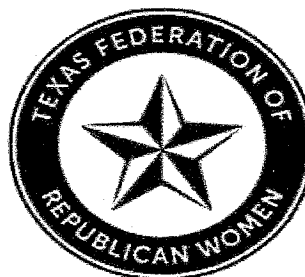
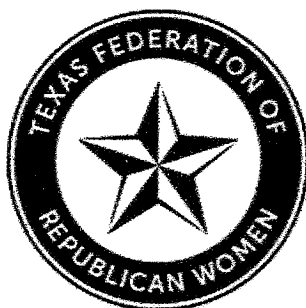


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## April 2016

### Theresa Kosmoski, President

While I was in a DC cab last week, I had a déjà-vu moment; I was driving by the Lincoln Memorial at nearly this same time two years ago. Back then I had a nauseating moment listening to the President spew his tired lines about his party's "near heroic efforts" to rid this country of that inexorable evil he and his minions like to call income inequality. Perhaps I'll tell you that tale on another day.

Then, as now, I recalled Lincoln's famous speech given on June 16, 1858, at the Illinois Republican Convention in Springfield, where he uttered the immortal phrase, "**A house divided against it-self cannot stand.**"

Fast forward 148 years, and I cannot think of a more prescient sentiment. All across this country our people are waging bitter battles to determine the man (or woman) best able to represent our electorate, lead our country and preserve our freedom, both at home and abroad.

We've only just come through our primaries here in Texas, and no candidate was able to receive a majority of our votes which only proves that we are a diverse state with diverse opinions. We, in Texas, know how to play hard, but we know how to work even harder. So many of you have given everything you had in you on behalf of your candidate, and for that I am very grateful and proud.

The presidential nomination story neither begins nor ends in Texas and there are still wars to wage, for that's what politics has, mostly, become. We may, or may not, know who our Presidential Nominee will be until the Republican National Convention in July.

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## The Most Powerful Women's Political Organization in Texas!

Some of us will be thrilled with the outcome, but obviously, so many will be deeply saddened, perhaps even angry.

But we cannot allow our deep loyalty to our candidate take precedent over our loyalty to our party and our principles. We cannot allow our disappointment to divide our Republican house. When the dust settles and November rolls around, we must remember that even the worst Republican is better than the best that the Democrats have to offer. Get up, shake it off, and move forward. And do not decide to exercise your right to abstain on Election Day. **Republicans who stay home elect Democrats.**

Our Republican Party of Texas Convention takes place in May. No matter what candidate or platform plank you are supporting, you must show up, work as hard as you can, and then move on.

It is up to us, the grassroots leaders of our nation, to rise up and say ENOUGH. We want effective government. We want honor and integrity in our leaders. We want to hear the truth and not a basketful of meaningless political doublespeak. If there is any hope of saving the great American Dream for our children, we must unite to change things. And we can, both in May and in November. We simply must. But we can only do so if we remain united.

President Theresa Kosmoski  
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## Julie Faubel, 1st Vice President

### Membership has its rewards!

As a member of a local Republican Women's club, not only are you a member of TFRW, but you also are a member of the National Federation of Republican Women. I have just returned from Washington, D.C., where I attended NFRW's Legislative Day and spring board meeting. The rewards I received were numerous. We were briefed by U.S. Senators and House members and had our questions answered. We listened attentively to campaign strategy, soaking up every word, from political directors from the Republican Governors Association, the National Republican Senatorial Committee, and the Republican National Committee. And lastly, the best reward I received was meeting the many state presidents from across our country! These dynamic ladies are the keys to keeping and growing Republican leadership in their states and in our nation. Watching these ladies in action was awesome, there is power and strength in numbers, and we should be glad there is!

