



PRESIDENT'S

"We Make it Happen" Newsletter

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TO: TFRW Club Presidents
TFRW Board of Directors
TFRW Patrons
Subscribers

FROM: Theresa Kosmoski, President

Mark Your Calendar

October 21-22 4th Quarter TFRW Board of Directors Meeting in Austin

October 31 TFRW 2016 Membership Deadline

November 1 TFRW 2017 Membership Begins

November 15 TFRW 2019 Convention Site Selection Applications due

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President's Message

We Need all Hands on Deck Now

As of October 1st, we are only thirty-eight days away from turning the "progressive" agenda upside down and taking our country back for our people and our Constitution, and winning every race on every ballot in the state of Texas. There isn't much time left to correct the American course and make history, and it will take each one of us make it happen.

No matter who you are or what your circumstances are, you can contribute. Here are just some of the ways that you can make a difference:

- Volunteer at your local county party headquarters.
- Volunteer at one of the local Victory 2016 centers.
- Volunteer for the Mighty American Strike Force.
- Volunteer for the Mighty Texas Strike Force.
- Volunteer for the Mighty Texas Strike Force: At-Home Division (more details in this edition).
- Download the "Trump Talks" app onto your smart phone and make calls from home (more details in this edition).

- Send out emails to your entire list with persuasive pro-Republican candidate talking points.
- Use visual imagery to persuade: yard signs, bumper stickers, t-shirts, hats, buttons, etc.
- Commit to taking at least five people to the polls during early voting, especially people who might have otherwise not bothered to go vote.
- Commit to working the polls for your favorite candidate(s).
- Commit to becoming a poll watcher.

We are also planning a **"Women Vote" day** ... we are asking all TFRW women, as well as anyone else, to **vote on the first two days of early voting, October 24th and 25th**. We want to move the needle at the beginning of the voting period with a **"YUUUUGE" turnout** and really scare the other side.



We need the Ds to understand that the woman's vote counts and we are NOT shills for Hillary. We think; therefore, we vote Republican.

To help stem the tide of voter fraud, poll watchers are needed all over the state. If you can give some time on Election Day, this may be one of the most important things that you can do. Most counties offer training to be a poll watcher, but if your county does not, we may still be able to help you. Please email me if you are interested in being trained as a poll watcher, and if the interest is high enough we may be able to help out.

Please remember that the new membership year does not begin until November 1st. If you are taking memberships now, you cannot hold them until November 1st; you really need to get them in right away. Remember that these new members will NOT have access to our emails, newsletters, or the members section of the website until we have received their membership in the office and have time to process that information into our system. Your new members really need to have this access to truly feel a part of your club and TFRW. Consider dropping your dues to \$15 for the rest of the 2016 (to cover the required TFRW and NFRW portions) if you think that will help, and then collect full dues after November 1st for 2017.

The office has just finished the enormous task of going through our database and thoroughly cleaning it. In the process, we have discovered over 5,000 women who were members in 2014 or 2015 that have not renewed their membership in 2016. In a couple of weeks we will be emailing each club president the list of women from their club who have not renewed... please make contact with these women. Some may have legitimate reasons for not renewing, but many will simply have forgotten. Bring them back into your clubs!



Our mission is too important to let any of our Republican stalwarts wander off; **we need all hands on deck now**, and in the future. This is a big year for politics, but so is next year.

So far this year I have logged over 16,000 miles on my car visiting clubs and events all over Texas. Visiting clubs and getting to know all of our members are the best part of my job, and I would love to visit your club if I haven't already. If you would like me to come to your club, just email me some available dates; as long as the calendar permits, I would be delighted to come.

Remember, there is only a little time left until November 8th, and, as I've discovered, sleep is over-rated. I know that we can make History in Texas because we are Republican women, and **WE MAKE IT HAPPEN**.

God Bless Texas,

Theresa Kosmoski, President



Special Events

by First VP Special Events Julie Faubel
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Will You be Part of the Construction Crew or the Demolition Crew?

