



# Representing "11" Counties of Federated Republican Women Clubs

September 2016

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER Cheryl Dalton



This has been such a busy summer in so many ways as we prepare for the Presidential Election in November. The RNC Convention came and went and was very successful in Cleveland, Ohio. Thank you to those of you who were delegates and alternates to the convention for representing our great state! Now Texas is ready for the fight of the century to help elect our nominee **Donald J. Trump** as President of the USA and all of our fabulous candidates down the ballot. We are all pleased to hear that Commissioner George P. Bush is Chairman of **Victory 2016** and is solidly behind Donald Trump, ready to make sure he becomes our next President.

In August, Greater Houston Council hosted **Unite to Win** for TFRW, Abbott University, Texas Republican County Chairman's Association, and the Republican Party of Texas to train activists in how to meet voters on all levels and GOTV. Drew McCall from Abbott University conducted a Powerpoint Presentation on many topics including how to use Social Media. Other speakers were Theresa Kosmoski, President TFRW, Josh Jones and Kayla Hensley from the Trump Campaign, and County Chairs, Mike Gibson and Paul Simpson. We had a large crowd of around 100 attendees who said how much they learned and this motivated them to get involved and start working for the election.

September 20, 2016, Greater Houston Council is pleased to have the Honorable Tom DeLay as our featured speaker for our general meeting for all Member Clubs and their members and guests. Also on the program will be the Honorable Corbett Parker who will teach us how we all can use our Social Media for the benefit of the election to reach more voters. Bianca Gracia, co-founder of a grassroots effort of Hispanics for Trump will also speak and tell us why they support Donald Trump and how we can be involved with them. Our meeting focuses on the election and what each one of us can do in our small way to affect the outcome in November. Be sure not to miss this outstanding program we have planned for you.

September 26 – First Presidential Debate  
October 4 – Vice Presidential Debate  
October 9 – Second Presidential Debate  
October 19 - Third Presidential Debate  
October 24 – First Day of in person early voting  
October 31 – Last day to receive application for ballot by mail

Election Clerks are needed in every county for early voting...if you can spare any time, please be sure to volunteer to help. Also there are several Satellite Party Headquarters around that can use your help....contact HCRP for a list of the person in charge at each location. See you in September at our great meeting and get ready to fight for this election.

*Cheryl Dalton*  
President, Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

# ***GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL OF FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN***



**SEPTEMBER 20, 2016  
9:30 A.M.  
TRINI MENDENHALL CENTER**

## ***ELECTING OUR NEXT PRESIDENT***

### **MEET & HEAR TOM DELAY**

A leading conservative on the National Stage, Tom Delay is the former House Majority Leader, the second ranking leader in the United States House of Representatives. Tom is a native Texan who ran for an open Texas House Seat winning and serving for 6 years. After this he was the first Republican from Ft. Bend County elected to the U. S. Congress.

### **GUEST SPEAKER, CORBETT PARKER** SOCIAL MEDIA & THE ELECTION

A resident of Bellaire, Corbett Parker graduated from Bellaire High School before entering college at Baylor University and graduating from law school at Pepperdine University. He serves on the City Council of Bellaire and is an attorney with Pagel, Davis and Hill.

### **GUEST SPEAKER, BIANCA GRACIA** THE LATINO VOTE

Co-Founder of a grassroots effort, The Latino Trump Coalition, to reach Latino/Mexican/Hispanic communities to educate them on why the Conservative principles are so important to all Latinos. They are partnered with Latino groups in Florida and California in this effort. They grew up Democrat and woke up to realize the lies they have been told.

## **2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**PARLIAMENTARIAN/BYLAWS** - Pearl Maggio, Montgomery County RW

**TFRW LIAISON** - Tina Gibson, Ft. Bend RW

**WEBSITE** - Lynne Skinner, Magic Circle

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**SOCIAL MEDIA** - Terry Leavitt-Chavez, Magic Circle

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**TFRW President** - Theresa Kosmoski, Village RW

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**TFRW VP Bylaws** - Tina Gibson, Ft. Bend FW

**TFRW VP Campaign Activities** - Janis Holt, Hardin County RW

## Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

### Minutes from General Meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2016

The May General Meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Dalton at 10:04 a.m.. Chaplain Sophia Mafrige gave the invocation and led the pledges to the United States flag and the Texas flag. Janet Hoffman, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Membership, introduced elected officials, candidates and guests.

