



# Representing “11” Counties of Federated Republican Women Clubs

March 2017

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Don't forget TFRW's Legislative Day is April 6 at the Capitol in Austin. If you have not registered yet, you can still do that, just go to [Click here for registration information.](#)

If you are not sure what you can do if you go for Legislative Day, you will want to attend Greater Houston Council's next meeting, March 21, 2017, 9:30a.m. at the Trini Mendenhall Center. We will be holding a panel discussion of current and past elected officials on the Strategies you need to know to make your voice heard by your Legislators. These folks will tell us the best way to write a letter that will state your concern in a manner to get attention.

Who better to help us understand what goes on at Legislative Day than Theresa Kosmoski, TFRW President, Carolyn Hodges, Past TFRW President, and Past GHC President, and Jan Ott, TFRW Deputy Regional President....they will also explain the 3 resolutions to be presented to the Legislature by TFRW that concern every resident of Texas. We have a jam-packed meeting lined up for you full of information and in case you haven't heard about it, there is a Video telling all we will play for you.

MARCH 8 is International Women's Day. Of course, Democrats are encouraging women to skip work, school, and other things they usually do all day. But let's show them that Republican Women are proud of their country and their importance in the workplace. Post pictures of you on Twitter and Facebook as you are working in the workplace, at a small business, or at home at #Republican Women Working. Don't let the left convince us that we are victims. WE are Strong, WE are proud, and WE work....We are Republican Women.

Don't forget to renew your Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar Certificate in one of the many classes being held in every county....if you have been a Registrar in the past, your certificate has expired on December 31, 2016 and you need to renew NOW.

Hope to see all of you March 21 for our next, great meeting....come early to meet new friends and see others you haven't seen for awhile. I always enjoy the chance to see you and get acquainted with our new Member Club Presidents and their club members.

Stay safe and above all, stay sane even when the world isn't!!!!

Cheryl Dalton

President Greater Houston Council

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**GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL OF FEDERATED  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN**



**MARCH 21, 2017 9:30 A.M.**

**TRINI MENDENHALL CENTER**

**ARE YOU PREPARED  
FOR LEGISLATIVE DAY**

**JOIN US FOR A PANEL DISCUSSION AND LEARN**

**STRATEGIES TO INFLUENCE YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**PANELISTS INCLUDE**

**FORMER STATE REPRESENTATIVE Martha Wong:** Martha was the first Asian American woman to be elected to the Texas House of Representatives and Houston City Council.

**MAYOR Allen Owen:** Mayor Owen is mayor of Missouri City since May 7, 1994 and is the 10<sup>th</sup> mayor since the incorporation of the city in 1956.

**FORMER MAYOR Don Elder:** Mayor Elder has served as Mayor of Katy for 3 separate terms. He served on Katy City Council for 5 years and on the Katy ISD Board for 2 terms and on the HCDE County Board.

**FORMER STATE REPRESENTATIVE Beverly Woolley:** She represented District 136 where she served as Speaker Pro Tempore in 2011. She also chaired the powerful Calendars Committee.

**LOBBYIST JOHN LUMAN III:** He works as a Lobbyist with Texas Star Alliance helping clients impact public policy. He is Chair of the successful STOP Fountainview Project which challenged the Houston Housing Authority's 233 unit apartment building.

**PRESENTATION of TFRW'S 3 RESOLUTIONS**

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

**Carolyn Hodges, Past President TFRW, Past President Greater Houston  
Council, Past President Village RW**

**Jan Ott, TFRW Regional Deputy President, Past President Cy-Fair RW**

# 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## MEMORABILIA NEEDED

**Alice Melancon**

During 2017, the Council will be celebrating its 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary and would like to make the celebration a special one. We will have a 55<sup>th</sup> celebration honoring our past presidents and would like to display Council and political memorabilia of the past 55 years. If you have something special that you think should be displayed, please contact Alice Melancon at [almelancon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:almelancon@sbcglobal.net) with Greater Houston Council in the subject line. Tell me a little about what you think we could use and I will get back to you. Please include your phone number in the email. ( Attaching a photo of the item might prove to be helpful.)

Visit the Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women webpage [www.ghcfrwpac.org](http://www.ghcfrwpac.org).



## HOSPITALITY

**Edie Holland**

Thank you to Bay Area RW, West Pearland RW, and Golden Triangle RW for volunteering to provide the refreshments for this month's upcoming meeting on March 21.

