



Mark Your Calendar

September 14-15
NFRW Fall Meeting

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President's Message

Ready to Win!



Ladies, we are about to work really, really hard until November 6th. We need to keep up our strength and stamina, so we can keep Texas Republicans in office. Energy levels need to be at their peak, and I felt a lot of energy at our board meeting in Austin last month.

We had a record number of attendees at our July Board Meeting; 135 registered to attend. I spent some time wondering why more people are attending our board meetings, especially this one. We had special guests coming in from the National



Federation of Republican Women: President Jody Rushton, Regional Director and 4th Vice President Ann Schockett, and Past President Kathy Brugger; but these names were not confirmed until a week before the meeting. Did the Republican National Committee Summer Board meeting in Austin affect registration? I do not think so; I only saw a handful of T.F.R.W. members at the R.N.C. events. Karl Rove was our guest at the Patron event, but that was a big secret. The Bat/Sunset Cruise was a draw, but I think it is more than that.

You all are ready to win; just look at the special election on July 31st for State Senator in District 19. Peter Flores has a place in the runoff in a Democrat stronghold. Peter Flores came to our July Board Meeting, and we said we would help get a Republican in the runoff, and we did. Before November, we can send a very strong message to the Democrats by helping Peter Flores GO ALL THE WAY. The Democrat candidates, overall, had 5,000 more votes than Republicans in this race; however, we can help Peter Flores win by block walking, making phone calls, and helping to get out the vote. This is just the beginning; imagine the message we will send to Democrats when Peter wins!

Send Us Your Photos!

Please email photos of your club's events and activities to tfrwphotos@gmail.com. Look for them in the next edition of the President's Newsletter.

Stay strong and stay positive; it's who we are, it's what we do!

Karen Cuneo Newton
President, T.F.R.W.



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GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS

Please Apply

The Office of the Governor of Texas is accepting applications from TFRW members who are interested in sitting on a Governor's Commission. The boards are responsible for overseeing policy and laws for the State of Texas. Applicants may be asked to serve on a board that is not necessarily related to her field but will act as a representative for conservative women.

This is an important opportunity for Republican women to be involved in grassroots decision-making on a statewide basis. These are decisions that can affect Texans in everything from EMS services to dental care.

If you would like to submit an application for a state board, commission, or council you can apply to the Governor's Office directly at: <http://gov.texas.gov/appointments>
In addition to the completed application, you will need a one page bio and a headshot.

You may contact an Appointment Committee Regional Member directly.

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[Governor Abbott Appoints Fariña-Strauss To State Pension Review Board](#)



The Appointments Committee will be happy to get any necessary information to you. Again, we value all members regardless of professional background. Please be aware that this process is handled entirely by official staff once a name is submitted. The application process could take several months or longer to be matched to a board.

Basic qualifications are:

- 18 years of age
- U.S. Citizen
- Not convicted of a felony
- Resident of Texas
- Registered voter

The Awards Committee is now offering a JGT Award point to each club for a TFRW member who submits an appointment application to the Governor's office. Please contact Awards Chair Janis Holt for more information.

Deborah M. Wall | Appointments Committee Chair



Political Activities

by VP Campaign Activities Michele Samuelson

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#1 Priority: Campaigning

Your Number One Priority Between Now and November is Campaigning

The very best way we can accomplish the twin goals of uniting as a party and electing Republicans is to get out and campaign! The Democrats are not backing down, and we have several races across the state that need our attention. No organization in this state is as poised to promote the Republican Party as TFRW, and you are the women who will **keep Texas RED!**

The areas we are most concerned with this year are Dallas County, Harris County, and Bexar County, and everywhere, our judicial races, from the top of the ballot all the way down, are critical. If you can't help in those major areas, you can still help us with our overall goal. ALL OF US, regardless of where we live, need to make sure we are still represented by Republicans.