President Dalton introduced Timothy Wei, a student from Bellaire High School and Vice Chair Texas High School Republicans. Timothy spoke on issues encountered with starting a Republican club in high school.

Susan Roshto, Recording Secretary, called roll and announced a quorum was met. Minutes of the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting was included in the newsletter and approved as presented.

The treasurer's report was presented by Sophia for Cindy Siegel, Treasurer. GHC bank balance was \$16, 17.32 at end of April. The March Workshop had \$315.00 in retail sales.

Sophia also presented the attached **Audit Report** from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015. Sophia moved and Barbara Tague seconded to accept the Audit Report; motion passed.

Alice Melacon introduced the featured speakers and gave a brief bio on Dr. Wally Wilkerson, Montgomery County Chair since 1964. He highlighted demographic changes in Texas; GOTV – reduction of landlines requires concentration on other avenues such as more block walking; the importance of having Republican Women; and organizing high school Republican clubs.

Melinda Fredericks, SREC, spoke on rule changes that were made at the State Convention.

Theresa Kosmoski, TRFW President, spoke on the need to grow membership and introduced the ONE MORE – one new member concept as well as discussing the TFRW new website.

President Dalton asked if there were any officer reports and committee reports; as there were none and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Submitted by,  
Susan Roshto  
Recording Secretary



**GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL OF FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

**CELEBRATES 55 YEARS**

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**REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S POLITICAL ACTIVISM**

As members of your local clubs, you are members of Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women, Texas Federation of Republican Women, and the National Federation of Republican Women.

**WE ARE ONE TEAM, ONE VOICE**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**FRIDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2017**

**LUNCH**

**THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HOUSTON**

All member clubs will join in this celebration and are encouraged to decorate their Clubs' tables.

Committees are being formed now: contact Diane Sloan, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP of Events at 281-948-1683 or [ladysloano@aol.com](mailto:ladysloano@aol.com) to volunteer for this fun and informative event! We need everyone involved. Clubs: Please consider some type of sponsorship in your budget.

# COUNCIL NEWS

## HOSPITALITY

**Eddie Holland**

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**Wendy Lojo**

**Voter ID Law**

In July, the U.S. 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Texas' voter ID law violates the Voting Rights Act. The law, passed by the Texas Legislature in 2011, required voters to show a photo ID before voting. The court ruled that requiring voters to provide the types of IDs allowed under the law suppresses minority voters. In other words, obtaining a state driver's license or ID card, a concealed handgun license, a U.S. passport, a military ID card, or a U.S. citizenship certificate with a photo disenfranchised some voters, according to the court. The court remanded the case back to the trial court with instructions to develop a remedy in time for the November elections.

In early August, a U.S. District Court Judge entered an order expanding the list of acceptable documents to include utility bills, bank documents, paychecks, and other government documents containing a name and address. Statewide leadership, including Gov. Abbott, Lt. Gov. Patrick, and Attorney General Paxton, have all publicly stated that Texas will continue to fight for election integrity. Attorney General Paxton's office confirmed that Texas will appeal the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court. Additionally, several members of the Legislature are considering legislative remedies in preparation for the next legislative session in 2017.

Thank you so much to Village RW, The Woodlands RW, and Bay Area RW for all the delicious treats they provided for the May 17 meeting. Everyone enjoyed them very much.

The clubs providing the refreshments for the September 20 meeting will be Chambers County RW, Lake Conroe Area RW, and Yellow Rose of Texas RW.

