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President's Message ...

**It's Summertime ... and the
Living Should Not Be Easy!**

**"Focus on the Outcome –
Imagine Our Impact!"**

Thanks to all of the clubs and members who are committed to the outcome of the ensuing election and are not taking the summer off! You are out there working diligently assisting in so many ways. Candidate forums, fundraisers, keeping people informed and involved – you are doing so much! You are the reasons why we will be successful in our endeavors.

First a few words about the events that occurred at the Republican Party of Texas Convention last month. TFRW's biennial Tribute to Women Luncheon was held to honor many of you (please see July President's Newsletter for complete listing) and it is wonderful to know that we have such accomplished members who are willing to serve in many capacities. Congratulations to all of you! This was an exceptional event and thanks to Jody Rushton, TFRW VP Finance, it was a huge success. Such a large event involving so many people presents its challenges. A committee has been formed to review the current agenda for this event and to make recommendations on how this special tribute can be improved.

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*By Susan Combs
Comptroller of Public Accounts*

**We are the largest
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It is a remarkable political year. The Texas primaries were pushed back to the Memorial holiday, and our runoffs will now occur in the heat of summer. And once we turn the calendar to August, it will be less than 100 days until Election Day. That is just 14 weeks away, and in politics, that is both a lifetime and a sprint. We need to be unified in the coming days and weeks.

What this means essentially is this: it's going to be a busy summer. If you love our state and country, and care deeply about our children's future, there is much work to do.

For perspective, Barack Obama is seeking re-election after nationalizing health care, exploding the deficit and our national debt, massively growing government in the name of jobs and taking us down the path of a wrong-headed and aimless foreign policy that emboldens our adversaries.

We are the largest red state in America because Republican women got to work more than two decades ago and built a new majority. I experienced the difference TFRW makes, winning my own election to the Texas House by two votes! All the time Republican women put into that race became the platform by which I eventually won statewide office, first as your agriculture commissioner, and now as your comptroller.

But as the population of Texas expands more rapidly than any other state, and we experience tremendous demographic change, we can't assume our own majority is etched in stone, nor can we ignore the impact a runaway federal government has on our state. The federal mismanagement of Medicaid alone will devastate state budgets, unless we change leadership in Washington.

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Summer Issue Highlights

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SENATE IS AT
STAKE**

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Jody will keep us updated as the work of the committee progresses.

Congratulations also go to the many TFRW members who were chosen as delegates/alternates to the Republican National Convention in Tampa next month. TFRW is proud that so many of you will be there to send off our next U.S. President Mitt Romney on the path to defeat Barack Obama. We must be united in this effort.

Unity was a major TFRW theme during the RPT Convention. All of you who were there saw the flyer in your bag, thanks to the courtesy of State Representative Patricia Harless. What a great supporter of TFRW she is! More of these flyers will be available to you via your District Directors after the TFRW August board meeting. Share them with your friends and family.

State Comptroller Susan Combs also provided TFRW with the funds to prepare a 60 second video focusing on unity also shown at the convention. Thank you, Susan! This video can be viewed at www.rncwomen.com, on the NFRW and TFRW Facebook pages, and will be present when our new website debuts. Take a minute to watch it and share it with your friends!

You will get notification by email when our new website debuts. Thanks to Holly Hansen and her committee who have done a remarkable job on it. They will be fully recognized when it is ready to roll out.

In this article, I want to acknowledge the tremendous job done by a small club (only 21 members), Panola County Republican Women, in a fundraiser last month. With the help of NFRW officers including President Rae Chornenky, Texas Federation officers, and Louisiana Federation officers including President June Williams, they pulled off an exceptional event focusing on a seminar ("Cowgirls Meet Cajuns") in the morning and an evening event, "Hats Off Texas." The bottom line for this small club was almost \$15,000! Way to go Panola County RW. Thanks to JoAnn Parker who had the idea and vision for this event and was a fabulous hostess to many of us who traveled there, Jessie Morton, NFRW 1st Vice-President, who organized the morning event, and to Patsy Smith, club president, and all of the many club members who provided East Texas hospitality to all attending.

Our runoff election is looming; there are only 5 days of early voting (July 23-27) and Election Day is Tuesday, July 31. Make sure that all you know gets to the polls! We are not accustomed to elections at this time of the year, so check on your family, friends, and neighbors to be sure they vote.