Here is your Campaign Checklist:

- ✓ Contact the campaigns of your local candidates and your county GOP; find out what campaign plans have been made then promote that information to your club members. Both Senator Cruz and Governor Abbott have field representatives who are organizing events across the state, as well.
- ✓ Make sure your Republican candidates have a representative or materials at all your club meetings. Depending on your club's meeting structure, be sure that upcoming campaign opportunities are announced.
- ✓ Plan at least one campaign work day for your club separate from your meetings. You can either join up with an existing event or schedule one separately using campaign materials. Either way, make sure the campaigns know you're doing it, and promote it heavily within your club.
- ✓ If your club is located in an area with no contested races down-ballot, offer to help in surrounding counties, or focus your efforts on helping our statewide candidates. No campaign says 'No' to offers of blockwalking, phone banking, and other activity!
- ✓ Club members unable to walk blocks or make calls? Talk to campaigns about postcards or other ideas that your ladies can do.
- ✓ County GOP headquarters need volunteers this time of year, to answer phones and help with all kinds of activity. Get your club members to HQ to help out!

While all of this is going on, don't forget to COUNT YOUR HOURS. Make it easy on yourself – collect hours at meetings and send reminder emails, but also, have a clipboard for recording hours at each and every campaign opportunity that your club participates in. Ladies can log their arrival time and their departure time, and *voilà!* You have captured hours on the spot! Campaign activities chair can't attend? Then make sure she has help doing this.

REPORTING FORM REMINDER: We've put a link to the reporting form under "Programs" on the front page of the website. You DO NOT have to log in to access the form. Please use the online form for your quarterly reports. <https://www.tfrw.org/careportingform/>

Questions, comments, or important campaign events that you want help promoting?
Please email me at vpcampaignact@tfrw.org



Growing Your Club

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Happy Summer, Wonderful TFRW Ladies!

The 2018 Election is upon us and we need to be about increasing our 'fight' team. We have huge races to win.

Because of apathy and tiredness, or maybe even the controversies of this past year, TFRW membership is down. This is a time that we desperately need to be adding to our numbers. We have major races to win. Encourage ALL of your membership to block walk and phone call, especially for any judicial race. State House and State Senate seats are also important along with ALL of our statewide races. Of course we want to keep our U.S. Senator Ted Cruz and retain [and gain] all twenty-five Congressional seats.

Watch for in August: Clubs with 100% Membership to be Posted!

Congratulations to THREE NEW CLUBS:

- Rusk County RW,
- Spindletop RW, and
- Baytown RW.

If you are near these new clubs in east or southeast Texas, call and offer your assistance!



I am asking ALL club presidents to email me their great ideas for their FALL EVENTS for re-upping members for 2019 and increasing membership overall. Please send ideas to vpmembership@tfrw.org



Some of you have not turned in your most recent members. Please send them to the TFRW office quickly at tfrw@tfrw.org

Club Presidents– TFRW President Karen Newton and I will be setting up a conference call for all Presidents concerning a new challenge!

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and let's hit it hard in the fall!

Club Treasurers

by Treasurer Cindy Payne

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Don't Become a Victim!

Treasurers, Do Not Become a Victim of Whaling

Cyber thieves are stealing millions of dollars with a scam that uses fake email messages that appear to be from organization presidents. The fake messages ask finance staff to rush through a payment to a supplier or vendor that the president cannot handle because the president is out of the office. This is called "whaling" fraud because it targets "one big fish" as opposed to phishing, which tends to be aimed at lots of smaller fish. The attacks are increasing and the emails come from web addresses almost identical to that of the target organization, often when senior executives were known to be away from the office.

For example, this type of fake email can come to you disguised as your club president's email. It might ask you to send money because the club president is out of town or unavailable and the payment needs to be processed immediately. Please do not respond to or act on this email without verifying with your president.



How can you avoid becoming a victim of whaling?

If you receive an unusual or suspicious email, the most important thing you can do is to verify the legitimacy of the email with your club president using an alternate method of communication; call or text her for confirmation or clarification.

COURTESY

Why Do We Send Cards?

Courtesy: A behavior, expression, or gesture marked by polished manners, consideration, and/or respect for others.

So far in 2018 TFRW has sent almost fifty cards to members, their families, elected officials, and significant others. While that may seem like a lot, when you think of the number of people connected in some way to TFRW, the number of cards sent seems lacking. We want to be known as a courteous and caring organization. Our actions can draw people toward us or push them away. Our inactions can do the same.

