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GHCFRW Newsletter January 2016



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME to the Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women.

Thank you!!! New and Renewing member clubs for joining the Council for 2016 and for your commitment to this great organization.

We have lots of exciting meetings planned this year and a special event next year to celebrate our 55th year. Our first meeting will be January 19 at the Trini Mendenhall (formerly SOSA) Center when we will install our new board and recognize our Member Club

Presidents. I know you will want to attend this meeting. Our Past President, Barbara Tague, has planned an interesting speaker and has a special person coming to do the installation.

Don't forget about TFRW holding their Leadership Meeting in Houston this year on February 6, 2016. This is a rare opportunity to be able to attend here in Houston. See the flyer in this newsletter to rsvp to attend.

Since TFRW is holding Leadership Day in Houston, Greater Houston Council made the decision not to hold their usual Nuts N' Bolts the end of February, but in March, Barbara Tague, has again

planned a wonderful workshop for us on March 22, 2016 at Kim Son. We moved it to the 22nd to accommodate Spring Break. Save that date and we will send you a flyer at a later date. At that time we will distribute our annual handbook that has all the information you will need about your area and state.

The Board and I are excited about what this important election year holds for the future of our country and we are glad you chose to join us again. Please let your Club Members know that they are also members of Greater Houston Council and welcome to attend and participate in all of our events.

I look forward to meeting each one of you, please come up to me to introduce yourselves at our meetings and see you January 19.

Cheryl Dalton
President Greater Houston Council

Board of Directors Being Installed January 19, 2016 Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

- **PRESIDENT** - Cheryl Dalton, Village RW
- **1ST VP PROGRAMS** - Sarah Von Dran, West Pearland RW
- **2ND VP MEMBERSHIP** - Janet Hoffman, Galveston RW
- **3rd VP SPECIAL EVENT** - Diane Sloan, Village RW
- **4th VP FINANCE** - Chris Parker, Kingwood RW
- **RECORDING SECRETARY** - Susan Roshto, Chambers County RW
- **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY** - Karen McCarter, Fort Bend RW
- **TREASURER** - Cindy Siegel, Magic Circle RW
- **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT** - Barbara Tague, Tomball

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

- **CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES** - Debbie Guitian Roan, Bay Area RW
- **PUBLIC RELATIONS** - Marie Maggio, Golden Triangle RW
- **LIAISON TO COUNTY CHAIRS** - Denise Truncale, Golden Triangle, RW
- **NEWSLETTER** - Alice Melancon, Montgomery County RW

SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

- **HISTORIAN** - Janice Bartkowiak, Golden Triangle, RW
- **HOSPITALITY** - Edie Holland, Bay Area RW
- **HOSPITALITY ASS'T** - Givvie Searcy, San Jacinto RW
- **SPEAKER'S BUREAU** - Janie Branham, Kingwood RW

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES

- **ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT** - Bobbie Robinson, Village RW
- **CHAPLAIN** - Sophia Mafrige, Magic Circle
- **GOTV** - Cindy Bennett Smith, Northwest Forest RW
- **TFRW LIAISON** - Tina Gibson, Ft. Bend RW
- **WEBSITE** - Adam Cunningham, Webmaster, West Pearland RW

GHCFRW General Meeting Minutes - November 17, 2015

The November 17, 2015 general meeting of the Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women was held at the SOSA Center and called to order by President Barbara Tague. Due to the bad weather and heavy rain, the meeting began at 10:10am.

Chaplain Sophia Mafrige led the assembly in prayer and in the recitation of the pledges.

The elected officials and candidates were recognized and welcomed.

Jeannie Koenig, serving in the absence of Recording Secretary Alice Melancon, called roll and reported that a quorum was present. There were no corrections to the Minutes from the September 15, 2015 meeting.

Cindy Siegel provided copies of the Balance Sheet, ending October 31, 2015 electronically and in print. She reported that a billing error by Fratelli's Ristorante returned \$510 to our account. The report was accepted without further discussion.

Toni Lawrence, 1st Vice President-Programs introduced Barbara Meeks, Republican Party of Galveston County Chairperson and Paul Simpson, Republican Party of Harris County Chairman who both spoke on "Impact of the November 3 Elections and Winning Back the White House in 2016. Both speakers shared their strategies for volunteer recruitment and securing funding. President Tague thanked them for their informative presentations and for their braving the stormy weather conditions in order to be with us.

Sherry Peterson, Nominating Committee Chairperson, presented the proposed 2016-2017 Slate of Officers and invited each nominee to stand when introduced.

