

So, how is everyone doing? Much has changed since our last GHC Newsletter, and it's hard to put everything in a short letter this month. Since the March primary, we've been hit with a global pandemic that has completely altered our society. The word "zoom" has a new meaning! We have all witnessed how elections have consequences, as we watch the response to the Covid-19 pandemic on the national, state and local level. Through it all, we have persevered.

Our March 17th and May 5th General meetings had to be cancelled, and as of this writing, the Mendenhall Center has cancelled all events until May 18th. However, your GHC Board

has conducted four virtual meetings to continue the Council's work during this time. The May 5th General meeting has been rescheduled to take place as a virtual Zoom General Meeting on June 9th. We will have a program featuring Bosque County Republican Party Chairman, **Janet Jackson**, discussing the upcoming conventions! Please keep an eye out for details to participate in that meeting via Zoom. Club presidents, please share the virtual meeting information with your club delegates when you receive it. Your participation and having a quorum for the June 9th meeting is very important as you will be asked to vote on proposed amendments to our bylaws for conducting virtual meetings. These amendments have been approved by the GHC Board. Copies of the proposed amendments are included in this Newsletter.

**TFRW's Tribute to Women Luncheon** is taking place at the Marriott Grand Marquis on July 17th, during the RPT convention in Houston. We hope to see many of y'all in person that day as we celebrate the hard work and dedication of our wonderful members. GHC is adding a Newsletter for the month of August, so plan to share some of your Club's photos and activities from the summer and RPT convention. We are also planning a GOTV event in August, and will announce the details as they become available. Our September General meeting will focus on the appellate courts and electing our judiciary. The November General meeting will feature a post-election wrap up.

We have a new public Facebook page, so take a moment to look it up and "like" it at https://www.facebook.com/Greater-Houston-Council-of-Federated-Republican-Women-Public-Page-109933814013911/. Please encourage your members to do so as well. This page will focus on GHC announcements and events.

Election Day will be here all too soon. Our challenges in the upcoming election will be new and greater. But rest assured, as strong Republican women, we will overcome any obstacles placed before us to help elect our candidates and protect the values of this great country. May God keep you healthy and safe, and may He continue to bless the USA!

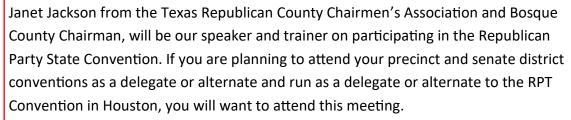
Warm Regards,
Sophia Mafrige, GHCFRW President

# Please Join Our Greater Houston Council Virtual Zoom Meeting



## Tuesday June 9, 2020

## 10:00am Speaker Janet Jackson, TRCCA State Training Director



Janet Jackson is the Republican Chairman of Bosque County, the immediate Past President and State Training Director for the Texas Republican County Chairman's Association. From 2010 to 2016, Janet served as the Senate District 22 SREC Committeewoman. Precinct and County Chairman training has been a focus of her efforts since 2004. She has led "Road to Convention" seminars every 2 years since 2008. In the summer of 2017 she teamed with RNC Committeewoman, Toni Anne Dashiell to organize a 17 city Campaign School tour of the state along with an incentive program for the TFRW to increase attendance at the RPT State Convention.

On a fun note, she is the creator of "Victor" the 11ft. RPT mascot elephant painted like the flag of Texas. Victor has been showcased at every state convention since 2010 and was present at the Tampa and Cleveland National conventions. Party branding is always in her programs.







Zoom meeting details will be emailed before the meeting.

#### **Greater Houston Council NEW SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS**

#### The "41" Sock Project

Thanks to participants at Nuts and Bolts, Greater Houston Council has gathered a significant amount of new packaged socks of all kinds and sizes. This is a wonderful way to honor President George H. W. Bush. This is

an ongoing project for 2020. These socks will be distributed at the November 17, 2020 meeting to club representatives from the fourteen counties. The representatives in turn, will be able to distribute to worthy local charities. This is a great way to gain Caring for America and Club Achievement Award points. Please bring new packaged socks of all kinds and sizes to every Greater Houston Council meeting this year.

Start a new sock drive from your club!





