



## Mark Your Calendar

- April 13** Patron Event
- April 14** 2nd Quarter Board Meeting
- April 15** Report 1st Quarter Campaign Activities Hours

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## President's Message

TEAM T.F.R.W.



With the primaries behind us and a few run-offs in May, we can catch up on getting our T.F.R.W. business in order. I just came back from Washington, D.C., where I attended the first National Federation of Republican Women Leadership Day and Board meeting lead by our very own Jody Rushton. Jody, as usual, was an inspiration to all who attended and showed incredible leadership over the weekend. I was so proud to see Jody, Theresa, and Janis on the N.F.R.W. Board!

Jody discussed cutting back on spending and increasing membership, sound familiar? Membership growth is the most important task at the T.F.R.W., without members how can we help our Republican candidates win in November?

Our T.F.R.W. is comprised of Elected Officers, Deputy Presidents, District Directors, Standing Committees, Ex Officio, Members At-Large, and Special Committees. The Board is divided up into eleven groups each spearheaded by an Elected Officer. These groups have been assigned local clubs to mentor. If you have not heard from them this month you will in April. Every Board Member is committed to helping you retain and grow your membership. We are dedicated to making YOU successful, and having not only a Deputy President and District Director to turn to, you have the entire Board of Directors.

Besides the Board of Directors helping to retain and grow membership, you can help as well, because it is going to take an army of red jackets to win in November.

Every single member of T.F.R.W. can help this month, and we need your help.

**Club Presidents:** Get with your Membership Chair and Treasurer and make sure all membership is turned in to T.F.R.W.

**Members:** Ask your local club Membership Chair if you can help call members that have not paid their 2018 dues.



We are Team T.F.R.W.!

Now, let's go out there and kick some...

Democrats back to where they belong!!!

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## Get to know the RPT Chairman Candidates!

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*And you may ask yourself*

*Will my state turn purple?*

*And you may ask yourself*

*Who will keep Texas RED?*

*And you may tell yourself*

*I will keep Texas RED!*

*And you may tell yourself*

*Because if Texas goes Blue, so goes the Nation!*

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**DEADLINE FOR PRINT IS TUESDAY, JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

# *Tribute to Women Luncheon*

FRIDAY, JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> @ NOON - 1:30 PM

## **SPONSORSHIP FORM**

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### **SEND THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK TO:**

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13740 N HIGHWAY 183, SUITE J4  
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**PLEASE MAKE A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS**

WE APPRECIATE ALL OF OUR SPONSORS, AND THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT YOU GIVE THE LADIES OF THE TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN!

ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

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# Fundraising

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## Tribute to Women

*Give everyone you know the opportunity to support TFRW!*

Don't forget to send in the honoree nominating form and bio for your special club members to be recognized at the Tribute to Women Luncheon.

1. Honoree Form (remember 1 form per honoree)
2. Sponsorship opportunities (deadline for print: Tuesday, June 5th)
3. Register for the Luncheon (sign up early for choice seating)



Find more information at <http://www.tfrw.org/events/tribute-to-women/>

**Bring as many club members as you can for this special occasion for your Honorees.** Make sure to forward the link to the Honoree's family and friends, so they have an opportunity to celebrate with us. This is an opportunity for your clubs to elevate a hard-working Republican Women to statewide celebrity.

**Make sure to give the Sponsor Form and info** to people who will want to congratulate your Honoree. As we know Fundraising is essential to provide opportunities to:

*Inspire. Unite. Achieve. and win in November!*

## Ten Fundraising "Mistakes to Avoid"

### 1. Don't forget to ask!

The single most common mistake in fundraising is not asking for a gift. People are often uncomfortable asking for money, so they skirt the issue. People who are regularly approached for donations know this! They will take your meeting, attend your lovely gala, enjoy a reception, and go on their merry way, with checkbook intact unless someone says, "Bob, I'm giving a gift of \$5,000 to support this organization, and I was hoping you would match my gift with \$5,000 of your own."

