



## Mark Your Calendar

**Friday, July 20**  
Sunset Dinner Cruise and Bat Tour

**Saturday, July 21**  
Board of Directors Meeting

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## President's Message

### T.F.R.W. Represents

The Republican Party of Texas Convention was quite a ride for many delegates, alternates, and guests. The Texas Federation of Republican Women was well represented, due in part to a challenge given by Republican National Committee Woman, Toni Anne Dashiell, we had over 1,600 T.F.R.W. delegates slotted for this convention. You could feel our energy at every Texas Federation of Republican Women's event.



Margaritas with Senioritas kicked off the weekend. Glynis Chester did a stellar job organizing the event and Wendy Osborn executed the plan. We enjoyed legitimate tacos from Taco Vallarta and twenty-five gallons of margaritas sure helped cool us off that afternoon.

We had a record number of guests attend the Tribute to Women Luncheon. Becky Berger dedicated countless hours preparing for this event. I want to congratulate all the Tribute to Women Honorees. The best part of my position is being able to visit with you all; being able to congratulate you with a hug at the luncheon was the icing on the cake!

Overall, Friday was a very emotional day. Besides the emotion surrounding the chairman's election, I was very disappointed in the behavior at convention. Booing and jeering elected officials, talking while others are presenting, and flat out being rude to speakers is unacceptable behavior. It left a knot in my stomach so much so that I considered not speaking Saturday morning. Knowing that 1,600 of you were delegates gave me the strength and courage to go out and speak as your representative on Saturday morning.

Moving forward (which is the only way to move) I would like us to follow our mission, our vision, and our bylaws. We are here to elect Republicans to office, so that means if a Republican won a primary, he or she is our candidate and that is who we support. Remember we want Column R to be bigger than Column D! Our bylaws state that we are to support the Republican party at the national, state, and local levels. Support means helping get Republican candidates elected, as a team.

*Now, let's go out there and do what we do best; elect Republicans!*

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

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## Congratulations!



**James Dickey,**  
newly re-elected  
Chair of the  
Republican Party of  
Texas.

James Dickey  
has served as the

Republican Party of Texas Chairman since 2017. For most of the three years prior, he was the Chairman of the Travis County Republican Party. James received his undergraduate degree in English and Political Science from Stanford and his MBA from Baylor. Currently he is Chief Operating Officer of a specialty insurance market. He and his wife Lynda live in Spicewood and have a son, two daughters, three dogs, and a cat.



**TFRW member,**  
**Alma Perez Jackson,**  
newly elected  
Vice-Chair of the  
Republican Party of  
Texas.

Ms. Jackson is a member of the San Antonio Republican Women's Club and a dedicated activist for the Republican Party. Among the many things Ms. Jackson has done for Texas are the following: serving as a Republican Precinct Chair from 1987-2016 and SREC member from 2014-2016, as well as stepping up to run for political office. Her newest success is being named Vice-Chair of the Republican Party of Texas at our state convention in San Antonio.



The President's eNewsletter is an official publication of the Texas Federation of Republican Women and is emailed monthly to its members. It contains information about the Federation, its member clubs, and issues important to the political arena.

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## The Value of TFRW

As District Director/Deputy President Coordinator, naturally I hear about concerns facing our clubs. One issue has truly distressed me lately, and I'd like to make sure all of our Federation members are aware of it.

For some time now, various TFRW clubs around the state have been encouraged to draw away from, or in some cases, sever their relationship with the Texas Federation of Republican Women. The reasons for this encouragement to separate vary, but the outcome of such actions would be, of course, a weakening of the Federation, and ultimately of the Republican Party overall.

Here's what I started saying about this around a year or so ago, *"TFRW is keeping the lights on in Texas, as far as Republican events and opportunities are concerned."* I don't mean to sound as if this is an original thought, of course! But I've come to realize that it's one that's not been stated aloud nearly enough. Other Republican organizations, lovely as they are, are simply not holding the sheer number of meetings, events, and activities that TFRW clubs do on a regular basis. Every time – and I do mean every single time – I've mentioned this in the past year, the other person has said to me, *"Huh. I've never really thought about it that way before."*

I believe that many people, even many TFRW members, think club meetings and an occasional candidate forum are the extent of a club's activity level. We need to be reminding everyone – especially those who would encourage a club to forego federation – that on any given day, during just about any week of the year, TFRW clubs are offering Republican educational opportunities in a variety of ways. **Our approximately 150 clubs hold not only monthly general meetings (so many of our clubs now meet year-round), but also:**

- **Board meetings,**
- **New member orientations,**
- **Meet and greets,**
- **Fundraisers,**
- **Events honoring retiring elected officials,**
- **C.H.A.T.s, (Chicks Having an Awesome Time),**
- **Summer socials, and**
- **The aforementioned candidate forums.**

This list is not even complete! And all of our other activities add even more opportunity for Republican involvement. I'm talking about:

- Entries in parades,
- Delivering donated items to a women's shelter, Fisher House, etc.,
- Greeting new citizens after naturalization ceremonies,
- Packing boxes of items for our troops,
- Delivering dictionaries and/or Constitutions to local schools, and
- Collecting and delivering school supplies, to name just a few.

