



Representing "11" Counties of Federated Republican Women Clubs

May 2016

PRESIDENT'S LETTER
Cheryl Dalton



May is such a busy month for everyone this Presidential election year. Republicans are gearing up for the Republican State Convention in Dallas on May 11-14, the Runoff will be May 24 with early voting beginning May 16, Greater Houston Council's General Meeting is May 17, and then we all celebrate Memorial Day, May 30 as we kick-off the summer of activity both personal and working for the November Election.

Many clubs are planning activities to maintain the momentum of involvement in electing our candidates throughout the summer so no one will have an excuse to forget what this historic year stands for. It is so critical we prevent Texas from turning into a Blue State with their assault on our prosperity and freedom.

I hope to see all of you at our May 17 meeting when we will have Dr. Wally Wilkerson, Chair of the Republican Party in Montgomery County for over 50 years speak about the convention and tell us all about the Republican Party and the changes he has seen since he won his office. A fascinating speaker for sure!

Also, Timothy Wei, Vice Chair of the Texas High School Republicans will speak about his club at Bellaire High School and his work to unite High Schools to encourage students to take an active part in politics.

Theresa Kosmoski, President of TFRW will give us an update on everything TFRW has been accomplishing since January 1.

All in all lots of great information to take away to your clubs and encourage your members' activities.

See you there and before that at the convention.

Cheryl Dalton
President Greater Houston Council

GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL OF FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN



GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING FOR OUR MEMBER CLUB PRESIDENTS AND THEIR CLUB MEMBERS

MAY 17, 2016

9:30 A.M.

TRINI MENDENHALL (FORMERLY SOSA) CENTER

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
DR. WALLY WILKERSON
COUNTY CHAIR MONTGOMERY COUNTY**



He was first elected to this position in 1961 the same year LBJ ran against Goldwater and won in a landslide. He is the longest serving County Chair in Texas and the United States. A Democrat has not won a seat in his County since 1994. Dr. Wally did something unusual and held a Republican Primary in his first year and turned the county into a 2 party county with his persistent work to elect Republicans. He recalls details with an understanding of the Republican Party while providing an astounding history and is an engaging speaker. He will also give us his view on the state convention last week.

**ALSO SPEAKING:
MELINDA FREDERICKS OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
WHO WILL GIVE US ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE STATE CONVENTION**

IN ADDITION THERESA KOSMOSKI, PRESIDENT OF TFRW WILL BRING US UP TO DATE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF TFRW SO FAR THIS YEAR AND SUMMARIZE THE STATE CONVENTION FROM TFRW'S INVOLVEMENT

Refreshments provided by Village RW, Woodlands RW, and Bay Area RW

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TFRW VP Campaign Activities - Janis Holt, Hardin County RW



Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women Minutes from General Meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2016

The March General Meeting was a workshop “From the Courts to Crude Oil to Politics and Women” held at Kim Son Restaurant. Registration which included a continental breakfast began at 8:00 a.m. and a Meet N’ Greet with candidates began at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. with a welcome to all by 2016 President, Cheryl Dalton. Chaplain Sophia Mafrige gave the invocation; Paul Simpson, Harris County Republican Party Chairman, led the pledges to the United States flag and the Texas flag. Susan Roshto, Recording Secretary, introduced elected officials, candidates, and guests.

Sara Von Dran, Public Relations, introduced the speaker, Tom Mechler, Chairman Republican Party of Texas. Chairman Mechler spoke of the activities of the State Party and along with Cheryl Dalton, presented Greater Houston Council pins to Club Presidents.

Barbara Tague, Immediate Past President, began the panel discussions at 10:15 starting with “What’s Crude Got to Do With It?”

At 11:05 a.m. Debbie Guitian-Roan, Campaign Activities Chairman, introduced the panel for “The Future of the Supreme Court.”

During the lunch Break, Elizabeth Hanson-Walker, RW of Katy, President, introduced Senator Paul Bettencourt, SD 7. The Senator gave a very informative presentation on the various categories of voters in Harris and surrounding counties.