### 2. Don't just ask for a "contribution."

When soliciting the donation, be sure to suggest a dollar amount. Do your research, and ask around just before your meeting to be sure your prospect doesn't have an unexpected financial constraint, such as medical bills, divorce, etc. Figure out what amount would be appropriate to ask for. You want to include the amount you are asking for, or else Bob will write you a check for \$50, and you let a prospect worth \$5,000 get off \$4,950 light.

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### 3. Don't say anything after you have made "the ask."

It can be uncomfortable asking for a contribution, and any donor is going to want a moment to ponder his or her response. It is one of those silences that feels like an eternity. Just sit tight and keep your mouth shut. Let them respond. Listen to what they say and continue based on that response.

### 4. Don't wait until the last minute.

Start early, really, really early. Many funding processes take anywhere from three to twelve months to complete. You need time in advance to develop and describe your program well. If you do a slipshod job of that, you probably won't get any funding. So start the process early, and write compelling and exciting descriptions of the proposed program, who it will serve, and why you are the best organization to do this job. You sometimes need time to make personal contacts before collecting money. Create a calendar of your future events with deadlines and timeframes for your most likely donors.

### 5. Don't think "I've got my check; the process is done."

Change your thinking about the process. Most organizations believe the process of fundraising is over the minute they get their check. That is the beginning of the process! You now have the opportunity to build a real partnership and lasting relationship with this donor if you do your stewardship well. The power to leverage is yours if you use it creatively. Focus more time and energy on this aspect of the process, and you will reap the rewards. Send them handwritten letters from scholarship winners, photographs demonstrating the successes to date, etc. Don't wait until the end to send in your updates. You will create a partnership if you do this right.

### 6. Don't try to fundraise from the outside in.

When building your base of support, your audience for your programs and funding start with the people closest to you. Once you have them involved, move out to the next circle and so on. Your first line of attack should be your board of directors. You should secure a significant gift from each member (it may vary from member to member). Once you have 100% of your board giving, you can expand to your patrons. These are the people who attend your events and support what you are doing. These are the people you should target for your membership program. The same rule holds true with public funding; start with your city or county, expand to state opportunities, and then federal. Political organization funding should start with donors in your

vicinity and move outward from there. An established audience is an essential part of demonstrating the need for your organization and its services. You may have to do some programming in order to build the audience that funders will support.

### 7. Don't become too dependent on any one source or type of funding.

A healthy budget is a diversified budget. You want to see as many of these income streams as possible. The more income sources supporting your organization, the less dependent you become on any one of them. Within each income source, strive for diversification like big galas, cookbooks, small events, scholarship teas, issue specific campaigns, etc..

### 8. Don't let your board shirk their fundraising responsibilities.

Get your board and the most connected members to help. This requires work, and typically you will only have one or two members who will really go out and raise funds for you. These people should be your biggest supporters, best advocates, and have the connections to introduce you to funders.

### 9. Don't forget to thank your funders. Again. Again. Again.

You may think you acknowledge your funders, but chances are they think you could and should do it better. It is one of the easier things to do. Say thank you several different times and several different ways. Handwritten notes make a big impression. Some funders want a public acknowledgement, others want a more private and personal thanks, but they all want to feel appreciated. Spending more time on this, and finding personalized and creative ways to show your appreciation is likely to pay off well in the future. Put a special thank-you with their names on your website or Facebook page and in your newsletters.

### 10. Don't leave donors sitting until your next event; involve them in your organization.

Once someone has given you a contribution, you have an open-door invitation to involve them more in your organization. Significant donors tend to know other potential significant donors. If they feel they are a part of your organization, they are more likely to introduce you to their friends and colleagues. People give to people they know and because of people they know.

More Fundraising tips in Bullet Point Memos.

To request a fundraising class at your club contact me, Becky Berger, at [vpfinance@tfrw.org](mailto:vpfinance@tfrw.org)



# Special Events

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## Can You Believe that it's Already April?!