**TFRW, as a parent organization, offers a biennial convention, Leadership Day, and Legislative Day, and our regions host regional workshops as well.** The list of events on offer by TFRW and all its clubs is pretty much endless – because we come up with new stuff all the time. Who would replace all of these types of events if TFRW dwindled or ceased to exist? No one, that's who.

**Many might think campaign activities – block walking, phone banking, preparing mailings, volunteering at county headquarters, or attending conventions – don't have much to do with one's membership in a club since you can do those things on your own, but we know they're much more accessible through membership in the Federation. It's so much easier to find out the who, what, when, and where of campaign involvement when your club is a part of the Texas Federation of Republican Women.**

No other Republican organization in Texas (and that means anywhere, of course) holds the staggering number of events and activities as TFRW clubs. No other Republican organization in Texas affords the staggering amount of opportunities for Republican education, access, and camaraderie as TFRW.

Those who would encourage clubs to separate from the Federation should think twice about the effect a smaller, weakened Federation would have on our state. And then they should abandon their attempts altogether.

Jennifer Lambert | District Director/Deputy President Coordinator



# Special Events

by First Vice President Glynis Chester

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## Exciting Social Events

Thank you for making “Margaritas with Señoritas” such a big success! I am overwhelmed by the encouraging comments I have received but it wouldn’t have been possible without your attendance, our generous sponsors, and the TFRW Special Events Committee. I also want to give Super Kudos to Karen Newton and Wendy Osborn who both went beyond the call of duty to make our party the perfect kick-off event for convention.



### Sunset Dinner Cruise and Bat Tour

Plan now to attend the July Board of Directors meetings on July 20th and 21st. Our special event will be a Sunset Dinner Cruise and Bat Tour on beautiful Lady Bird Lake (formally Town Lake) the evening of July 20th. The dinner cruise is included with your meeting registration as a thank you from TFRW, and unlimited drinks are available in the form of a wristband for just \$15.00 per person. Patrons pay a reduced price of just \$10.00 per person. *Space is limited.* [RSVP for the Dinner Cruise and/or purchase your wristband HERE.](#)

*As always, I love receiving your feedback. Please send your comments and suggestions to [firstvp@tfrw.org](mailto:firstvp@tfrw.org). It is an honor and privilege to serve you.*

## NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

### NFRW Fall Board Meeting

NFRW’s next upcoming meeting is September 14-15 in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia. Come join us and find out what we can do and what’s going on nationwide. It’s always interesting hearing different perspectives from around our great country.

If you have the opportunity, come a day early. Enjoy exploring a museum you haven’t seen yet, or tour an historic site that’s on your “bucket list.” There are so many wonderful museums, restaurants, historical homes, and also, Mount Vernon is close by. If you have time, meet with your elected senator or congressman; put a face with your name. We need to keep them connected with their constituents.

*Keep an eye open for the NFRW newsletter with details on registration and accommodations. See you there!*

<http://www.nfrw.org/Events/Board-Meetings/-2018-Fall-Board-Meeting>

Jane Everhart | NFRW Liaison



## PATRON PROGRAM

### Very Special Guests

TFRW has had some very exciting special guests this year. To name a few, our very own Kay McConaughy; her son, Matthew McConaughy; and family. *Alright! Alright! Alright!*

In April, the Patrons were treated to a first ever, TFRW behind-the-scenes tour of the Supreme Court by Justice Lehrmann. With that said, you never know who will drop in for the River Cruise. *Wink! Wink!* Don't miss another first-ever for TFRW!

Patrons will board the Pride & Joy II party yacht that cruises Lady Bird Lake (formerly Town Lake) from the Hyatt Regency boat dock. You are urged to Uber, since parking is limited.

Patrons will board at 6:15 PM for an exclusive Patron Member event, a featured cocktail, and refreshments, while visiting with our surprise guest. The boat will remain docked during the Patron event.

Following the Patron event, it's All Aboard at 7:15 PM for dinner and viewing of the bats in their nightly excursion. All-inclusive wine is available through the purchase of a wristband for just \$15.00 per person; \$10.00 per person for Patrons.



*It's not too late to join the Patron Program, visit the TFRW website for a membership form:*

<https://www.tfrw.org/about/patrons/>

Debra Coffey and Amanda Martin | Patron Committee Co-Chairs

## Programs

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### Honoring our Military

You are invited to attend the TFRW board meeting luncheon on Saturday, July 21st. This will be a special celebration as we honor our military. The very interesting and informative guest speakers will be our very own TFRW Patron Co-Chair, Debra Coffey, and Vanessa Hicks-Callaway, retired U. S. Army.