# **Greater Houston Council FRW Board**Spring Highlights



Be sure to check our new public Facebook page and like us!

https://www.facebook.com/Greater-Houston-Council-of-Federated-Republican-Women-Public-Page-109933814013911/

Here is one of our first entries.

Greetings from your GHC Board! Our work continues through the pandemic, as we met today via Zoom! Mark your calendars for June 9th for our next General Meeting [reset date from the May 5th cancellation], to be conducted via Zoom. Detailed information will be provided as we get closer to the meeting date.

Stay healthy and safe everyone!



# In Memory of

# Houston Police Officer Jason Knox



Our hearts are broken for Houston Council Member Mike Knox and Helen Knox on the loss of their son in the line of duty. Please pray for their family and for God to give them strength in this tragedy. May his memory be eternal.

Many of you are asking how to help Officer Jason Knox' family. Please go to www.assisttheofficer.com to sign up to send food, flowers and cards.

#### **CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

Women's Right to Vote





1920-2020





#### **VILLAGE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S**

Centennial Celebration Women's Right to Vote

A.D. Players Performance

Enjoy Lunch, Live Music, Village Market, and Candidates

Saturday, September 12, 2020

9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Norris Center – CityCentre

#### GHCFRW BYLAWS AMENDMENTS FOR TELEPHONIC OR VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS

The unprecedented impact of Covid-19 regulations and governmental restrictions has created a need for GHCFRW to amend our Bylaws. Our Bylaws do not provide for an alternate method for conducting our Board meetings and General meetings for our members when canceled due to exigent circumstances.

Therefore, the GHCFRW Bylaws Committee has recommended the following Bylaws amendments to our GHCFRW Executive Board. These amendments are based upon language that NFRW is recommending to states modified for a council.

These Bylaws amendments will allow GHCFRW Board and General Meetings to be held via telephonic or Video Communications when canceled due to exigent circumstances.

As stated in GHCFRW Bylaws - Article XI - AMENDMENTS:

GHCFRW Bylaws may be amended at any general or special meeting of the Council by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, provided a quorum is present and provided that notice of any proposed amendments has been sent to each member club president, club delegate, and elected Council officers at least thirty (30)days prior to the meeting.

Sincerely,

GHCFRW Bylaws Committee 2020-2021

Barbara Tague, Chairman

Theresa Kosmoski

Cindy Siegel

Recommended Amendments for GHCFRW Bylaws due to circumstances created by the Coronavirus Pandemic.

#### No. 1 - Article VII.— The Executive Board – Add New Section 7

"In the event, a properly called GHCFRW Executive Board meeting has to be canceled due to exigent circumstances, then it shall be acceptable to hold said meeting by electronic means, including but not limited to skype, video conference, conference call, telephonic or video communication.

The GHCFRW Executive Board Meeting, in lieu of cancellation if properly called and scheduled, may be held via telephonic or video communication provided that all requirements for notification and quorum rules are met. A quorum of any meeting of the GHCFRW Executive Board shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the Board.

Unless there are no objections, all actions proposed in such a meeting must involve a roll call vote by name and vote; and the secretary will keep the record of each vote in the permanent record."

#### • No. 2 - Article X. - MEETINGS — Add New Section 4 and New Section 5

#### • New Section 4 - GENERAL MEETINGS

"In the event, a properly called GHCFRW General Meeting has to be canceled due to exigent circumstances beyond the control of the Greater Houston Council, then it shall be acceptable to hold said meeting by electronic means including but not limited to, conference calls, Skype, telephonic or video communications with a minimum of ten (10) days' notice being given to the members.

The GHCFRW General meeting, in lieu of cancellation if properly called and scheduled, may be held via telephonic or video communication provided that all requirements for notification and quorum rules are met. A quorum of any meeting of the GHCFRW Council shall consist of at least one (1) delegate from one/third (1/3) of the member clubs.

This section does not apply to a meeting required by these bylaws that has not already been called.

Unless there are no objections, all actions proposed in such a meeting must involve a roll call vote and the secretary will keep the record of each vote in the permanent record."

