

# Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

Representing 14 Counties of  
Federated Republican Women



February 2018

## President's message



Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a blessed holiday season!

Greater Houston Council started the year off with a wonderful celebration on January 5th. We had over 260 people join us at the Junior League for a luncheon celebrating 55 years since Greater Houston Council's inception. Tributes were given recognizing the contribution that President and Barbara Bush, Harris County

Judge Ed Emmett and all of our past presidents have made to our organization and the Republican Party. (Check out the pictures from the luncheon on our webpage.)

I want to thank again the Luncheon Chairs (Cheryl Dalton, Carolyn Hodges, Jan Ott, and Diane Sloan) for hundreds of hours organizing the event, Kim Icenhower for the program, Barbara Tague for the power point, and Rajada Fleming for the poster recognizing our hosts, sponsors, and member clubs. A shout out to Kim Bailey and Bobbi Robinson for their fundraising efforts and our entertaining emcees - Patricia Harless and Jim Bayless. As many of you know, for an event like this to be successful, it takes hundreds of hours of work, attention to the details, and the stars to be aligned (ie, no hurricanes or major storms). This celebration would not have come together without each of our volunteers and the support of our member clubs, elected officials and candidates. Thanks for your support of the Greater Houston Council!

I'm excited about the new year and serving as your president. We have a great board with a lot of enthusiasm and ideas to continue the work that has been done by our past presidents and their boards. This includes the 2018 Nuts N Bolts Seminar for our clubs' leaders and members on February 6th - where you will learn how to make your club the best that it can be. (Go to [GHCFRW.org](http://GHCFRW.org) for how to register for Nuts N Bolts.)

It's easy to get frustrated with the daily biased and negative news reports. The media's portrayal of the Republican Party as a dis-functional party of hate is not the Party that I know. As Republican women - we know better! So, with the new year -my resolution for GHC is to "Raise the Bar!" I challenge each of you and your clubs to do the same! Make a new year's resolution to increase your club's membership by 10%; find a Republican candidate to support with your money and/or your feet and give them \$100 or 100 hours of your time knocking on doors for them; and campaign to become a delegate to the state convention next summer. Lastly, let's remove the word "RINO" from our vocabulary and send a positive message that we're the party that's inclusive - the party of results and hope for a better future for all Americans.

By raising the bar - we will beat the Democrats in November and keep Texas **RED!**

Warm regards,  
Cindy Siegel



# Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

**Thank You!**

A heartfelt "Thank You" to friends and elected officials  
for their support of our 55th anniversary!

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Kathaleen Wall

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## Greater Houston Council Presents

### Nuts 'N' Bolts

February 6, 2018

**"HELP! I am my club's President, Treasurer, Membership Chair, etc. etc.....".** **GHC and TFRW are here to help. Join us for a day of workshops and speakers. The workshops will help you learn more about how to do your job to make your clubs stronger and more effective. Not to be Missed!**

Club presidents will also be recognized.

**When: February 6, 2018 Check-in and Meet & Greet 9 am**

**Speakers and Workshops 10 am - 2pm**

**Where: Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road, Houston 77055**

**Cost: \$15/person to cover lunch**

**Early registration deadline is February 2<sup>nd</sup>. For registration form or to register online go to: [www.ghcfrwpac.org](http://www.ghcfrwpac.org)**

**Questions? Contact Cindy Siegel - [jjsiegel@hotmail.com](mailto:jjsiegel@hotmail.com)**

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**Greater Houston Council Presents**  
**Nuts 'N' Bolts Registration**  
**February 6, 2018**

**Register Online at [GHCFRWPAC.ORG](http://GHCFRWPAC.ORG)**

or

**Mail with payment to: Pat Lunn, 5214 Pine St., Bellaire, TX. 77401**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 paid by February 2      \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 mailed after February 2

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Club \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate your 2 top workshop choices:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> President and Leadership Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer and PAC Reporting      |
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## Lake Conroe Area Republican Women

Are proud to continue their support of Bridgeway Emergency Shelter in Conroe for homeless youth ages 10-17. Members recently presented gifts for the residents that were collected at the LCARW Christmas party. Pictured receiving the gifts are Anthony Goulet, Assistant Shelter Director; Katrina Bennett, Administrative Assistant and Marcel Lue, Bridgeway Shelter Director.