I need your help to recognize others with cards when it is appropriate to do so. We send cards to share the

joys and sorrows of others, to let them know we are thinking of them. We also send cards of appreciation and encouragement. Thank you to all who have taken the time to share needs with me. It is my pleasure to send cards on behalf of TFRW. I rely on your eyes and ears across the state to help me be aware of needs.

If you are unsure if a card is appropriate, please send me the information anyway. It is helpful to receive some details of situations, names of those involved, their connection to TFRW, and mailing addresses.

Thank you for your help and for being a shining light across Texas!

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CARING FOR AMERICA

Human Trafficking

The National Federation of Republican Women has identified three areas of crises to address facing our nation: Mental Health, the Opioid Crisis, and Human Trafficking. The Texas Federation of Republican Women has decided to focus our statewide Caring for America efforts on Human Trafficking.

What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is a modern day form of slavery involving the exploitation of someone for the purposes of compelled labor or a commercial sex act through the use of force, fraud, or coercion. This horrific practice can include prostitution, pornography, or sex tourism as well as labor for domestic service, factory, construction work, and migrant farming.

Human trafficking affects individuals across the world, including here in the United States, and is commonly regarded as one of the most pressing human rights issues of our time. Human trafficking affects every community in the United States across age, gender, ethnicity, and socio-economic backgrounds. According to the North Texas Coalition Against Human Trafficking,

“It is the fastest growing trade today, worth an estimated \$150 billion worldwide. Experts place the number of human trafficking victims between 21-29 million people, which means that more people are enslaved today than at any point in history.”

Texas ranks second in the number of hotline calls made to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC). The city of Houston ranks number one with the most calls received to the NHTRC. Traffickers are highly attracted to Texas for several reasons: it has long corridors of un-tolled highways, a border with Mexico, the Gulf of Mexico, large international airports, and a diversity of industries. The I-10 corridor that runs through Houston is considered one of the main trafficking routes in the United States.

In his Bicentennial Blueprint, Governor Greg Abbott called for a statewide effort to help victims of child sex trafficking. The 84th Legislature responded by passing HB 10 and HB 1446, which established the Governor’s Child Sex Trafficking Team within the Criminal Justice Division.

According to the University of Texas, there are an estimated 79,000 child and youth victims of sex trafficking in the State of Texas. The urgency of the needs of these victims coupled with the size and diversity of our state necessitate concurrent, synergetic approaches. Therefore, the state has been divided into regions to develop regional continua of care, and locally to implement the coordination of care for survivors. These regions are East Texas, North Texas, South Texas, Central Texas, and West Texas.

TFRW is spotlighting an outreach group in each area of Texas to help support and bring attention to. Each one of these groups provides programs that include training for first responders and volunteers, education to the public, youth educational programs, support and resources for survivors (including language interpretation, housing, medial and legal assistance), and other services specific to that area or survivor.

East Texas

For The Silent

<https://www.forthesilent.org/>

North Texas

Traffick 911

<http://www.traffick911.com/>

South Texas

United Against Human Trafficking

<https://uaht.org/>

Central Texas

Asian Family Support Services of Austin

<http://www.afssaustin.org/>

West Texas

Voice of Hope

<https://www.voiceofhopelubbock.org/>

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On November 13th, TFRW will hold a statewide lunch or dinner to start the discussion of Human Trafficking. Have your club get together, give Thanks for living in this amazing country and having a safe home to live in, and watch the documentary by the Attorney General of Texas "Be The One."

"This innovative digital training tool cuts through the confusion, arms the viewer with an understanding of what human trafficking is and is not, and helps them recognize that this is a Texas problem with Texas buyers, sellers, and victims. It refocuses our attention on adults and children who are regularly exploited but are unlikely to self-identify as victims or seek help. This video walks the audience through actual cases prosecuted in the state of Texas, identifies the tools of traffickers and how they are typically utilized to obtain and maintain victims, and equips viewers with red flags and a reporting protocol. Most of all, it challenges Texans to change the culture in which we live from one that identifies with and honors perpetrators to one that provides safety, security, and genuine reintegration for the survivors of trafficking."

