

Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

Representing 14 Counties of
Federated Republican Women



December 2017

Message from the President

I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and blessed Thanksgiving as we remembered how much we have to be thankful for.



We are ending 2017 and the start of the new board for Greater Houston Council in January, 2018. Naturally we reflect on the many things Greater Houston Council was involved in over the past two years. We redesigned our website under the direction of Adam Cunningham our Webmaster. If you haven't been there recently, you need to go to ghcfrwpac.org to see what it looks like and information that is posted about your club as you send it to me. Our two panel discussions, Nuts N' Bolts, and the many great speakers such as Dr. Neil Franks, Judge, Martha Jamison, Heidi Lang, Martha Wong, just to name a few, who educated us on many topics. We organized the Unite to Win for Governor

Greg Abbott hosting a large audience who told us they learned so much about the Republican Effort and how to work to get our President elected. It worked and President Trump was elected our 45th President.

It has been my distinct pleasure to serve as your President and meet so many of you Club Presidents and Member Club Members that have enriched my life in a big way. I will still be an active part of the board and hope to remain friends with all of you.

Cindy Siegel will be your new President next year and is already hard at work getting things ready to take over in January. She has many good things planned that will be important to all of us. Nuts N' Bolts is scheduled for February 20, 2017, at the same time we will honor our Member Club Presidents. Nuts N' Bolts looks to be a very informative, educational day for us and the lunch speaker will be an incentive to pull together and get involved for each and every person who attends. Stay tuned for more details.

Don't forget our 55th year Celebration on January 5, which was rescheduled from October 6 due to the Hurricane. To rsvp go to the website or mail in your check with the forms in this NL. It will be so much fun as we honor the Past Presidents of Council and Celebrate our 55 years of activism. You will enjoy the memorabilia as you walk through how far women have brought the Republican Party.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Cheryl Dalton





United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE



Policy Highlights

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act provides fiscally responsible middle-class tax relief by cutting tax rates across the board, reducing the tax burden on American job creators and modernizing our tax system. Under this proposal, a typical family of four earning the median family income (around \$73,000) will see its taxes cut by nearly \$2,200. The bill will also reduce the tax burden on small businesses and put American companies on a level playing field with their foreign competitors in order to grow the economy and create more jobs here at home.

Combined, all of this will mean bigger paychecks for middle-class workers and families, more American jobs and a stronger U.S. economy.

RELIEF FOR AMERICAN WORKERS AND FAMILIES

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act:

- ▶ Lowers individual tax rates for low- and middle-income Americans by effectively expanding the zero tax bracket and maintaining a 10 percent bracket, allowing hardworking taxpayers to keep more of their hard-earned money, make ends meet, and save for retirement. The bill includes a reformed rate structure that targets tax relief to the middle class while maintaining the existing tax distribution, and a 38.5 percent bracket for high-income earners.
- ▶ Nearly doubles the standard deduction to reduce or eliminate the federal income tax burden for tens of millions of American families. The standard deduction will increase from \$6,350 to \$12,000 for individuals and from \$12,700 to \$24,000 for married couples. For single parents, the standard deduction will increase from \$9,350 to \$18,000.
- ▶ Recognizes the unique challenges faced by parents with young children by:
 - Expanding the child tax credit from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and allowing many more parents to claim the credit by substantially lifting existing caps;
 - Preserving the child and dependent care tax credit to help working parents care for their children and older dependents – such as an aging grandparent – who need support;
 - Preserving the adoption tax credit to help families with the high costs of adopting children; and
 - Allowing parents to more effectively save for the education costs of unborn children.
- ▶ Preserves the deduction for charitable contributions, continuing a long recognition of the importance of private philanthropy for the churches and community organizations that daily provide aid and assistance to those in need.
- ▶ Protects the home mortgage interest deduction for existing mortgages and maintains the deduction for newly purchased homes up to \$1 million. This incentive for homeownership provides tax relief to current and aspiring homeowners.
- ▶ Continues popular retirement savings programs such as 401(k)s and Individual Retirement Accounts, to help Americans build their retirement nest eggs and prepare for the future.

