



TEXAS FEDERATION of *Republican Women*

History of the Patron Program

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"If you want something said, ask a man; if you want something done, ask a woman."
– *Margaret Thatcher*

In 1984, TFRW President Barbara Campbell said, "We have got to have a fundraiser. We just can't make it on potholders and notepaper."

Estelle Teague, a long-time Republican activist and TFRW Board Member, started the TFRW Patron Program, patterned after the NFRW Regent Program. Patrons receive specially designed pins, priority seating at TFRW meetings and dinners, and Patron only invitations to special events.

Through the years, TFRW Patrons have enjoyed being named "Honorary Yellow Roses," Admirals in the Texas Navy, tours and tea in the Speaker's Apartment, and Tours of the Governor's mansion by the First Lady. Over the years, Patrons have enjoyed many special opportunities for their support of the Patron Program.

Today, the Patron Program is critical in supporting TFRW and the work it does for our candidates and the Republican Party.

Today, as in 1984, you can still become a **Patron** by donating \$250 annually to TFRW. Although inflation has affected almost every other product or service we enjoy, the perks of the Patron Program have only gotten bigger and better – and for the same amount we paid over thirty years ago.

In 2012, to accommodate Patron spouses and other special men who support our TFRW activities, TFRW established a **Patron Associate** category for men.

This year there are two additional categories of membership in the Patron program.

1. **Silver Patron Club Membership** is held in the name of the Club for use by the Club President or her designee during the calendar year at a cost of \$300 annually.
2. **Gold Patron Club Membership** is held in the name of the Club for use by two members during the calendar year and is transferable among the club members.

Patron memberships are for the Calendar Year – January through December.