

# Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

Representing 13 Counties of  
Federated Republican Women



June 2021 Issue

## President's message

Dear GHC Family,

Summer 2021 has arrived! I hope you will enjoy this bonus summer issue of GHC's Newsletter. Today is June 15, 2021, GHC's 59th birthday! On June 15, 1962, a group of ladies met and formed the organization which would eventually become The Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women. The original name was Harris County Council of Federated Republican Women. Hundreds of women have served on GHC's Board since that time, and 32 women have served as President of our organization. Our predecessors had great vision and were trailblazers in their time. Next year, we will celebrate our 60th birthday with a Diamond Anniversary luncheon on April 1, 2022 at Minute Maid Park. It will be wonderful to look back on the past years, and look forward to the next 60!

All club presidents should have received an email from me with information on the Club Presidents Summer Luncheons. If you did not, please email me at [ghc2020prez@aol.com](mailto:ghc2020prez@aol.com) to let me know. Our GHC Club Liaison, Pearl Maggio, has scheduled three luncheons to take place on July 19th, 21st and 26th. A copy of the invitation with detailed information is included in this newsletter. We are looking forward to gathering together and discussing your club activities and concerns.

Many of your clubs are having fundraisers during the summer and this Fall. We've included copies of the flyers for the ones we have. If you have an upcoming event, please email the information to me or our Newsletter Chair, Tina Gibson [[tinamgibson80@gmail.com](mailto:tinamgibson80@gmail.com)], to be included in the late August newsletter.

Our next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 21st, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend. When we return in the Fall, primary season will be in high gear. Let's get ready to support our great Republican candidates.

I wish you and your families a happy, healthy and safe summer. May God bless you and our great state and country!

Warmest Regards,

Sophia Mafrige  
President, GHCFRW 2020-2021





***GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL OF FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
CLUB PRESIDENTS SUMMER LUNCHEONS 2021***

*You are invited!*

Dear GHC Club Presidents-

Please join GHC President, Sophia Mafrige and GHC Club Liaison, Pearl Maggio for a luncheon to discuss your Club's plans for 2022, your concerns and challenges, and how GHC can help.

GHC will host three luncheons as listed below and is happy to provide these luncheons at no cost to you. If you are unable to attend on the date planned for your Club, feel free to join us on one of the other dates. Please just let us know in advance. If you are unable to attend for any reason, your GHC delegate or a designated representative may attend on your behalf.

Please email your RSVP to Pearl Maggio by July 15, 2021, to [pmaggio@consolidated.net](mailto:pmaggio@consolidated.net).

We are looking forward to seeing all of you!

Warmest regards,

Sophia Mafrige and Pearl Maggio

**Monday, July 19, 2021, 12:00 noon South/ Southeast Area at Pappas Delta Blues, 19901 Gulf Freeway, Webster, TX**

Angleton RW, Bay Area RW, Baytown RW, Brazosport RW, Chambers County RW, Clear Creek RW, Galveston RW, San Jacinto RW, Texas Gulf Coast RW, Tri-County RW, West Pearland RW

**Wednesday, July 21, 2021, 12:00 noon Central Houston area at Fratellis, 1330 Wirt Road, Houston, TX**

Braes RW, Cy Fair RW, Fort Bend RW, Magic Circle RW, Memorial West RW, Northwest Forest RW, RW of Katy, Texas Tea Party RW, Tomball RW, Village RW

**Monday, July 26, 2021, 12:00 noon Northern/East Area at The Veranda, 2820 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Kingwood, TX**

East Montgomery County RW, Golden Triangle RW, Kingwood Area RW, Lake Conroe RW, Liberty Belles RW, Magnolia Area RW, Montgomery County RW, North Shore RW, RW of Greater Fish Creek, Southeast TX RW, Spindletop RW, The Woodlands RW, The Yellow Rose of Texas RW, Walker County RW

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GREATER HOUSTON  
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JUNE 15TH, 2021

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## Hospitality



Hospitality gives special thanks to **The Republican Women's Club of Katy** and **Village Republican Women's Club** for providing coffee and snacks for all attendees at the May 18 general meeting. Thank you, **Cindy Wingo** and **Nancy Scott** for organizing the pick-up and delivery on behalf of your clubs.

A big welcome to **Tracine Gibson**, board member of **Northwest Forest Republican Women's Club**, who has joined the Greater Houston Council board as Co-Chair of the Hospitality Committee. Thank you Tracine!

If your club would like to assist the Hospitality Committee by providing coffee and snacks for a future meeting, please contact Dana Khan at [danak007@gmail.com](mailto:danak007@gmail.com). We hope you are having a wonderful summer and hope to see you at the September meeting!