Debra will tell the riveting story of her fifty-year journey to give her father, Captain Robert Russell "Bear" Barnett, USAF, an American hero, a coming home, and proper burial after he was shot down and KIA non-recovered in Vietnam.

Vanessa will be discussing lessons learned as a soldier and military officer that are useful for women in everyday life. You will not want to miss these special presentations! Come join us as we pay tribute to the military.



# Growing Your Club

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## Women Unite!

Ladies, I'm going to be truthful with you. We are 'down' when it comes to our total membership numbers in TFRW. Thank you again to those of you who have worked so diligently to raise your membership numbers and hold onto your club's foundational support team.

In speaking with my mother Juandelle Lacy Roberts who has worked for the Republican Party for sixty consecutive years (fifty in Texas) and is continuing to work for truly the best and most organized Republican group in the nation, she says that she has never seen TFRW attacked in the manner that it has been in the past year. We must educate the Republican populace as to what our mission truly is and we need to ADD MORE WOMEN to our organization.



**Ladies, we are here to do one and only one thing this fall; elect Republicans!**

All of my life, literally, I've been taught that Republican Women are here to

1. Recruit Republicans to run for office,
2. Support Republicans over Democrats, and
3. Elect Republicans to office.

After each Primary, the people have spoken and chosen the Republican that we will support over the Democrat. We don't have the privilege of deciding whether or not we 'like' that Republican. At least we will know that the Republican will be caucusing with our Republican team. If there needs to be a change, then we do that individually in the next Primary.

We need more women to join forces with us. Among all of the candidates running, we desperately have many conservative, Constitutional judicial candidates who need block walkers and phone callers and need to be elected over the Democrat judges who have a tendency to legislate from the bench. Republicans have a GREAT message and right now a GREAT President in Donald Trump who is accomplishing a task every thirty-six hours. Visit [PromisesKept.com](http://PromisesKept.com) and check out those accomplishments. Use President Trump's list to recruit more women.

Please go to your club board members and ask to drop your membership dues to \$15.00 for the summer months. Perhaps 'sponsor' these late summer joiners' so as not to discourage their joining again in November.

Let your members know that we need to look forward to your club's fall event for renewed membership and that we plan to re-up everyone early! Plan something now for late September or early October to be turned in on November 1.

Educate women in your community as to how valuable your club truly is and how we are the workers who elect our great Republican team.

Educate women as to what TFRW stands for and what our mission is. Surprisingly, people don't know. Be bold and speak up!

*Still believing in TFRW!*

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## Recruit New Members with your Newsletter

The widest possible circulation you can afford will give your club the most publicity. Your club doesn't need to pay for distribution of your newsletter into the community and around your area. It never hurts to ask...persevere! That "No" may be a "Yes!" Turn it around, and create a positive impact!



### 1. Use your newsletter as a recruiting tool.

Have your members' research who votes in the Republican Primary in their neighborhoods. Then put those women voters on the mailing list for at least two issues. See if there is a neighbor that someone in your club knows, then call them with a personal invitation. Use this list as an invitation list to a membership function. Send at least two subsequent issues to guests who attend your meetings.

### 2. Send your newsletter to your elected officials and county party.

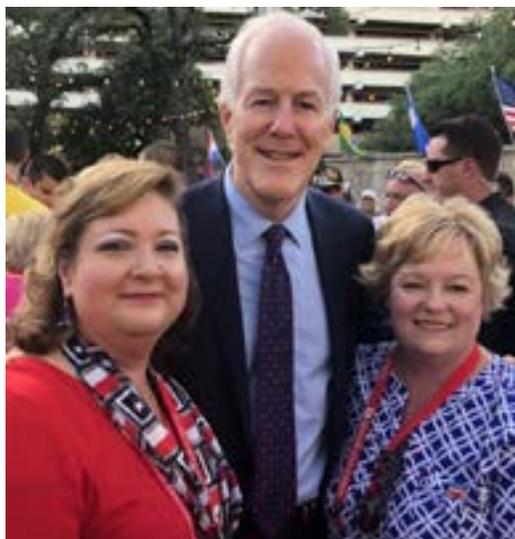
Don't forget to include elected officials staff! They are the boots on the ground. Your state representative, state senator, and congressman, etc., will know that you exist! If they know who you are, it is easier when you ask for favors for your fundraisers/ programs. Send a copy to your precinct chairs and your county party office.

### 3. Send your newsletter to the presidents of nearby TFRW clubs, AND ask them to send you their newsletters.

Exchanging ideas is always good. They might be having a program you would want to encourage your members to attend and vice versa.

### Send Us Your Photos!

Please email photos of your club's events and activities to [tfrwphotos@gmail.com](mailto:tfrwphotos@gmail.com). They may be included in the next edition of the President's Newsletter.



### 4. Place your newsletter in community places such as the public library and Chamber of Commerce.

What about City Hall, your local Economic Development office? Visit local coffee shops, bakeries, grocery stores, corner convenience stores, and restaurants. Ask if they would mind if you left a few newsletters or club brochures at their business.