The Demolition Crew – A Republican precinct chairman resigns barely two months before the November 8th General Election because he is a “Never Trumper” who could not bring himself to run a general election and focus on getting out the vote in his area. How will this individual’s destructive efforts influence those around him?

The Construction Crew – A new precinct chair steps up and quickly gathers strong Republican men and women to join the new crew. Together they will assemble a new team, delegate the work, and build a strong coalition to finish strong focused on the real prize – winning the White House for Donald J. Trump.



I don’t know about you, but I am troubled by the true illustration above. This event just took place in my precinct and I will do everything in my power to help Donald J. Trump win in November. Will you join the construction crew in your precinct?

I recently had the privilege of meeting a group of ladies who are building construction crews in Houston’s Latino communities. Stepping out in faith, they are boldly speaking out in support for Donald Trump, and their efforts are being noticed and making a difference. Please click on this link to read their story. <http://www.chron.com/houston/article/Two-Latino-Trump-Coalition-rallies-slated-for-9230388.php>.

Also, check out their website. <http://www.latinotrumpcoalition.us>

Mrs. Clinton must not win the White House in 2016. She will join the demolition crew and continue the destructive policies of the current president. We will watch her build up Obamacare, while tearing apart the oil, gas, and coal industries. She will continue to turn a blind eye on radical Islamic terrorism and flood our country with un-vetted refugees from nations infiltrated by terrorists with promises of executive amnesty.

Hillary Clinton has made it clearer that if elected President, our future will continue on the same destructive path that is hurting every American.

From U. S. Senator Ted Cruz,

“Rather than Hillary’s America, we need to take a different path. A path that would begin to restore our country from the damage it has suffered the last eight years. We need to unite to defend freedom and restore the Constitution. And Hillary Clinton made absolutely clear tonight she would not do so.”



Campaign Activities

by VP Campaign Activities Janis Holt
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On to Victory in November!!

Now, more than ever, we as Republican Women must come together to work for candidates from the top of the ticket to the bottom. Many of you are traveling with The Mighty Texas Task Force to states all across the country to ensure victories in November. Be sure and also volunteer for local candidates who may not have as much resources as our state or national candidates. Whether you choose to block walk, make phone calls, work the polls for a candidate, or register voters, we can get the job done for Republican candidates all across Texas. While you are out on the campaign trail, be sure and record ALL your campaign hours to turn in to your club's Campaign Activities Chair.



Registering Voters



Making Calls to GOTV



Block Walking for Local Candidates



Unite to Win Trainees ready to go to work.



Block Walking for Local Candidates



Finance Committee

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Gearing Up for November and Beyond!



TFRW members are working hard to make sure we take back the White House and keep all our seats RED!

Even though we are all working so hard to **make our country red again**, from the top down, your TFRW Board is looking ahead and planning for the future! The Finance Committee has been scouting venues for our next big fund-raising event, Belles and Boots. Belles and Boots will be held the Wednesday before our Legislative Day. Our committee has decided that **Scholz Garten**, a Texas Historical Landmark and in walking distance to the Capitol, will be the perfect location for our event with seating inside and outside!

Stayed tuned for more information.

GET OUT THE VOTE

Join "Trump Talk"

1. Go to <https://talk.donaldjtrump.com/>. Click "**Login/Join Now!**" located in the top right corner. Click "**Join Now!**" to register. Enter your information, and you will receive a verification email.
2. Take the online tutorial "**How to Use Trump Talk.**"
3. You can use a phone or a computer to dial out, as long as your device has access to the internet.
4. Click "Start" and the program will auto dial; wait for an answer then read the survey on your screen and get their email if possible; save and go to the next call – it's that simple!
5. Once you begin calling, do not hang up the phone until you are through making calls. The program will ask you in the beginning to commit to the number of calls you will make- you can make as many as you have time for and go back whenever you choose.

Together, Let's Make America Great Again!





