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## Representing "11" Counties of Federated Republican Women Clubs



### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

On March 1, we will have the first of two very important elections of 2016. This one will be the Texas Primary held in your Precinct. Also on that day is your Precinct Convention held at 7:00p.m. after the close of the election on election day, presided over by your Precinct Chair. Please, please vote in this election and go back to participate in your Precinct Convention volunteering to be a delegate to the Senatorial District Convention for your District. If you are elected at the SD Convention as a delegate to go to the State Convention in May, you can play a role in the grassroots effort for our state. This year the Senatorial Convention will be held March 19 in a special location for your District. If you do not know where it will be held, contact your SD Director for your location. This is an important election

year and if we want to elect the best candidate, we must put forth our best efforts.

We had such a good meeting in January installing your new board for 2016 and honoring the new Member Club Presidents for 2016. There was a lot of participation as our enthusiastic Presidents told the group what they have coming up in their clubs. WOW, you ladies are active already and the year is just beginning. Keep up the good work and let us know how Greater Houston Council can support you and your clubs. Come to each meeting prepared to tell us what you have planned in your clubs.

After the March 1 election we will be starting our President's lunches when we will meet for lunch to share ideas with each other and let me know what you need from Council. Keep watch for an email to come about that.

Don't forget to join us March 22, for the workshop Barbara Tague is putting together for us to inform and educate us about Terrorism today. She has invited top officials in this field to be here to speak to us on this topic. This meeting will be held in the Ballroom at Kim Son in downtown Houston and include lunch. A fun day for all of us.

Cheryl Dalton  
President Greater Houston Council



**2016 Club Presidents Honored January 19, 2016**

### **2016 Board of Directors**

- **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**

- **BYLAWS/PARLIAMENTARIAN** - Pearl Maggio, Montgomery County RW
- **CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES** - Debbie Guitian Roan, Bay Area RW
- **PUBLIC RELATIONS** - Marie Maggio, Golden Triangle RW
- **LEGISLATION** - Wendi Lojo, Ft. Bend 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
- **PARLIAMENTARIAN/BYLAWS** - Pearl Maggio, Montgomery County RW
- **TFRW LIAISON** - Tina Gibson, Ft. Bend RW
- **WEBSITE** - Lynne Skinner, Magic Circle
- **WEBMASTER** - Adam Cunningham, West Pearland
- **SOCIAL MEDIA** - Terry Leavitt-Chavez, Magic Circle

#### **HONORARY EX-OFFICIO**

- **TFRW President** - Theresa Kosmoski, Village RW
- **TFRW PAST PRESIDENT** - Carolyn Hodges, Village RW
- **TFRW 1st VP Special Events** - Julie Faubel, Montgomery County RW
- **TFRW VP Bylaws** - Tina Gibson, Ft. Bend FW
- **TFRW VP Campaign Activities** - Janis Holt, Hardin County RW

#### **General Meeting Minutes on Tuesday, January 19, 2016**

[Please click here to view the  
GHCFRW Meeting Minutes](#)

#### **Meet Your Board: Diane C. Sloan 3rd V.P. Special Event**



#### **Meet Your Board: Marie Maggio Public Relations Chair**



I have been a member of the Golden Triangle RW since 2002 and have served my club as president, membership chair, by-laws chair and several other committee chairs. I am currently serving my club once again as president.

I have been a member of Village Republican Women for eight years. I have served as PAC Treasurer for three years. I have an Accounting Degree and keep up with the CPA requirements.

I have been a member of GHC for eight years serving as Chaplain for two years which was a blessing to me.

I have served as a Delegate at the Dallas Convention, I have studied various Fundraising courses at Rice University for three years in order to be serve the various Charities I have worked with for over 36 years. I do consider myself a Community Volunteer as I have assisted groups both here in the United States as well as in England. I live in England twice during the 1990's.

While my children were growing up I participated in and held many positions on the parent school boards. I am a mother of two grown children, I have two small grandsons, and two grand babies on the way in 2016.