~ The Attorney General of Texas Ken Paxton



Watch the documentary here:
<https://vimeo.com/244718411>

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/human-trafficking>

January is Human Trafficking Awareness month. Please have a Human Trafficking program at your regular meeting. Have one of the five groups come to speak, or invite a local program that works in your area. Most agencies need time, talent, and treasure. This is a great time to have donation and supply drives for these agencies. If you are having trouble finding a group for your area, please contact me and I can help.

Please take pictures, share what your club has done to help end Human Trafficking at each of these events, and share them with me. Don't forget to continue to share your club's individual Caring for America projects. Every project makes an impact in our communities.

Together, we can UNITE against the crime of Human Trafficking to INSPIRE others to ACHIEVE the goal of erasing human trafficking in our world.

Please email me your Caring for America Projects – the rest of TFRW wants to celebrate your great work. Your project could INSPIRE another club, so that we can UNITE our communities to ACHIEVE our goal of helping our communities and defeating the Democrats! Projects can be a one-time project or an on-going project.

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LITERACY

Donating Books

Thanks to all the Club Presidents and Literacy Chairs of all the clubs who have made book donations and turned in reports. You are doing a marvelous job!



Please continue to:

- Gather books for donations.
- Make lists of titles of donated books for future reference.
- Take pictures when presenting books, and especially take pictures of club members who are helping with the Literacy Projects.
- Make sure local newspapers are aware of the good work your clubs are doing.
- Provide pictures to local newspapers.
- Send lists of books by Texas authors your club members deem suitable for donations to me via texmoore@aol.com.
- ALWAYS remember to have fun while you and your club members are doing this important work.
- Remember to go to the TFRW website to find information about the literacy projects (it's an amazing tool with lots of information).
- Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Thank you, all, for everything you do for TFRW.

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2018 Patron Clubs

Platinum

Wise RW

Gold

Austin RW

Conner Harrington RW

Cowtown RW

Georgetown Area RW

RW of Wood County

Village RW

Silver

Canyon Lake RW

Dallas Star RW

Fannin County RW

Lost Pines RW

Mesquite RW

Metroplex RW

Northwest Austin RW

Northwest Forest RW

Salado Area RW

Smith County RW

Star RW

Tarrant Star RW

Texas Strong RW

The Yellow Rose of Texas RW

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Fundraising

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Text-to-Give

Capitalize on virtual donations from the ever-growing pool of mobile users.

You must set up the communication channel on your end through choosing a text-to-give software provider, setting up your campaign's keyword and/or shortcode and promoting your text-to-give campaign.

For the donor, the process generally goes like this:

1. Donor texts your club.
2. Donor receives an automated response with a link to a donation page.
3. Donor fills out the online donation form and submits it.
4. Donor receives an automated receipt for their gift through text or email.

It's essential to have a mobile-friendly donation page and an effective keyword (e.g. "GIVE"). There are a lot of rules and regulations that a political organization has to think about before starting a text-to-donate campaign, so make sure you're aware of them.

Collecting the name, address, and occupation of the donor is mandatory for TFRW and its clubs. You will need this information for your PAC report to the Texas Ethics Commission.

After extensive research these companies appear to be the least expensive with best features and years of service.

Txt2Give <http://txt2give.co/>

Donations are processed immediately and you receive the funds in usually one business day (may vary depending on the processor).

- No setup fees
- No contracts
- Affordable, flexible plans
- You receive donor data
- No donation cap (amount or frequency)
- Easy, same day setup
- Recurring giving
- Unlimited causes
- One-time Event Package
- Rollout Package
- Awesome customer support
- Full 24/7 Knowledge Base
- Exportable donation/donor information
- And so much more

4aGoodCause <https://4agoodcause.com>

- No contracts
- No donation cap
- Same-day activation
- Unlimited incoming and outgoing text messages included
- Unlimited causes
- Merchant account included
- Direct phone and email support

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10 Places to Put a Link to Your Online Donation Page