Do not forget the ways that TFRW is here to assist all of you during this election cycle. The GOTV seminars are being held around the state organized by TFRW Vice-President Campaign Activities Jeanette Sterner. Please check the website for dates and locations. Also, you will be hearing from our Victory 2012 Co-Chairs with specific information on what can be done in your particular area of the state. Some clubs are planning to assist in their county headquarters while others in larger urban areas are setting up area campaign offices to serve a variety of candidates. Please review the information in this publication provided by Jim McGrath regarding the Romney campaign and do what you can now and ending on November 6, 2012 when we will see a new beginning for this country.

And in closing, what have you done to help the cause? Have you brought new members into your club? It is essential that we increase our membership to truly "Imagine Our Impact." I know that I can count on you to get the job done in true TFRW fashion. On to Victory, 2012!

Carolyn Hodges, President

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX)

Control Of The U.S. Senate At Stake This November



Four years ago, the national political environment was a difficult one for Republicans. Liberal Democrats controlled not only the White House but both chambers of Congress as well, including a 60 seat super-majority in the U.S. Senate. We watched as promises of bipartisanship were quickly replaced with reckless spending, record debt and a refusal to listen to the voices of the American people.

Two years later, President Obama and Democratic leaders in Congress paid a price for their arrogant leadership as Republicans won back control of the House and seven seats in the Senate, including the President's own Senate seat in Illinois. We also successfully defended every single Republican Senate seat, including six open seats where the Republican Senator was retiring.

As Chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, I was proud to help play a role in that effort, but I also recognized that our work was not over. With the support of my colleagues, I agreed to chair the NRSC for a second two-year term because this year's election is among the most important in our lifetimes and I wanted to continue to do my part to win back a Senate Republican majority.

While much of the political world's attention is on the Presidential race, it has never been more important to gain back a Republican Senate. A Senate Republican majority would not only put us in a position to fully repeal-and-replace ObamaCare, but it's also critical in the consideration of future Supreme Court nominees.

Remember that ObamaCare was passed on a purely party-line vote. Every single Senate Democratic incumbent on the ballot this November was the deciding vote to pass this bill, and the Senate races across America will be a referendum on this job-killing, national health care tax and the Democrats' reckless stewardship of our economy.

As Republicans, we seek smaller government, reasonable

tax and tort reform, an environment for businesses to grow, and an end to the wasteful, Washington spending that has driven our debt past previously-unimaginable levels.

Unlike much of the country, the Texas economy has been growing and families and small business owners have been flocking to Texas because our state's policies work. We need to make Washington look a little more like Texas, and it comes as no surprise to me that a group of bold Texan women is helping to lead the fight against the liberals in Washington.

The work and support provided to the party by the Texas Federation of Republican Women is indispensable to gaining a conservative Senate. Whether it's participating in making calls, serving as a Republican Party worker or contributing funds to Republican Senate candidates across the country, your participation this cycle will certainly help propel us towards victory this Fall.

While I have complete confidence that the Senate seat in our State held by the retiring Kay Bailey Hutchison will stay firmly in Republican hands, our Party faces competitive races across the country. Labor union bosses and far-left environmental groups are pouring money into our opponents' campaign coffers and the liberals are mobilizing because they see their grip on power in Washington quickly eroding.

I believe we will not just match, but exceed their efforts, and the recent Supreme Court decision on ObamaCare only further highlights the stakes involved this November.

I thank you for your participation in the TFRW, but also ask for your continued help in this fight, whether through fundraisers, phone calls or helping to get the word out through the media. We all need to do our part in the months ahead and as we build on our success from 2010, I feel increasingly optimistic about 2012.



All of our clubs have dealt with delays, conversed with candidates, volunteered and voted vigorously, convened at conventions, paid tribute to tremendous women, and awarded aspiring students. We now are rallying for run-offs, and are fiercely focused on winning in November!

**REGION I**

Fannin County Republican Women celebrated area heroes and scholarship winners at its 14th Annual Armed Forces Day. **Republican Women of Wood County** chose Toby M. Hardy as the club's Yellow Rose in April. Panola County Republican Women hosted "Cow-girls meet Cajuns" leadership workshop which featured NFRW President Rae Chornenky, TFRW President Carolyn Hodges, and LFRW President June Williams. In addition, NFRW's 1st Vice President Jessie Morton and 2nd Vice President Kathy Brugger made presentations. The day was capped off with "Hats Off Texas!" dinner and fundraiser.



"KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES and SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE!"

