



President's message



Dear Friends,

Do you feel "Energized and Unified" after GHC's GOTV Forum a week ago? Diamond & Silk were electrical! They started our event off with a high degree of energy and humor! (Who says that Republicans don't have a sense of humor?) All of the speakers that followed just kept raising the bar by informing, inspiring and motivating all of us. A huge thank you to our speakers: Senator Paul Bettencourt, Jacquie Baly, Dan Crenshaw, James Rains, Kathleen Osborne, and Former Chairman of the Texas GOP, Steve Munisteri! Another big thank you to our sponsors! Lastly, thank you to all of you who joined the sold-out crowd! GHC hopes that you left energized and unified!

What resonated with me about all of our speakers is their shared passion – not just a passion to win an election but their passion for our country and the values on which our founding fathers (and mothers) built our government. It is a passion for and belief in the founding principles of our country and what the Republican Party's philosophy is based upon.

I've seen this same passion and enthusiasm for our country, state, and party by many of the Republican women I've watched in action. But, in recent weeks, I've been inspired by two Republican women, who battling their or their family's serious medical issues, continue to do daily work to get Republicans elected and support the Republican Party. They do this not because of their desire to be on a "winning side" – they do it because they believe in what our country and our Party stand for. One of these women has been a precinct chair and election judge for decades. Even though she spent the summer recovering from a surgery, this woman continues as an active member of GHC's GOTV Planning Committee by attending meetings, calling possible sponsors, and telling her friends they needed to attend the event. I watched the other woman, while getting her chemo treatment, call people (whether confirmed Republican or not) to tell them they needed to attend the GOTV Forum to hear Diamond & Silk. She then went on to give her nurse information on the upcoming Harris County bond referendum and made her promise to go out and vote.

Passion in action! That is what both of these women share. At this point in their lives, they could easily "retire" from Republican politics and rest on their past accomplishments. But they haven't. Even in the midst of personal difficulties – they haven't given up helping Republican candidates get elected and supporting the Republican Party with their money and their volunteer time. Both of these women continue their work because of their passion for our country, state, and founding principles. They continue their work because they believe that Republicans elected to office are the best insurance for protecting our country, our freedoms, and providing prosperity and opportunities for all our citizens.

So, this fall, let's remember our passion for our country, our state, and our party and go out and get Republicans elected! As Senator Bettencourt and Former Texas GOP chair, Steve Munisteri told us on August 11th, "Fight!...Embrace the challenge!"

Warm Regards,
Cindy Siegel

Thank You!

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And the GHCFRW Board of Directors for their support!



A Great Success



Thank You!

Diamond & Silk!
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Jacquie Baly
Dan Crenshaw
Kathleen Osborne
James Rains
Steve Munisteri

General Meeting
10:00 am, September 18, 2018
Trini Mendenhall Community Center
1414 Wirt Road, Houston



Karen Newton
TFRW President

Our Sept. 18 Greater Houston Council meeting will feature Karen Newton, President of the Texas Federation of Republican Women. Karen will discuss her membership in the organization and the organization's effectiveness in getting Republican's elected. Karen's motto for 2018 is **Inspire. Unite. Achieve.**

Karen Newton is a member of the Alamo Heights Republican Women. As President of the Alamo Heights Republican Women, Karen established a new TFRW nighttime club in order to engage non-traditional politically active women. She is a member of the Junior League of San Antonio, a Board Member of the San Antonio Library Foundation, and a Board Member of the Texas Radiation Advisory Board.

Karen served as a National Call Center Supervisor for the Donald J. Trump for President Campaign and as a Leadership Team Member for Congressman Lamar Smith.

A graduate of the State University of New York with a Bachelor of Science in Textile Production and Management, Karen earned her Master of Science in Sociology from the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Legislative Report by Wendi Lojo

While the Texas legislative session doesn't begin for four more months, politicians are already buzzing about who will be the next Speaker of the House. The current speaker, Joe Straus, is not running for re-election and this is the first time there will be an open race for Speaker since 1993. It is a subject that comes up any time a State Representative enters a room and the talk will only get louder as the legislative session approaches. Why the buzz?

The Speaker is NOT a statewide elected position, but yields enormous power as the presiding officer of the House of Representatives. The members of the House of Representatives elect one of its own members to serve in the role. The Speaker maintains order during floor debate, rules on procedural motions, appoints membership and designates who chairs committees, and refers bills to committees. The Speaker also appoints conference committees, creates select committees and assigns interim charges while the legislature is not in session. Simply put, the Speaker is considered one of the most influential leadership positions for public policy in Texas behind the Governor and Lt. Governor.

There are currently 95 Republicans in the Texas House and depending on a few races this November, it is expected to hold at or around 95. It takes 76 members to elect the Speaker. The Republican Caucus has agreed to meet in December before the session to select one of their own as Speaker. However, the Republican Caucus candidate will be chosen by secret ballot and there is no real enforcement measure for a member who votes on the floor for someone other than the caucus candidate. The possibility remains that (if the numbers remain the same) 21 Republicans can make a deal with the Democrats to elect a moderate Republican as Speaker.

The Speaker's race has indeed begun in earnest and different factions of members are already strategizing and positioning to elect a member of their choosing into this powerful position. At this time, four candidates have declared to run for Speaker, but it is widely held that other members will enter the race. There is still a lot of uncertainty on who the next Speaker will be, but the one thing for certain is the next Speaker of the House will be a Republican.