**Club Presidents - Are all of your club members signed up with**

### **NFRW?**

Just like in Texas, NFRW will soon be announcing new and exciting plans for 2016 and beyond! NFRW's goals mirror our TFRW goals and together we will "**Make it Happen!**" Please encourage your club members to visit NFRW's website (<http://www.nfrw.org/>) and login to the member center. Using the same email address from their membership form, they will create a password, and instantly be connected to the many NFRW resources! And, believe me the resources are amazing! Make this a fun club activity, and be sure all of your new members are connected to NFRW and its bulletins and updates. Together we are stronger!

1st Vice President Special Events Julie Faubel  
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## **Janis Holt, VP Campaign Activities**

### **Are you Endorsing?**

Even though the Republican Primary is over in Texas, there is still a Presidential Election going on. There may also be a Republican Primary Runoff Election for a particular race in your area. It is imperative that Local Clubs, their Presidents, and Campaign Activities Chairs do not endorse a candidate in a contested primary. (TFRW Bylaws, Article III, Section 1). While we are not openly endorsing a candidate, we may be doing some things that "appear" to endorse one candidate over another.

Some things that "appear" to endorse a particular candidate include:

- Attending a candidate's event and signing in at event
- Donating money to a candidate
- Putting out signs for a candidate
- Forwarding emails for a candidate
- Liking and sharing a candidate's Facebook page on your personal Facebook page
- Promoting a candidate in any other way not listed above

Local Republican Women's clubs **CAN** give out information (electronic or otherwise) on a candidate as long as it is done for ALL the candidates in a contested Republican Primary (which includes runoff elections). If a local Republican Women's club invites one candidate to speak, then ALL candidates must be invited to speak. (TFRW Bylaws, Article III, Section 5)

Regarding candidates for office at the Republican Party of Texas Convention in May and your club meetings: the TFRW bylaws were changed at convention so that clubs have to begin inviting

all candidates at the close of the filing period for a given office. Filing for the Chair and Vice Chair of the RPT closes, essentially, two hours before the convention begins.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

\*\*\*\*\*DEADLINE APPROACHING\*\*\*\*\*

The First Quarter Campaign Hours are due by **April 15th.**

Campaign Activities Chairs: You may email your club's hours to me or you may enter them on the TFRW website.

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VP Campaign Activities Janis Holt  
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**Karen Newton, VP Finance**



I eat, sleep, breath the Tribute to Women Luncheon right now, and as nerdy as it might sound, I am having a blast with this event. I get to learn about our clubs and interact with members every day. I am learning how to navigate Eventbrite with you all; my tech skills get better with each passing day.

As we near our event that honors our hard working TFRW members, I need your help getting the event off the ground. I need you all to buy your tickets, send me your honoree biographies using this form, and encourage elected officials to sponsor tables all before **April 19, 2016.**

The table sponsorship is unique to this year's event. It is a more affordable way to sponsor a table without one person having to cough up the entire cost of a table. Email or call me for more details. To buy one use this link.

Tickets are \$69 before April 19th

Tables of 10 are \$690 before April 19th

Table Sponsors (ticket not included) \$250

VP Finance Karen Newton

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## **Michele Samuelson, VP Legislation**

As your club's legislative chair, you fill a very important role. Many of your members and guests may not have regular access to legislative updates other than the ones you give at meetings; still others may rely on you to filter out what's important.

A legislative report can be solely about legislation in Austin or Washington, but you can round it out by including information on local government bodies like school boards, county commissioners' courts, and city councils. Sign up for emails from your Senator and congressman (look for their official website, not just the campaign), your state representative and senator, and look for other opportunities to get information from local entities. Check the newspaper, websites, and other places where meetings may be announced publicly, and share that with your clubs. Don't solely report on what Republicans are doing - some of us are represented by Democrats, and need to hold them accountable, too! There are lots of possibilities!

Here is a sample report for you to work from (excuse my creative license):

### **Legislative Report for the Awesome Ladies RW, April 2016**

Congressman Clark Kent will host a town-hall in Metropolis on the 23rd, at 8pm at the courthouse. If anyone would like to carpool, see me for information after the meeting or email me at [loislane@dailyplanet.com](mailto:loislane@dailyplanet.com). Recently, Congress passed a Registration Act for Superheroes, and Congressman Kent voted against it. He'll be taking questions on this and other issues.