- Markey Jenkins, President, **Republican Women of North-east Texas**, May 2012 Newsletter

**REGION II**

Cy-Fair Republican Women is posting videos of their meetings on YouTube. Click on youtube.com/CFRWtexas, and post a comment. **Golden Triangle Republican Women** joined with Jefferson County Republican Party to televise their congressional debate. "Now is a wonderful time for Republicans everywhere to make a statement. And not just by electing Republicans . . . but by electing Republicans in volume numbers, stated President Maureen Winchell.

"Let's Get Out The Vote!" **Memorial West Republican Women's** President Mary Jo Vague encourages members of small but dedicated clubs like hers to volunteer for block walking, "I know, that is as painful as it sounds, but it is effective." The **Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women** recently honored Tomball Independent School District Superintendent John Neubauer. The tribute saluted Mr. Neubauer for his 40+ years of service to the education of the children of Tomball.



"What have I done today to help get Republicans elected?"

- Becky Clepper, President, **The Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women**

**REGION III**

Preston West Republican Women held its annual fundraiser with radio talk show host Mark Davis as the guest Speaker. **Golden Corridor Republican Women** held its annual Baby Shower collecting items for the Family Pregnancy Center, a ministry of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship. **Frisco Area Republican Women** hosted a "Political Speed Dating Event." It was a chance to interview every candidate running for the Frisco City Council and the Fisd School Board. The event was open to the public who live in the Frisco Area and included candidates from both Collin and Denton Counties as well. **Bentwood Republican Women** is one of 36 TFRW clubs that retained 100% of its 2011 membership. **Republican Women of North Collin County** hosted "Hats Off To Education" 2nd Annual Florence Shapiro Scholarship Dinner. The scholarship honors the State Senator's long history of service both in Collin County and specifically to education.



**REGION IV**

Congratulations to the **North Shore Republican Women** for being chosen “Winning Web” by the National Federation of Republican Women. Congratulations go to **North Shore Republican Women** President Irene Kerr and Webmaster Ann Kate. “Webmaster Ann Kate has done an outstanding job in insuring that the text on all the pages is easy to read,” said Vice Chairman NFRW Website Assistance Committee Patsy Excell. “With the **North Shore Republican Women**, the navigation links are well thought out and easy to follow. A visitor can easily find information about upcoming events,” Excell added. **Lake Conroe Republican Women**’s recent meeting featured an annual favorite, “My American Hero” contest winners. Third and fourth graders from Montgomery and Willis ISDs joined members for lunch and read part of their award-winning essays on the topic “My American Hero”.

**REGION V**

Fort Bend Republican Women hosted its inaugural Fort Bend Women’s Health & Wellness Fair featuring a blood drive, community resources, children’s activities, and Get Out the Vote opportunities. **Caldwell County Republican Women** has issued “Marching Orders” to its members. The orders list encouraged involvement and gave specific volunteer needs for the upcoming months. **Galveston Republican Women** hosted an “Obama Must Go Rally.” Around 250 attended the rally surpassing all expectations, reports President Jeannie Koenig.

**REGION VI**

Republican Women of Arlington chose high school seniors Victoria Carter and Elizabeth Spence as its 2012 scholarship winners. The recipients received their awards by guest presenter George P. Bush, nephew and grandson of former Presidents George W. Bush and George Herbert Walker Bush, and son of former Florida Governor Jeb Bush. **Metroplex Republican Women** members took a field trip to the 2nd Court of Appeals in Ft. Worth in place of a regular meeting to visit the Justice Center and meet with several judges. The club’s golf tournament was a great success!

Congratulations to **Fort Worth Republican Women**, **Republican Women of Arlington**, **Metroplex Republican Women** and **Reagan Legacy Republican Women** for all of their hard work on the Republican convention in Ft. Worth!

**REGION VIII**

Cooke County Republican Women has added “E-Voice Bonus Pages” to its online Voice newsletter. The bonus pages have more news, additional information and color photos. **Midland County Republican Women** are working to start a Hispanic Republican Club with a large community-wide rally. **High Plains Republican Women** are distributing “Now You Are 18” booklets to high school seniors in Potter and Randall counties. **Bush Legacy Republican Women** of Weatherford added a twist to its recent candidate forum. Each candidate participated in a round robin debate with the candidates moving from table to table speaking with attendees and answering questions. Members of **Grayson County Republican Women** are volunteering to teach English language conversation to Hispanic moms and working with the Texoma Senior Expo.

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The club's Spring Fling Membership Event, which featured GCRW gals as the models, resulted in six new members.