I just LOVE spring, and this year is already shaping up to be one of the best. There are so many fun and exciting opportunities available to our TFRW members! Have you signed up for the Road to Convention Scavenger Hunt? It will be fantastic! Get your team of two to four members, and sign up on Eventbrite today at: <https://road-to-convention-2018-scamenger-hunt.eventbrite.com>

Speaking of convention, I hope you've registered as a delegate and plan to attend this year in beautiful San Antonio! We are only the most powerful organization in Texas when we make our voices heard. Convention is the perfect place for you to make a difference in a tangible way. Plus, it's fun! We know that your club is full of strong women. Honor them by submitting their nominations for the Tribute to Women Luncheon. The Tribute Luncheon is always a highlight at Convention. And plans are in the works for a TFRW Cocktail Party. Additional details are coming soon. Purchase your tickets at: <https://margaritas-with-senoritas-2018.eventbrite.com>

We've made a slight change to our special event in April. Instead of a tour of the Capitol, we'll be taking a Ghost Tour instead. What better way to spend Friday the 13th! TFRW is hosting this tour as a thank you to you, our members. But we do ask that if you RSVP that you show up. We can't afford to pay for absent bodies (even on a ghost tour).

Plan now to attend our July board meetings (20th and 21st). Our special event will include a sunset dinner cruise and bat watching tour on beautiful Lady Bird Lake (formally Town Lake). The fun is just beginning, so grab your friends, and don't miss out!

*It is an honor and privilege to serve you, and I would love to have your input, suggestions, and feedback at [firstvp@tfrw.org](mailto:firstvp@tfrw.org).*



# Programs

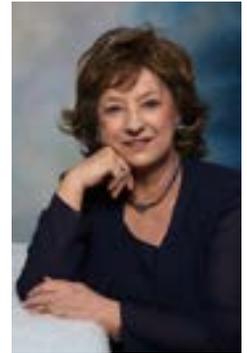
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## April 14th Board Meeting Luncheon

TFRW's April 14th board meeting luncheon will feature Dr. Marlene McMillan. Dr. Marlene will do an interactive presentation on "Political Correctness" and how it has affected our language and culture. TFRW will also have another surprise guest at Saturday's board meeting. You will not want to miss either of these very timely, exciting, and exceptional speakers!

*An apology from the Programs Committee: Due to the flu outbreak and the Primary, we have not yet completed the update on the TFRW website. We plan to have it completed in a few weeks. You will then be able to access speakers for your TFRW club events. Thank you for your patience in this matter.*



### PATRONS PROGRAM

## Patron Event



Private Tour of the Supreme Court of Texas

Friday, April 13th, 5:30 PM until 6:30 PM

FOMO\*? Join the Patrons Program at <http://www.tfrw.org/about/patrons>

Refreshments will be served prior to the private tour

*\* Fear of missing out*

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## Ghost Tour

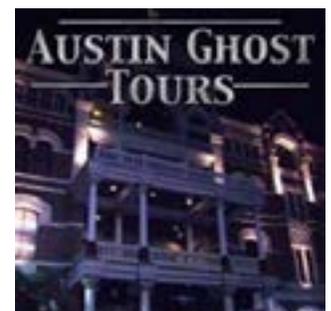
Friday the 13th, 6:30 PM until 8:15 PM

Meet at the Supreme Court of Texas.

Wear comfortable walking shoes.

We'll be touring historic sites in downtown Austin!

Complimentary to all those registered for a full board meeting!



## 2018 Patron Clubs\*

### *Platinum*

Wise RW

### *Gold*

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Conner Harrington RW  
Cowtown RW

Georgetown Area RW  
RW of Wood Co.

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Lost Pines RW  
Mesquite RW

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Northwest Austin RW  
Salado Area RW  
Smith Co. RW

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\* At time of printing.