Important Dates

Last day to Register to Vote	October 9
Early Voting	October 22 to November 2
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	October 26
General Election	November 6

Welcome New Club Spindletop Republican Women



Club meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM
Please call 409-433-2644 for additional Information

Future Meetings:

August 28th Joint meeting with JCRP at the Rocking A---Kick off the campaign
September 25th Candidate Forum---Ice Cream Social at the Jefferson County Old Terminal
October 30th Meeting at Republican Headquarters to call Republicans who have not voted
November 27th Year end Celebration ---with Texas Federation of Republican Women president-
Karen Newton ---location TBD
December -- no meeting
January 29th Meeting featuring Speaker on Human Trafficking Location TBD



Reminder to PAC Treasurers

You may need to file a 30 day on October 9, 2018
&
8 day report on October 29, 2018
Go to the Texas Ethics Commission for this
fall general election.

Go to: <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us> for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congrats to Steve Munister!

Greater Houston Council recognized Steve Munisteri
Former Chairman of the Texas GOP, for his extraordinary
service to the Republican Party with the Patriot Award at
the GOTV Forum on August 11, 2018.





Upcoming Clubs' Events

Spindletop Republican Women's Club is hosting a Candidate Forum-- Ice Cream Social at the Jefferson County Old Terminal on September 25th at 6:30p.m. * Call 409-433-2644 or contact Gwen at greck@gt.rr.com for additional information.

Republican Women's Club of Katy General Meeting: Senator Lois Kolkhors on Top Priorities of the Texas State Senate Thursday, September 6th at 11 am - 1 pm at The Golf Club at Cinco Ranch For more information please contact Cindy Wingo at cindy@cindywingo.com or 713-927-4910

Ft. Bend Republican Women's Club is hosting it's annual membership Meeting on September 24th from 11 am to 1 pm, featuring the Literary Council of Fort Bend County.

RSVP: to Kathy Luckenbach at Lluckfam@aol.com or text her at 281-794-7555 by Friday, September 21.

President Trump's Accomplishments - In Less than 2 Years!

- + Tax Code \$1.5 trillion tax cuts
- + Bonuses and salary increases for millions of Americans
- + Repealed Obamacare individual mandate
- + Rescinded numerous Executive actions enacted by Obama
- + Ended numerous over regulations & opened US economy
- + Opened the Dakota Access & Keystone XL Pipelines
- + Successfully appointed Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch
- + Successfully nominated more appellate judges than any previous President
- + Unemployment rate less than 4%, a 17 year low with over 2 million new jobs created
- + GDP: 3% growth
- + Stock Market: 24,000+ An All Time High
- + Tax Code: re-written for 1st time since 1986
- + Defense spending: Increased after Obama era massive cuts
- + Revitalized relations with Israel
- + Recognized Jerusalem as capital of Israel
- + ISIS caliphate: Collapsed
- + Negotiated release of 3 U.S. Citizens from N. Korean Prison at No \$ Cost
- + Began negotiations with North Korea to denuclearize and return
bodies of American soldiers from Korean War
- + Hillary Clinton: Still not President
- + Nancy Pelosi: Still not Speaker of the House



**Harris County Republican Party
Westside Headquarter
10301 C Katy Freeway (south side)**

The Westside Headquarter has been open to accommodate voters in west Houston. Candidates and Elected Officials are welcome to hold campaign events, leave yard signs, literatures there.

The office open Monday-Friday,
10:00am to 4:00pm

We need volunteers to man the office, 10:00am-1:00pm or 1:00pm-4:00pm.

Please contact Rajada Fleming at
rajadafleming@yahoo.com



Thank You!

From GHC Hospitality

We wish to express our thanks to
Magic Circle RW, Bay Area RW, and Tomball RW
for providing the delicious refreshments for the May 1 meeting.

For the September 18 meeting the following clubs will be providing the refreshments:
Village RW, Northwest Forest RW, and Golden Triangle RW.

For the November meeting two clubs are needed to help with hospitality.
Please contact Edie Holland at edie-holland@comcast.net or Givvie Searcy at
gsearcy@prodigy.net, if your club is able to help.



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Republican Women on the Front Lines

The Montgomery County Republican Women proudly hosted a panel of Montgomery County female Republican elected officials and candidates at their May 24th general meeting at the River Plantation Golf Club.



Kristin Bays



Melanie Bush



Kathleen Hamilton



Melisa Miller

The panelist included:

- Kristin Bays – Republican candidate for Judge of the 284th District Court
- Melanie Bush – Republican candidate for Montgomery County Treasurer and current President of the Conroe ISD Board of Trustees
- Melisa Miller – Republican candidate for Montgomery County District Clerk
- Kathleen Hamilton - Republican judge of the 359th District Court

The ladies discussed their motivation for running for office – wanting to serve the public, knowing you can do the job better, seeing changes that need to be made – and then what it takes to succeed in the male-dominated field of politics – having your family on your side, running for the right reasons, staying above the “nastiness” that is common among so many campaign and having the support of loyal volunteers.

The importance of women getting involved in politics at all levels was also stressed. A women’s perspective is needed at all levels of government. This includes shaping public policy, running for office and volunteering on campaigns.

Montgomery County is lucky to have so many competent Republican women on the front lines!



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