



Mark Your Calendar

- October 18**
Campaign Management School
- October 19-21**
31st Biennial Convention
- October 20**
Postmark deadline to submit 2017 Membership
- November 1**
First day to submit 2018 Membership

TO TFRW Club Presidents
TFRW Board of Directors

FROM Theresa Kosmoski, President

TFRW Patrons
Members

President's Message

It was such a pleasure to be in Philadelphia this week with nearly 100 powerful Texas women at the NFRW Biennial Convention. It was great to meet and spend time with each of them, and I came home with memories that I'll treasure forever.



Our delegate was one that could not be missed in the session hall - we proudly waved our Texas flags every time Texas was mentioned or was on stage. We waved those flags a lot. From the stage, it was a sight to behold, and I know that the other state delegations left with a little better understanding of what Texas pride means.

Our work paid off, and we were recognized for our many accomplishments. My congratulations to:

- Tarrant Star Republican Women - Caring For America - Small Club Division
- Kingwood Republican Women - Membership Award - Best Club Use of Technology
- Andrea Stroh Thompson, Conner Harrington Republican Women - Most Volunteer Hours Reported for Texas
- All the clubs that took home Club Achievement Awards



If you were not at the convention, we are mailing your award to your Club President.

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NFRW Club Achievement Awards TX

Diamond Level

Bexar County RW
Canyon Lake RW
Central Texas RW
Conner Harrington RW
Cy-Fair RW
Georgetown Area RW
Kingwood Area RW
Lake Conroe RW
Magic Circle RW
Montgomery County RW
North Shore RW
Northwest Forest RW
Reagan Legacy RW
RW of Greater North Texas
Salado Area RW
San Antonio RW
Tarrant Star RW
Texas Strong RW
Village RW

Gold Level

Burnet County RW
Nueces County RW
Plano RW
Preston West RW
The Yellow Rose of Texas RW

Silver Level

Bay Area RW
Clear Creek RW
Dallas Downtown RW
RW of Wood County
West Pearland RW
Williamson County RW

Bronze Level

Concho Valley RW
Highland Lakes RW
Nacogdoches County RW
Northwood RW



RW of Greater North Texas received the NFRW Club Achievement Diamond Award. Glynis Chester, Cindy Asche, Pam Little, and Terri Green.

The President's Newsletter is an official publication of the Texas Federation of Republican Women and is mailed or emailed monthly to its Club Presidents, Board of Directors, Patron Members, and Subscribers. It contains information about the Federation, its member clubs, and issues important to the political arena.

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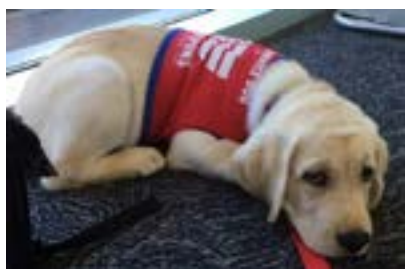
As a state, Texas did really well, too. I don't know that a state has ever done as well as we did this year, and it is a direct result of all of the energy and effort that you put into our Federation:

- Betty Heitman Award for State Excellence - Excellence (top category)
- State Campaign Hours Award - 80+ Clubs Division (largest division)
- We turned in 2,002,965 hours - blowing every other state out of the water.
- Outstanding State Membership Newsletter Award
- First Place Trophy - Best Overall Public Relations Award



This is the MOST coveted award and was given for all of our efforts in marketing, refreshing our image, earned/unearned media coverage, candidate support, and outreach.

And, possibly, the best moment of the entire convention was when I had the privilege of giving the report of the Nominating Committee, and then we ELECTED JODY RUSHTON AS THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF NFRW!!! A very proud moment for all of Texas.