Bulverde Area Republican Women's

Caring for America committee members meet monthly for coupon clipping. They clip, sort and ship coupons to U. S. Marine families stationed at a base in Japan. So far this year, the committee has sent \$79,900 in coupons, helping these families extend their hard-earned dollars.



Alamo City Republican Women are busy recruiting volunteers for the 2013 TFRW Convention in San Antonio. Contact Shirley Martinez at samartinez@sbcglobal.net and Gogi Dickson at gogid@satx.rr.com to volunteer! **Austin Republican Women** teamed up with Saks, Operation Comfort, and Operation Military Embrace to sponsor the Women of the Wounded Marine Warriors event held in San Antonio. Mothers, wives and sisters were treated to an evening of fun, relaxation and much-needed support.

"Decide on your candidate . . . then go to work!"

- Lynn Schwind, President, **New Braunfels Republican Women**, Spring Liberty Belle



Kleberg County Republican Women

participated in a "Retiring Old Glory" ceremony with local Boy Scouts. The project collected so many flags that another ceremony is being scheduled. **Wilson County Republican Women** is networking with the Labatt Extension Homemakers of Wilson County to support fund raising efforts and develop membership. Congratulations to **Hidalgo County Republican Women's** President Hilda Graza De Shazo for being elected President of the McAllen Independent School District Board of Trustees.



Republican Women of Kerr County's

general luncheon meetings are being video recorded and will be presented during evening "recap" meetings. Along with the video, national, state and county information, RWKC updates and announcements will be presented. Congratulations to **Johnson County Republican Women** and **McLennan County Republican Women** for contributing to the success of the Republican Convention in Ft. Worth.

"'Oh, that lovely title, Ex-President...'" Dwight David Eisenhower -McLennan County Republican Women's May E-Newsletter

Ellis County Republican Women will be presenting 2,600 personal dictionaries to Ellis County third graders, 2,800 U.S. Constitution Booklets to the county's fifth graders. The club awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to two Ellis County high school graduates. **Star Republican Women** honored past presidents recently. Those recognized for their years of service included Lorene Mathis, Dorothy Crockett, Lynn Snider Lane, Billye Fietz, Mary Ann Richards, Carol Hawkinson, Shelby Spangler, Annette Burton, LaFon Frydenberg, and current SRW president, Kathy Jones. Each president was presented with a yellow rose and the historical scrapbooks kept during their service as president.



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So even though I am not on the ballot on 2012, I'm asking you to work record hours this election, volunteering at party headquarters, organizing local walks and helping out at the phone banks. Let's start organizing the grassroots campaigns in key districts to ensure strong majorities in the Legislature and our congressional delegation. Let's deliver a resounding defeat to President Obama in Texas to send a message Texas remains reliably red. Let's build the farm team, electing young Republicans of all backgrounds.

I ask you to join me in unifying behind our ticket from the White House to the courthouse, ensuring the conservative, foundational principles of our party continue to be the governing mandate of our people. If we do that, we will continue to keep Texas on a conservative course, shining the light of day on spending, and stopping federal encroachment.

Let's get to work!

ELECTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES

BEGALA MCGRATH By Jim McGrath

The recent Supreme Court decision on Obama-Care provided a stark reminder that elections have consequences. This next election will not only decide whether or not we repeal ObamaCare, but also who will appoint the next two or three Supreme Court Justices.

Think about that.

If we want to end the liberals' job-killing take-over of our healthcare system that puts the government between us and our doctor, if we finally want to get our country and economy going in the right direction again, if we want to stop the radical assault on our families and our values -- ***it's time for the Texas Federation of Women to stand up and get personally involved in this election.***

If we all do our part, we CAN make a positive difference -- as we always have.

Thanks to cutting edge technology, from the privacy of our own homes, we can overwhelm the Obama forces by contacting voters in the swing states to gain critical information for the Romney and GOP campaigns. Getting active has never been easier, or more time efficient, or more effective for beating Barack Obama.

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By their assaults on Ann Romney, the Obama liberals have shown they don't value women who made the choice to work at home and raise families. But even worse: the Obamas reckless attacks on Mitt Romney have shown they don't respect families who succeed, and pay the taxes that makes our government work, and gives generously to their churches and charitable groups.

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- July 23-27** Early Voting
- July 31** Texas Primary Run-off Election
- Aug. 9-10** TFRW Quarterly Board Meeting
- Sept. 7** First day to apply for Ballot by Mail
- Oct. 9** Last day to Register to vote!
- Oct. 22** Early Voting begins!
- Nov. 2** Last day of Early Voting!
- Nov. 6** Election Day!

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