual," compared to 45 percent in February. The falloff from past elections is even greater: In the summer of 2008, 61 percent of Democrats reported higher enthusiasm levels, as did 68 percent in the summer of 2004.

There you have it: Republican enthusiasm is up, while Democrat enthusiasm is sharply down. Yet national media and their polling firms continue to conduct their polling surveys using a turnout model based on the historically high Democrat voting levels of the 2008 presidential election. If the entities responsible for these intentionally skewed polls were practicing medicine, this would be called "malpractice."

Don't be fooled, and don't be discouraged. Republicans are doing better than these polls indicate.

This past summer, the national media and their skewed polling told us Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker was in a tight recall race. He won by a very comfortable six-point margin.

Leading up to November 6th, the only polling data you can even remotely trust is Rasmussen Reports -- and even they are not infallible. Save the others for the litter box.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

CTE Education Makes Dollars and Good Sense for Texans



By Donna Bahorich
Candidate for State Board of Education District 6

Everyone knows we are in the midst of a high tech revolution. But do most realize that public schools are also in the midst of a revolutionary change to better align with the high tech requirements of college and career readiness? If you haven't walked through the Career and Technical Education (CTE) area in your local school district (ISD) lately, you might not yet recognize this revolution. (more details: donna4texas.com/blog)

The State Board of Education in 2009 revised the curriculum standards for the 195 CTE courses supporting college and career readiness. These courses are grouped into 16 career clusters (details at TxCareerClusters.org). ISDs must offer at least three of the 16 clusters.

The U.S. job market breaks down as follows: 50% of jobs require education beyond high school but less than a 4-year degree; 30% of jobs require 4-year degrees; and 20% are considered low-skill. A key factor in school reform efforts is an accurate understanding of the skills required for the full range of jobs available in the 21st century.

Advanced CTE courses offer opportunities for internships or attainment of recognized industry certifications/licensures and college credit. In 2009-2010, CTE programs saved families \$45 million in potential college course tuition and fees through articulated college credit. Certifications/licensures were earned by 25,000 students in 2007-2008. Data show that students taking two or more CTE courses have a lower dropout rate and higher scores on state assessments.

The cost to earn a 4-year public university diploma is now approaching \$80,000. Roughly 78% of college students work and with the ability to earn higher wages as a result of CTE course work, they can better earn the money necessary to pursue their educational aspirations.

We have much work to do to get the word out to every student and parent regarding the opportunities in CTE. Here are a few of the key challenges we must confront: securing qualified teachers; increasing access to more clusters; securing articulation agreements with every community college; expanding opportunities to earn college credit and certifications/licensures; growing industry and regional partnerships funding the equipment needed; and fitting in job site opportunities at local businesses during the school day.

No matter the challenges, exposing students to real-world learning opportunities where they can see the connection between school and a career is critical.





Summer vacation – not for Republican Women! While many clubs did not meet over the summer, many hours were spent on fund raisers, runoff elections and dodging storms to attend the National Republican convention. Clubs are now focusing on the outcome with campaign activities and GOTV seminars across the state.



Kaufman County Republican

Women hosted a reading of the United States Constitution following the Fourth of July parade. Local and county elected officials participated in the reading.



Republican Women of Northeast Texas purchased books for libraries in 6 counties. This year the Literacy Chairman, Kathleen Tompkins chose to continue the Betsy Maestro series on American history with the donation of Liberty or Death – The American Revolution 1763-1783.



The Woodlands Republican Women

are celebrating the clubs' 25th birthday. Formed in 1987, the original club name was "Pathfinders Republican Women".

Montgomery County Republican Women joined Con-



gressman Kevin Brady at his recent Town Hall meeting held in The Woodlands.



The Dallas County Council of Republican Women sponsored the Power of Women to Elect Repub-

licans Power Rally 2012. The speakers included Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Arizona Governor Jan Brewer, Congresswoman Kay Granger, National Committeewoman

Borah Van Dormolen, and Dallas County Republican Party Chairman Wade Emmert.



Conner Harrington Republican Women continue to work on their Senior Citizen's Project by volunteering at the Wellness Center Health Fair and by making a donation of \$250 to the Center.

Plano Republican Women celebrated the club's 50th Anniversary.



Past presidents of Plano Republican Women in attendance were each given a yellow rose and founding member and past president, Ann Harrington was presented with 50 yellow roses.



Northshore Republican Women

had the opportunity to show Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott a quilt made by members and now on display

at Montgomery County Republican Party headquarters. AG Abbott added his signature to one of the squares that outline the quilt.



Lake Conroe Area Republican Women hosted an annual fundraiser over the summer with a true Texas theme of "Republican Roundup."



Georgetown Area Republican Women heard from Karen Hooper, Director of Latin American Analysis for Stratfor Global Intelligence, who spoke about the geography, crime and drug cartels in Mexico and the effects on the U.S.



