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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are, just a short few weeks after the chaos of Super Tuesday and the Primary across Texas. Then the SD Conventions across Harris County. Thank you to every one who braved the crowds and confusion to work Early Voting and Election Day on March 1 and then attend your SD Convention. It has been hard work for all of us and good to have that part completed as we 'march' on to November and the very important Presidential Election. All of you deserve a "Well Done" and "Congratulations" for everything you did.

Now it is back to work on GOTV as never before in our lives. I urge everyone to attend our Texas State Convention in Dallas, May 12-15 at the

Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center. Even if you were not elected a delegate at your SD Convention, you can still attend as a Guest, the only difference is that you will sit in a different place and not be allowed to vote. You can still have an impact by speaking to the delegates between sessions about pressing matters and letting them know your opinions.

Greater Houston Council presented a workshop on March 22 and held at Kim Son, planned by Barbara Tague, Past President of GHC. Our keynote speaker was Tom Mechler who talked about the upcoming convention encouraging us to attend. It was well attended as we heard panel discussions from Oil Company Executives as they talked about such topics as Oil Prices, Oil Drilling, and the impact of Ethanol on each one of us. Then we heard from several Justices as they talked about their day to day ethics determinations when ruling on court cases. After lunch and hearing from our lunch speaker, Senator Paul Bettencourt, who gave us very interesting statistics on the voting results in the Primary, we had our final panel of Women as they discussed politics with their resulting effects on them and their spouses. Feedback from so many of you has been wonderful as you told us how much you learned and why didn't more people come to this worthwhile event.

Our next meeting will be May 17 back at the Trini Mendenhall Center at 9:30a.m. with our featured speaker,

Montgomery County Chair, Dr. Wally Wilkerson who knows more about the history of the Republican Party than you and I will ever forget and is such an engaging speaker. Also Melinda Fredericks from his office in Montgomery County will say a few words and Theresa Kosmoski, President of TFRW will give us a brief update on happenings at TFRW so far this year and their role at the recently held State Convention. It will be an action packed meeting that you will want to attend.

Thank you, Member Clubs and your Club Members for your participation in all we are doing to educate and inform you.

Cheryl Dalton President Greater Houston Council



Member Club Presidents receiving their President's Pins at the GHC Workshop on March 22, 2016

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Fashion Show at Village RW Meeting

GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL OF FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING FOR OUR MEMBER CLUB PRESIDENTS AND THEIR CLUB MEMBERS

MAY 17, 2016 9:30 A.M. TRINI MENDENHALL (FORMERLY SOSA) CENTER

KEYNOTE SPEAKER DR. WALLY WILKERSON COUNTY CHAIR MONTGOMERY COUNTY

He was first elected to this position in 1961 the same year LBJ ran against Goldwater and won in a landslide. He is the longest serving County Chair in Texas and the United States. A Democrat has not won a seat in his County since 1994. Dr. Wally did something unusual and held a Republican Primary in his first year and turned the county into a 2 party county with his persistent work to elect Republicans. He recalls details with an understanding of the Republican Party while providing an astounding history and is an engaging speaker. He will also give us his view on the state convention last week.

ALSO SPEAKING WILL BE:

Melinda Frederick's of the Montgomery county Republican Party who will give us additional details on the state convention

In addition Theresa Kosmoski, president of TFRW will bring us up to date on the activities of TFRW so far this year and summarize the state convention from TFRW's involvement.

Refreshments will be provided by Village RW, Woodlands RW, and Bay Area RW





Meet Your Board: Cindy Siegel Treasurer Meet Your Board: Wendi Lojo Legislative Chair



Cindy Siegel served for eight years as the Mayor of the City of Bellaire until she was termed out of office in 2011. Prior to that, she served on the Bellaire City Council as a councilman from 1998 until her election as mayor in 2003. Currently Cindy is serving on the Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority's Board of Directors.

Cindy is also the Treasurer for the Harris County Republican Party and has served previously on the Harris County Republican Party's Finance Committee. She past President of the Magic Circle Republican Women's Club and currently, serves as the Treasurer of the Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women's Clubs. Cindy is the TFRW District Director for SD 17 and is a precinct chairman.

In 2009, Cindy was selected as one of the Houston 50 Most Influential Women by the Houston Woman Magazine. Cindy has been an active volunteer and past board



Wendi Lojo has almost 20 years of experience working for members of the Texas Legislature. She currently works on the legislative staff of Senator Paul Bettencourt. She has also worked for Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, Representative Beverly Woolley, and Representative Robert Talton. A long time member of the Fort Bend Republican Women's Club, she has served as treasurer and literary chair and she currently serves as the club's legislative chair. Wendi and her husband, Ken, live in Sugar Land with their three children where they are active members of St. Laurence Catholic Church.

Mary Grace Landrum Village Republican Women

Village Republican Women is hosting Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar Training on Saturday, April 16 at the Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Rd. from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Mary Grace Landrum, mlandrum@landrumandassoc.com member for various charities serving children and the elderly in the community. She is a Senior Fellow of the American Leadership Forum Class XXVIII

Cindy is a Certified Public Accountant with 30 years of experience. She owns a public accounting firm, Cynthia Siegel, CPA, that provides accounting and tax services for small businesses and individuals. Prior to starting her own accounting firm in 1991, Cindy worked at a national bank in the trust department and for a large national accounting firm.

Hospitality Edie Holland and Givvy Searcy

The clubs providing the refreshments for the May 17 meeting will be Village RW, The Woodlands RW and Bay Area RW.

We are still in need of clubs to help with hospitality for the meetings in September and November. Please contact Edie at edieholland@comcast.net or Givvie at gsearcy@prodigy.net. or 713-722-0140, if you plan to attend.



Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar Training conducted by the Office of Mike Sullivan. Participants must arrive on time and attend the training in its entirety.



TFRW Tribute to Women Luncheon May 13, 2016, 11:30am Omni Dallas Hotel

For more details, please <u>click here</u>.

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