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RELIEF FOR AMERICAN WORKERS AND FAMILIES (continued)

- ▶ Preserves the earned income tax credit to provide tax relief to low-income Americans working to build better lives for themselves.
- ▶ Preserves additional important elements of the existing individual tax system, including:
 - Deduction for medical expenses;
 - Enhanced standard deduction for the blind and elderly; and
 - Education relief for graduate students.
- ▶ Repeals the alternative minimum tax (AMT) to simplify the tax code and eliminate uncertainty for millions of Americans who are required to calculate their taxes twice each year.
- ▶ Provides relief from the death tax by doubling the current exemption. This will reduce uncertainty and costs for family-owned farms and businesses by making it less likely that Washington will impose an unnecessary layer of taxation on Americans who want to pass on their life's work to the next generation.

RELIEF FOR JOB CREATORS OF ALL SIZES

- ▶ Permanently lowers the corporate tax rate to 20 percent so American companies no longer have to face the highest tax rate in the industrialized world, which will allow them to better compete in the global marketplace, create more jobs and increase wages.
- ▶ Substantially lowers the tax burden on Main Street job creators through:
 - A simple and easy-to-administer deduction for pass-through businesses of all sizes, allowing more small businesses to grow, invest, hire new workers and increase wages while also preventing abuse of the reformed system;
 - Enhanced Section 179 expensing to promote business investment and growth; and
 - Enhanced cash accounting, allowing more businesses to use the simple cash-basis accounting method.
- ▶ Full and immediate expensing of new equipment, which encourages growth and increases investment, productivity and workers' wages.
- ▶ Protects the ability of small businesses to deduct interest on loans that allows Main Street employers to expand, invest, and hire new workers.
- ▶ Preserves important elements of the existing business tax system, including:
 - Low-income housing credit to continue encouraging businesses to invest in affordable housing and provide individuals and families with expanded opportunities; and
 - Research and development tax credit, which enhances investments in American products, technology and innovations.
- ▶ Permanently modernizes our outdated international tax system by eliminating the antiquated "worldwide" system, in order to eliminate double taxation, enhance the competitiveness of American companies, and bring business and investment back to the United States.
- ▶ Eliminates the "lock-out effect" by making it simpler and less onerous for American multinationals to bring foreign earnings back to America for investment and growth here at home.
- ▶ Makes the United States a better place to do business by eliminating incentives for companies to shift jobs, profits and intellectual property overseas, and by creating incentives for companies to both locate in America and bring economic activity back to America.



2018-2019 Elected Slate of Officers

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Committee

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The late Sarah Von Dran, West Pearland RW



Nuts N' Bolts

Nuts N' Bolts is scheduled for February 20, 2018.

Come for the day to see your Club President honored.

Learn how to run your clubs. Get your questions answered.

Lunch will be included.

We are having a fabulous lunch speaker.

She will help us mobilize our clubs.

To keep women and Republicans strong.



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MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW

GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL OF FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN

CELEBRATES 55 YEARS

of

REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S POLITICAL ACTIVISM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2018

Check-in and Social begins: 9:30 am, VIP reception: 10:00 am

Program and Luncheon: 11:00 am

AT THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HOUSTON

1811 Briar Oaks Ln, Houston, TX

Honoring Past GHC Presidents

Recognizing our Republican County Chairs

Featured Speakers

Congressman Michael McCaul

Congressman Kevin Brady

Great Speakers ★ Historical Memorabilia ★ Bling for Sale

★ Cash Prizes for Member Club Centerpieces for their Tables ★

See the Greater Houston Council website for more information or to purchase tickets.

www.ghcfrwpac.org

Deadline for reservations is December 15!

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Yes, I want to Honor our Past Presidents and celebrate with GHCFRW

Underwriter*	\$3000	Table of Ten, priority seating, VIP reception for two
Sponsor*	\$1000	Four tickets
Host*	\$500	Two tickets
Sponsoring Friend*	\$100	One ticket
Member Club Sponsor Table* (TFRW Clubs Only)	\$1000	Table of Ten
Individual Ticket	\$75	One ticket

I cannot attend but I would like to contribute _____

***All underwriters, hosts and sponsors will be listed in the luncheon program. Please return your form no later than December 1, 2017 to be included in the invitation and listing on GHC website.**

Make checks payable to GHCFRW PAC.

Send check & form to:

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Greater Houston Council 55th Anniversary

Friday, January 5, 2017

If the host will attend, place host name as #1. If host will not attend, place the host name here: _____

If the table is reserved for a RW club, place the club name here:

Attendees:

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