## TFRW NOTES

A note from the TFRW website:

### We Make It Happen

TFRW provides the avenue for women to influence policy, develop candidates and elect the leaders of Texas. We are a multi-generational, multicultural organization that provides the structure and support for political activists to learn, engage and flourish.



# UNITED TO WIN CONFERENCE

The Greater Houston Council thanks all of the Sponsors for the Unite to Win Conference. Here are a few photos from the event.



# CLUB NEWS

## KINGWOOD AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN

### PHONE BANK



Left to right at back of table: Janie Branham, David Branham, Ruth Branham, Ben McPhaul and Deryl McKenzie  
Left to right at front of table: Donna Lavoie,

Saturday, August 13, the Kingwood Area Republican Women's Club phone bank was a huge success. We called 1,003 voters and completed 21 surveys in two hours.

The Kingwood Area Republican Women's Club has scheduled weekly phone banking and block walking once a month. This is in addition to the precinct chairs scheduled block walks. We have four precinct chairs in our club: Janie Branham (659), Alice Re-keweg (459), Kaaren Cambio (351), and Patricia Morlen (98).

Additionally, Ben McPhaul, Executive Director of Harris County GOP, took the time to train my 12 year old twins, David and Ruth Branham. Combined they completed 8 surveys with the watchful eye of McPhaul. The Branham Twins are looking forward to joining the KARW Junior Associate Member Club when they turn 13. A few weeks ago, Thomas Mardik (Harris County GOP Field Representative at the Kingwood Satellite Office) trained Ruth and David on how to stay safe while block walking with parents.

The phone bank was organized by Thomas Mardik and Halen Crossman, Campaign Activities Chair of KARW. The Kingwood residents are grateful to have a satellite office in the neighborhood thanks to Paul Simpson's (Harris County GOP Chair) hard work and dedication to the Republican Party.

## REPUBLICAN WOMEN VOLUNTEERING AT THE WESTSIDE HEADQUARTERS



*Unite to win!*



**SHARE!**

Please consider contributing your club news to our newsletter. It is always helpful to share our ideas with other clubs.



# CLUB NEWS

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

### “UNITING REPUBLICANS”

Montgomery County is often referred to as “the most Republican County in the most Republican state”. Because of the importance of the Republican vote in this year’s Presidential election, MCRW feels that party unity is required for our success. Because of this need for unity, area elected officials and local Republican and Conservative groups were invited to attend our “Uniting Republicans” event. We began with a “Meet and Greet” at 6:00 PM where guests could visit with elected officials. This was followed by our meeting and dinner.

The program consisted of Toni Anne informing us about the Republican National Convention and stressing the importance of Party unity. We also heard from Montgomery County Republican Party Chair Dr. Wally Wilkerson who spoke about voter turnout in Montgomery County and its importance. Curtis Collier with Border Watch spoke about the effect a Democrat President would have on border security and immigration. Lt. Colonel (ret.) Dominic Izzo spoke on how the military will be affected by the next administration. Montgomery County Sheriff Elect Rand Henderson spoke the Presidential Election’s impact on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and Crime. Justice Lee Ann Johnson of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals gave an overview of how the Presidential Election would determine nominees to the United States Supreme Court. Congressman Kevin Brady then presented a “Congressional Update” to the assembled group.

All attendees were presented with buttons encouraging them to “Jump on the Trump Train”.



Speakers at Montgomery County Republican Women’s “Uniting Republicans” event.

## GOLDEN TRIANGLE REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The Golden Triangle RW will have Texas State Comptroller Glenn Hegar as our guest speaker for our September 12 luncheon meeting. We will also be collecting gift cards to be sent to the victims of the flooding in Louisiana. Our club purchased Trump/Pence yard signs; we are asking for a \$5.00 donation for them. On September 26, GTRW will host a C.H.A.T. at the home of Denise Truncale. The importance of the election will be the main topic discussed. All members and guests are invited.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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October 31	Last Day to receive application for ballot by mail
November 8	Election Day
November 15	Council General Meeting with Dr. Neil Franks "Climate Change-Fact of Hoax"
December 13	Executive Board Meeting



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