

REPUBLICAN WOMEN AND POLITICAL TERMS

Barbara Bush Literacy Library Project —(BLLLP) The National Federation of Republican Women recognizes clubs that document their work to promote literacy.

Campaign Activities Reporting—Texas Federation of Republican Women and National Federation of Republican Women request members to report the hours worked on Republican Activities and Caring for America projects. Information is on the TFRW website.

Caring for America—The NFRW established the Caring for America program to energize and encourage states and clubs to actively support and promote at least one existing community service program, or to initiate a new project to fill an existing need in the community. The NFRW presents the Caring for America Awards every two years to recognize successful projects that demonstrate significant value to the community.

Caucus--a meeting at which local members of a political party register their preference among candidates running for office or select delegates to attend a convention.

Closed primary--A primary election in which only voters registered for the party which is holding the primary may vote;

Cloture---Motion or process in parliamentary procedure aimed at bringing debate to a quick end; in the U.S. Senate, cloture is the only formal procedure that the rules allow for breaking a filibuster.

Club Achievement Awards—The Club Achievement Awards are presented by NFRW to clubs that demonstrate excellence in membership development, campaign activities, community relations, programs, and club functions.

DOJ—Department of Justice The mission of the DOJ is to enforce the law and defend the interests of the United States according to the law; to ensure public safety against threats foreign and domestic; to provide federal leadership in preventing and controlling crime; to seek just punishment for those guilty of unlawful behavior; and to ensure fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans.

FILIBUSTER-- The filibuster is a tactic used in the U.S. Senate to block or delay action on a bill or other measure. A filibustering senator may endlessly debate an issue, introduce time-consuming procedural motions, or use any other means to obstruct or prevent action.

FLOTUS ---Short for First Lady of the United States.

GAO—Government Accountability Office

GHC—Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women contains Republican Women’s Clubs from over 14 counties in the Houston area. It provides programs and information to assist the local clubs.

G.O.P.—This term stands for Grand Old Party, the Republican Party.

GOTV—Get Out the Vote

Grass Roots— Political activity that originates locally, or arises from ground level

HHS—Health and Human Services It is the mission of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) to enhance and protect the health and well-being of all Americans. They fulfill that mission by providing for effective health and human services and fostering advances in medicine, public health, and social services.

IG—Inspector General The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) in the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is a statutorily created independent entity whose mission is to detect and deter waste, fraud, abuse, and misconduct in DOJ programs and personnel, and to promote economy and efficiency in those programs.

John Goodwin Tower Award—Award given to Texas Federation of Republican Women’s clubs who have met certain guidelines provided by the TFRW organization. It is named after John Goodwin Tower who was the first Republican Senator elected in Texas since 1870.

Legislative Day—TFRW sponsors a day in spring of the years when the Texas Legislature is in session. Texas Republican Women visit the capital and hold workshops. (Sometimes called Lege Day.)

Mamie Eisenhower Library Project—(MELP) The Mamie Eisenhower Library Project (MELP) is the NFRW’s oldest program, celebrating more than 50 years of book donations from an approved list to schools, libraries, hospitals, and other public institutions.

National Committee Man—One man from each state who is elected to represent that state at the Republican National Committee.

National Committee Woman—One woman from each state who is elected to represent that state at the Republican National Committee.

National Federation of Republican Women—Organization over the state federations and the local Republican Women’s clubs.

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OMB—Office of Management and Budget The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) serves the President of the United States in overseeing the implementation of his vision across the Executive Branch. Specifically, OMB’s mission is to assist the President in meeting his policy, budget, management and regulatory objectives and to fulfill the agency’s statutory responsibilities.

PAC Report—Political Action Committee Report TFRW clubs are PACs so they must file reports with the Texas Ethics Commission.

Patrons Program--The Patrons Program provides a unique opportunity to take your TFRW membership to the next level. This special sponsorship program helps TFRW complete its mission by giving direct financial support to the organization year-round. The cost to become a Patron is \$250 and the form is available on the TFRW website www.tfrw.org.

Pork Barrell Legislation-- appropriations made by legislative bodies for localized projects created with the intent of benefiting a specific constituency in return for their political support

POTUS. —The abbreviation for President of the United States.

RNC—Republican National Committee

RPT—Republican Party of Texas

SCOTUS --The Supreme Court of the United States.

SREC—State Republican Executive Committee One woman and one man from each Senate District represents that district in the Republican Party of Texas.

TEC—Texas Ethics Commission The agency is responsible for administering and enforcing laws concerning political contributions, expenditures, and advertising.

TFRW—Texas Federation of Republican Women All members of local Republican Women’s clubs are members of NFRW.

TFRW Deputy President—Member of the TFRW Board of Directors who is chosen by the TFRW President to offer assistance to members of the Senate Districts in her region. (More than one Senate District is usually in a TFRW region.

TFRW District Director—A member of the TFRW Board of Directors who is elected by the TFRW members in her Senate District. The election is held at the TFRW State Convention.

Tribute to Women—Women selected by their local Republican Women’s clubs are honored by TFRW at a luncheon held during the State Convention of the Republican Party of Texas.