Legislative Update

by VP Legislation Michele Samuelson
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Non-Partisan, Down Ballot Races

Becoming a successful advocate for conservative values often starts at the most basic levels of government. Maybe your neighborhood needs speed bumps or road maintenance. Maybe your children's school district is realigning the boundaries for schools and your kids are affected. These are the sorts of things that most often bring women into politics. It is really important that we stay involved in local government because this is where our counterparts on the other side of the aisle do their biggest business.

I'm deviating a little from my usual soapbox to remind you to vote all the way down the ballot, and to make sure your members are educated about the local, non-partisan offices you will be voting on in just a few weeks.

What might be on your ballot that isn't covered when you vote straight ticket?

- **School district trustees.** These races don't get the same attention that partisan elections do, but trustees in school districts often represent as many or more people as your average state representative. 82 school districts in Texas are having elections this year, and 31 of those are on the November ballot.
- **City councilmembers.** City councils might have more impact on your daily living than county commissioners' courts, if you live in a big enough city.
- **Municipal Utility District boards.** Many of us live outside cities in MUDs, districts authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to provide basic services to those living in the boundaries. Some are essentially small towns, and the governing boards are elected. Look for information in your neighborhood for those candidates if this affects you.
- **Other special purpose districts,** such as library board trustees or emergency service district commissioners. Some of us also vote in community college trustee elections.
- **Bond elections.** You may not only be voting on government representatives this November! Almost every government subdivision can issue bonds, and they come to you, the voter, for approval. Get educated now and spread the word!

How can you know what's on your ballot? Look at your county elections office website. Local non-partisan elections won't show up on statewide sample ballots, so you need to go as local as you can to get the information you want.

Legislative and local advocacy starts at the ballot box. Do your part in November to keep government accountable!

NFRW

NFRW Betty Rendel Scholarship

Congratulations to Anna Kosler, winner of the NFRW Betty Rendel Scholarship!



Membership Update

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It ain't over 'til the Fat Lady Sings, and I'm not Singin' YET!!

Ladies, it's almost here. The election for all elections is upon our Nation. I hope that you are **STILL** bringing in new members ... **YES**, for **THIS** membership year and this election! We need our friends to be plugged in **THIS OCTOBER**, so please encourage them to join, even now. Ask your club to drop the membership dues to \$20 or even \$15, and bring in those members. We need help in the **VERY BLUE BATTLEGROUNDS OF TEXAS**, and this is the perfect time for '**on-site job training.**' If you bring in the new members now and they work alongside you, then they will experience the benefit of a hard-fought election cycle and return to your clubs as engaged and active Republican Women.

Please do NOT sign up folks for 2017 yet. Membership does not begin until **November 1**. Please don't hold checks until 2017. **TFRW still needs another 500 members total for this year to reach our goal.** There are still many 'new movers' who have not yet joined. And ladies, there are still members who have not re-upped from your previous year. Let's go get 'em!

Congratulations to the **NINE** clubs who sent in the names of those great **ONE MOREs**, ladies who brought in **ONE MORE** for our membership challenge. Those names should be on the **ONE MORE HONOR ROLL** soon!

Clubs, I hope all of you begin to think of the Membership year as spanning from **November 1 to October 31**. That means current Presidents, Treasurers, and Membership Chairs need to work very closely with the incoming officers who will lead your great clubs in 2017. Please, endeavor to re-up at least 1/3 of your current membership during November, another 1/3 in December and finish your current membership re-ups in January. This 'habit' will encourage **ALL of us to bring in NEW MEMBERS** for the following nine months from February to October each year. This will cause our organization to not only grow but impact our communities in an even greater way.

Blessings, Mercy, and Victory for November 8!



AWARDS

Promoting our Clubs and our Party

I hope you are all working towards your club's John Goodwin Tower Award! But don't forget, there are other awards to work towards as well. There are Newsletter Awards, Americanism Award, Grassroots Award, and the new Legacy Leadership Award. Find those forms here <http://www.tfrw.org/forms-and-documents/convention-and-award-forms/>

To find all of the possible awards and scholarships that NFRW offers, click here <https://www.nfrw.org/drl-awards> (You must login to view these documents.)