We still need clubs to volunteer to help with hospitality for the meetings to be held in May, September and November. If your club did not volunteer last year, please do so this year.



## YOUR CLUB INFORMATION FOR THE GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

The Greater Houston Council would like to publicize your club's activities, but we need your help. Please submit articles to be included in our newsletter by the first day of each month and we will try to publish your article in that's month's newsletter. Simply email your article to Alice Melancon at [almelancon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:almelancon@sbcglobal.net) with Greater Houston Council in the subject line. Alice will respond when she receives it.

You can also email Council President Cheryl Dalton with your club's upcoming events to be included on our Council website. Email Cheryl at [cd@daltoncreations.com](mailto:cd@daltoncreations.com). Again, please put Greater Houston Council in the subject line.

# CLUB NEWS

## GOLDEN TRIANGLE REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Guest speakers for our March 6 meeting will be members of the Board of Managers that is currently in charge of the Beaumont ISD. These members, selected by the State Commissioner of Education, have worked diligently to improve the district. They will give GTRW members an update on the progress made in the past two years.

Individual members are working in support of candidates running for city council and school board; these elections take place in May.

We continue to work on gaining membership and hope to surpass last year's total of 157. Our meetings are on the first Monday of each month with the exception of July; meetings are held at the Elegante Hotel at 11:30 a.m. and we welcome guest. Come join us!



The 2017 Officers of Republican Women of San Jacinto County

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Our February meeting featured Railroad Commissioner Ryan Sitton as our guest speaker. He spoke about the role of the Railroad Commission and expectations of the oil and gas industry in Texas. Judge Tracey Gilbert had roses for each lady in attendance in honor of Valentine's Day.

Earlier in the month, the membership committee hosted a "Champagne and Dessert" membership social. Several new members attended the social and joined MCRW as a result.

Our March 23, 2017 speaker will be Curtis Collier with Border Watch. He will speak about border security and human trafficking.



Montgomery County Republican Women welcomes some of the guests to the membership social.



# TFRW NEWS

## TFRW LEGISLATIVE BRIEF LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

(Excerpt from TFRW Texas Legislative Brief #4)



Let's talk today about advancing TFRW's identified priorities this legislative session. The TFRW board has approved three resolutions that deal with issues we want to focus on. Keep reading for how you can make an impact on these issues (and use these tactics for your own legislative priorities).

Go to <http://www.fyi.state.tx.us> to find your State Representative and State Senator and click through for contact information. To find a list of committees, look for the appropriate links on the left hand side at <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>.

[Promoting Free Speech and Transparency in Elections](#) - This resolution deals with requiring organizations involved in political advocacy to disclose their donors in the same way candidates and political action committees do because we must protect our Republican candidates from dark democrat dollars. No legislation has yet been filed specific to this issue. To advocate for our position, you may send copies of the resolution to your House representative and call their offices to state your support for an amendment to [SB 14](#) by Sen. Van Taylor (R-Plano), the primary ethics reform bill. This bill has passed the Senate and is awaiting committee assignment in the House.

[Promoting Judicial Independence and an Accountable Judiciary](#) - This resolution calls on the Legislature to revise the system for selecting judges in the state of Texas. [HB 958](#) by Rep. Justin Rodriguez (D-San Antonio) would require the Legislature to produce a study of this issue during the interim. This bill has been assigned to the House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee. You can contact your Representative and your Senator, as well as members of the committee, to pass on copies of the TFRW resolution.

[Promoting Photo Voter Identification and Confidence in Election Results](#) - This resolution calls on the Legislature to make changes to the existing photo voter I.D. law to ensure the law is constitutional and remains a requirement in Texas. [SB 5](#) by Sen. Joan Huffman (R-Houston) addresses the changes and has been referred to the Senate State Affairs Committee. As with the others, you may contact your Representative and Senator to pass on copies of the resolution and state TFRW's

**MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD**

## TFRW NEWS

### FROM TFRW POSTCARDS TO PRESIDENT TRUMP

On March 15th, each of us will mail President Trump a postcard expressing our support of him. This is a grassroots effort to show the president we have his back. We need people from all over the country to send these to the White House so we can overwhelm him with our support of him. We will show the Dems, media, Never Trump Republicans & the Obama/Clinton/Soros cabal that we are standing strong with our president.