The afternoon session panelists for “The Impact of Politics on Your Life” was introduced by Alice Melancon, Newsletter Editor.

Cheryl thanked the participants in all the panels for the great wealth of information that had been shared.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by,
Susan Roshto
Recording Secretary



THOUGHTS FOR MEMORIAL DAY

THE MEANING OF THE FLAG DRAPED COFFIN

All Americans should be given this lesson. Our founding fathers used GOD's word and teachings to establish our Great Nation and it's time Americans get re-educated about this Nation's history. Be proud of the country we live in, and even more proud of those who serve to protect our 'GOD-GIVEN' rights and freedoms. To understand what the flag draped coffin really means...Here is how to understand the flag that lay upon it and is surrendered to so many widows and widowers. Do you know that at military funerals, the 21 gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed that the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag *13 times*? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day! The *1st fold* is a symbol of life. The *2nd fold* is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

The *3rd fold* is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.

The *4th fold* represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The *5th fold* is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong".

The *6th fold* is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The *7th fold* is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.

The *8th fold* is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The *9th fold* is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The *10th fold* is a tribute to the father, for he too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.

The *11th fold* represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The *12th fold* represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The *13th fold*, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their Nations motto, "In God We Trust"

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today. There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future you'll see flags folded and now you will know why. Referred to as the symbol of 'Liberty and Freedom'.

MAYBE THE SUPREME COURT SHOULD READ THIS EXPLANATION BEFORE THEY RENDER THEIR DECISION ON THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. MAY GOD PROTECT US ALWAYS. ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

CLUB NEWS

GOLDEN TRIANGLE REPUBLICAN WOMEN **Marie Maggio**

GTRW is having our monthly luncheon meeting of Monday, May 2, 2016. Our guest speaker is SD4 State Senator Brandon Creighton. We will recognize three of our members with Tribute to Women at the RPT Convention: Theone Bradley, Martha Pate, and Denise Truncale. On May 9, we will visit the Hope Resource Center as one of our special projects. Members will bring diapers and assorted items for babies.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN **Supreme Court Classes**

May 4, 18, 25
and June 1
1:00 – 3:00 PM
The Woodlands
Bible Church
2704 Timberloch Drive



Montgomery County Republican Women are sponsoring classes on the Supreme Court. Mike Durham, Professor at Lone Star College, will teach a free 4-Week, 2-hour class for MCRW at 1:00 PM on May 4, 18, 25 and June 1 at The Woodlands Bible Church, 2407 Timberloch Drive in The Woodlands (Grogans Mill Rd. at corner of Amegy Bank).

Please email or call if you will be attending.
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KINGWOOD AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN **Dr. Janie Branham**



Every month, KARW members donate baby items such as onesies, baby blankets, baby bottles, pacifiers, lotion, baby powder, burp clothes and bibs to the Littlest Patriot project. This small gesture is saying thank you to the veterans who are new parents and those waiting for the birth of their child. Connie Kindle, a KARW member, is a co-founder of the project. The project started three years ago and has been turned over to the Houston Veteran's Medical Center. Pictured above from left to right are: Pam McEver, Pat Morlen, Connie Kindle, Janie Branham, and Sandra Elliott.



Hailey Hefner and Daisy Johnston of Kingwood High School accept Kingwood Area Republican Women sponsorship to Girls State. Presenting the scholarship is Linda Prator (KARW Community Engagement Chair) and Dr. Janie Branham, President of KARW.

CLUB NEWS

REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF KATY



Models in the Spring Fling Fashion Show at Republican Women's Club of Katy

SAN JACINTO COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN Gayle Booth



Republican Women of San Jacinto County held a meeting featuring run off candidates in in two elections. They also had a booth at the Coldspring Car Show.

WEST PEARLAND REPUBLICAN WOMEN



West Pearland Republican Women Proudly Present...