**Greater Houston Council FRW  
Honoring Our Fallen Heroes  
Tribute to Our Military**



Greater Houston Council FRW celebrating Military Appreciation at our Memorial Day general meeting with Lt. Col. Allen West, Republican Party of Texas Chairman and special guest David Maulsby, Executive Director of the PTSD Foundation, Camp Hope. Thank you to our Joint Honor Guard, Katy Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9182 and American Legion Post 164.

***Happy 75th Birthday President Trump and God Bless You!***

"They want to silence you; they want to silence your voice," Trump told the North Carolina Republican Party Convention. "Remember, I am not the one trying to undermine American democracy. I'm the one that's trying to save it. Please remember that."

Newsmax Saturday, June 5, 2021 08:16 PM

By: Eric Mack

<https://www.newsmax.com/politics/gop-north-carolina-speech-republican-party/2021/06/05/id/1024051/>





# GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL OF FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN



*Celebrates*

## *Military Appreciation Month*



*THANK YOU TO OUR SPECIAL GUESTS*

**TEXAS GOP CHAIRMAN**

**LT COL. ALLEN WEST**

**& EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
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**Congratulations to Memorial West Republican Women  
on the 60th Anniversary of Their Charter in the  
Texas Federation of Republican Women!**





*West Pearland Republican Women  
2021 PROUDLY RED EVENT*



**SAVE THE DATE**  
*August 14, 2021 at 6:00pm*

*An Evening with Lt. Col. (Ret.) Allen West  
Former US Representative  
And  
Current Chair of the Republican Party of Texas*

*Hilton Garden Inn Pearland, 12101 Shadow Creek Pkwy, Pearland, TX*



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED EVENING INCLUDING A SPIRITED  
LIVE AUCTION, A SILENT AUCTION AND, OF COURSE, A DINNER OF  
SALAD, ENTRÉE, AND DESSERT**

**Followed by our guest speaker Lt. Col. (Ret.) Allen West**

**West Pearland will also be celebrating our 10 year Anniversary, which  
was postponed from 2020!**

**It is going to be a very special evening!**

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# Save the Date

## 2022 Victory!

### Magic Circle Republican Women 2021 Fundraising Gala & Fashion Show

Thursday, September 30, 2021  
Junior League of Houston  
12:00 Noon

### Fashion Show By Caruggi's Boutique

For more information  
Please contact  
Joan Buschor  
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713-785-3837

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# SAVE THE DATE!



MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN PRESENT

## Disappearance of Death

### MURDER MYSTERY

SLIENT AUCTION!  
COSTUME CONTEST!  
SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!

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OCTOBER 21ST, 2021 • RIVER PLANTATION GOLF CLUB  
MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

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## 2021 Cy-Fair Republican Women High Heels and High Tea

*Supporting Our Efforts to Fund Local and State Republican Candidates*

Friday October 29 at The Grand Tuscany Hotel beginning at 11 am

### *Ninth Biennial Luncheon and Fashion Show*

Keynote Speaker

### **Jacque Baly Craig**

Fox 26 political consultant, University of Houston adjunct professor and former Sugar Land city council member

## **Underwriter, Table Sponsors and Ticket Opportunities** **Underwriters**

### **Stiletto - \$5,000**

- Underwriting Sponsors
- Premium Seating for 2
- Introduced at Event
- Recognition in Program
- Recognition on CFRW PAC Webpage

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- Recognition in Program
- Recognition on CFRW PAC Webpage

### **Kitten Heel - \$1,000**

- Seating for 10
- Recognition in Program
- Recognition on CFRW PAC Webpage

## **Tickets**

### **Wedge - \$100**

- Premium seating for 1
- Special Ribbon Recognition at Event
- Recognition in Program
- Recognition on CFRW PAC Webpage

### **Flat - \$75**

- Seating for 1

For sponsorship information contact DeBra Edwards at [debraglama.edwards@gmail.com](mailto:debraglama.edwards@gmail.com)

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*Greater Houston Council of  
Federated Republican Women*

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Please join us in celebrating 60 years

**DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY AT THE DIAMOND**

Friday, April 1, 2022

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**MINUTE MAID PARK, CLUB LEVEL**

501 Crawford Street, Houston, Texas

**Sponsorships Available**

*Dana Khan, 713.594.4106, danak007@gmail.com*

*SJ Swanson, 713.204.2615, sjswanson@swansonpllc.com*

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## Greater Houston Council FRW May Club Events



Top: **Lake Conroe Area RW** at their May 13th General Meeting, two local high school and one home school senior were awarded with \$1000 scholarships. May 16th first fundraiser since the pandemic, The "Games and Glam, 007 Style" event was well attended with 145 participants. Middle: **Fort Bend RW** and **RW of Katy United-We Are Together Rally** with **Governor Greg Abbott**, Texas Asian Republican Club, Indo American Conservatives of Texas, Muslim Americans of Texas, and GOP USA, at Sugar Land City Hall. Dr Martha Wong from **Memorial West RW**, with **State Rep Jacey Jetton** and Austin Arceneaux representing **Senator Joan Huffman**. The rally was promoted to condemn the media and federal govt lies to divide Americans of all cultures and races.