The Texas Legislature is not in session right now, but Representative Lois Lane reports that the State Affairs Committee is hosting a public hearing in Metropolis on the 25th, at the Daily Planet. The time has not been set. Look for more information in the club newsletter later this month.

The Metropolis City Council meets every Wednesday at 9am. This week they are discussing the use of a signal to summon Batman for certain crimes. Several of us are concerned about light

pollution and will be attending the meeting if you would like to come. See me for carpool information.

The Metropolis Independent School District election is in May and the filing deadline has past. Several forums are planned in the community. The next one is on May 3rd at the offices of Lex Luthor and Associates on 23rd Street, hosted by the Justice League. I will send out more information on upcoming forums.

VP Legislation Michele Samuelson  
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## Rhonda Lacy, VP Membership

### MEMBERSHIP 2016!

**ATTENTION! Because of the later online release, we have a new EXTENDED MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE DATE - APRIL 6!**

**LADIES, I AM SOOO PROUD OF YOU!!!**

I am doing my best to call and visit with each Club President during the spring. As we talk and I hear about your wonderful clubs, I am so encouraged and excited about your membership drives and how hard you are ALL working to re-up your members and bring in your "One Mores," new ladies for this critically important election year. I really appreciate you!

You share so much information and are doing so many fun things to bring in the new members. PLEASE do something very important for me. I need for each President to email ME, Rhonda Lacy, [[vpmembership@tfrw.org](mailto:vpmembership@tfrw.org)] by APRIL 6 with your latest TFRW membership NUMBER ONLY [no member names] for your club. No Associate women or men can be included in this number. CRUCIAL! Put your club's FULL name and the word "Membership" in the 'subject' line. I don't want anyone getting lost in my email. If you don't receive a return email from me, please send it again. I'll try to remember to check spam, too.

If Small, Medium and Large clubs have reached the **95%** mark in membership from your 2015 total, then TFRW wants to acknowledge you in an upcoming Spring publication. **Jumbo** and **Super Jumbo** clubs will have a little more of a break with bringing in **90%** of your membership by **April 6** so we can acknowledge you as well. Yes, new members count in your numbers.

I know, very well, the challenge of going out, personally picking up dues for former members to re-up for the next year. I did this for 3 years with my own club, had a great team who was also committed to bringing in the ladies, and we managed to maintain our 450+ TFRW ladies membership and had a total with associate

members of 600.

Ladies, lest you think that 'just bringing in the masses' is a bad thing, I want you to think about all the information, education, fun, friendliness and opportunity that each of your clubs provide. YES, we DO need the masses! The masses are a good thing. We will need everyone on board to provide the largest Strike Force effort this fall that the state of Texas has ever witnessed. And YES, we WILL support the Republican nominee for our party, we WILL UNIFY because it's not only the Presidency that we need to take back, but we need to also ensure that a Republican President has a Republican House and Senate to make those massive changes in Congress for the security and well-being of our Nation. **BRING IN THOSE LADIES!!! Just ONE MORE!!!**

VP Membership Rhonda Lacy  
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## **Besa Martin, VP Programs**

### **Consider 2 Speakers for your Meeting!**

Getting your members excited about a meeting can be a challenge as we all have different interests. Why not consider getting two speakers for your next meeting?

Some of the largest clubs find this to be a very engaging meeting model. Have one speaker talk about a community event or service project. Then have one speaker be an elected political representative discussing the plans and activities of the entity.