#### ARTICLE X. – New Section 5 - SPECIAL MEETINGS

"Special Meetings may be called by the President or upon written request of delegates representing six (6) member clubs. In the event, a properly called GHCFRW Special Meeting has to be canceled due to exigent circumstances, then it shall be acceptable to hold said meeting by electronic means including but not limited to conference call, Skype, telephonic or video communications, with Executive Board approval. A minimum of 7 days' notice shall be given for any specially called meeting, and no business shall be considered that is not included in the call of the meeting. Unless there are no objections, all actions proposed in such a meeting must involve a roll call vote and the secretary will keep the record of each vote in the permanent record."

### **SPRING 2020 CLUB EVENTS**



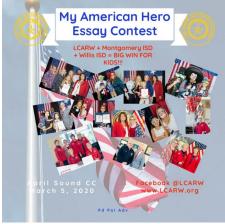




Above: RWC of Katy President Jennifer Haar donating plasma for COVID 19 patient recovery in April. Galveston RW adorable elephant decorations ready for their March meeting. RW of Trinity County prepared care boxes for deployed soldiers and attended the TFRW Leadership Conference in Allen last January. Below: Lake Conroe Area RW fundraiser honored thirty-three local elementary students' exceptional achievement in the "My American Hero" Essay Contest held at the April Sound Country Club last March. Montgomery County RW Caring for America Committee helped first responders in the community by delivering "thank you" letters and family meal packs



from the Black Walnut Restaurant to local fire stations.













#### **MORE SPRING 2020 CLUB EVENTS**

#### Magic Circle RW Members Supporting Hospitals in the Greater Houston Area During Covid 19 Virus Outbreak

We've been in touch with lots of other great groups including our hometown Masks of Hope (sewing fabric masks, caps, and gowns for tons of healthcare workers all over our area to Clear Lake and beyond) to which some of our members have contributed fabric, sewing skills, or highly needed "Acquisition sourcing skills", as well as local, national, and international 3D printer "Maker" groups to provide useful PPE for our First Responders and healthcare workers. MCRWC members helped with Attack Poverty, an area non profit, project sourcing and making creative

coloring bags and educational materials for those children most

in need.

Dana Myers MD
President, Magic Circle Republican Women's Club
Vice Chair, HCRP
Regional Director, TFRW Victory/Trump/RPT Strike Force











### **Republican Women Active During the Pandemic Quarantine**

The Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women Red Dialer Training & RPT VEP Calling Party to Keep Texas RED and elect Republicans in November! COVID -19 may have changed how we train and do registration but we can still call from home!











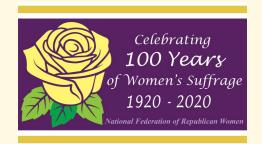














## **National Federation of Republican Women**

Engaging and Empowering Women Since 1938 https://www.nfrw.org/women-suffrage

#### Amendment XIX

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

The Republican Party pioneered the right of women to vote and was consistent in its support throughout the long campaign for acceptance. It was the first major party to advocate equal rights for women and the principle of equal pay for equal work.

- ★ Suffragists began their organized fight for women's right to vote in 1848. For 72 years, they marched, picketed and lobbied for the right to the ballot.
- ★ By a vote of 50-47, Tennessee became the last state needed to ratify the 19th Amendment on Aug. 18, 1920. A proclamation declared the 19th Amendment ratified and part of the US Constitution on Aug. 26, 1920.
- ☆ 100 years later, more than 68 million women vote in elections.
- ★ The tri-colors, purple, white and gold, symbolizing loyalty, purity and life, was used exclusively by Congressional Union/ National Woman's Party.
- ★ White and gold are the two colors historically used by the suffrage movement.
- ☆ Gold pins, ribbons and sashes, as well as yellow roses became symbols of the cause.
- ☆ Wearing white has become a visual symbol of solidarity for women.
- ☆ The yellow rose is the symbol of the women's suffrage movement.

On June 28, 1919, the Texas legislature voted to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment, the first southern state to do so. For more information on the Texas Women's Suffrage Movement go to the National Parks Service website: https://www.nps.gov/articles/texas-women-s-history.htm









# When Women Work We Win, But Not Without Your Voice #WeShowUp

#### Hello Everyone,

I would like to take a moment to outline a few things the Republican Party of Texas – Volunteer Engagement Project has been working towards in recent weeks and in the wake of the COVID-19 situation. I understand that this has been a difficult time for everyone, and we are so thankful for all of the volunteer help and support we have on a daily basis to help us keep Texas red.

