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FROM: Theresa Kosmoski, President



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President's Message

We Make a Difference

It is June, time for summer fun and perhaps a little relaxation before things gear back up. Before we know it, fall will be here, and we will be getting ready for conventions - TFRW's AND NFRW's.

The regular session of the Legislature will be one for the history books, but TFRW can be very proud of our legislative accomplishments.

We worked very hard to protect our judicial candidates and helped to get **HB 3903 (Burkett)** passed in both the House and the Senate. We are grateful to all of the work that Senator Joan Huffman did in the Senate to pass this bill. And a shout-out to Eric Opiela who did yeoman's work on language and amendments; he worked this bill like a rock star. If you have a chance, be sure to reach out and thank them for all they did on these bills.

I owe a very special thank you to all of the women of TFRW who made the phone calls and sent the emails; your work made a difference. A number of electeds took the time to call me and tell me that your calls and emails were appreciated and certainly helped the bill get over the finish line in both chambers.

TFRW also supported **HB 25 (Simmons)**, and your efforts have made the difference, again. Effective in 2020, one punch voting is eliminated, and we will have a real chance to stop the democrats and their well-coordinated efforts to turn Texas blue.

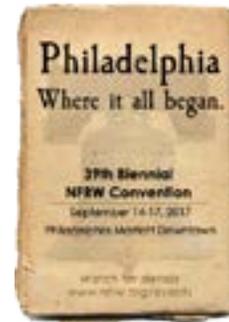
You should be proud of these achievements.....you have proven just how powerful a group of thoughtful, committed women can be. We make a difference because **WE MAKE IT HAPPEN.**

Now we must turn our thoughts to the many things happening in the fall. I am asking every club that can possibly send a delegate and alternate to

the **NFRW convention in September in Philadelphia**. We have an opportunity to elect one of our own, **Jody Rushton**, to lead our parent organization into the future in a way that only Texas women can! **Jody for President!!** Of NFRW, of course. For now.

We want to see everyone at the **TFRW convention in Dallas in October**.....this convention will be so much fun and packed full of informative and inspiring speakers and awards for our clubs. Make plans to attend, have a lot of fun, meet great women from all over Texas and go home ready to take on the world!

If you are a club that takes off for the summer, have a great rest and get ready.....this fall will be fast, furious and fun. Just the way we like it in Texas.



Theresa Kosmoski, President

2017 TFRW CONVENTION

Howdy, Folks!



Check out the new video promoting our 31st biennial convention. [Click here to download the video from the TFRW YouTube Channel \(Texas FRW\)](#), and share it with your friends on social media and at your club's next event.

See y'all in Dallas October 19-21!

PAC CHAIR

July Semiannual TEC Report

Your July Semiannual TEC Report will be due Monday, July 17, 2017. It should include information from January 1st, 2017, to June 30, 2017.

Patricia Harless

AWARDS CHAIR

June 1st Has Come and Gone

I hope you all got your NFRW awards sent to the appropriate Chairs or our TFRW President. Now it's time to get all of the TFRW awards done! Deadlines will come up quick! As always, see the TFRW website for all of the current forms and applications.

Who's ready for convention!?! Is your club earning points for sending delegates to the NFRW Convention in Philadelphia this September, as well as the TFRW Convention in Dallas October 19th-21st. If you help cover some of the cost for those delegates, you earn points for that too!

It's been my personal goal, when I took this position, to have 50% more clubs participate in the John Goodwin Tower award at this year's convention. Don't let me down, ladies!! My JGT award committee is looking forward to all of the applications. Don't forget they need to be postmarked by August 15th. Other awards may have the same or different deadlines. Pay attention to the details!! Thanks, ladies!

Michelle Martin

PATRIOT PAWS

Let's Put Another Leash Into a Deserving Disabled Veteran's Hand

TFRW believes that we are not only the "life of the party," we are also the "care-takers of our nation," and it is our duty to give back to the men and women who have so bravely fought for our freedoms. TFRW has made the commitment to give back to our veterans by adopting Patriot Paws as their philanthropy at the 2017 state convention.

Patriot Paws is a non-profit organization based in Rockwall, Texas, whose mission is to train and provide service dogs of the highest quality at no cost to disabled American veterans in order to help restore their physical and emotional independence. Each dog is customized to the individual need of the recipient with the goal of increasing self-sufficiency. The tasks the dogs are trained for provide help for both visible and invisible disabilities. Patriot Paws and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice are partnered to provide an opportunity for male and female inmates to volunteer and assist in the training of the dogs. The partnership has provided the inmates a job while serving their sentence and given them the opportunity to learn a new vocation while giving back to the community. Each dog costs an average of \$30,000 and two years to train. Patriot Paws has over 150 veterans on their waiting list right now.