**GET READY TO DAZZLE with TFRW**  
**at the 2021 State Convention**  
**at Kalahari Resort in Round Rock, Texas**  
**October 13-16, 2021**  
**Registration is now open!**



Early Bird Registration ends on June 30th. Members can sign up now as a guest even if your club has not yet turned in a delegate/alternate list. TFRW will amend your title as the lists from your club Presidents come in. View the TFRW Bylaws for club delegate requirements and talk this up with your membership! View the Convention video on our TFRW YouTube channel. <https://youtu.be/Ylu6CfaADbY>

Go to [www.tfrw.org](http://www.tfrw.org) to register for convention, purchase a convention t-shirt and DAZZLE pin, or sponsor a convention program ad for your club.

**Draft Timeline (5/31/2021)**

**Wednesday October 13, 2021**

2:00 pm- Early Convention Check-In (open)

3:45 to 4:15 pm- District Director/Deputy President Meeting

4:30 to 5:30 pm- TFRW Board Meeting

**Thursday October 14, 2021**

8 am to 6 pm- Convention Check-In

8:00 am to 6 pm- Exhibit Booths Open

9:30 to 11:30 am-Elected Official/Candidate Meet and Greet

1 to 5 pm- Opening Session

5:15 to 6 pm – TFRW Candidate Development Program Presentation

6:30 to 8:30 pm- Come and Go Welcome Reception

8 to 9 pm- TFRW Officer Slate Meet and Greet

**Friday October 15, 2021**

7:30 to 8:45 am- Breakfast Buffet

7:30am to 4 pm- Convention Check-In

8:00 am to 6 pm-Exhibitors

9:00 to 11:45 am- General Session

12:30 to 2:25 pm- TFRW Club Awards Luncheon

2:45 to 3:45pm- Workshop 1 (up to five workshops to select from)

4:00 to 5:00 pm- Workshop 2 (up to five workshops to select from)

6:00 to 6:30 pm- 10 Outstanding & Patrons Reception

7:00pm to 9:00pm- 10 Outstanding Banquet Dinner

**Saturday October 16, 2021**

7:30 to 8:45am- Memorial Breakfast Buffet

8:30 to 11am- Convention Check-In

8:00 am to 1pm- Exhibits open

9:00 to 10:15am Caucus Meetings (District Director Elections)

10:45am to 12:45pm- Closing Session

1:15 to 2:45pm- Installation Luncheon

**7:00 to 9:30pm- President's Dinner (off-site, limited seating, and extra ticket purchase required)**

# Legislative Report

By SJ Swanson, GHC Legislative Chair

## Texas Legislature's 87th Regular Session in the Books



### Summary

The 87th biennial Regular Session of the Texas Legislature adjourned Sine Die on May 31, 2021. The Latin words sine die translate literally “without day” – the Legislature having adjourned without a day to return in that session.

Over the course of the 140-day session 6,927 bills were filed, 1,073 bills were passed, 221 joint resolutions were filed, and 8 joint resolutions were passed. Although all of the conservative goals were not met in the regular session, the Texas Legislature did gain considerable success through new bills including constitutional carry of firearms, protecting life in the womb, and other legislation to protect religious freedom. But other items did not.

Going into the Regular Session, the Governor identified eight emergency items he wanted addressed - election integrity, religious freedom, children and gender modification (banning child sex-change practices, abolition of abortion, Constitutional carry, monument protection, school choice, and banning taxpayer-funded lobbying. Eleven (11) bills concerning these emergency items made it through.

The Governor has until Sunday, June 20th to sign or veto the bills that arrive to his desk (the 20th day past adjournment). Most legislation will be effective September 1st (91 days past adjournment), although some becomes immediately upon signing.

### Special Session(s) Coming

The Governor has indicated that there will likely be more than one special session to address the voting integrity bill, and allocation of federal COVID-19 relief funds, as well as a (probably stand alone) session to address redistricting. Only redistricting and these emergency items may be made the subject of a special session – in other words, no new ideas or proposed legislation regarding new or other topics in the special session(s) – those have to wait a year and a half for the next regular session that will begin in January 2023.

Lt. Governor Dan Patrick has tweeted his request to the Governor “to pass #SB29 to save girls sports, #SB10 to end taxpayer funded lobbying and #SB12 to stop social media censorship”.