- Is your club helping with the Mighty Texas Strike Force?
- Is one of your members a Deputy Voter Registrar?
- Are they registering voters? There are points for these!
- Has a club member(s) attended a TFRW Board Meeting? Our next one is October 22nd. You earn points when a club member, not on the TFRW Board, attends a meeting.
- Mark your calendars and start promoting Legislative Day on April 6, 2017. Earn points for sending members to TFRW events like Legislative Day.

Stay organized, check off what you've done, and keep track of what you need to do. **When we are working toward earning points, we are working toward promoting our clubs and our party!**

TOGETHER we can win in November, from the White House to the Courthouse!!

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HOSPITALITY

Recent Hospitality Contributions

The Hospitality Committee and the members of the TFRW Board thank the following generous clubs for their contributions!

Coppell Republican Women

New Braunfels Republican Women

Preston West Republican Women

These clubs will receive bonus points for the 2016-2017 John Goodwin Tower Award. Don't you want to join them?

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Patti Johnson * pattihj@gvtc.com

TFRW PATRON PROGRAM

Special Invitation

Since the October Patrons Event is going to be so great, we want as many people as possible to enjoy it!

For this Patrons' Reception only, we invite current TFRW Patrons to bring a guest (who is not a TFRW Patron). The fee for each guest is \$50, if paid in advance with the Patron member's board meeting registration (early registration deadline). The fee will be \$60 with late board meeting registrations.

HOWEVER, if you renew your 2017 Patron Membership before or during the October board meeting, **one of your guests is free** as long as you included him/her on your board meeting registration in advance!

If your guest enjoys the program and joins the Patron Program before the November election, the paid guest fee will apply to his/her 2017 TFRW Patron Membership. (You can find the Patrons' applications in the members' section of the TFRW website.)

Don't pass up this great deal!

TFRW PATRON PROGRAM

October Patrons' Reception



Friday, October 21, 2016

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Featuring Scott Braddock

A successful political reporter "who covers the Texas Legislature and politics in the Lone Star State"

[The Doubletree, Austin Northwest Arboretum](#) (click link for hotel info)

[8901 Business Park Dr, Austin TX 78759](#) (click link for map)

Scott Braddock serves as editor of "The Quorum Report," Texas' premier inside-politics newsletter. Who better than Scott to bring us his insight and humor as we head into the last stretch of this exciting election? We can all agree that this has been one of the most interesting election cycles in American History, nationally and statewide.

www.scottbraddock.com

Marilyn Davis and Debra Coffey * Patron Program Co-Chairs

PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR/ TEXAS STAR EDITOR

Most Improved Newsletter and Best Newsletter Awards

The awards criteria for content that your newsletter must include has been updated for 2016-2017!



The updated forms for the Most Improved Newsletter Award and the Best Newsletter Award are in members' section of the TFRW website for your newsletter editor to download and review. <http://www.tfrw.org/forms-and-documents/convention-and-award-forms/>

REMEMBER, as you consider whether to submit your newsletters for an award or not, your newsletter reflects your club and its activities!

The best communications tool in your club is your newsletter, whether hardcopy or as an e-newsletter! Here is a great opportunity to share with your members and your communities all of the hard work that Texas Republican Women are doing. Share your newsletters with your elected officials and other clubs!

A Newsletter Awards Selection Committee appointed by the TFRW President will consider all newsletter awards applications. The deadline for submittal is **August 1, 2017**.

It's important to review the updates for the **Content Requirements that must be in EACH OF THE FOUR Newsletters** submitted and the **Additional Content Requirements that must be in TWO OF THE FOUR Newsletters** submitted.

Remember that each club must submit hardcopies of two club newsletters from 2016 and two club newsletters from 2017 when you submit your award application.

The categories for both of the awards are based upon the size of the club's membership:

- **Small** – 10-30 members
- **Medium** – 31-60 members
- **Large** – 61- 100 members
- **Jumbo** – 101-200 members
- **Super Jumbo** – 201+ members



Every club regardless of its size should consider sending in their newsletter for the awards!