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# Growing Your Club

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## Hello, Ladies

We have finished the first election for this 2018 cycle. I know many are already working on the May run-off. I hope a great many of our members will be attending the Republican State Convention in June and we will be celebrating all of those wonderful Tribute to Women ladies. MANY of your clubs have re-upped ALL of their 2017 members. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! For your diligent work! It is much appreciated.

I was truly in hopes that we would have nearly all of our 10,000 members rejoined by this time, so that we could move forward with growing our organization for the fight against the onslaught of democrats trying to make a move on Texas, but at this writing we only have 6,500.

Ladies, we all know we are fighting the left, but there are those in our state trying to undermine all the efforts that TFRW Ladies have worked so hard to achieve. Many of those folks call us, TFRW, liberals, and RINOS. I find this sad and disturbing. I, too, have experienced their lies about me and my own commitment to TRUE Republican values! As I hear from so many around our state, I know this is absolutely NOT the truth. We are strong, conservative Republicans with incredible work ethics and values. It's OUR members making those countless phone calls and our members who walk the miles of blocks, so as to produce Republicans for elected office.

I am asking you once more to go back to your membership rolls, and make sure that no one has been overlooked. We NEED to reach 10,000 soon. We CAN accomplish this task.

Let me leave you with just one testimony from one of our magnificent clubs – KINGWOOD AREA RW. M'Liss Painter is their President. In the midst of the 'still' ravaged hurricane area, KARW has not given up the fight. These ladies came together, divided up their list, called and brought in those memberships. They have held a New Member Coffee and trainings for their gals. Their meeting place was destroyed by the Harvey floods, but they found another. Many of their members are still not in their homes, and others have had to move away. As they say, Kingwood is coming back slowly, but they have NOT given up! This is the fighting spirit that we all need. Thank you Kingwood Area RW!!! I'm proud of you!

*PLEASE bring in the remaining 3,500 ladies to TFRW then let's go get 2,000 more. To borrow from our great NCW Toni Anne Dashiell, thank you, True Red warriors!!! Do not despair. We CAN and WILL do this!*

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

# You are the Club Newsletter Editor

### *How can you create a successful newsletter?*

It is the beginning of a new year for your club. As your club's newsletter editor, what should you do first to be successful? Have you done the job before; experience is always a huge bonus. If not, ask for help, talk with the club president and past newsletter editors, and read the club's old newsletters.

How do you determine the content to include in your newsletter? Where can you find this information? A great place to start is the TFRW website. There are two award competitions at the TFRW biennial state convention – "Best Newsletter and the Most Improved Newsletter." The forms for these awards are on the TFRW website. The next TFRW biennial convention will be held in 2019.

However, the award requirements cover the two year period of 2018-2019. So begin now, and you will be prepared for the 2019 award submissions.

**Both of these awards have criteria that must be included in your newsletters.**

#### **Content Requirements in Each Newsletter:**

1. Full name of club above, below, or in the masthead
2. TFRW Region and Senate District
3. Meeting announcement with date, time, place, and speaker's name, title, and topic
4. Board meeting, date, time, and place
5. Calendar of events
6. Date each newsletter with month or quarter and year of publication.
7. List of officers with at least one phone number and one email address for contact
8. At least one committee report
9. Club Disclaimer

#### **Additional Content Requirements Must be in FOUR Newsletters:**

1. President's Message
2. Legislative Update
3. Campaign Activities
4. A second committee report
5. Guest Column from an elected GOP official
6. Photographs of a meeting or club activity or event

Some clubs publish their newsletter monthly, quarterly, and every other month. The newsletter awards require that your newsletter be published at least every quarter. Each club has different needs and schedules that are unique to them.

So customize your newsletter to reflect your club and its personality. Create a template that you can follow for each newsletter.

If I can help you or answer your questions, please contact me at 713-851-0737 or email me at [pr@tfrw.org](mailto:pr@tfrw.org).