### 5. Make sure you send copies of your newsletter to your Deputy President and District Director as well as the TFRW President ([president@tfrw.org](mailto:president@tfrw.org)) and Public Relations Chairman ([pr@tfrw.org](mailto:pr@tfrw.org)).



# Political Action

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## Collect Campaign Hours

The next reporting deadline for Campaign Activities Hours is **July 15**, covering April-June.

Collecting hours in the summer can be difficult. Please make sure you are regularly communicating with your club members, even if your club is not meeting during the summer! And, please work with your club president and relevant leadership to let club members know about activities that may count for hours, such as Juneteenth celebrations, Independence Day events, local government meetings, and campaign events.

Don't forget to ask for and collect the hours your club members spent at the RPT Convention!

WHAT COUNTS?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Preparation</b> (delegate training or planning meetings)</li> <li>• <b>Travel time</b> (to and from)</li> <li>• <b>Meetings</b> (committee, caucus, planning, etc.)</li> <li>• <b>Sessions</b> (the general sessions on the floor)</li> <li>• <b>Events</b> (TFRW, for your county, for candidates, etc.) Some confusion about this has occurred; please count time at the "fun" events, too. I apologize for the miscommunication.</li> </ul>		
REPORTING HOURS		
Quarter	Months	Deadline
1st Quarter	January-March	April 15
<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>April-June</b>	<b>July 15</b>
3rd Quarter	July-September	October 15
4th Quarter	October-December	January 15
REPORTING FORM REMINDER		
<p>We've put a link to the reporting form under "Programs" on the front page of the website. You <b>DO NOT</b> have to log in to access the form! Please use the form for your quarterly reports! Questions, please email me at <a href="mailto:vpcampaigns@tfrw.org">vpcampaigns@tfrw.org</a>.</p>		

### SD-19 Special Election

Governor Abbott has called for a Special Election on July 31, 2018 to replace convicted Texas State Senator Carlos Uresti from District 19 which stretches from San Antonio to outside El Paso encompassing seventeen counties including:

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|----------|-----------|
| Atascosa | Medina    |
| Bexar    | Pecos     |
| Brewster | Real      |
| Crockett | Reeves    |
| Dimmit   | Terrell   |
| Edwards  | Uvalde    |
| Frio     | Val Verde |
| Kinney   | Zavala.   |
| Maverick |           |

A total of eight candidates have filed for this snap election: three Republicans: Pete Flores; Jesse Jay Alaniz; and Carlos Antonio Raymond; one Libertarian candidate Tony Valdivia, as well as a highly contested Democratic field of four candidates which include: Pete Gallego; Roland Gutierrez; Charlie Urbina Jones; and Carlos Uresti's brother, Tomas Uresti. Recall that Republican Pete Flores garnered a highly respectable 97,682 votes against Carlos Uresti's 134,997 votes in November 2016, but unfortunately lost. With only a 10% voter turnout expected for this Special Election and a crowded Democrat field, this Senate seat is definitely within Republican reach with our help. This would be the first time Senate District 19 could be won by a Republican. It would blunt the talk of a "Texas Blue Wave" and give us great momentum moving in the November 2018 General Elections. **I call on all TFRW members to help in this race.**

## PROTOCOL

# Political Protocol

## *What Do We Mean by Political Protocol?*

Protocol is a code of political manners that ensures smooth-running meetings and events by using friendliness, courtesy, and consideration.

This is a reminder to all of us that we can express our opposing opinions with respect and courtesy. In today's political environment, we've forgotten the art of a thoughtful conversation where both parties may walk away with some new perspectives to consider. This has spilled over into our meetings and recently our convention.

In Texas, we often hear about Southern manners, but sometimes we're so filled with emotion, we're ready to start a political brawl. Not quite what we think about when we think of a 'Southern lady.' So how do we, as Southern ladies, voice our opinions, make political inroads, and get things accomplished while handling ourselves with respect and grace?

**Keep your shoes on!** In Arab countries it's common for someone to throw a shoe to show disrespect or disagreement. Even though most of us would love to take off those red, white, and blue heels we purchased just for a political event, it's best to consider this: **Sometimes we need to choose the best time and opportunity to voice our opinion.** Booing a speaker or yelling at the person chairing the meeting probably won't bring us the result we're hoping for.

**No finger pointing!** This week, a video of two congressmen in a heated argument with fingers pointing went viral. If we really want to change minds and encourage people to see things our way, we need to keep the heat down and the intellect up. Let others express their opinions, even if we disagree. Be prepared with some facts to support your beliefs and let them know you appreciate the conversation. Let's make those inroads one person at a time.

**Walk the talk!** Instead of using strong words to argue your political point of view, use strong action. Support candidates you believe in, attend fundraisers for candidates or PACs, and encourage others to vote. The strongest message is the one sent at the ballot box.