As we are striving to make sure everyone is taking precautions to stay safe and self-isolate during these difficult times, the RPT-VEP is continuing our efforts to register new voters every day with the help of our individual volunteers. We are working now, more than ever, to engage volunteers from home thanks to platforms such as Red Dialer, which is a phone-calling database used by volunteers across the state to reach out to fellow Republicans to help them get registered to vote. Our data team has created easy-to-use, curated lists for volunteers to reach out to these Republicans and we are always looking to grow our volunteer base to help out with these efforts.

In addition, I know there were many activists and Republican organization members who attended the January Power Up Luncheon, where Steven Munisteri had discussed the Volunteer Engagement Project's most recent program, **10K for 10R**. This program has been designed by Mr. Munisteri and Karl Rove in an effort to register 100,000 Republicans across the state by the November election. We have had tremendous success in registering new Republicans with the help of volunteers who have been contacting voters through this program. The ultimate goal is to ask 10,000 volunteers across the state to each help register 10 new voters in order to achieve our over all goal by November. We are well underway in achieving this goal, but we are still in need of new volunteers who are willing to help us reach out to these voters come November.

I want to sincerely thank everyone who has volunteered their time and energy to help the Republican Party, even during these times of adversity. Texas is resilient, and we will continue working together to get through these times of uncertainty and hardship. I know that all our efforts will not go unnoticed come November when we continue to preserve the values of our great state and nation during this upcoming election.

Every individual effort made by volunteers makes a difference, which is why we need you now more than ever. Below is my contact information, I look forward to hearing from you in order to build relationships and work together to keep Texas red. Please do not hesitate to reach out with anything you might need, I am available as a resource to you. Feel free to also check out the Republican Party of Texas website to keep up with all our efforts.

Sincerely,
Lauren Duncan
Republican Party of Texas Houston Regional Director
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## **TFRW Victory Red Dialer Training**

### **Republican Volunteer Engagement Project**



#### TFRW Ladies,

We are facing an unprecedented global challenge. Despite some re-openings, it remains uncertain if block walking and traditional Get-Out-The-Vote efforts will be feasible this Fall. Please consider signing up for one of these trainings. Through VEP, there is a great deal of personal one-on-one assistance. Familiarize yourself now so you won't be at a loss when we need to make calls through Red Dialer in the Fall.

Thank you, Rhonda Lacy TFRW Victory 2020/Strike Force



Despite social distancing, the Volunteer Engagement Project [VEP] is still working hard to prepare for VICTO-RY in November 2020. We are thankful for all of our **TFRW volunteers** who are assisting with the 10K 4 10R Program across the state. Our field staff is making phone calls to register voters, but we need your help. We are hosting several **Red Dialer training sessions** to learn how to assist in **VOTER REGISTRATION** and hope you will join us in helping all of our candidates **from the White House to the Courthouse!** 

Red Dialer is a smart phone app that allows you to easily "phone bank" from your home. VEP training sessions will be accessible via your mobile phone or laptop. Sign up now to help us keep Texas red!

Sign up for a training session for VEP Voter Registration!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeEdcJpWvcCjhIF3nY-NqGqNcjf7rHngAuf9Pq1ZBA6tQVGyg/viewform

After you RSVP, you will receive details explaining how to attend an online training. We look forward to working with you to Keep Texas Red!

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7 \* 16 \* 20

3:30pm - 5:30pm

**Home Plate Bar & Grill** 

1800 Texas Avenue Houston, TX 77003

\$50

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At the Door

\*Tickets include light appetizers and two beer, wine or soda tickets.

# **PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS**

For Questions or Sponsor Information contact **Kit Whitehill** at (214) 755-9670 or firstvp@tfrw.org.