Fayette County Republican Women honored six outstanding women at the club's annual Tribute to Women Brunch. This year's honorees were:

Mary Bartos, Kathy Quinlan, Kathy Hairgrove, Georgia Vyvial, Teri Wilks, and “Golden Girl” Georgia Tubbs.



Republican Women of Yoakum hosted its annual Patriot’s Dinner. The money raised is used to educate youth and voters, and to assist Republican candidates.



REGION VI

Republican Women of Arlington

President Rhonda Lewis informs members that Homeowners’ Associations cannot prohibit political signs during the 90 days leading up to an Election. There are exceptions. For more information check out Texas Property Code section 202.009. **Fort Worth Republican Women** held a working lunch during its September meeting. Members and guest brought cell phone, laptops, and notepads with a goal of making 500 “media Impressions” during the lunch hour.

REGION VIII

Cooke County Republican Women

heard from Denton Republican attorney Richard D. Hayes and TFRW SD30 District Director Pat Peale as they shared stories of their experiences at the RNC Convention in Tampa. That included Pat explaining her costume—the rain poncho provided by the RNC, and the cowboy hat worn by the Texas delegation.



Wichita County Republican Women has had a number of Texas stars address its meetings. In addition to local and state candidates, President Martha Hall reports Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, and Republican National Committeewoman Borah Van Dormolen entertained and educated all.



REGION IX

Bexar County Republican Women had eight members attend the Repub-



lican National Convention in Tampa. The club marked its 92nd birthday and has met TFRW’s “Women in Numbers” 100% challenge, with 300 members.

Republican Business Women of Bexar County members

gathered to mark the 92nd anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution at the steps of San Antonio’s City Hall.



Alamo City Republican Women helped staff Rep. John Garza’s Community Health and Wellness Fair and welcomed 22 new members.

Kendall Country Republican Women donated two books to the Patrick Heath Public Library in Boerne, Kendall County, in recognition of the National Federation of Republic Women Barbara Bush Literacy Month Program.



REGION X

Wilson County Republican Women

and San Patricio County Republican Women members are assisting with plans for TFRW’s 2013 Convention. SPCRW members also manned a voter registration table at Northshore Cinema during the showing of Obama 2016.



Brush Country Republican Women members displayed their patriotism at the Poteet Strawberry Festival.

Nueces County Republican Women provided campaign funding to a number of local candidates. The club plans to distribute more funds in the coming month.



REGION XI

Republican Women of Kerr County

visited Fisher House with a truckload of supplies provided by members. San Antonio is home to four Fisher Houses.

STAR Republican Women and **Highland Lakes Republican Women** are teaming up the **Llano County Republican Club** to sponsor the Llano County Unity Rally with Congressman Mike Conaway as the featured speaker. **Johnson County Republican Women** increased their membership by 194% and received the State Wide Medium Club Certificate for the largest increase.

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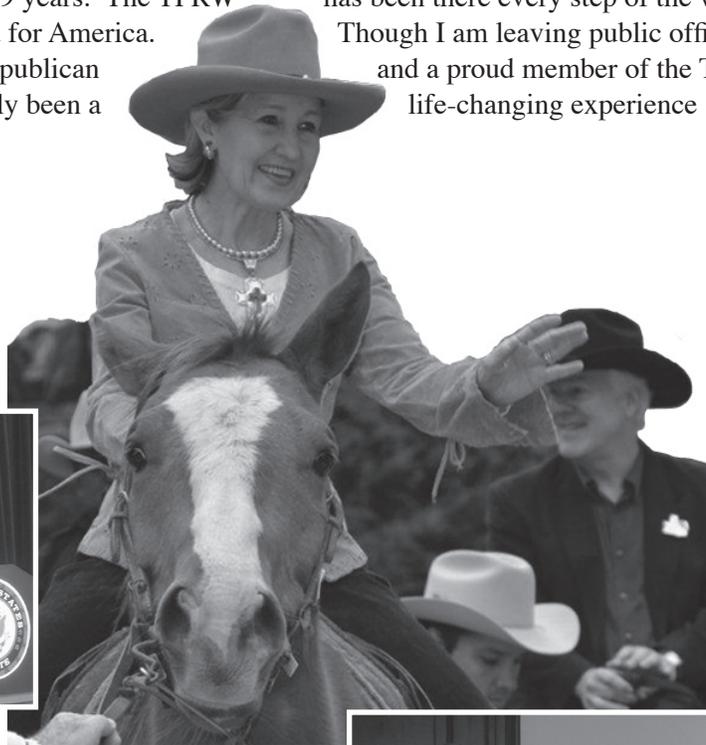
deficit spending and higher taxes, no one was paying attention to the military families caught in the political crossfire. I quickly introduced legislation to ensure that military pay would continue in the event of any government shutdown – and almost as quickly signed up 81 of 100 Senators as cosponsors.