**** To have your club included in the "Round About Texas" section of the Texas STAR newsletter, your club must mail your newsletter and/or send a hard copy to me when you publish it.**

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MIGHTY TEXAS STRIKE FORCE (MTSF)

Welcome to the MTSF: At-Home Division!

Everything is finally in place to begin the crucial work of the MTSF: At Home Division team in earnest! Thank you for your patience as we worked out the details with all our campaigns. Please read below to learn how you can get started from home today!

This week we are launching two critical parts of our efforts: Phone Calls and Post Cards

Please read below for more information about both of these efforts and how you can be more involved!

Postcards

There are two ways to participate in our postcard project. You may go to the post office and order blank, pre-postage cards to write. Or, you may order any of the fabulous post card designs we have below! Click each name to view postcard designs.

- [Donald Trump](#)
- [Will Hurd](#)
- [Susan Narvaiz](#)

You may [view order instructions by clicking here](#).

Please click here to [view the instructions for sending postcards](#).

[Click here for a sample postcard script!](#)

Once you have your postcards, email me for addresses, and I will send them to you right away!!



Phone Calls

There are two ways to participate in our phone-calling project. You may go directly to <https://talk.donaldjtrump.com/> to sign up for at home phone-banking for the presidential race.

Or, if you would like to call into Texas to support our priority races here at home, please click this link to sign up. <http://bit.ly/MTSFCallsTexas>

After signing up on this page, you will receive instructions on how to participate in these calls for our Texas candidates.

Coming Soon!

We will be launching our MTSF Social Media campaign very soon. Stay tuned as to how you can use your social media accounts to make a positive difference in this election!!

Please contact me if you have any questions. And thank you for your dedication to serving on the Mighty Texas Strike Force: At Home Division team!

All my very best,

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Republican Party of Texas Vice Chairman
Phone Bank/Postcard Captain

2019 CONVENTION

Host our 2019 Convention

It's time to begin planning for the 2019 TFRW Convention! The event which brings us all together and allows us to network with others all over the state.

This is the event that tops all others – and **YOU** and your area clubs can be an instrumental part of this process by hosting the convention in your area.

If your club or area clubs are interested in submitting an application to host the 2019 TFRW Convention, you may now find that application in the members' section of the TFRW website. <http://www.tfrw.org/forms-and-documents/convention-and-award-forms/>

It is important to start the site selection process as early as possible. The deadline for applications is **November 15, 2016**, which is not flexible. Applications may be sent prior to this date.

Send completed applications to:

Jody Rushton
4500 Barwyn Ct
Plano, TX 75093-7109

If there are any questions about the application or if you need additional information, please contact me.



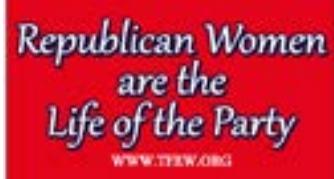
Jody Rushton * TFRW Immediate Past President * rjrushton@verizon.net

RETAIL MARKETING

T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, and Hoodies

Republican Women are the Life of the PARTY!

Item	Quantity	Donation	Originally	Savings
T-Shirts	12	\$108	\$12 ea	\$36
Sweatshirts	6	\$96	\$20 ea	\$24
Hoodies	6	\$156	\$35 ea	\$54



Simply contact me by phone or email to place your order, and mail your check made payable to:

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13740 N Highway 183, Suite J4
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ELECTION 2016

A Line in the Sand

We, as women, have been told a lot during election cycles.

- We've been told we should be excited to vote for a woman for President.
- We've been told we should be single-issue voters.
- We've been told our Party is against us.
- We've been told there's a War on Women in America.
- We've been told to get in line and do as we are told ... to vote Democrat because that's "what women are supposed to do."

The moment of truth is upon us. Eight ... Long ... Years later ... **the moment we've waited for is finally here.**

Are we going to do what THEY tell us to do? Or will we remember that well-behaved women RARELY make history?