Enjoy your newsletter, and don't forget to send me a copy at [pr@tfrw.org](mailto:pr@tfrw.org). I look forward to hearing from you!

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# Political Action

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## The Primary Election is Over

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to count up the hours you spent campaigning for candidates between January and March! A few tips:

- Candidates for office MAY count their hours and report them. Women candidates report hours to your PRIMARY RW club. A male candidate reports to either his spouse's PRIMARY RW club, or reports hours to the club closest to his home and of which he is an associate member.
- The bylaws still apply during run-off elections. Clubs, club presidents, and club campaign activities chairs MAY NOT endorse during any election in which there are two or more Republican candidates. BUT hours spent campaigning during a run-off election count the same as always!
- Campaigning for candidates in local, non-partisan elections counts as well – with caveats. You must have verified that the candidate is a Republican (voted in the most recent GOP primary in Texas), and the endorsement rule is in force in races with two or more Republican candidates.
- Remember, we are counting our time spent on POLITICAL ACTION – so all that time spent planning your Reagan Dinner counts! While we want you to campaign for Republican candidates, all the volunteer work that goes into making our clubs and the GOP work is time that counts. Please don't forget to add up these hours, and report them!

### REMINDER: Reporting Hours to TFRW

**PLEASE USE THE ONLINE FORM. Here are the steps to access the form:**

1. Go to: <http://www.tfrw.org>
2. LOG IN at the very top of the page. Forgot your password? Click the appropriate link and follow directions.
3. Click on "Documents and Forms"
4. Select "General Forms and Documents"
5. On the right-hand side under "Campaign Activities Hours," click on "Quarterly Camp. Act. Hours Reporting Form."
6. THIS FORM IS FOR CLUB CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN ONLY. Individual members must report hours to your club Campaign Activities Chair.
7. Trouble? Email Michele at [vpcampaignact@tfrw.org](mailto:vpcampaignact@tfrw.org)

### 2018 Reporting Schedule for Campaign Activities Hours

Quarter	Months	Deadline
1st Quarter	January-March	April 15
2nd Quarter	April-June	July 15
3rd Quarter	July-September	October 15
4th Quarter	October-December	January 15

## PAC INFORMATION

# Steps to Follow if You Missed a Filing Deadline

You missed the filing deadline if:

- You filed your report late, or
- You have not filed your report at this time, and the deadline has passed.

You have the option to request a waiver or reduction of an assessed penalty for filing your report late. You can do this by submitting an Affidavit of Defense to your filing authority. The Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) considers every Affidavit of Defense submitted to the Commission AFTER the specific report is filed.

**STEP 1:** Fill out an Affidavit of Defense (to raise a defense to late filing). It can be found online at the TEC website: <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/affs.htm>

State the name of the report that you filed late, and state the due date for that report. Explain the circumstances that prevented you from filing your report on time. Request a waiver or reduction of assessed penalties if this is what you are requesting.

**STEP 2:** Have your affidavit notarized.

**STEP 3:** Deliver your signed and notarized Affidavit of Defense to the Texas Ethics Commission.

Email a PDF copy of your signed and notarized Affidavit to [affidavits@ethics.state.tx.us](mailto:affidavits@ethics.state.tx.us)

Include your club's Filer ID, your name, AFFD, and report type in the subject line.

For example, Subject Line: 00012345 Jane Doe, AFFD, January 2018 Semiannual late filing

-or-

Mail a paper copy of your signed and notarized form to:

Texas Ethics Commission

P.O. Box 12070

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Fax your notarized and signed affidavit to (512) 463-8808.

After TEC receives your Affidavit of Defense and after you have filed the report in question, the Texas Ethics Commission will consider your request. You will be notified by Disclosure Filings of the Commission decision.