I also brought forward the need for criminal laws that protect women and children against abuse and violence. I sponsored the national Amber Alert system that has returned more than 500 kidnapped children to their parents. I also co-authored the original federal anti-stalking law, as well as a follow-on bill this year that recognizes cyber-stalking crimes.

America’s economic future depends on continuing global leadership in science and technology. A critical part of that depends on encouraging our students to concentrate on science, technology, engineering and math (the STEM fields). In 2007, I co-sponsored the America COMPETES Act, which increased federal investments in these critical areas. Its renewal in 2010 included my provision to allow college students majoring in STEM subjects to be concurrently certified as elementary and secondary school teachers. This provision answered a recommendation by the National Academies that teachers who have majored in the core science and math subjects are more inspiring teachers, and more of their students will likewise major in those fields.

It has been a long and wonderful 19 years. The TFRW accomplishments, both for Texas and for America. fight for Texas – as a proud Texas Republican my friends and supporters. It has truly been a

has been there every step of the way. I am proud of our Though I am leaving public office, I will continue to and a proud member of the TFRW. Thank you to all life-changing experience





A Message From Ann Romney,

**“WOMEN ALWAYS SEEM TO HAVE
TO WORK A LITTLE HARDER TO
MAKE EVERYTHING RIGHT;
AND ITS WOMEN WHO HOLD
OUR COUNTRY TOGETHER.”**

Over the last year and a half, I’ve had the privilege of talking with women all across our great country. No matter where I am, women are talking about how hard it is to get ahead – or just keep up – these days. Women always seem to have to work a little harder to make everything right; and its women who hold our country together.

As I crisscross the country, I am overwhelmed by the beauty of America and by the incredible people of this nation. At each stop along the campaign trail, it’s humbling to see so many people sacrifice their time and talents for us. Over the last year and a half, it has been my privilege to listen to so many women tell their stories.

The last four years have made things harder than they needed to be, and unless there’s a new president, the next four years will not be any better. All the little things – like rising prices at the gas pump, the increasing costs at the grocery store – add up to become big things. And the big things – the good jobs, the chance at college, buying a first home – have just become harder.

We know there aren’t easy answers to these challenges, but if Mitt Romney is elected, there will be better answers than the ones we’ve seen over the last four years. I believe with all my heart that Mitt Romney is the man America needs in these tough times.

Mitt lives his life with a set of core values centered on family, faith, and love of one’s fellow man. From the time we were first married over forty-three years ago, I’ve seen him spend countless hours helping others. I’ve seen him drop everything to help a friend in trouble and he was there when late-night calls of panic came from a young parent in our church whose child had been taken to the hospital. Mitt doesn’t like to talk about how he has helped others because he sees it as a privilege, not a political talking point. We’re no different than the millions of Americans who quietly help their neighbors, their churches, and their communities. They don’t do it so that others will think more of them; they do it because there is no greater joy.

At every turn in his life, Mitt has solved incredibly difficult problems. He did it with the Olympics, when many wanted to give up. He did it in Massachusetts, where he guided a state from economic crisis to unemployment of under five percent. He did it when he and a small group of friends took a risk to start a new company that has become another great American success story and helped so many others lead better lives. Mitt has faced hardship, but even then, his reaction always is to work harder and press on.

To every American voting this November, I can say without a doubt: No one will work harder than Mitt Romney. No one will care more than Mitt Romney. No one will move heaven and earth like Mitt Romney to make this country a better place to live.

That’s why I’m convinced that my husband is the man America needs. This is the man who will wake up every day with the determination to solve the problems that others say can’t be solved, to fix what others say is beyond repair.

I don’t know what will happen over the next four years, but I do know this: women cannot afford four more years in an Obama economy. And I know he can turn things around. Mitt Romney will not fail, and he will not let us down. He will lift America up and restore the beacon of hope for the future generations.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Oct. 22** Early Voting Begins
- Oct. 30** Last day for application for ballot by mail
- Nov. 2** Last day of Early Voting!
- Nov. 6** Election Day
- Nov. 9-10** TFRW Board Meeting, Austin

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- May 17-18** NFRW Region 4 Meeting, Sugarland
- Oct. 17-19** TFRW Convention, San Antonio

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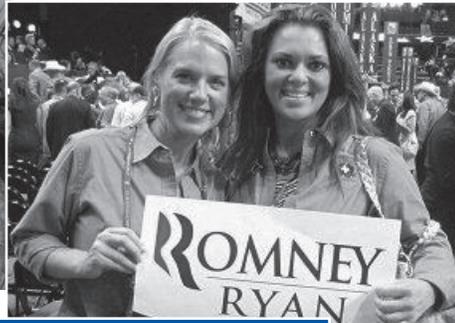
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