Let's remember that we can win by handling ourselves graciously and by engaging in respectful conversations and keep in mind, that the definition of political protocol includes the words courtesy and consideration.

Laurie Kabes | Protocol

## PAC REPORTING

# July Semiannual TEC Report

Your July Semiannual TEC Report will be due **Monday, July 16, 2018**. The first day covered by the report is **January 1, 2018**, or the date of your campaign treasurer appointment, or the day after the date the last report ends, as applicable. The last day covered is **June 30, 2018**.

Make sure you do not wait until the last moment to file. It is much easier to get a response from the Ethics Commission if you do not wait until the last day. TEC phone number: (512) 463-5800.

Gwen Withrow | PAC Chair

## 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



## 2018 Patrons & Associate Patrons

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Kristi Antonick  
Cindy Asche  
The Honorable Daphne Previti  
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Mona & Bill Bailey  
Cheree Barrett  
Becky Berger  
Michelle Boening-Gay  
Karen Brennan  
Melody Briggs  
Maria Garza Brown  
Karyn Brownlee  
Lesley Bruemmer  
Cari Bullington  
Barbara Buxton  
Judy Maikell Calloway  
Beth Cathey  
Glynis Chester  
Cindy Clendenen  
The Honorable Daryl & Debra Coffey  
Dr. Sally Craycraft  
Cheri Creekmore  
Toni Anne Dashiell  
David De Villez  
Heather De Villez  
Sue De Villez  
Paula Dennis  
Cassie Dyson & Bob Parks  
Eva Euler  
Jane Everhart  
Rossy Fariña-Strauss  
Sheila Faske  
Julie Faubel  
Sherry L Fauth  
Mina Fitting  
Lesli R Fitzpatrick  
Marty Forte'  
Susan & Bill Friedrich  
Belinda Frisk  
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Catherine Gibb  
Melanie Grammar  
Elise Grusendorf  
Deborah Guerriero

The Honorable Diane Haddock  
Linda Hagler  
Gina Halle  
The Honorable Patricia Harless  
Ellen Harrison  
Barbara Hauser  
The Honorable Debi Hays  
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Sharon Humphreys  
Sherry Hurt  
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Judy James  
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Merryl Jones  
Sheryl Jones  
Marilyn Jowdy  
Laurie Kabes  
Sharon Kappers  
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Linda Kinney  
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Theresa Kosmoski  
Rhonda Lacy  
Ann Lee  
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Donnie Berkheimer Lubeck  
Sylvia Hernandez Maddox  
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Pearl Maggio  
Ruby Manen  
Amanda Martin  
Kim Martin  
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Alice Melancon  
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Texas Moore  
Lillian Murphy  
Susan & Michael Najvar

The Honorable Jane Nelson  
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M'Liss Painter  
Judy Parada  
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Deborah Peacock  
Rena Peden  
Sherry Peterson  
Dani Post  
Sheri Radomsky  
Annette Ratliff  
Daryl Reynolds  
Kittie Rice  
Denise Rives  
Deborah Guitian Roan  
Deborah Roberson  
Juandelle Lacy & Red Roberts  
Loretta E Roberts  
LaVeta Sealy  
Joyce & Mack Shirley  
Cindy Siegel  
Cynthia Smith  
Nancy Smith  
Cindy Ann & Jim Stouff  
Nathalie Swisher  
Barbara Tague  
Pam Tarpley  
Jill Tate  
Gail Teegarden  
Cheryl Thompson-Draper  
Mopsie Thornberry  
Becky & Roy Vajdak  
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# Legislative Update

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## School Safety Action Plan

### Interim Charges for the Texas House and Senate Released

Following the release of Governor Abbott's School and Firearm Safety Action Plan in reaction to the tragic shootings at Santa Fe High School, House Speaker Joe Straus and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick have asked lawmakers in their respective chambers to study the plan's recommendations. The new interim charges call for the committees to study ways to limit shootings and increase protections in Texas public schools.

To read the forty-page plan, please visit the following link:

[https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/School\\_Safety\\_Action\\_Plan\\_05302018.pdf](https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/School_Safety_Action_Plan_05302018.pdf)

### TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Speaker Straus has issued nine new interim charges to committees in the Texas House, all related to school safety and mental health strategies for children.

*"The House will work closely with educators, parents, and state agencies over the next couple of months to ensure that immediate steps are taken to improve school safety before students return to campus in August. Also, I strongly encourage Members to suggest their own ideas for discussion and to share solutions that they have heard from their constituents," said Speaker Straus.*

To read the full text of these charges please use the following link:

<http://www.house.state.tx.us/news/press-releases/?id=6533>

The following are a few of the newly released charges:

#### Committee on Appropriations

Examine and evaluate the availability and cost of federal funding and Governor's Criminal Justice grants to improve school safety, including improving access to mental health services for children, improved school safety, and enhanced firearm safety.

#### Committee on Public Education

Review the effectiveness of schools' current emergency operation plans and recommend improvements to ensure student safety. Research available violence prevention strategies for school personnel to utilize.

#### Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

Examine current statutes designed to protect minors from accessing firearms without proper supervision and make recommendations to ensure responsible and safe firearm storage. Study the possibility of a "red flag" law that would provide a legal process for temporarily removing guns from someone considered potentially dangerous by family members or law enforcement.

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### **Committee on Homeland Security and Public Safety**

Evaluate options to increase the number of school marshals available, and identify current statutory requirements that limit utilization of the program.

### **Committee on Defense & Veterans Affairs and Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety (Joint Charge)**

Examine the experience of other states in prioritizing retired peace officers and military veterans for school security. Determine the minimum standards necessary to implement such a program.



## **TEXAS SENATE**

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick recently announced the appointment of a nine-member Senate select committee to address the school violence and school security proposals requested by Governor Abbott, and additional issues included in the governor's school safety plan. The lieutenant governor has asked the select committee to finish their work by the first week of August.

*“I have worked closely with Gov. Abbott in developing his extensive proposal. I am grateful for the Governor’s rapid response immediately following the Santa Fe school shooting as well as his leadership on this critical issue. Today I am announcing the appointment of a nine-member senate select committee to address the school violence and school security interim charges requested by the governor and additional issues included in the governor’s report,” said Lt. Gov. Patrick.*

To read the full text of these new charges, please use the following link:

<https://www.ltgov.state.tx.us/2018/06/01/patrick-announces-interim-charges-to-select-committee-on-violence-in-schools-and-school-security/>

### **The following are a few of the newly released charges to the Senate Select Committee:**

- Improve the infrastructure and design of Texas schools to reduce security threats, and discuss various proposals to harden school facilities.
- Study school security options, resources and training programs to determine what improvements can be made to provide school districts and charter schools with more robust security options.
- Examine the root cause of mass murder in schools to determine the effect on copycat shootings, and the desensitization to violence resulting from video games, music, film, and social media. Recommend strategies to early identify and intercept high-risk students.
- Examine whether current protective order laws are sufficient or whether the merits of Extreme Risk Protective Orders, or “Red Flag” laws, should be considered for seeking a temporary removal of firearms from a person who poses an immediate danger to themselves or others, only after legal due process is provided with a burden of proof sufficient to protect Second Amendment rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution.

To follow the any House or Senate committee, visit: <https://capitol.texas.gov/Home.aspx>

## GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS

### Wanted: Members to Serve Texas

TFRW Appointments Committee has the rewarding job of letting our members know about a wonderful way to serve the entire state of Texas.

The goal of our committee is to offer to TFRW members and associate members information about this process and help you through it. We do not do the appointments, that is done under the authority of the Governor and is handled on the official side by his staff.

We look for conservative members to serve on boards and commissions that will be our voice for statewide policies and decisions that can impact all Texans. The boards are all volunteer positions, unfortunately not paid. However many of them do reimburse for standard travel expenses to attend meetings. There are many different types of boards with very specific needs such as a CPA, an architect, or a Veteran. Others just need a lay person to give insight from the population at large. An example would be Emergency Vehicles and policies regarding them — I think we all could have input on that!

The Official office will fill about 3,000 positions during the Governor's term, so there is an ongoing need. Most terms run for six years; however, vacancies occur and an immediate need for a position will come up.

**There are many areas of interest to serve, these are just a very few:**

- Healthcare, such as the Diabetes Council
- Human Services with the Family and Protective Services
- Regulatory, such as small Business Compliance or Animal Health
- Natural Resource or Water Commissions

You can apply as many times as you like, but you may only serve on one at a time. When applying remember to specify areas of interest and community service volunteer activities. If you have a son or daughter that you think may be interested, please let them know as well. This is a wonderful opportunity to make an impact on a very important level of our government.

Our committee has been busy reaching out to area clubs. We are asking for three minutes to give a small presentation to members for awareness of this committee. We have a longer more in-depth twenty-minute presentation if your club would be interested in that as well. We will also provide informational flyers about Frequently Asked Questions, Interest Forms, and a Recruitment Request Form to members.



[Governor Abbott appoints Judge Hays to state commission.](#)

**You may contact an Appointment Committee Regional Member directly.**

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**Lastly, a bonus point will be given to the club of a member who has completed the appointment process.**

**Deborah M. Wall | Appointments Committee Chair**

# Club Bylaws

by VP Bylaws Diane Haddock

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## Submit Your Revised Bylaws

If you do not see the name of your club on the following list, you need to revise your bylaws to include the 2017 mandated amendment and send me a highlighted version of the revised bylaws. Because this amendment was mandated, a vote is not required. Upon receipt, I will review and send an approval letter. The letter is your evidence that you are eligible for JGT points. The amendment follows:

### ARTICLE III – POLICY

#### Section 6. Delivery of Records

All officers and all committee chairmen and vice chairmen shall deliver all records, files, passwords, social media administrative rights, and properties of the club to their successor before December 31 of the year in which she is retiring from office, or within 3 days of leaving the position if earlier than December 31, unless otherwise directed by the club President or Executive Committee. Failure to meet the deadlines may result in the termination of her membership by the club.