Remembering the Program requirements for John Goodwin Tower Award, your club could complete an issue program and a political education program in the same meeting. The club must have:

### **At least two issue programs in both 2016 and 2017 for the programs requirement.**

- The issue can be any current political topic or issue of local, state, or national interest.
- Why not have a local law enforcement representative speak about issues they are dealing with currently?
- As the legislators work on the Texas priorities for the next session, a good topic might be available from your state or federal representative.
- What is going on in your community at the schools or animal shelters or charities?
- Use a combination of these type of speakers to raise the profile of your club's programs! Remember send pictures

to the local paper and post them on Facebook!

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## **Cindy Barberio Payne, Treasurer**

### **HOT TOPIC: Sales Tax**

By far this year, the most frequently asked treasurer question relates to Sales Tax. Do TFRW clubs need to pay Sales Taxes on all items we sell?

The answer is "**Yes.**" The state of Texas offers no sales tax exemption to Political Action Committees (PACs), and TFRW clubs are PACs. As a result, we are required to pay sales tax on everything we sell. A "sale" includes any item(s) sold by the club at meetings (for example, Gift Shop) and any fundraisers which involve the sale or auction of any items, whether purchased or donated. Food items sold at fundraisers, including bake sales, are not exempt from sales tax. Again, everything we sell is taxable.

For more information, please refer to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts at <http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/sales> where you can find State Sales Tax Information, Apply for a Sales Tax Permit, and File Quarterly Sales Taxes.

Thank you to those clubs who called or emailed me with questions about Sales Taxes. And please continue to contact me with any additional treasurer issues as they arise.

TFRW Treasurer Cindy Barberio Payne  
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## **Michelle Martin, TFRW Awards**

### **Awards 2016-2017**

**Who doesn't love BONUS POINTS!??** I know I do!! Your club can earn lots of bonus points toward the John Goodwin Tower Award. New members not only help you expand your membership and bring new ideas and energy to your club, they are a great way to earn bonus points! Follow Rhonda's lead and encourage your current members to bring in that **ONE MORE** member.

What about social media? Is your club "social?" If your club doesn't have a Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram account, **GET ONE!** Earn those bonus points while sharing news and events about



your club. Make sure you post pictures from events, and tag people in them. You'll be amazed how many people those posts can reach.

Did your members attend the precinct, county, or senatorial district conventions? How many of your members are going to the RPT Convention as delegates? These are all bonus points!!

Don't forget if your club has an Elite Patron membership all members of your club will have priority seating at all TFRW events, including the Tribute to Women luncheon on **May 13th**. If you haven't submitted your nominees yet, the **deadline is April 13th**. So keep working on all those bonus points! But of course, make sure you are also meeting all of the requirements!

TFRW Awards Chairman, Michelle Martin  
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## **Marie Maggio, Literacy Chair**

### **LITERACY PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

#### **CLUBS AT WORK**

Thanks to TFRW Clubs who have appointed their committee chairs and are actively participating in the TFRW Literacy Project. Suggested and approved books are listed on the NFRW Literacy Website.

The Fannin County RW have donated ten books to the Leonard Public Library. This is a two year project for the club. Georgetown RW have donated books to third and fifth graders. Thanks for taking the literacy project to where the greatest importance of reading takes place. The Golden Triangle RW are participating in the ROAR (Reach Out and Read) program which targets second and third graders in the Beaumont ISD. Volunteers are working with individual students in selected schools to increase comprehension.

My wish is that each club names a literacy chair and participates in this worthwhile project. I would love to hear about your club's literacy activities so that we can share. My email is [mmaggio5326@aol.com](mailto:mmaggio5326@aol.com), or you may call me at 409-782-4018.

Thanks in advance for all you do for the literacy program!

Literacy Chair Marie Maggio  
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## **Marilyn Davis, Patrons Chair**

### **Time to renew or join TFRW Patrons**

Thanks to the many TFRW members and clubs who have renewed their Patron memberships for 2016. For those who have NOT yet renewed or joined, it is NOT too late. Please go to the TFRW website under "Forms" and grab one of the three Patron membership forms for TFRW members: Patrons, Associate Patrons, or Club Patrons.