TFRW kicked-off a fundraising drive for Patriot Paws at Legislative Day in Austin which raised \$30,000 in two days through the Belles & Boots event and auction and the generous spirit of those who attended Legislative Day. It was followed by the generous support of our Lt. Governor Dan Patrick who has committed to match with \$30,000.

Now it is our clubs' turn to get in on the action. Over the next several months, each club is encouraged to do a fundraising drive for Patriot Paws to help pay for one more dog for our veterans. We will be having a contest to see which club in the state raises the most money. **The club who raises the most will have the opportunity to name a puppy to be raised to help a veteran!** The club will get regular reports on the puppy as he or she goes through two years of training to become a fully certified service dog for a deserving veteran.

Ideas for fundraising include: Painting with a Purpose night at a local painting studio, Kendra Scott nights, giving a donation in honor of your meeting speaker, supply drive (retail value of items will be counted, list possibly obtained either from Patriot Paws or Jill Tate), wine pulls, auctions, just passing the hat, or any other creative way your club can think of!

Please send all funds marked with your club's name on the memo line and "TFRW dog" to:

Patriot Paws
254 Ranch Trail
Rockwall, Texas 75032

Remember, individuals may donate for the TFRW dog, and the donation is tax-deductible, if she makes a check out to Patriot Paws.

The contest will run through October 1, 2017, and the winning club will be announced at our state convention in Dallas.

If you are interested in having a demonstration or program at a club meeting, please contact either:

Patriot Paws
972-772-3282

Jill Tate
214-354-9443
Jill@tate-usa.com

For more information: <http://www.patriotpaws.org>





Bylaws

by VP Bylaws Tina Gibson
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Club Bylaws Review

It has been a pleasure working with your clubs to update club bylaws and help with proposed amendments your clubs want to add. Don't forget to include in your check off list to receive John Goodwin Tower Award points for having your club bylaws reviewed and updated.

Your club is not required to submit bylaws for annual review, but each time your club amends its bylaws they must be reviewed by the TFRW VP Bylaws for the final approval. I will send a final acknowledgement to your club as documentation.

It's always important to review TFRW and NFRW bylaws when making amendments, but you do not have to include the same language in your club bylaws. Clubs must comply with these bylaws anyway, so filling up your bylaws may make them too long and redundant. Please do not include any bylaw amendments that will conflict with TFRW or NFRW bylaws. Your club will be required to remove them.

Nominating Committee Rules

Nominating committees are most likely being formed this summer for review of new officer candidates for the upcoming year. Please review the procedure clubs must follow in forming your nominating committee. These rules are put in to place to prevent a runaway and exclusive leadership that may always control a club and eventually severely weaken a club.

If you have questions please feel free to email me or call (713-412-1620).



Finance Update

by VP Finance Karen Newton
vpfinance@tfrw.org

Congratulations, TFRW!

Spring, as a member of the Texas Federation of Republican Women, is a very busy time for all! After coming off an amazing Presidential Campaign season and jumping right into our own State legislative session there was no leisure time for the Executive Committee. I spent my time anxiously getting ready for Belles and Boots, as the event needed a serious facelift. It was suggested to me last July by Cassie Daniel and Michele Samuelson that we have the event at a more casual location and reduce the ticket price. Enthusiastically, I called Scholz Garten to reserve the venue and contacted Branded Heart as our entertainment. I priced the tickets at cost and prayed for sponsors and a successful auction. My prayers were answered as Belles and Boots 2017 exceeded all expectations. **Over 400 tickets were sold, \$24,000 was raised, and we helped a veteran with a service dog from Patriot Paws!**



Campaign Activities

by VP Campaign Activities Janis Holt
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Make Your Campaign Successful

I am excited to announce our Campaign Management/Candidate Development Schools for 2017. We are partnering with the RPT, the TRCCA, and the Abbott University to bring the best talent and resources to YOU.

We hope to do many of these schools in 2017. If your local club/party would like to host one of these schools, please let me know.

There are still many dates available for the summer and the fall, but the schedule is filling fast. Contact me at vpcampaignact@tfrw.org or Jenny at jennytrcca@gmail.com.

2017
CANDIDATE DEVELOPMENT & CAMPAIGN MGMT TRAINING

Interested in running for office? Want to manage a campaign? Join us to learn valuable skills that will make your campaign successful, such as:

- Campaign Management
- Finance
- Compliance
- Outreach/GOTV
- Communications
- And Much More!