**Please be aware the May 22nd Runoff elections may affect your local area, and a report might be due if your club participated in any of the runoff races. That report is due May 14th.**

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# Important Rules

by VP Bylaws Diane Haddock

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## Amendments to Club Bylaws

Thank you to the many clubs that have turned in their bylaws for review. Several clubs are using this time after the primary to make organizational plans and make amendments to their bylaws. Remember, there is a mandatory amendment adopted at the 2017 convention. That amendment to Article III must be added to your bylaws immediately. That amendment does not require a membership vote. In order to receive JGT award points, you must send a highlighted version of the revised bylaws to the TFRW VP Bylaws. Upon receipt, an approval letter will be issued and the club will be eligible for JGT points.

Other amendments (those not adopted at the convention) must be approved in advance of voting. Likewise, send a highlighted version of the proposed amendments to the TFRW VP Bylaws and after a review, you will receive an acknowledgement letter. Upon receipt of the acknowledgement, the club may vote to adopt the amendments. After the vote, please send a highlighted version of the adopted bylaws and the club will receive an approval letter and JGT award points!

There are several clubs around the state that are working on being federated with TFRW. If you know of any clubs that would like to be federated, please let them know that they must have bylaws reviewed before they can be considered. The TFRW bylaws and sample bylaws are on the TFRW website. If you have any questions, please contact me. I'm always happy to help!

## HOSPITALITY

### Hospitality is Here to Serve You

Thank you to the four clubs from Bexar County, who made amazing and wonderful gifts for the January Board meeting in honor of TFRW President and Bexar County resident Karen Newton!

Alamo Republican Women, Alamo Heights Republican Women, Bexar County Republican Women, and San Antonio Republican Women also received bonus points for the John G. Tower Award for 2018-2019. Clubs donating to this cause need only do so once during the two-year reporting period

The donations provide snacks or small gifts to our board members and attending guests at board meetings. We hope you will join us at these meetings, and you will see how nice it is to have a cookie during long meetings – or a great piece of chocolate to keep us going!

Hospitality is here to serve you – we want you to WANT to be part of our wonderful, hard-working organization. We want to help you meet new friends, provide you with information to take back to your clubs and WANT to become one of our leaders!

Please call on us to help. We hope you'll have your club donate to our cause – contact us with questions.

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## LITERACY COMMITTEE

# Literacy Project Reporting Forms

*Or How to Navigate the TFRW Website to Make Your Life Easier*

TFRW Has a Wonderful Website So Please Utilize it.

**Important: You Must Log in to the Members' Section.**

### John Goodwin Tower Club Achievement Awards

- A. At the [TFRW.org](http://TFRW.org) website, after logging in to the members' only area, click on Documents and Forms, then click Awards and Scholarships. Go to the John Goodwin Tower Club Achievement Award, and click on **2018-2019 JGT Club Achievement Award Application (PDF)**.
- B. Scroll down to Category 5, Community Engagement, on pages 8 and 9. Both pages have awards spaces; page 8, CE2-Dictionary Project and CE3-BLLP and MELP, and page 9 has Bonus Points at CE3B (Constitutions).

### Literacy Forms

- A. Under Documents and Forms, click on General Forms and Documents.
- B. Scroll down to "Literacy" on right-hand side of the page.
  1. Under **Barbara Bush Library Literacy Project (BLLP)** click on "Bookplates Request," which will take you to a form titled: "Bookplates Request and Donation Reporting Form."
  2. **Mamie Eisenhower Library Project (MELP)**, an NFRW Project: Click on "Bookplates" and please read the entire introduction of the MELP Project. NFRW encourages Club communications, ideas and input, and welcomes clubs to communicate directly with NFRW.
  3. **Dictionary Project:** This is very self-explanatory and the Dictionary Donation and Reporting Form is the last entry before Funding Ideas:
  4. **Funding Ideas:** Please take note of all these ideas for funding your Literacy Projects.

I've had several inquiries about reporting forms, so hope this helps answer your questions. If not, please contact me.