## Clubs that Have Submitted Revised Bylaws in 2018

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Angleton Republican Women         | Kendall County Republican Women    |
| Brazosport Republican Women       | Kingwood Area Republican Women     |
| Brush Country Republican Women    | Magnolia Area Republican Women     |
| Bush Legacy Republican Women      | McLennan County Republican Women   |
| Cameron County Republican Women   | Metroplex Republican Women         |
| Canyon Lake Republican Women      | Montgomery County Republican Women |
| Central Texas Republican Women    | Navarro County Republican Women    |
| Cross Timbers Republican Women    | New Braunfels Republican Women     |
| Cy-Fair Republican Women          | Northwest Austin Republican Women  |
| Gillespie County Republican Women | Salado Area Republican Women       |
| Golden Corridor Republican Women  | Walker County Republican Women     |
| Golden Triangle Republican Women  | Wilson County Republican Women     |
| Harrison County Republican Women  |                                    |



# Fundraising

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## Plan Your Political Legacy

*A unique fundraising opportunity exists within your club...estate planning.*

A retirement, divorce, or new job can prompt people to reflect on their legacy, "What are we going to do with all this stuff we've accumulated in our lifetime?" For older people without children, step-children or grandchildren, the decision can be even more complex. "It's a move from success to significance. Your whole life you've probably been focused on your career and getting ahead. Estate planning is really reflecting on your legacy. What do you want to be remembered for?"

While many people leave a portion of their estate to charities, specifically 501(c)(3)s many of our Republican Activists, TFRW members, and Elected Officials or Candidates who find the work of our organization beneficial in controlling expanding government and protecting our conservative values may wish to arrange for their support of TFRW and its clubs to continue after their passing. This is something we should share with our members statewide. To have an impact on the future of politics in Texas, some may wish to leave a legacy that will sustain us in good years and bad.

**Statutory Exemptions to Gift Tax.** Not all gifts are taxable. There are many exceptions, for example, a gift between spouses. Four exceptions are relevant but only one pertains to the Texas Federation of Republican Women PAC as we are a 527 Organization. 527 Organizations: § 2501(a)(4) specifically exempt from the gift tax transfers made to political parties or committees described in § 527. Prior to the 1974 enactment of § 2501(a) gifts to political organizations were taxable, but in two cases considering the issues the courts found in favor of the taxpayers.

Before writing TFRW into your will, we urge you to seek legal advice and input from your accountant. Your family members may be very successful and not need your financial gift, but it is always wise to let them know what you are doing to avoid them contesting your will when you are gone. We want this donation to be a blessing to both TFRW and your family.

*Information for this article was taken from pertinent portions of the NY Times article "In Estate Planning, Family Isn't Always First" and McDermott, Will, and Emory Continuing Legal Education.*

### Planning for a Political Legacy

Donor and family are active in politics. Donor has an interest in shaping the future of America. Donor has given to state and Federal political initiatives. Organizations have come to rely on Donor's gifts. Donor has established a charitable foundation for charitable giving. Much like his charitable foundation, Donor does not want political giving to stop at his passing and wants to support his descendants that have an interest in politics. Donor would like to set aside a portion of his estate to continue his legacy.

### A Few Planning Options

- Estate Bequest to Politically Oriented Organizations
- Testamentary Planning with Trusts
- Lifetime Transfer to Trust for Descendants and Politically Oriented Organizations
- Supercharged Lifetime Transfer to Trust for Politically Oriented Organization

### Estate Bequest

Favorable transfer tax treatment is provided for lifetime contributions to politically oriented § 501(c)(4) organizations and Super PACs exempt under § 527. Gifts are exempted from the gift tax. Testamentary transfers, on the other hand, are subjected to the estate tax.

## MERCHANDISE

### TFRW Merchandise

If you attended convention, did you get a chance to stop by the TFRW Merchandise Booth? We had a lot of visitors! Not only did we have many TFRW members stop by and shop, but the pup from Patriot Paws came over and hung out with us for a bit. Also, one of the SDs sent over Donald Trump - okay it was a mannequin of him but pretty neat and there were lots of photo ops. I was most excited to meet ladies that were interested in TFRW, what we do, and how they can find a club in their area or some that were interested in starting clubs. How exciting!



I worked with the board and members of the merchandise group in selecting a few items that would be popular and not redundant with all of the other vendors. I hope you liked our selections. I have to say one of the draws to the booth were the cute compact mirrors that we had, Glynis Chester's suggestion - we were getting sales prior to even opening the booth. And the rollup shoes were fun and brought relief to folks that had overdone it in their heels.

We have some leftover items that we will have available at the July board meeting, we have some rollup shoes, blankets, mirrors and some of the lapel pins, oh and one lone, small portfolio! If you are interested ask your District Director or Deputy President to pick one up for you while they are there.