## Award Recognition

Campaign Activities Award:	Brazosport RW, Small club
Campaign Activities Award:	Kingwood Area RW, Jumbo club
Shooting Star Award:	Liberty Belles RW
Americanism Award:	Kingwood Area RW, Jumbo club
	Montgomery County RW, Jumbo club
Most Improved Newsletter:	Village RW, Jumbo club
Best Newsletter:	Yellow Rose of Texas, Small Club
Best Newsletter:	Northshore RW, Jumbo club

## Important Primary Election Dates You Should Know!



February 5th	Last Day to Register to Vote
February 20th	First Day Of Early Voting
February 23rd	Last Day to Apply For a Ballot By Mail
March 2nd	Last Day to Early Vote
March 6th	Election Day

Let your voice be heard!  
Debbie Guitian Roan  
Campaign Activities Chair

## GHC Important Dates

February 6th	Nuts N Bolts
March 20th	GHC General Meeting

## Newsletter Articles

The Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women would like to include your club's news in our newsletter. If you have an article you would like published in our newsletter, please submit the article in Word document to Rajada Fleming at [rajadafleming@yahoo.com](mailto:rajadafleming@yahoo.com). Please indicate Greater Houston Council in the subject line of your email. Any photos included should be in a PDF or JPEG format.

**Articles are due by the first of each month.**

## President's Leadership Handbook

(Corresponding Secretary, Karen McCarter)

Ladies,

It's that time to please get you club membership in. Deadline is February 15th. If you will be at our February 6th Nuts N Bolts you may want to bring your club membership with you. You don't want to miss out on getting your clubs accurate information in the 2018 President's Leadership Handbook. I would also ask for your help to make sure your county's information is up to date. If you would look at 2017's handbook and forward any corrections. If you would like me to email the county information I have, I can do that. Your help is appreciated.

Karen McCarter- [klmccarter@aol.com](mailto:klmccarter@aol.com), 713-817-4545(leave message)

## Practical Advice You Can Use

### Tips on How to Take Better Club Photos with your Phone

- 1 Keep your camera lens clean and battery charged
- 2 Think Rule of Thirds - Imagine that your photo is divided into 9 equal sections with grid lines. Try to have your subjects along where the grid lines cross to create a balanced photo.
- 3 Make sure stray items are removed from the picture - i.e., name tags, water bottles, etc.
- 4 Natural light is best. But artificial light needs to be placed where your subjects' faces are not in the shadow.
- 5 Don't zoom - crop your photo.
- 6 Take a lot of photos to get the best shot. Use the burst function on your phone to take a series of rapid photos - so that you can get the best one out of the group.
- 7 If taking a selfie with club friends - take from an angle and with the camera being held higher than your faces.
- 8 Make your club photos interesting! Remember fun photos on your club's website and Facebook page can help you attract new members.



## **GHC 2018/19 Board**

<b>President</b>	<b>Cindy Siegel</b>	<b>jjsiegel@hotmail.com</b>
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### **It's Primary Season Again JUST A REMINDER!!**

#### **TFRW and Local Club Bylaws**

Local Clubs' Presidents and Campaign Activities Chairmen shall not publicly endorse any candidate for public office in contested Republican Primaries, Runoff Elections, Special Elections, and/or nonpartisan elections when more than one Republican is in the race.

### **2018 GHCFRW Club Dues are Due**

Don't let your club miss out on all the benefits of being a member club of GHCFRW! If your club hasn't paid its \$30 GHCFRW membership dues for 2018, please send your check along with the 2018 membership form to Gwen Withrow at: 2602 Highland Blvd Nederland, Texas 77627  
For more information contact Gwen at [greck@gt.rr.com](mailto:greck@gt.rr.com)





## TFRW Needs YOU

TFRW is looking for women to volunteer to help be a part of the planning committee for TFRW's State Convention It will be held in Galveston in the fall of 2019. Sherry Peterson and Debbie Roan are the chairs. If you're interested, please contact Sherry Peterson at [peterston-sherry@att.net](mailto:peterston-sherry@att.net).

## GHC Hospitality

Hospitality wishes to thank all the clubs that volunteered to help with hospitality in 2017.

**NOW**, we need clubs to volunteer to help in 2018.

If your club did not volunteer in 2017, please do so this year.

We will gladly place your club's name on the list.

Please contact Edie Holland at [edie-holland@comcast.net](mailto:edie-holland@comcast.net)

or Givvie Searcy at [gsearcy@prodigy.net](mailto:gsearcy@prodigy.net).

Our thanks and best wishes to all the clubs.

We look forward to a very successful 2018.