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TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

# Tribute to Women

Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Right to Vote

# New Date

Friday, July 17, 2020 Noon - 1:30 PM Marriott Grand Marquis Houston, Texas

Tribute to

Women

TICKETS \$79 BEFORE JUNE 14 \$90 AFTER JUNE 14

https://tribute-to-women-2020.eventbrite.com

# TABLE SPONSORS \$250

Pay tribute to your TFRW Ladies with your name or names prominently placed on a table of ten with a congratulatory note

\*Ticket to event not included

For Questions and Sponsor Information Contact: Jill Tate 214-354-9443 <u>VPFinance@TFRW.org</u>



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# 2020 Republican Party of Texas State Convention July 13-18 in Houston, TX

# **Registration or Greeter (Information Assistant) Volunteers**



Name of Applicant:
Address:
City: State: Texas
Zip:
Phone: Is this a cell phone? yes no
E-Mail:
Are you aDelegateAlternateGuestVolunteer
Where would you like to volunteer?
RegistrationGreeter (Info Assistant) College Age Preferred Where Needed
Please indicate the days & shifts you are available to work:
Tuesday: Convention Bag Stuffing
Wednesday:10:00 am Volunteer Training
Wednesday:1:30 pm to 4pm4pm to 8 pm
Thursday:7:30 am to 9:30 am9:30 am to 12 pm12 pm to 4 pm4 pm to 7 pmall day
Friday:7:30 am to 9:30 am9:30 am to 12:30 pm12:30 pm to 7 pmall day
Saturday:7:30 am to 12:30 pmall day
Please email this form to: Sarah Singleton gop.sarahtx@gmail.com

## **Update on the Republican Party of Texas State Convention**

As you may already know the RPT State Convention date has been moved to July 13-18th at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. Some Precinct Conventions and the Senate District Conventions in all counties in Texas had to be postponed

due to the COVID 19 virus outbreak and orders by the State of Texas on large meetings. Below are details on how to attend these conventions.

#### **Precinct Conventions**

Most 2020 Precinct Conventions were held after Primary Election Day (March 3, 2020). Due to the COVID 19 virus outbreak County/Senate District Conventions were postponed. You may participate in the SD Conventions if you were elected as a delegate or alternate but there is no specific date for all county conventions at this time. Contact your County Party for specific date and location.

#### **Senate District Conventions**

Your County Party sets the date, the location and time. Please check with your local Republican County Chair for the most up to date information at <a href="https://www.texasgop.org/county\_chairs/">https://www.texasgop.org/county\_chairs/</a>. If your County Party <a href="https://www.texasgop.org/county\_chairs/">did not have precinct conventions you will be able to attend your precinct convention the day of the County/SD Convention or whenever your County Party sets that date.

In the days before the Senate District Convention, you can visit committee meetings and let them know what issues are important to you. At the convention, you'll set the rules by which the convention will operate. You will be able to vote on resolutions. Then you'll elect Delegates and Alternates to the State Convention level. Please contact your SD Convention Temporary Chairs for more information. A list of these leaders is on the RPT website, www.texasgop.org.

#### **State Convention**

George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston July 13-18. Committees meet July 13-18. General Session and Caucuses meet July 16-18. Please check www.texasgop.org for convention details.

You will be able to testify before the committees on issues you care about, vote on the platform that will state the beliefs of the Party, vote on the rules that will steer the Party, elect National Delegates, Alternates and Presidential Electors, and elect people to run the Party for the next two years.

You may now register to attend the RPT State Convention. Go to www.texasgop.org to register as a Delegate, Alternate, Prospective Delegate or Alternate or guest.



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## **Greater Houston Council Calendar of Events**



All General and Executive Committee Meetings at Trini Mendenhall Community Center 1414 Wirt Rd. Houston 77055

#### General Meetings 9:30 am—noon

June 9 (Virtual Zoom Meeting)
September 15
November 17

#### **Executive Committee Meetings 10:00 am**

June 16 August 18 October 13

For more information please go to www.ghcfrwpac.org
Or contact President Sophia Mafrige at ghc2020prez@aol.com

### **VICTORY SUMMER 2020 CALENDAR**

- ☆ May 5—GHCFRW Board Meeting
- ★ May 10—Mother's Day
- ☆ June 9—GHCFRW Virtual Zoom General Meeting
- ☆ June 12-13 TFRW Board Meeting in Austin
- ☆ June 16 GHCFRW Board Meeting
- ☆ July 13-18—Republican Party of Texas State Convention at George R. Brown Convention Center Houston

  Go to www.texasgop.org to register for Convention!
- ★ July 14—Primary Election Run-Off

- ☆ August 24-27—Republican National Committee Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina
- ☆ September 15 GHCFRW General Meeting
- ★ November 3—Election Day



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