I currently hold the position of VP Special Event for GHC. The GHC is celebrating in 2017 its 55th year of service to the Republican Party and supporting candidates.

I will be coming to most of the local clubs to find responsible hard working committee volunteers to help make this a very exciting and memorable event.

I have served as recording secretary and membership chair for the Greater Houston Council and am currently serving as public relations chair. I also serve as Literacy Chair for Texas Federation RW. I has been twice honored with Tribute to Women by my club and I was SD4 Volunteer of the Year in 2013. I support the Texas Grassroots Club as well as the Texas Republican Party and have been a delegate to the past several state conventions. I work with the Jefferson County Republican Party and serve on the finance committee.

**Meet Your Board:**  
**Janice Bartkowiak**  
**Historian**



I have been a member of the Golden Triangle Republican Women for the past nine years. I am an active member of the Jefferson County Republican Party And the Republican Party of Texas. I have been a patron member of the Texas Federation of Republican women since 2009. As a devoted member of GTRW, I has served as Parliamentarian, and now serve as Corresponding Secretary. I also

Please contact me at 281-948-1683 if you have an interest to assist and if you have any information or pictures we could use while developing this event.

## **Hospitality**

### **Edie Holland**

### **Hospitality**

Many thanks to San Jacinto RW and Northwest Forest RW for providing the delicious refreshments for the January 19 meeting.

The clubs providing the refreshments for the May 17 meeting will be Village RW, The Woodlands RW and Bay Area RW.

Thank you to the clubs that volunteered to help with hospitality in 2015. Your delicious treats helped to make for a more enjoyable meeting.

Please contact Edie at edie-holland@comcast.net or Givvie at gsearcy@prodigy.net if your club would like to

## **Montgomery County RW**

The Montgomery County Republican Women recently made blankets to be given to the Salvation Army for use by the homeless in the area. In addition, the club sponsored a 6 week Constitution class taught by a professor from Lone Star College.

help with any GTRW project and assists the President with meeting correspondence.

For the past two years I have been the Delegate to the Greater Houston Council Of Republican Women. I am now serving as the Historian to the Greater Houston Council of republican Women. I have served as Precinct Chair, Election Judge, and has contributed countless hours to many campaigns on a local, state, and national level. I have been a delegate to the State Convention of the Republican Party of Texas and has also been a delegate many times to the Texas Federation of Republican Women. I was also nominated for the top 100 Tribute to Women

## **Legislative Report**

### **Wendi Lojo**

### **Legislative Chair**

Just what is Open Carry?

The Open Carry law allows concealed handgun license (CHL) holders the option to openly carry a handgun in a public place if the handgun is carried in a shoulder or belt holster. Open carry in Texas became legal on January 1, 2016. Texas joins 44 other states that already allow open carry. While the transition to the new law has been relatively smooth, it is likely that further attorney general opinions, legislation and lawsuits will clarify and/or improve the law. Here are some quick facts about the new



MCRW also is providing a coffee spot at the new Veteran's Clinic in Conroe. Coffee will be available for our veterans as they wait for medical care. We had plumbing installed and purchased the coffee pots and will be purchasing coffee and supplies as needed.

Our speaker for our January meeting was Tom Mechler, Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas. He presented an informative program on his views about the upcoming Presidential election.

The club is sponsoring a Candidates' Forum for candidates in Montgomery County. In addition welcome brunch for new and prospective members is planned for February 17.



law:

Private business owners may prohibit handguns on their property by posting the proper notice. The requirements for proper signage must do the following:

- Include the following text in English and in Spanish:  
"Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly."
- Appear in contrasting colors with block letters at least one inch in height; and,
- Be displayed in a conspicuous manner clearly visible to the public at each entrance to the property.

A private business owner has the right to tell someone to leave their business if they are carrying a weapon whether or not they have the proper signage.

A police officer has the right to ask for proof that someone has a CHL and can therefore open carry.

Wendi Lojo  
Legislative Chair

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