1. **A Spotlight on your Homepage.** Most online donations are generated from your home page. Block out some real estate on your homepage for a specific call for donations.
<http://www.4agoodcause.com/blog/article-3-questions-your-home-page-must-answer-to-drive-donations.aspx>
2. **Your Website Navigation.** From a search engine, donors might enter your website at any page. Make sure they can reach your donation page by placing a prominent Donate Now button in your website navigation, preferably at the top right of the page.
3. **A “Ways To Give” Page on Your Website.** Want to maximize giving? Typically you have a “ways-to-give” page on the website that summarizes different paths to giving to the organization. Make sure online giving is represented on that page.
4. **Your Facebook Page.** Your Facebook fans are certainly potential online donors. Add a custom tab or external link from your Facebook page that drives donors into your donation landing page.
5. **From Status Updates and Tweets.** If you are running a fundraising campaign, make sure your Donate Now link goes into your status updates, tweets, and other social media postings promoting the campaign. You can shorten the URL to make it fit. <https://bitly.com/>
6. **Your Email Newsletter.** Every club should be using email to solicit online gifts. Whether you are sending out a fundraising appeal or a regular monthly newsletter include an easy-to-find Donate Now button.
7. **The Email Signature of Every Email your Club Sends.** Every communication your club sends is an opportunity to capture a donor. Create a standard Donate Now link that will be added to the email signature of each of your officers.
8. **Confirmation Pages and Thank-you Emails.** Do you sell products online? Do you offer online event registration? Add a link in the thank-you communications to encourage those constituents to also give online. You can even include it in the thank-you messages to your online donors. That way it is easy for them to find your donation page when they want to give again.
9. **From your Direct Mail Letters.** Instead of writing checks, more and more direct mail donors are making their gifts online. Include your donate page URL in the letters and print newsletters you mail. <http://www.4agoodcause.com/blog/article-How-to-encourage-mobile-donations-from-your-direct-mail-fundraising.aspx>
10. **On the Signage at your Events.** Do you want donors to make gifts to you while at your events? Of course you do! Make it easy for them by posting your donation page URL where it can be seen. Want to make it even easier to reach? Include a QR code or a text message opt-in to deliver the URL directly to their mobile device for easy giving.
<http://www.4agoodcause.com/blog/article-Is-Text2Give-right-for-your-nonprofit.aspx>
<http://www.4agoodcause.com/blog/article-10-ways-to-use-SMS-marketing-at-your-next-event.aspx>

Where else would you place a link to your donation page?

Send me pictures of your website, fundraisers, and advertising. Others may want to see how to do it right!



Special Events

by First Vice President Glynis Chester

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Making New Friends

I cannot tell you how much I enjoy seeing and visiting my friends across our great state. Moreover, I love the opportunities TFRW gives me to make new friends that I would never have met without this organization! I look forward to our quarterly board meetings for many reasons, but first among them are the fabulous women I meet. You are all amazing!

At the July Board Meeting, our special event was a Sunset Dinner Cruise and Bat Tour. Once again, I am overwhelmed by the wonderful feedback and kind comments I have received. That cruise was so much FUN! The lower deck was air conditioned and the open, upper deck had a fan and mister so even though it was hot outside, you didn't get overheated. My new friend, Heather Stoner, and I, spent most of our time on the open air deck enjoying the view and chatting as if we'd known each other for years. Fun Fact: there were 1.5 million bats in that single colony, and they contribute more than 12 million dollars a year to the Austin economy.



Just prior to sailing, Patron Co-Chairs Debra Coffey and Amanda Martin knocked it out of the park with a surprise visit from Karl Rove for the Patron reception! The looks of surprise and delight as the Patrons entered were priceless. If you enjoyed the Cruise, I encourage you to take a moment to write a quick review on Google, Yelp, or Trip Advisor. The folks at Capital Cruises were amazing to work with and really went out of their way to accommodate our every need.

Plan now to attend the October Board of Directors meetings on October 12th and 13th. The "special event" will be ongoing that weekend. Think of your favorite 1970's game shows, and get ready to Get Your Game On! Anyone registered for the meetings can play, and there will be lots of prizes to WIN!

As always, I love receiving your feedback. Please send your comments and suggestions to firstvp@tfrw.org. It is an honor and privilege to serve you.