WE are Texas women; **WE** will be on the side of making history!

96 years ago, our political sisters won the right to vote with passage of the 19th Amendment. 96 years later, a **LINE IN THE SAND** has been drawn for women everywhere. Do we vote for Hillary just because she is a woman ... OR ... do we vote our values and our principles, for the Constitution and for freedom?

You know what to do!

As the women leaders of the Republican Party of Texas, we are hereby calling all women to cross that **LINE IN THE SAND** on **Monday, October 24th and Tuesday, October 25th** during early voting and vote our values en masse, showing the nation what is **truly** important to women!

Karen Newton, TFRW VP Finance, had a brilliant idea, and we are going to make history with it:

Make plans to show up at the polls on the first two days of early voting and bring a friend ... better yet, bring five friends! 96 years has led to this ... 8 years has fueled our fire. Now, it's OUR time to take back the White House for the principles and policies that will make this country the very best it can be.

On which side of the **LINE IN THE SAND** will you stand? We invite you to stand with us!

For liberty, for prosperity, for victory in November!

**Theresa Kosmoski, President
Texas Federation of Republican Women**

**Toni Anne Dashiell
Republican National Committeewoman for Texas**

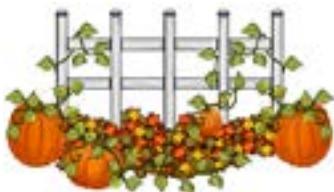
**Amy M. Clark, Vice Chairman
Republican Party of Texas**



Toni Anne Dashiell (left-center) and Theresa Kosmoski (right-center) with Ivanka Trump (center).

AMERICANISM

Daily Observances in October and November



Ghosts, goblins, and pumpkins seem to come to mind when approaching the month of October. Halloween and "Trick or Treat" resounding from door to door brings back great memories. Remember when the most important thing in our lives was what costume to have for Halloween night.

Of course, we cannot ignore the smells of turkey and dressing roasting in the oven in the month of November. Now, that is a holiday that is "All American" in origin and designated by President Abraham Lincoln as the last Thursday in November on October 3, 1863. This year it will be on November 24th.

Significant days in October and November (* Fly Your American Flag)

October

- 10** *Columbus Day
- 11** Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)
- 13** U.S. Navy established 1775
- 17** National Boss Day
- 24** United Nations Day
- 24** Early Voting begins (ends November 4)
- 27** *Navy Day
- 31** Halloween

November

- 6** Daylight Savings Time ends
- 8** Election Day
- 10** Marine Corps birthday
- 11** *Veterans Day and Armistice Day
- 24** Thanksgiving Day



Famous Americans and President's "Firsts"

Rutherford B. Hayes, 19th U. S. President (Republican), born October 4, 1822, was the first president to use a telephone while in office. It was installed by Alexander Graham Bell. He and his wife Lucy conducted the very first Easter Egg Roll on the lawn of the White House. In 1981, President Ronald Reagan and Mrs. Reagan gave wooden eggs as souvenirs of this event, and this tradition has been continued each year. President Hayes was the first president to be given the oath of office in the White House.

Frederic Remington, artist and sculptor of the American West, born October 1861. His name has become synonymous with realistic descriptions of frontiersmen, cowboys, and Native Americans. He first chose to become a journalist, but his articles and sketches led to using water colors and oil paintings and eventually sculpting in bronze. He's the first artist to use multiple mediums to depict our rich history of western life. His most famous work which has been replicated many times is The Bronco Buster (1895).

Chester A. Arthur (born October 5, 1830, the 21st President of the U.S.) became president following the assassination of James A. Garfield. He requested standardized time, thereby calling a conference to establish the Greenwich Meridian and international standardized time. He was also the first person to be administered the oath of office in a president's home.

Eddie Rickenbacker, born October 8, 1890 commanded the first U.S. Air Force unit in WWI. He later headed Eastern Air Lines.

George Washington placed the first cornerstone of the White House.

Jeannee O'Neill and June Rentmeester * Americanism Co-Chairmen



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