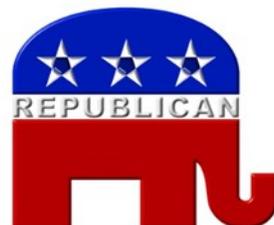
an Evening with filmmaker and NY Times bestselling author
Dinesh D'Souza
August 6, 2016 6PM
Hilton Garden Inn Pearland
Advanced Registration Required



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DO YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR CLUB'S NEWS IN OUR NEWSLETTER?

Share your news! Let us know what is happening in your club. See page 8 in this newsletter for information regarding submitting articles. We would love to hear from you.



COUNCIL NEWS

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION Alice Melancon

Please send information about what is happening in your club to Alice Melancon at almelancon@sbcglobal.net. We want to see photos and articles about what is going on in our Council clubs. Articles are due on the first of each month.



GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL TRIBUTE TO WOMEN HONOREES

The Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women has chosen to honor 3 of its members at the Texas Federation of Republican Women "Tribute to Women" Luncheon. Then luncheon will be held during the Republican Party of Texas Convention on Friday, May 13, 2016. The three members being honored at the luncheon are President Cheryl Dalton, Public Relation Chair Marie Maggio, and Newsletter Chair Alice Melancon.

Congratulations ladies!

HOSPITALITY Edie Holland

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

Hospitality is still in need of clubs to help with refreshments for the meetings in September and November. Please contact Edie at edie-holland@comcast.net or Givvie at gsearcy@prodigy.net.

TFRW NOTES

CANDIDATE FORUM INFORMATION Tina Gibson

Candidate Forums and Non-Partisan Elections

Here are a few bylaw reminders for your club for non-partisan elections.

Please review the TFRW Bylaws regarding invitations to candidates to speak at your meetings; Club Presidents, Campaign Activities Chairs and RW clubs.

Clubs cannot endorse a non-Republican candidate or candidate whose political affiliation is not announced in a non-partisan race.

Clubs cannot invite non Republican candidates to a candidate forum hosted by the club during an official club meeting.

Clubs must adjourn a general meeting and then start a candidate forum at another time.

TFRW Bylaws

Article IV Section 9: Removal of Local Clubs

7. Publicly endorsing or working for a known candidate of another party in a partisan or non-partisan race where one or more Republicans are in the race, or endorsing a candidate in a contested Republican Primary, runoff or special election by the club, its President or Campaign Activities Chairman. **Exception: other than at a regular club meeting, a club is allowed to be involved in a voter education program or forum that concerns a non-partisan election and the candidate's party affiliation is not announced.** If the President or Campaign Activities Chairman violates this policy, it shall fall to the local club to remove her from office. Failure to do so will result in the removal of the club from the Federation.

Please contact Tina Gibson, VP Bylaws at Tinagibsonsd17srec@gmail.com or 713-412-1620

BY LAWS INFORMATION

All clubs should have the amendments from the TFRW state convention added to their bylaws. Your club can get Tower Award points when these bylaws additions are turned in for review. Remember that any time your club amends its bylaws they must be submitted to Tina Gibson, VP Bylaws for approval first. Please contact Tina Gibson, VP Bylaws at

tinagibsonsd17srec@gmail.com or 713-412-1620

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 12-14	Republican Party of Texas Convention
May 13	Tribute to Women
May 17	General Assembly with Dr. Wally Wilkerson, County Chair Montgomery County Republican Party and TFRW President Theresa Kosmoski
June 21	Executive Board Meeting
July 18-21	Republican National Convention
August 16	Executive Board Meeting
September 20	General Assembly with Honorable Tom Delay and TFRW Social Media Chair, Sarah Nguyen



The 2016 Texas State Republican Convention will be held in Dallas at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center, Thursday May 12th-Saturday May 14th.



TFRW Tribute to Women Luncheon May 13, 2016, 11:30am Omni Dallas Hotel



BELLAIRE STUDENT REPUBLICAN CLUB



Timothy Wei, Vice Chair Texas High School Republicans; Cheryl Dalton, and Chairman Paul Simpson after speaking to Bellaire Student Republican Club.

Students at the Bellaire High School Republican Club listening to Chairman Paul Simpson speak on his activity as a High School Republican and motivating them to be involved in the upcoming State Convention.

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