*"Corrine Miklosh saved my poor tired feet at convention. The roll-up flats were my favorite item at the TFRW Convention Booth! Thank you, Corrine, for all your hard work ordering, setting up, and tearing down our booth, it's a tough job and you met the challenge."*

~President Karen Newton



*I want to send out a huge Thank-You to all of those that volunteered to help out, both our members and our wonderful male associate members who we couldn't have succeeded without them – they covered for us during the Tribute luncheon and Margaritas for Senioritas events. Juggling duties of a delegate and running the booth was a challenge, and I was able to do both with lots of helping hands – thanks. And I want to send an extra special thank-you to my own husband Dennis who worked almost as many hours as I did on the booth and getting things set up.*

~Corrine

**Corrine Miklosh | Merchandise Manager**

## CARING FOR AMERICA

## Shining Stars



One of the values of the Republican Party is a limited government. We believe the private sector can do better than a government program. That is exactly what is happening across the great State of Texas; Republican women showing the community we can make a difference by giving of ourselves.

This month, I'd like to spotlight Tarrant Star Republican Women. Tarrant Star Republican Women won the Caring For America project at the NFRW Convention and their project is very worthy of sharing.

Tarrant Star RW began working with some underprivileged children in the historically economically-depressed, tougher side of Fort Worth about two years ago. They have provided backpacks, school supplies, school uniforms, a snow-cone machine, and supplies for camping trips for a group of young boys being mentored by an associate member, Jesse Taylor. Additionally, they provided dictionaries for the third grade students in two elementary schools in that area, in addition to visiting each class and talking about the value of an education and the importance of our Constitution. The dictionaries provided had the U.S. Constitution in them! Tarrant Star Republican Women continue to work with these students because they see the potential and know their help is appreciated and time working for these students is time well spent!



*Congratulations, Tarrant Star Republican Women, on being a shining star to our community!*



Pictured with students above are (left to right) Principal Andrea Harper; Tarrant Star RW Members: VP Finance Rena Peden; Associate Member, Jesse Taylor; Caring for America Chair Cynthia Ware; and VP Programs Mona Bailey at T.A. Sims Elementary. On this day, the students were presented with scholarships to Camp Carter, a YMCA camp. Jesse mentors the boys and supervises their projects.

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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## AMERICANISM

## July 2018



## Flying Our Flag

**Wednesday, July 4**  
Independence Day

**Friday, July 27**  
End of the Korean War



## Commemorative Days

**July 4, 1776** The Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress. Independence Day is the day we celebrate the traditions and history of the United States of America and its separation from Great Britain.

**July 20, 1969** Astronaut Neil Armstrong walked on the moon.

## Historical Moments

**July 1, 1847** The first adhesive postage stamp was offered for sale.

**July 7, 1981** Sandra Day O'Connor was appointed to be the first woman on the Supreme Court.

**July 7, 1898** President McKinley signed a resolution to annex Hawaii.

**July 7, 1972** Women were first sworn into the F.B.I. as agents.

**July 16, 1969** Beginning of the Apollo Lunar landing mission.

**July 18, 1947** President Truman signed an Executive Order (became the 25th Amendment) determining the line of succession if the President becomes incapacitated or dies in office. The Vice President, the Speaker of the House, and then the President pro tempore of the Senate are next in succession.

**July 19-20, 1848** First Women's rights convention held in Seneca Falls, New York.

**July 23, 1906** The song *America the Beautiful* was copyright registered by Katharine Lee Bates. Katharine wrote the words, originally a poem called *America*, and Samuel Ward wrote the music.

**July 24, 1898** Amelia Earhart was born. Amelia Earhart and her navigator were lost in July 1937 in the Pacific Ocean when they tried to fly around the world. Their search and rescue was the largest search and rescue operation at the time.

## Famous Patents

The month of July has a special place in the history of patents. The first patent was issued in 1790, and the first numbered patent in 1836. Also, the first woman patent examiner was hired.

**July 4, 1933** William Coolidge obtained a patent for the X-ray tube, popularly called the Coolidge tube.

**July 8, 1873** Anna Nichols became the first female patent examiner.

**July 13, 1836** Patents were first numbered, changing the way the system of patents and trademarks was organized.

**July 14, 1885** Sarah Goode became the first black woman to receive a U.S. patent for her invention of a folding cabinet bed. It became a desk when not in use for sleeping.

**July 14, 1914** Robert Goddard received a patent for the first liquid rocket fuel.

**July 22, 1873** Louis Pasteur received a patent for the manufacture of beer and treatment of yeast, which would later influence his discovery of the process known as pasteurization.

**July 30, 1933** The Monopoly board game was copyright registered, and Charles Darrow, the inventor, became the first millionaire game designer after he sold his patent to Parker Brothers.

**July 31, 1790** The first U.S. Patent office was established.

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