One-Day Schools will be hosted across Texas this summer. For more information, contact Jenny Griffin: jennytrcca@gmail.com or 512-971-3614

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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

TFRW State Scholarship

TFRW wants to encourage and support our future female leaders in their pursuit of a college education, but the application deadline for the TFRW State Scholarship is fast approaching. If you know a college student, invite her to apply!

Club leaders- Please take a look at your recent and past club recipients and encourage them to apply for the TFRW scholarship, as well.

TFRW State Scholarship: The Texas Federation of Republican Women established its State Scholarship to provide financial assistance and support to women seeking undergraduate or graduate degrees. Applicants must have completed at least twelve hours of coursework at the undergraduate level. **Applications due August 15, 2017.**

Mail scholarship applications to:

Glynis Chester
14507 Pensham Drive
Frisco, Texas 75035

Applications must be postmarked by due date.



Legislative Update

by VP Legislation Michele Samuelson
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Celebrate

Celebrate Major Legislative Victories

We have some major legislative victories to celebrate, y'all! HB 3903, the bill that allows judges and judicial candidates to donate to GPACs, passed both the House and Senate and will become law! HB 25, eliminating one-punch straight-ticket voting in Texas, will also become law. And at the 11th hour, changes were made to our existing photo voter identification law with SB 5 (at the time of printing, the full details were not yet available). Thank you, ladies, for all your hard work on these bills and other important legislation this session.

WHAT'S NEXT

Governor Abbott has until June 18th to veto any legislation that passed. If you want to weigh in on a particular piece of legislation, you can contact his office here: <https://gov.texas.gov/contact/>

Bills that have passed the Legislature and are not vetoed will go into effect either immediately, or a date certain contained in the bill. Check the text of the final bill if you aren't certain.

ACTION ITEMS FOR TFRW MEMBERS AND CLUBS

- Host your legislators at summer socials and club meetings to get legislative updates.
- THANK your legislators and their staffs! Send cards, make a visit to their district office, or thank them in person when they come to your meetings!
- Get ready now for GOTV efforts for the constitutional amendment election in November

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Champion of Freedom Award

The TFRW Champion of Freedom Award Committee is now accepting applications for the 2017 Award.

- Please submit a nomination on the TFRW Champion of Freedom Award Form, and share the form with others who may also want to nominate someone.
- The deserving Applicant should be someone who has acted as a catalyst to bring people together in a community of political diversity and who has made a significant contribution toward protecting or expanding United States citizens' freedom. The recipient can be an elected Republican official or a Republican advocate.
- The deadline to submit nomination forms is June 7, 2017; the award ceremony will be in July.
- Please forward any questions or requests for more information to

Mary Mayo, Community Engagement Chair, 817-594-2569 or community@tfrw.org



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Champion of Freedom Award 2017

NOMINATION FORM

Return to: TFRW, 13740 North Highway 183, Suite J 4, Austin, Texas 78750

Questions: Contact Mary Mayo, 817-594-2569 or community@tfrw.org

Deadline: Form must be **postmarked no later than June 7, 2017**

Name of Nominee _____

Position and Title _____

Address/City/Zip _____

Phone _____ Occupation _____

E-mail _____

Nominated by (name & address): _____

Club membership: _____

Please submit the following:

1. Résumé of Nominee
2. Description of Nominee's work or service portraying the attributes of TFRW's Champion of Freedom
3. Nominee's staff contact information
4. Club volunteers to assist with Champion of Freedom Award Luncheon.



Membership Update

by VP Membership Rhonda Lacy
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The Summer Sweep

Ladies, for our May 24 challenge for reporting to NFRW before the national convention we have reached 8,200 members. Last year we ended with 10,000 members. We need to be MORE than 10,000 strong. We still need to add several thousand to TFRW. I really believe that we have many, many more women in Texas who need the opportunity to learn about our amazing organization and become part of us. *I believe that we will need to double what we have now so that we go into the fall with a Republican army like we've never seen before.* You all know by now that we have a vicious foe ready to take out Texas. We need to build and unify. So, APPRECIATE the number you DO have in your club and then CHALLENGE EACH MEMBER TO BRING IN ONE MORE THIS SUMMER! We can do it. Here are a few ideas that will spur on your summer membership drive. Remember, even though some of you are not meeting this summer, we ALL need to continue to bring in those new members. 8,000 can easily become 16,000 if EACH ONE brings in ONE MORE!