If each one of us sends 1 or 2 postcards (or 10!), and forwards this to several friends who do the same, imagine the impact we can have! Once you write the postcard, take a picture and post it on social media if you want.

So please mark your calendars for **MARCH 15**

SEND TO

PRESIDENT DONALD J TRUMP  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVE NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20500

## OTHER NEWS

### “THE INDIVISIBLES”

The Indivisibles follow an online guide called “Indivisible: A Practical Guide for Resisting the Trump Agenda”. The guide can be found at [www.indivisibleguide.com](http://www.indivisibleguide.com).

In the guide, former Congressional staffers have written what they consider to be the best practices for making Congress listen. According to the guide, President Trump will *“attempt to use his congressional majority to reshape America in his own racist, authoritarian, and corrupt image.”*

The guide is composed of 4 chapters. In those chapters are pointers for forming local “Indivisible” groups, stalling the Trump agenda by forcing them to redirect energy away from their priorities, and reaffirming the illegitimacy of the Trump agenda. Methods discussed include attending town halls and other Republican gatherings and being persistent and demanding “real” answers. Group members should ‘boo” if “real” answers are not given. Members are encouraged to wear similar clothing, carry signs, etc. to make their presence known at events. They are also encouraged to be heard by interrupting and by chanting.

In the “Conclusion” of the guide is this quote by President Barack Obama, *“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.”*

There are several Indivisible groups in the Greater Houston Area Council of Federated Republican Women counties.



## OTHER NEWS

### A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO VOTE

As we watched President Trump's prime time speech on Tuesday, February 21 we could not help but notice the Female Members of Congress wearing white. According to Representative Lois Frankel of Florida, leader of The Democratic Women's Working Group, this was "a reminder to continue the ongoing fight to attain equal rights for all women."

According to the Republican National Committee, office of the Co Chairman, "The Republican Party pioneered the right of women to vote and was consistent in its support throughout the long campaign for acceptance. It was the first major party to advocate equal rights for women and the principle of equal pay for equal work.... At the request of Susan B. Anthony, Sen. A.A. Sargent, a Republican from California, introduced the 19th Amendment in 1878. Sargent's amendment (also known as the Susan B. Anthony Amendment) was defeated four times by a Democrat-controlled Senate. When the Republican Party regained control of Congress in 1919, the Equal Suffrage Amendment finally passed the House in May of that year and in the Senate in June.

When the Amendment was submitted to the states, 26 of the 36 states that ratified it had Republican legislatures. Of the nine states that voted against ratification, eight were Democratic. Twelve states, all Republican, had given women full suffrage before the federal amendment was ratified."

RedState.com, August 18, 2010, stated "Susan B. Anthony was a Republican. The first time she was able to cast a ballot, she voted for every Republican on the ticket."



### SHARE YOUR COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

The Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women newsletter is emailed to each local club's President and Delegate. Please forward this newsletter to the other members of your Board of Directors so they may see some of the activities of other local clubs. By reading articles from other clubs, we often get ideas for speakers and fundraisers for own clubs.



### HARRIS COUNTY DEPUTY VOTER REGISTRATION CLASS

If you have not renewed your Deputy Voter Registration, there will be a class at Trini Mendenhall Center, March 20, 2017, 11:30a.m. Please let Mary Grace Landrum know if you can attend. She can be reached at [mlandrum@landrumandassoc.com](mailto:mlandrum@landrumandassoc.com).

# PHOTOS



President Cheryl Dalton at our February Council Board of Directors Meeting.



Republican Women of SJC joined the Coldspring/San Jacinto County County Chamber of Commerce.

**SUBMIT YOUR CLUB'S  
PHOTOS TO BE INCLUDED IN OUR  
NEWSLETTER**



West Pearland Republican Women



Council Board Members after the February Board Meeting.



Austin Rally for President Trump

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 14, 2017	Late fees begin for Legislative Day
March 15, 2017	Postcards to President Trump
March 21, 2017	Greater Houston Council Meeting
April 5, 2017	Belles 'N Boots
April 6, 2017	Legislative Day
April 18, 2017	Greater Houston Council Board Meeting
October 6, 2017	Greater Houston Council Celebrates 55 Years



### Has your local club made payment of its 2017 dues?

It is not too late to submit a payment. You can bring your club's check and registration form to the Council meeting. The form can be found on the Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women website, [www.ghcfrwpac.org](http://www.ghcfrwpac.org), under the tab for forms.



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