F.O.M.O.?



Have a Fear Of Missing Out?

Glynis Chester (First V.P.), Linda Hagler (V.P. Programs), and Debra Coffey and Amanda Martin (Patron Co-Chairs) have all stepped up their game when it comes to events. Here is a re-cap of what Registered Board Meeting attendees have enjoyed in 2018.

January

Patrons: Selfie Lessons with Photographer Karen Rowe

Special Events: Luncheon Fashion Show and Afternoon Panel with The McConaughey Family

Lunch Program: Interactive Shooter Training with Williamson County Sheriff Robert Chody

April

Patrons: Behind the Scenes Tour of the Supreme Court of Texas with Justice Debra Lerhmann

Special Event: Downtown Austin Ghost Tour

Lunch Program: Political Correctness by Dr. Marlene McMillian



July

Patrons: An Evening with Karl Rove

Special Event: Sunset and Bat Viewing Cruise on Town Lake

Lunch Program: Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Vanessa Hicks-Callaway and Debra Coffey



Now, are you suffering from F.O.M.O.?

*Make sure to register for the
October 13th Board Meeting!*



Legislative Update

by VP Legislation Julie Faubel

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Trump's Terrific Numbers

"America's economy is roaring" ~President Donald J. Trump

Following President Trump's recent announcement that the U.S. economy grew at a strong rate of 4.1 percent in the second quarter 2018, The White House shared clips from national news outlets on their reports about new jobs, near-record low unemployment, and soaring business confidence. Here's what they're saying:



FOX NEWS: GDP Report Shows Booming 4.1 Percent Growth, as Trump Touts "Terrific" Numbers:

"The U.S. economy grew by 4.1 percent in the second quarter of 2018, marking the fastest economic expansion in nearly four years, according to a long-awaited official estimate released Friday by the Commerce Department ... As reported by the Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis, the growth from April to June was the largest since the economy's 5.2 percent surge in the third quarter of 2014, which was the greatest economic expansion since the third quarter of 2003."

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2018/07/27/gdp-report-shows-booming-4-1-percent-growth-as-trump-touts-terrific-numbers.html>

BLOOMBERG: Economic Views Lift U.S. Consumer Comfort to Fresh 17-Year High

"Americans' confidence rose to the highest level since February 2001 on brighter assessments of the economy, the Bloomberg Consumer Comfort Index showed Thursday. Confidence is rising as Americans continue to enjoy the benefits of tax cuts and a strong labor market, with data last week showing jobless claims fell to the lowest since 1969 ..."

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-07-26/economic-views-lift-u-s-consumer-comfort-to-fresh-17-year-high>

NBC NEWS: U.S. Added 213,000 Jobs in June, Beating Expectations

"Total nonfarm payroll employment increased to 213,000 jobs in June, the 93rd straight month the number has gone up, the longest recorded streak ... Employment increased in several industries, including health care, manufacturing and construction, though retail trade lost jobs. Wage growth accelerated in June to 2.7 percent annually."

<https://www.nbcnews.com/business/economy/u-s-added-213-000-jobs-june-n889266>

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WASHINGTON EXAMINER: Jobless Claims Hover Near 50-Year Lows

“Even with the modest increase, average weekly claims have run near the lowest levels in a half century over the past month. Low claims are good sign. If few people are showing up at state unemployment agencies, it suggests that layoffs are rare and job creation is strong.”

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/policy/economy/jobless-claims-hover-near-50-year-lows>

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL: Economists Think U.S. Unemployment is Headed to a 50-Year Low

“Economists expect the low U.S. unemployment rate to go even lower over the next year, reaching levels not seen in a half-century. Private-sector economic forecasters surveyed in recent days by The Wall Street Journal on average saw the jobless rate—4% in June after touching 3.8% in May—falling to 3.7% by the end of 2018 and 3.6% by mid-2019.”

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/economists-think-u-s-unemployment-is-headed-to-a-50-year-low-1531404000>

BLOOMBERG: U.S. Retail Sales Advance for Fifth Month, May Revised Up

“U.S. retail sales rose for a fifth month in June and figures from May were revised upward amid gains at auto dealers and nonstore vendors ... A tight labor market and lower taxes have supported solid gains in household purchases, the biggest part of the economy ...”