One of our Deputy Presidents, Kay Butchko, and her husband, Mike, lost a very close friend who was a disabled American Veteran. The Butchkos wanted to honor their friend and donated proceeds from his estate to fully fund one dog/Veteran partnership. His name was Captain Kenneth D. Fallin, U.S. Army (Retired), and this sweet pup is not only his namesake but a fitting legacy for a man who understood sacrifice but was a proud Republican and had the opportunity to vote for Donald J. Trump in the primaries before his passing. Meet Fallin, the first puppy-in-training as a result of the TFRW philanthropy efforts:

Next up is our biennial convention in Dallas, October 19-21. Your convention host committee has been working for over a year to bring you an event that will make you glad you took the time to come. We have so many exciting things lined up for you, such as workshops, speakers, meet and greets, elected officials, our Awards and 10 Outstanding events, and so much more.

We will be doing a special recognition of Club Presidents on Thursday during the General Session at Convention - you won't want to miss that!

Theresa Kosmoski, President



Mona Bailey, Theresa Kosmoski, and Rena Peden.



Theresa Kosmoski and Terri Green.



Theresa Kosmoski, convention host Mary, and Ann Schockett (NY) at a Phillies game.



Bylaws

by VP Bylaws Tina Gibson
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TFRW Bylaws Amendment Submission

TFRW Bylaws Amendment Submission to be Approved at the State Convention for 2018

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.

- Do not add this to your club bylaws yet.
- It must first be voted on by the delegates at the TFRW convention.
- A notice of direction to all clubs will be sent after the TFRW convention.



Campaign Activities

by VP Campaign Activities Janis Holt
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Campaign Activities

Campaign Activities Chairs and Club Presidents: Campaign hours are due for the 3rd Quarter of 2017 by October 15th. Please enter your campaign hours on the TFRW website, or you can email them to me.

One of the last opportunities for our Campaign Management School for 2017 will be in conjunction with the TFRW Convention at the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center in Dallas on October 18th. Space is limited for this school, so don't delay.



TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN
31st Biennial Convention
October 19-21, 2017
Dallas, Texas

TFRW is pleased to announce our
2017 CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT SCHOOL

Coordinated by:

Toni Anne Dashiell, Republican National Committeewoman for Texas
Janet Jackson, President TRCCA
Janis Holt, VP Campaign Activities

Speakers Include:

Amy Clark, RPT Vice Chairwoman
Michele Samuelson, TFRW VP Legislation

Wednesday, October 18, 2017
(the day before the convention)

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. *(8:30 a.m. Check-in)*

Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center
650 S Griffin St, Dallas, TX 75202

Coffee, lunch, pm break, and materials are included in the registration fee
Early Registration ends October 11
\$50.00 per person

This will be a special version of TFRW's Campaign Management School partnering with TRCCA, RPT, and Abbott University. This seminar provides comprehensive training from putting together a plan for targeting and identifying voters. It includes a fundraising section and highlights the latest techniques and tools used to win elections.

Register online with Eventbrite at <https://tfrwcms2017.eventbrite.com>

TFRW 2017 Campaign Management School

Name: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
Address, City, State, Zip: _____
Occupation (REQUIRED): _____ List any dietary restrictions: _____

For questions, email tfrw@tfrw.org or call 512-477-1615

Mail completed form and a personal or PAC check made payable to
TFRW Convention 2017 PAC, 13740 N Highway 183 - Suite J4, Austin, TX 78750-1832

31ST BIENNIAL CONVENTION

Top 10 Reasons to Come to Convention

Theresa Kosmoski, Convention Chair Kit Whitehill, and the TFRW 2017 Convention Committee are excited that the convention is almost upon us! We want TFRW members from all over Texas to come to convention and enjoy all that Dallas and this convention has to offer. We have prepared a list of the TOP 10 reasons to come to convention:

1. Hear from many of our Elected Officials including:
 - Senator John Cornyn
 - Senator Ted Cruz
 - Governor Greg Abbott
 - Lt. Governor Dan Patrick
 - Speaker of the Texas House Joe Straus
 - Attorney General Ken Paxton
 - Commissioner Christi Craddick
 - Too many more to list!
2. Outstanding General Session presentations such as:
 - Chicks on the Right
 - PolitiChicks
 - Patriot Paws
3. Lone Star Reception featuring:
 - Nick Adams of Foundation for Liberty and American Greatness
 - Live music by the famous Catdaddies
4. Elected Official Meet and Greet with prizes!
5. Breakfast with Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar
6. Silent Auction with Texas Cabins quilt, dinner for six with Allen B. West, Ann Hand jewelry, and more!
7. Opportunity to attend Campaign Management School
8. Attend Club Leadership Training
9. Door prizes
10. **Many more special surprises that you won't want to miss!**

Everything is bigger in Texas, so our list is bigger than 10 and getting bigger every day. Adding in the opportunity to re-connect with friends from all over Texas, spend three days with so many like-minded women, and a chance to congratulate the new President of the National Federation of Republican Women, Plano's own Jody Rushton, will make this a memorable occasion and one to enjoy sharing with other members of your clubs.

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Finance Update

by VP Finance Karen Newton
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Tips for Convention

- Introduce yourself to as many people as possible.
- Wear your name badge where people can see it.
- Be on the lookout for ribbons and sashes they offer helpful information.
- Meet new people; get out of your comfort zone.
- Make a schedule and be willing to break it.
- Know what amenities the Omni hotel offers.
- Make time for down time.
- Bring the right bag, you don't want to carry too much.
- Layer your clothes.
- Bring comfortable shoes in your bag.
- Drink lots of water.
- Bring a phone charger.
- Plan to spend some time in the vendor's area.



Great Orators of the Democrat Party

"It depends what your definition of 'is' is?" ~ President William Jefferson Clinton

"Those rumors are false. I believe in the sanctity of marriage." ~ John Edwards

"What difference does it make?" (re: Benghazi) ~ Hillary Clinton

"I invented the Internet." ~ Al Gore

"America is, is no longer, uh, what it, uh, could be, uh, what it was once was, uh, and I say to myself, uh, I don't want that future, uh, for my children." ~ Barack Obama

"I have campaigned in all 57 states." ~ Barack Obama (Quoted 2008)

"You don't need God anymore; you have us Democrats." ~ Nancy Pelosi (Quoted 2006)

"Paying taxes is voluntary." ~ Sen. Harry Reid

"Bill is the greatest husband and father I know. No one is more faithful, true, and honest than he is." ~ Hillary Rodham Clinton (Quoted 1998)

"You have a business. You didn't build that. Someone else did!" ~ Barack Obama (Quoted 2012)



Legislative Update

by VP Legislation Michele Samuelson
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How Do We Amend the Texas Constitution?

The Texas Legislature is responsible for proposing language to change any part of the Texas Constitution. The relevant bills are "House" or "Senate" Joint Resolutions (HJR, SJR) and usually have adjacent "enabling" legislation that makes the necessary statutory changes. The HJRs and SJRs require a 2/3 vote in both chambers in order to pass and be placed before the voters, and are not subject to gubernatorial veto. Proposed amendments are then placed on the ballot during the successive November election, and require a majority approval by Texas voters.

What is on the Ballot this Year?

There are seven proposed amendments on the ballot this year. I've included ballot language below. For a description of what each amendment actually does, I recommend the Texplainer by the Texas Tribune: <https://www.texas-tribune.org/2017/06/06/hey-texplainer-what-constitutional-amendments-will-be-november-ballot/>

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 1 (HJR 21) "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution."

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 2 (SJR 60) "The constitutional amendment to establish a lower amount for expenses that can be charged to a borrower and removing certain financing expense limitations for a home equity loan, establishing certain authorized lenders to make a home equity loan, changing certain options for the refinancing of home equity loans, changing the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, and allowing home equity loans on agricultural homesteads."

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 3 (SJR 34) "The constitutional amendment limiting the service of certain officeholders appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate after the expiration of the person's term of office."

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 4 (SJR 6) "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional."