1. Find another club close to your club's size. Set a date for the next couple of months, and challenge each other to see who can bring in the most members. Our El Paso clubs are already doing this. If you need help finding a club, contact me.
2. The Yellow Rose of Texas RW have a creative idea. They are offering a TWO-YEAR membership (2017-2018) for \$45. This provides a small savings to their regular dues and locks in members for two years. (It does require a bit of extra book-keeping on the club's part)
3. Have a Star-Spangled Fourth of July event, and bring in new members.
4. Hold a meeting in August. Bring in a surprise speaker that your club may not have had before. Also, our Congressmen are home in August, and this is a great time to get the latest D.C. update. ADVERTISE, ADVERTISE, ADVERTISE, and bring in the new members. (An August meeting helps get your club moving and inspired to increase the number attending our TFRW convention.)
5. Continue to hold another "Calling Party," and help double your club size before our August cut-off for our TFRW convention.
6. Be BOLD, share our MESSAGE, BUILD our army. Continue to carry membership applications with you and don't be afraid to ask, ask, ask. You'll be surprised how many want to join you. Turn in memberships frequently to the TFRW office.
7. Just this week I attended a candidate's fundraiser. AND I signed up a mother/daughter team who want to become involved and make a difference.

10 OUTSTANDING AWARDS COMMITTEE

10 Outstanding Awards

All information regarding these prestigious awards, to be presented at the 2017 TFRW Convention, is posted in the members' section on the TFRW website (*see Documents & Forms, then Scholarships & Awards*), where you can also find the application. Clubs are encouraged to nominate one of their worthy members for this award. The deadline for application submissions is August 15, 2017. Both an electronic submission and hard copy submission are required by each club nominating one of its members for this award.



EXTRA, EXTRA! Time for TFRW Convention Awards!

All Applications for the Newsletter Awards are DUE on August 15, 2017!

It is amazing that many times only one or two clubs send in an award application!

GIVE YOUR CLUB... THE CHANCE TO WIN!

I encourage each club to submit your newsletter for an award. Your newsletter is unique and a reflection of your club. You Can't Win an Award IF You Don't Send in an Entry!



Frequently Asked Questions:

- We are a new club; can we submit our newsletter for an award?
All clubs can submit your newsletter for the "Most Improved Newsletter Award category."
- Our club just added a newsletter, and we have not had one previously.
All clubs can submit your newsletter for the "Most Improved Newsletter Award category."
- The two Newsletter Awards are given in each of the following categories based upon the size of your club's membership:

Small – 10-30 members

Jumbo – 101-200 members

Medium – 31-60 members

Super Jumbo – 201+ members

Large – 61-100 members



Take the time and submit your club's newsletter for the 2017 *Most Improved Newsletter Award* or the *Best Newsletter Award*. You can submit your application for both awards. *Doubles your chances to win an award!*

Let's Give the Awards Panel a Choice of TFRW's Club Newsletters. Send in your newsletter, whether you are a new club or an existing club.

Go to www.TFRW.org, log in, and read the applications for the two awards. All criteria are listed on the Award Application. Every club's newsletters could qualify for one of the two awards.

Need help? Contact me via phone or email.

Questions? Contact Barbara Tague, TFRW Public Relations/ Texas STAR Editor

PO Box 20, Tomball, Texas 77377

Cell: 713-851-0737

Email: pr@tfrw.org



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Kay Bailey Hutchison Leadership Award 2017

TFRW will recognize one exceptional woman at the biennial state convention in Dallas this October with the Kay Bailey Hutchison Leadership Award. The nominees should be “trailblazers” in Texas Republican Women’s politics, who have shown extraordinary abilities. The purpose of this award is to celebrate Texas Republican Women who have served in elected office, and in so doing, to honor former U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison. This award is open to all Texas Federation of Republican Women club members who are current or former elected Republican officials, except the current elected officers of the National and State Federations. A club may nominate only one woman. She need not be a member of the club making the nomination. The Kay Bailey Hutchison Leadership Award Committee is appointed by the TFRW President and shall consider the accomplishments of the nominees in the following categories:

- Public Office Activities
- Republican Party Activities
- Federation Activities
- Community Activities

Applications must be postmarked on or before **Tuesday, August 15, 2017**. Mail or email to:

Cindy Clendenen
Kay Bailey Hutchison Leadership Award Chair
5127 Stanford Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75209

cindy@riopetrold.com

214.356.7823

The following must be included with the application:

- Jpeg color head shot of nominee
- A typed, double-spaced, one page essay explaining why your nominee should receive the KBH Leadership Award

The committee will not accept letters of personal recommendation.

The committee will not award posthumously.