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-07-16/u-s-retail-sales-rose-in-june-for-fifth-month-may-revised-up>

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS: US Factories Register Faster-Than-Expected Growth in June

“American factories expanded at an unexpectedly fast pace in June, another sign of strength for U.S. industry ... The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchase managers, says its manufacturing index rose last month to 60.2. That’s the highest level since February and up from 58.7 in May. Anything over 50 signals growth, and U.S. factories are on a 22-month winning streak.”

<https://www.apnews.com/5d7af00b4e5f450da8e4b13f92bc118b>

ABA BANKING JOURNAL: Small Business Optimism Index Maintains High in June

“The NFIB Small Business Optimism Index fell slightly to 107.2, 0.6 point below May’s record reading. This was the sixth highest reading in the index’s 45 year history and just below the record level (108.0) reached in 1983.”

<https://bankingjournal.aba.com/2018/07/small-business-optimism-index-maintains-high-in-june/>

BUSINESS INSIDER: 6 Months into the Trump Tax Law, Manufacturing Confidence is Through the Roof

“In the National Association of Manufacturers’ (NAM) quarterly outlook survey published on Wednesday, 95.1 percent of manufacturers surveyed said they have a positive outlook for their companies, a record-high in the past 20 years. The survey also found that among medium-sized manufacturers, 95.8 percent of those surveyed have a positive outlook. In addition to substantially increased confidence, projected employment growth and capital spending are at record levels. Manufacturers also project wage growth to rise at its fastest pace in 17 years.”

<https://www.businessinsider.com/manufacturing-confidence-iveles-right-now-latest-survey-2018-6>

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Interesting Facts for August



August 1 U.S. Air Force Day - The United States bought their first aircraft in 1909. The Air Force has gone through many stages before officially being called the United States Air Force. In 1909, Aeronautical Section, Signal Corps; 1914, Aviation Section, Signal Corps; 1918, U.S. Army Air Service; 1926, U.S. Army Air Corps; 1941, U.S. Army Air Force; in 1947, it finally became the U.S. Air Force.

August 1 The first U.S. Census was completed in 1790, listing the U.S. population as 4 million.

August 4 U.S. Coast Guard was established in 1790 at the request of Alexander Hamilton it was originally called the Revenue Marine. It is the oldest continuous military service in the U.S.

August 5 The first transatlantic telegraph cable was completed in 1858.

August 5 The cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty was laid in 1884 and was dedicated October 28, 1886. The designer was Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi and was built by Gustave Eiffel.

August 7 The Purple Heart was originally called the Badge of Military Merit and was created in 1782.

August 10 Old Glory was first used in 1831 to refer to our flag by William Driver of Salem, Massachusetts, the captain of the ship *Charles Doggett*. When the flag was raised, he said, "I name thee Old Glory."

August 13 Opha May Johnson was the first woman to enlist in the United States Marine Corps Reserve in 1918. She was assigned desk duty at Marine headquarters.

August 14 Japan surrendered ending WWII in 1945.

August 14 National Navajo Code Talkers Day. Their code was not broken by the Japanese; thus, they saved many lives. They were not allowed to discuss their role in WWII until many years after the war.

August 16 National Airborne Day was designated in 2001 to honor the airborne forces of the Armed Forces.



August 19 National Aviation Day was established in 1939 on the anniversary of Orville Wright's birthday. Wright was still alive when the proclamation was issued.

August 25 The National Park Service was established in 1916, when President Woodrow Wilson signed the National Park Service Organic Act. Parks that became part of the National Park Service are Yellowstone which was established in 1872; Yosemite was established in 1864; Mount Rainier was established in 1899; Crater Lake was established in 1902. The Grand Canyon and Zion were not established until 1919.

August 26 Women's Equality Day began in 1920 when the 19th Amendment was ratified giving women the right to vote. This Amendment was introduced first in 1878, taking forty-two years to be ratified.

August 28 On this day in 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr., made his "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial. This speech is one of the most recognizable speeches ever given.



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