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 5 (HJR 100) "The constitutional amendment on professional sports team charitable foundations conducting charitable raffles."

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 6 (SJR 1) "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 7 (HJR 37) "The constitutional amendment relating to legislative authority to permit credit unions and other financial institutions to award prizes by lot to promote savings."



Membership Update

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2017 Membership Challenge

I hope you are enjoying the fall season. PLEASE remember that we are still in a **Final 2017 Membership Challenge**. *The Challenge has been extended to October 10.* (Your membership check must be received at the TFRW office by October 10.) We want to send the next NFRW President, our own *Jody Rushton*, to D.C. with a HUGE Texas membership supporting her. Bring in those ladies who have just forgotten to rejoin your club. Sign up the brand new ones who need to learn about what we do. Sponsor your new member for \$15, if your club voted to do so. If adding more members to your total causes you to move into another membership bracket, no worries. Your initial club membership designation is what will be used in this competition.

Small club – Recruit at least 10 more members plus - **WIN \$250**

Medium club – 20 more members plus – **WIN \$300**

Large club – 30 more members plus – **WIN \$375**

Jumbo club – 40 more members plus – **WIN \$475**

Super Jumbo club – 50 more members plus – WIN \$600

This is a great time to increase your membership and WIN BUCKS to put toward funds for our candidates after the primary.

AND PLEASE REMEMBER! The NEW membership year begins NOVEMBER 1, and we want to RE-UP everyone EARLY – November, December, January – so that we have an army ready for the 2018 Election Cycle!

Happy Membership, Ladies!

Disclaimers!

What are they, and why must clubs include them?

Disclaimers... Why is it important that they are included in your club's newsletters!

They are a critical portion of your club's newsletters and correspondence. In reviewing your Club newsletters, I have found several items that several items are often incorrectly used, or missing.

- *Disclaimers should never have your Club's **identifying districts** included as part of the disclaimer.* Your Club's Region Number, Senate District Number, etc. should only be placed on the front page of the newsletter within the masthead.
- *TFRW Federated Clubs are federated **Member Clubs** of the Texas Federation of Republican Women.* TFRW Clubs are not "Affiliates of TFRW" and should not use this term.

What is a "Disclaimer?"

A disclaimer is defined as a statement placed on a public communication that identifies the person(s) who paid for the communication and, where applicable, the person(s) who authorized the communication.

It is *mandatory* that TFRW and local clubs use disclaimers in the appropriate circumstances, as not doing so is a violation of the election laws governed by the Texas Ethics Commission and Federal Election Commission. Examples of the TFRW required disclaimers can be found in the TFRW Leadership Handbook on page 36 or in the members' section of the TFRW website: www.tfrw.org.

There are three specific types of disclaimers that TFRW clubs must use on their mail, email, correspondence, posters, advertisements, newsletters, etc.

(1) *For all materials sent out by your club, including electronic, **whether or not an elected official or candidate is mentioned:***

Political Advertising Paid for by [name of club] PAC, Name & Address of Treasurer,
A Tax Exempt Organization Under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code.
Contributions to [name of club] PAC Are Not Deductible
as Charitable Contributions for Federal Income Tax Purposes.
Corporate Contributions Are Not Permitted.
Not Authorized by Any Candidate or Committee.

(2) *When sending information (mail or email) regarding **contested candidates** in the Republican Primary, candidate forums, etc. the following endorsement disclaimer must also be used:*

This is not an endorsement of (name of club), its President, or its Campaign Activities Chairman, only candidate information to help you make an informed decision and get involved with the candidate of your choice.

(3) *When **federal candidates/elected officeholders are present at any event or meeting**, the following federal disclaimer **must be displayed:***

Solicitations made by federal candidates and officeholders are limited by federal law. The federal candidates and officeholders are soliciting only donations of up to \$2500 from individuals and up to \$5000 from multi-candidate political committees. They are not soliciting donations in any amount from corporations, labor organizations, national banks, federal contractors, or foreign nationals.

