



Representing “11” Counties of Federated Republican Women Clubs

November 2016

PRESIDENT’S LETTER

Cheryl Dalton



Friends and fellow Republican Activists...isn't VICTORY sweet as we bask in the rewards of our Presidential Election last Tuesday....what excitement I am seeing across the country from Business Owners, Corporate Executives, people like us who worked night and day to get President Elect Trump elected and even folks who never voted for a Republican before. A truly monumental VICTORY!

Thank you everyone for the work you did supporting this election both before and the day of the election....it paid off for us and if you are like me, you feel a great sense of accomplishment for the long hours and tiredness that still prevails. This is activism that worked.

We do not have details of what happened in Harris County to our wonderful judges and County Officials who were defeated. They worked their campaigns with so much enthusiasm and showed their absolute qualifications that we are saddened by this great loss.

Our November meeting features Dr. Neil Frank as he presents a wonderful report on Global Warming and its relevancy to our lives...is it fact or yet again fiction....don't miss him and you'll find out once and for all.

Also, Stan Stanart, Harris County Clerk of Court of Elections, is making the rounds and will stop by to give us figures and information on the voting that took place last week. Stan also works with surrounding counties as we all try to streamline our voting standards, so he will touch on your county as well. Very good information after an election like we just had.

Don't forget that on January 17th, Greater Houston Council will be holding our annual Nuts N' Bolts in conjunction with honoring the Club Presidents. Work on Nuts N' Bolts has been underway for some time now and I can tell you this promises to be an outstanding educational program that will give you many answers for running your clubs. You won't want to skip this great program.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and we will see you in January!

Cheryl Dalton, President GHC

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Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women
Minutes from General Meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2016

The September General Meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Dalton at 10:00a.m. Chaplain Sophia Mafrige gave the invocation and led the pledges to the United States flag and the Texas flag. Janet Hoffman, 2nd VP/Membership, introduced elected officials, candidates and guests.

President Dalton introduced Paul Simpson, Harris County Chair, who spoke on issues relating to GOTV and HC various head-quarter locations being staffed up on the east side of the County, in particular, Baytown.

Susan Roshto, Recording Secretary, called the roll and announced a quorum was met. Minutes of the May 17 meeting was included in the newsletter and approved as presented.

The treasurer's report was presented by Cindy Siegel, Treasurer. GHC bank balance was \$16,573.09 as of August 31 and was approved as presented. The \$500 pledge for the March 22 Workshop was received.

Debbie Roan, Campaign Activities, introduced the featured speaker Honorable Tom Delay, former Speaker of the House of Representatives. Mr. Delay spoke on his early years of political life and gives all credit of his success to the Republican women organizations. He emphasized our rights given by God, not by the government and the need to put God back in our country.

Cindy introduced the guest speaker, Honorable Corbett Parker, Attorney and Member of Bellaire City Council. Mr. Parker spoke on the value and use of more diverse social media such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.

Cheryl introduced another guest speaker, Bianca Gracia, Co-Founder the Latino/Trump Coalition. This is an outreach organization to Latinos and the need to stand together. She encouraged all to speak to Latinos about Republican principles and why they are important to all of us.

President Dalton reminded all to use the GHC webpage to announce their upcoming events; she 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 12:05 p.m.

Submitted by,
Susan Roshto
Recording Secretary



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



NOVEMBER 15, 2016

9:30 A.M.

TRINI MENDENHALL CENTER

CLIMATE CHANGE...IS IT FACT OR FICTION

**HEAR DR. NEIL FRANK, METEOROLOGIST, DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF THIS
POLITICAL RHETORIC ON OUR DAILY LIVES**



Dr. Neil Frank started his long running meteorology career while in the Air Force and earned his Master's Degree and Ph.D. in meteorology from Florida State University, joining the National Weather Service in 1961.

He became the Director of the National Hurricane Center (NHC) for 13 years prior to accepting the position as Chief Meteorologist at the CBS Television station in Houston Texas (KHOU-TV). He retired over 20 years later in 2008.

Dr. Frank has published over 40 papers and been featured in publications including the National Geographic, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, Times and Newsweek. While Director of NHC, he was a regular guest on the Today Show, Good Morning America, CBS Morning News, The Larry King Show, CNN and all of the Evening News Shows. He has gained national attention for his research on the subject of Climate Change and the impact this idea has around the world.

COUNCIL NEWS



GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL OF FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN

CELEBRATES 55 YEARS

Of

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

October 6, 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, 3rd VP of Events at 281-948-1683 or 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

CLUB NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Alice Melancon



Council would love to include news from our local clubs in the Council newsletter. If your club has an article and/or a photo you would like published in our newsletter, please email it to Alice Melancon at almelancon@sbcglobal.net. Please limit the length of the article to one or two paragraphs. In the subject line of your email please indicate Greater Houston Council so that the email is not accidentally deleted.

MEMBERSHIP

Janet Hoffman

Clubs, please submit your Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women dues for 2017 by the end of December. Each club should have received a letter requesting information about your club and reminding that club dues are now being received.

Thank you to these clubs who have already submitted dues for 2017.

Bay Area Republican Women

Cy-Fair Republican Women

Kingwood Area Republican Women

Republican Women of Trinity County

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please take the time to visit our website, www.ghcfrwpac.org, and our Facebook page.

GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL

NUTS N' BOLTS WORKSHOP

Mark your calendars! The 2017 Nuts N' Bolts workshop will be held on January 17, 2017. This is an excellent opportunity for training for your club officers. More information will be sent to club presidents in the coming weeks.

CLUB NEWS

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN "SALUTE OUR VETERANS"



The Montgomery County Republican Women saluted our veterans at our October meeting. Veterans were invited to attend our meeting and enjoy a meal without cost to them. Veterans in attendance ranged from being in World War II to being in the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars. The veterans were invited to introduce themselves and tell about their branch of service and what they did in the military.

The guest speaker at the meeting was Lt. Colonel Brian Birdwell who was at the Pentagon when it was attacked on Sept. 11, 2001 and is now in the Texas Senate.

He spoke about his experience the day of the attack and of the 39 surgeries he needed for his injuries from the attack. He also spoke about the need to care for and honor our veterans.

In honor of the Veterans Day, MCRW will participate in Wreaths Across America by purchasing wreaths and participating at the wreath laying.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY



Republican Women of SJC recently joined the Coldspring/San Jacinto County Chamber of Commerce. October 18th was our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. We then all enjoyed hotdogs, networking and a great presentation by Barbara Cargill.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN HIGH SCHOOL REPUBLICAN CLUBS

This year one of the main goals of the Montgomery County Republican Women's Club was to start a High School Young Republicans Club. We now have two Clubs: Conroe High School and Caney Creek High School. These students are amazing and had a plan for starting a club when they contacted us. Hard at work, they have found a faculty sponsor, approached the administration with their goals and had their organizational meetings. They work hard at selecting good speakers. They are pleased to learn what each elected official does; since the state legislature will be in session next year, they are making use of those representatives who are currently in their home districts. Last year MCRW helped sponsor an already existing club in Magnolia. This club went to their state conference and won every award possible. These students were actively involved in the election handing out door hangers and setting up signs at the polling places.

In Montgomery County, all Republican Women's Clubs are involved with High School Young Republicans. Two RW Clubs are in the process of starting clubs pending students finding a faculty sponsor. These clubs meet after school and our RW Clubs usually provide pizza, cokes and cookies.

Pearl Maggio

OTHER NEWS

TRUMP AND PENCE WIN



TFRW PRESIDENT'S NOTE ABOUT TRUMP VICTORY

As I sit and write this on Wednesday morning, the day after the Presidential election, I feel such a sense of joy for America and hope for its future. We now have a real chance for hope and real change after the last 8 years of failed policies.

We know our Constitution will be protected. Our Supreme Court will reflect our values. Our military will be strengthened and respected. Our citizens will be free.

Last night proved that America wants what the Republican Party stands for. We protected our majorities in the House and Senate, and now we have a Republican in the White House. It is possible that sanity can be restored to Washington, DC, after all. This could not have happened without all of the work and dedication by Republican Women, and especially the women of TFRW. You truly showed America how it's done.

TFRW is proud to extend our congratulations to President-Elect Donald J. Trump and Vice President-Elect Mike Pence. We are proud of the work you've done, and the job we know you will do for all of us.

America will be great, again.

Theresa Kosmoski



OTHER NEWS

A HOLIDAY REMINDER



I would like to share this note which was written by a young man in the military and sent to his family and friends at Christmas. Let us remember and be thankful of those serving our country during the holidays.

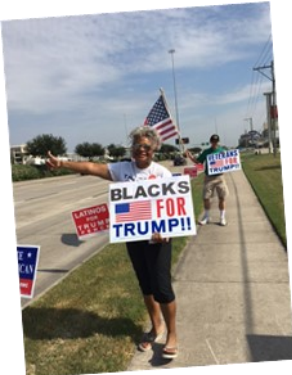
Happy Holidays! It's Christmas today, and we're just about to pull into port. Today is a day many people spend with friends and family. These are the fortunate. There are many families however that will not be together this holiday season for many reasons. In an era of mass media and world-wide communication, our minds seem to have become more guided than curious. We tend to live in "what's popular" rather than reality. If something isn't repeatedly reported on the news or in a Hollywood film, it's forgotten in little time. What is special and meaningful to us one week is lost in history by the following Monday. Whether it's economic decline, celebrity embarrassments, or the latest on the front page, none of this would be possible without people. So, take the time to remember what's special about the meaningful people in your life. Best wishes to all,

Wreaths Across America is a non-profit organization dedicated to honoring and thanking our veterans for their service and sacrifice. The Wreaths Across America mission is to "Remember, Honor, and Teach". The annual wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery started in 1992 is now performed around the country.

The Houston Wreaths Across America ceremony in Houston will Saturday, December 17th, 2016 at the **Houston National Cemetery**. The ceremony starts right at 11:00 am CST. The Cemetery is located at 10410 Veterans Memorial Dr. Houston, TX 77038. If you are interested in the wreath laying ceremony you simply need to be at the Houston National Cemetery before the ceremony begins at 11 am. There will be signs posted with instructions.

You can contact the cemetery if you wish to make a donation toward the purchase of wreaths. Each wreath costs \$15. For more information, you can call **(281) 540-9444**.

PHOTOS



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 15	Council General Meeting with Dr. Neil Frank “Climate Change Fact or Hoax”
December 15	Council Board of Directors Meeting
January 17, 2017	Greater Houston Council Nuts N’ Bolts Workshop
April 5, 2017	TFRW Belles and Boots
April 6, 2017	TFRW Legislative Day
October 6, 2017	Council Celebrates 55 Years



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