- President - Cheryl Dalton, Village RW
- 1st VP Programs - Sarah Von Dran, West Pearland RW
- 2nd VP Membership - Janet Hoffman, Galveston Republican Women
- 3rd VP Special Events - Diane Sloan, Village RW
- 4th VP Finance - Chris Parker, Kingwood RW
- Recording Secretary - Susan Roshto, Chambers County RW
- Corresponding Secretary - Karen McCarter, Fort Bend RW
- Treasurer/PAC Treasurer - Cindy Siegel, Magic Circle RW

President Tague thanked Ms. Peterson and the members of her committee for the proposed Slate of Officers and asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, the Slate of Officers was elected unanimously by the members present.

Under Committee Reports:

- Karen McCarter urged all RWs to renew their memberships for 2016 and complete the registration form for the GHCFRW Directory.
- Debbie Roan noted that Early Voting was underway. She also mentioned a bill under consideration in the Texas Legislature to provide better services to women veterans. A two-day conference on the subject of services/needs of women veterans is scheduled for November 17-21 at Space Center Houston.
- Sarah Von Dran noted a recent voter registration booth, set up at the ribbon-cutting event for a new hospital, yielded six (6) new registrants. Look for opportunities, she advised.
- Edie Holland and Givvie Searcy thanked member RWs who provided refreshments during 2015 and invited members to volunteer to provide refreshments for the 2016 meetings.
- Cheryl Dalton asked members to continue to share ideas for speakers so they can be added to our Speaker Bureau List.
- Sherry Petersen noted that Theresa Kosmoski, Julie Faubel, and Cindy Siegel had all been chosen for leadership positions in the TFRW.
- Please send pictures and information about your RW's holiday events to Janis Holt for the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannie Koenig

**General Assembly Meeting
Tuesday, January 19, 2016**

Check-In/Registration Begin:
9:30 A.M.

Meeting Begin: 10:00 A.M.

TOPIC: The Road to
Convention - "How you can be
a delegate to the State
Convention... Then on to the
National Convention!"

All GHCFRW Member Club
Presidents will be Recognized!

1) Incoming Greater Houston
Council Officers will be
installed.

2) GHCFRW Club Presidents
will be recognized and
honored.

Please do not miss this
enjoyable and exciting program
and don't forget to bring your
new board members, as well!
Join us to support your club
president !

**Meet Your Board:
Pearl Maggio**

**Schedule meetings for 2016:
General Assembly Meetings**

- 9:30 a.m. at Trini Mendenhall (formerly SOSA) Center, [1414 Wirt Rd., Houston, TX 77055](http://www.1414Wirt.com) unless noted otherwise
- January 19, 2016
- March 22, 2016 9:30 a.m. held at Kim Son
- May 17, 2016
- September 20, 2016
- November 15, 2016

TFRW Leadership Day,
February 6, 2016, Westin,
Memorial City

Executive Board

- 10:00 a.m. at Trini Mendenhall (formerly SOSA) Center, [1414 Wirt Rd., Houston, TX 77055](http://www.1414Wirt.com)
- February 16, 2016
- April 19, 2016
- June 21, 2016
- August 16, 2016
- October 18, 2016
- December 20, 2016 at a place TBD

**2016 Leadership
Boot Camp**

Texas Federation of



I am a member of the Montgomery County Republican Women's Club and the Montgomery County Republican Party. I am serving as my club's president for the second time and have held many officer and committee positions. I serve Senate District 4 as District Director and I was elected as a member at large on the TFRW Board. I have been my club's delegate to the Greater Houston Council and am now serving my second term as parliamentarian to the Council. My work in Montgomery County consist of serving on several committees one of which is hospitality co-chair of the party headquarters. I have served as a delegate to the RPT Conventions for many years and am a member of the Grassroots Club.

Republican Women

Registration Postmark Deadline
Monday, January 11, 2016

For more information,
please [click here](#).

Magic Circle RW

Magic Circle RW celebrated our 36th anniversary and honored our past presidents with Joanne King Herring on December 7th. We had a capacity crowd at the Junior League and presented the past presidents with Christmas ornaments bearing custom ribbon with the club's name. As usual, the legendary Joanne King Herring was a phenomenal speaker!



My club has honored me with a Tribute to Women and in 2009 I was chosen as Volunteer of the Year from SD 4. Recently I had the honor of being chosen as one of the TFRW Top 10 Women.

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