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AWARDS

Tower Awards

I again, want to thank my committee members who helped judge the John Goodwin Tower Awards and all of the clubs that submitted an application. Melody Briggs, Sheila Faske, Debi Hayes, and newly recruited Janis Holt did a great job with these applications. Even after being flooded and evacuated, Sheila made sure the award applications were given to Janis Holt to judge and deliver to me! You ladies ROCK!!

Now that being said, I'm sorry to report some clubs did not meet the requirements of the JGT award. I can't stress enough, the requirements were a MUST. The bonus point items were just that, bonus points. Please share with your incoming president and officers that deadlines in requirements MUST BE MET! Share the job descriptions for the various officer positions with the newly elected board. PLAN, PLAN, PLAN....

Now let's celebrate all of our great clubs, filled with amazing TFRW members!! See y'all in Dallas!!

Michelle Martin | Awards Committee Chair | awards@tfrw.org

CARING FOR AMERICA

Job Well Done

It's time for all of you to pat yourselves on the back for a JOB WELL DONE. President Theresa has brought back from the NFRW Convention all of the certificates awarded to our clubs who participated, and they will be mailed to the Club Presidents. At that time, we will also announce the state and national winners.

All the details are fluid, but they will definitely be at the Awards Luncheon on Friday, October 20th. While President Theresa and the Convention Committee are continuing to iron out the details, you can always contact me via email at texmoore@aol.com for any updates. Be sure to put "Caring for America" in the subject line, so your email won't be overlooked. You're also welcome to contact me via phone at 830-570-7600.

WE ARE SO VERY PROUD OF ALL OF OUR CLUB MEMBERS. Your reports were filled with the amazing things you do to Care for America and your communities. TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN are the unquestioned LEADERS of our STATE and NATIONAL Federations, and all of your hard work makes us shine like the STARS that you are.

Even though the awards are finalized for this biennium, we know you are continuing your efforts to make a huge difference in your communities. Keep on keeping track of your volunteer hours, and above all, we know you'll KEEP ON KEEPING ON. That's what Republican Women do!!

We look forward to visiting with you all at our 31st Biennial Convention in October.

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AMERICANISM

October-November

We wish to thank all those clubs that submitted their projects for the Americanism Awards program. In the vernacular, "they were awesome!"

October

Flying the Flag

Columbus Day is observed on October 9th and Navy Day on October 27th. The actual day Columbus landed in the new world was October 12th, 1492, after sailing for 33 days at sea. He was looking for a new silk route to China. On October 13th the U.S. Navy was established in 1775 after the Second Continental Congress authorized the acquisition of a fleet of ships.

Commemorative Days

Other days to observe in October are also listed on various calendars. October 16th is National Bosses Day and is a secular holiday that began in 1968 when it was first established with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. By 1979, a popular greeting cards company introduced a boss's card to their inventory. October 24th became United Nations Day as of that day in 1945 at Lake Success, New York, and now is headquartered in New York City. Last, but not least, is Halloween. This began as All Saints Eve, a Celtic observance the last day of the month. It's a fun day celebrated by children and adults (kids by heart) everywhere.

November

Flying the Flag

November 11th is Veterans Day and the signing of the WWI Armistice Day in 1918. November 23rd is Thanksgiving Day as proclaimed by Abraham Lincoln to be observed the last Thursday of the month.

Commemorative Days

On November 5th, Daylight Savings Time ends. Our clocks are then turned back one hour. This is an attempt to save energy, and 40% of the countries of the world make use of this method. We cannot forget November 10th as this is the Marine Corp Birthday celebrated by Marines everywhere throughout the world. This celebration consists of a Marine Corps Ball and cutting the cake. The Marine Corp was established in 1775.

Jeannee O'Neill and June Rentmeester
Americanism Co-Chairmen

Flying the Flag

October

- 9 Columbus Day Observed
- 27 Navy Day

November

- 11 Veteran's Day
- 23 Thanksgiving Day



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