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## MEMBERSHIP FEEDBACK

### TFRW 'BEYOND'

The Texas Federation of Republican Women is a premier political force of Republican women. The organization gives women a visible place to have our voices heard in local governments, courts, and the legislature.

But how has that happened? How have we made such an impact over the years? The answer is in our name "Federation." Our Federation is made up of Republican Women's clubs all over Texas; each with a distinct personality and way of getting the job done. We are all a little different, but **unite** under a central board, focused on common goals.

This method of organization has worked because of a mutually beneficial partnership: the leadership provides the structure and support for members to be agents of change in their communities. In turn, the membership recognizes the Federation works in its best interest to **achieve** success influencing policy, supporting candidates, or electing leaders of Texas.

Many of our clubs have enabled its members to reach goals that help elect a favorite candidate, organize a fundraiser, or award scholarships to exceptional students. These Republican Women have become leaders in their communities and **inspire** others, often without recognition, and always motivated by selfless dedication. We, all members of the TFRW, are proud of the organization we have built.

The political relevancy that we enjoy today and offer Texas Women is essential to our Party. To sustain the growth of our organization, we need to maintain a strong handle on critical issues facing us now... and **BEYOND**. It will start with our clubs, small and large, to give voice on how to keep our Federation moving into the future, as well as defining needs and priorities.

Throughout the next two years, this committee will ask for membership feedback to define issues facing us in the near future and which may lead to long-term planning. We will need input from all levels: from individual members, clubs, regions, districts, and the board. **Your voice** is needed to identify our common goals, such as growing membership, developing plans to prepare Republican Women for elected office, and most important – remaining a political, influential, and relevant force at all levels of Texas government. As a member of the Federation we ask **your** help and feedback to define and set the narrative for our future.

**Shirley A. Martinez | Membership Feedback Committee Chair**

## AMERICANISM

### April 2018

#### April Fools' Day

April Fools' Day is celebrated on April 1st in the United States with a great deal of pranking or practical jokes being perpetrated on ones' colleagues and friends. It has different meanings throughout the world according to the calendars being used, such as the first day of spring or the first of the year. After a successful joke or prank a shout is heard "April Fool."

Europeans sometimes shout "April Fish" as someone pins a piece of paper on the back of a victim, but he or she is still referred to as a "fool." That symbol of a fish still appears on European April Fools' greeting cards. One of the first pranks recorded was in 1698 when Londoners were invited to a nonexistent lion-washing ceremony at the Tower of London. In 1980, Londoners were again enraged as the BBC announced that the Big Ben clock tower would be modernized and converted to a digital clock system.

In 1978, a businessman announced he would be towing an iceberg and said that the ice cubes would freshen ones' drink and they would be sold for ten cents a cube. The "so-called" iceberg that was towed into Sydney, Australia, turned out to be sheets covered with fire extinguisher foam and shaving cream.

#### It First Began in April

April begins with Easter Sunday on April 1. On Saturday on April 7 at sundown, Passover ends.

**April 2, 1792** Congress established the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia, which has expanded to Denver, Sacramento, and West Point. Fort Knox is also part of the Mint system with its bullion depository.

**April 3, 1860** The Pony Express Service began. The rider's salary was \$50 dollars a month to travel from St. Joseph, Missouri, to the Pacific coast via relay teams. It took them ten days to travel 1800 miles, and after operating a little over a year and a half, Congress approved the building of a transcontinental telegraph line.

**April 6, 1896** The modern Olympics Games were reborn by King Georgios of Greece.

**April 9, 1959** America's first astronauts were introduced.

**April 12, 1981** The first space shuttle Columbia was launched.

**April 13, 1936** Work on the Boulder Dam (Hoover Dam) was completed.

**April 19, 1897** The oldest Marathon Race was run in Boston, Massachusetts. Originally called Patriot's Day commemorating the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

**April 22, 1972** Earth Day became an annual event Worldwide.

**April 30, 1789** George Washington was inaugurated as the First President of the United States in the city of New York.

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