Patron or Club Patron dues are just \$250 for TFRW members, and \$100 for Associates. You will receive invitations to exclusive Patron events at TFRW Board meetings; preferred seating at TFRW board meeting meals and other TFRW events; a Patron name badge; and an opportunity to support TFRW and its many projects and endeavors.

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

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

Our next Patron event will be a cocktail reception featuring **Dr. Jeffrey Addicott, Professor at the Center for Terrorism Law, on Friday evening, April 29 at the TFRW board meeting in Austin.** There will be Patron events at the July and October board meetings as well.

Patron membership forms are here. Complete yours and mail with your check. Please be sure to note the new address for the TFRW office shown on the membership form.

Patrons Chair Marilyn Davis  
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## **Joanna Laxton, Retail Marketing Chair**

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank You All for your confidence in me and for voting to allow TFRW to increase the budget going forward. We have many fun items for you and some will appear at the board meeting in April, so come prepared.

New items will range from Red Organizers to Yeti Coffee

Tumblers.... New T-shirts with Designs and INEXPENSIVE Power Banks that will charge you mobile phone while it is in your handbag!!....

I really need some volunteers for our amazing booth at the GOP Convention.....you'll be the first to see our new merchandise and our special tent!

If any of you that are attending the **May 12-14th GOP Convention** might be available to help a few hours with the TFRW booth, it would be most appreciated. Please contact me if you can spare some time.

#TLTW - Texas Leads The Way!!!

Retail Marketing Chair Joanna Laxton  
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## **Americanism**

April Fool's Day begins this month with pranks and pranksters. One of the theories related to all the "pranking" is the result of Pope Gregory (Gregorian calendar) changing the calendar from March 25th to January 1st as the beginning of the year. The rural peasants of France would not accept it, and were dubbed by the elitist Frenchmen as "fools". These peasants became victims of numerous jokes played on them by their fellow countrymen.

Significant days recognized in April:

April 4, 1942, creation of NATO, April 6 Army Day, April 9 National Former POW Recognition Day, April 11 Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire (1991), April 18 Midnight Ride of Paul Revere and Tax Day, April 22 Earth Day and Passover begins, April 29 Arbor Day.

### **Historical Facts of Famous Americans and U.S. Presidents**

**Booker Taliaferro Washington**: First African American to be invited to the White House, receive an honorary degree from Harvard, be on a U.S. postage stamp, and through his efforts Tuskegee Institute grew into a modern university.

**Joseph Pulitzer**: He was instrumental in the development of the modern newspaper in the U.S. After leaving Hungary he became a soldier in the Union army. He settled in St. Louis and soon became a reporter on a German newspaper called the *Westliche Post*. He eventually ran for the state legislature as a Republican and won. He began to purchase other newspapers and began a campaign to publish special interest stories, sensational materials and scandals. Even after going blind in 1889 he carried on a battle

with another publisher of the New York Journal, none other than William Randolph Hearst. After his death in 1911, he provided in his will two million dollars for the establishment of a School of Journalism and the prizes bearing his name Pulitzer Prize in 1915.

**Thomas Jefferson:** Born on April 13, 1743, as the third of 10 siblings. As the third president he was known as "the man of the people." He often greeted people in the WHITE House in robe and slippers, and that earned him his nickname. His grave stone is inscribed with these three statements: Author of the Declaration of the Independence, Author of the Statute of Virginia for religious freedom, and Father of the University of Virginia. He was highly intelligent, spoke several languages, and loved books. He was prophetic when he said, "My reading of history convinces me the most bad government results from too much government."

**James Buchanan:** Nick named "Old Buck," born in Pennsylvania on April 23, 1791. He was the only president who was never married.

**Samuel Morse:** Born on April 27, 1791. Inventor of the telegraph, accomplished painter.

May 5th is National Day of Prayer, and May 8th is Mother's Day. These are ideas for programs.

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