The award application form can be found in the members’ section of our website: tfrw.org



Texas Federation of Republican Women

Legacy Leadership Award

Under the leadership and vision of TFRW President Kosmoski, it is my pleasure to introduce the TFRW Legacy Leadership Award. This award will be given at our 2017 Convention and is designed to honor those members who helped form TFRW and who continue to be active and vital in our organization today. Deadline for this award is **September 1, 2017**.

The Legacy Leadership Award will be searching for those TFRW members who have been active in TFRW for at least 25 years and who have continued to show their support and loyalty for TFRW. We all have those special ladies in our clubs who may have been a founding member, or at least a long-time loyal member. These are the ladies who did the hard work of cold-knocking on doors, traveling from district to district without the assistance of a GPS or cell phones, searching for Republican voters and Republican women. TFRW was federated in 1955, so it isn't hard to find many of these special ladies who deserve to be honored for their groundwork and continued loyalty.

Each club may submit one name for consideration. Prior to each biennial convention there will be a committee established of three TFRW Past Presidents to review the applications and choose a winner. Of course, we all know each TFRW member submitted for the Legacy Leadership Award is already a winner! All Honorees will be recognized and congratulated at our biennial convention this year in Dallas for the honor of being nominated for this award.

Criteria for the Legacy Leadership Award will rely heavily on TFRW steadfast commitment and continued loyalty to our organization. This is not an award aimed specifically for elected officials – but for those who have spent many years leading in their own clubs, working in the trenches, quietly striving to win elections.

Deadline for submission is **September 1, 2017**. Forms may be found on the TFRW website.

Jody Rushton, Immediate Past President
pastpres@tfrw.org



Legacy Leadership Award Application

TFRW 2017 Convention

Deadline September 1, 2017

Name of Honoree _____

Honoree Contact Information:

Phone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Home Address _____

Club Submitting Honoree _____

Year Club was Federated _____

Club President Name _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

(Email) _____

Home Address _____

Honoree Club Experience:

Years Active in TFRW _____

Club Positions Held: (May be included on attached paper)

TFRW Board Positions Held: (May be included on attached paper)

Please attach additional information (up to 3 additional pages) describing Honoree's club participation, special events, community outreach, and other activities which highlight the Honoree's continuing commitment to TFRW. Please include at least one picture of Honoree (limit pictures to one page).

Applications should be sent electronically to Jody Rushton

pastpres@tfrw.org

******Deadline September 1, 2017******

To be awarded at TFRW 2017 Convention in Dallas, TX
Legacy Leadership Award will not be given posthumously

AMERICANISM

Flying Old Glory

The months of June and July have important days in which Americans everywhere fly our flag. June 14th is Flag Day and July 4th, Independence Day. Also, on July 18th on Fathers' Day, we may honor them by flying "Old Glory."

National Flag Day – June 14th: On this day we commemorate the adoption of the United States Flag on June 14, 1777. The first flag was the Grand Union Flag, followed by the Betsy Ross Flag in May of 1776, which had a circle of thirteen white stars on a blue field. On June 14, 1777, a resolution was adopted by the Continental Congress following a report by a special committee which made a recommendation for future flags. Resolution: That the flag of the United States shall be of thirteen stripes of alternate red and white (seven red and six white) with a union of thirteen stars in a blue field, representing the original thirteen colonies. This has evolved into the present American Flag, consisting of fifty stars in a field of blue and the thirteen red and white stripes. It wasn't until 1916 when President Wilson and 1927 when President Coolidge issued proclamations for the observance of National Flag Day on June 14th. It wasn't until August 3, 1949, that Congress approved June 14th to be a national day of observance and was subsequently signed by President Truman. The original version of the Pledge of Allegiance is attributed to Francis Bellamy in September of 1892 to commemorate the 400th year of the landing of Christopher Columbus' voyage to America. The words "Under God" were added in 1954.



Independence Day – July 4th: On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress. This has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the celebration of this day began on July 8, 1776, with the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia's Independence Square with the ringing of bells and band music. A year later on July 4, 1777, the celebration consisted of bonfires, bells, and fireworks. That brings us to the present day activities of parades, speeches, picnics with hot dogs, and Mom's apple pie. In some communities, bratwurst is also on the menu.

14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: The 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified on July 9, 1868. This Amendment defined U.S. citizenship and prohibited individual States from abridging the rights of any American citizen without due process and equal protection under the law. The Amendment also barred individuals involved in rebellion against the U.S. from holding public office.

25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: On July 18, 1947, President Harry Truman signed an Executive Order determining the line of succession if the president should become incapacitated or die in office. The order is the following: the vice president, the speaker of the house and president of the Senate are next in succession. This became the 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and was ratified on February 10, 1967.

Jeanne O'Neill and June Rentmeester
Americanism Co-Chairmen



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