Albeit delayed by the U.S. Census, the Legislature will take up the issue of redistricting as it does every ten years. This is a huge issue as the Texas Leg will redraw Texas district maps not only for the state representatives, but also for our U.S. congress districts. Federal census population data was to have been provided to the Texas Legislature by April 1st following each decennial census, but the COVID-19 restrictions have delayed that to the new expected timeline of September 30th. At this point, the Texas Constitution calls for the Legislative Redistricting Board be convened with five-member body of state officials, including the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House to prepare the redistricting plan.

Legislative Report continued:

The Texas redistricting process has its own website at <https://redistricting.capitol.texas.gov>.

### **2022-2023 Budget Passed**

A two-year, \$248.6 billion state budget was approved by the Legislature on May 27th. The conference committee report for the budget bill (SB 1), related materials, and additional information about the budget process can be found on the Legislative Budget Board's website [http://www.lbb.state.tx.us/Legislative\\_Session.aspx](http://www.lbb.state.tx.us/Legislative_Session.aspx)

### **What Did Not Pass**

SB 7, the omnibus election integrity bill did not pass due to the lack of a majority in the House chamber present to pass it on the next-to-last day of the Session. This occurred when \_\_\_ Democrat Representatives – all but one – walked out in protest of the lack of time to review and debate brand-new changes to the bill. (Before we all get too up in arms over this walk-out tactic, recall that Republicans have employed it, too, including a recent use in Harris County Commissioners' Court to keep a property tax bill from passing).

Emergency powers bills that did not pass aimed to clarify that only the Legislature has the authority to suspend or make law in declared times of emergency, would allow a current legislator the ability to sue the governor in the Supreme Court of Texas at a time of a disaster if the governor fails to convene the Legislature after a qualifying disaster or emergency declaration, would limit local governments' powers, specifically eliminate pandemic from the definition of disaster, limit mask/PPE-wearing orders, etc.

Texas lawmakers proposed Senate Bill 12 to protect citizens' 1st amendment rights and stop social media companies from discriminating against people they disagree with politically, but that bill did not pass.

As reported by the State Bar of Texas' Probate section, "recommended changes to the Estates Code did not pass [although] there were no substantive objections to the proposals. Rather, Lt. Gov. Patrick was upset that the Texas House leadership did not move fast enough on a few bills he favored so he retaliated by letting various bills approved by the House languish in the Senate. Because of those maneuvers, we do not have any substantial updates to the state's law on Financial Powers of Attorney, on Medical Directives, on Probate, on Wills, or on Trusts. The legislature did pass a few adjustments dealing with Guardianships, though, and a few substantial bills passed that may affect your estate planning."

Bills banning sex changes in children did not pass, nor did the somewhat related protection of young women in scholastic sports activity and scholarships intended to limit gender to that at birth.

Complete ban on abortion did not pass, but the "fetal heartbeat bill" did pass, limiting abortion after detection of fetal heartbeat.

Legislative Report continued:

### **Banning Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying did not pass.**

**A bill to build/finish a border wall with Mexico was quashed in the House and never discussed in the Senate.** As you've likely heard, Governor Abbott has recently talked about doing just that (as has a primary challenger, Don Huffines), and has created a task force to work on related issues. This issue will not make it to a special session of the Texas Legislature this year, and is questionable whether the state could carry that project out regardless.

### **What Did Pass – A Few Highlights**

A few of the bills that have passed of interest are listed below. You can see a continually-updated list of the bills that have been signed into law by the Governor at <https://capitol.texas.gov/Reports/Report.aspx?LegSess=87R&ID=signedbygov>.

**LegSess=87R&ID=signedbygov.**

#### Last action

<u>/effective</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Name/issue</u>
6/15/21	HB 1	General Appropriations Act (budget)
6/9/21	HB 21	Relating to the statute of limitations applicable to a sexual harassment complaint filed with the Texas Workforce Commission.
9/1/21		
5/18/21	HB 139	Provides state agencies that issue licenses to establish rules for proof of residency to implement current statute allowing active military spouses with a license from another state to work in Texas without a license for 3 years
9/1/21		
6/3/21	HB 524	Relating to creation of criminal offenses regarding elections
9/1/21		
5/26/21	HB 636	Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas State Immediately Board of Plumbing Examiners; authorizing a fee.
6/4/21	HB 1005	Relating to the requisites of a bail bond given by certain defendants and to conditions of release on bond for certain defendants.
9/1/21		
6/9/21	HB 1062	Relating to the eligibility of certain 17-year-old persons to serve as members of the Texas State Guard.
9/1/21		
6/9/21	HB 1128	Relating to persons permitted to be in a polling place or a place where ballots are being counted.
9/1/21		
6/9/21	HB 1156	Relating to financial abuse of elderly by a person in position of trust or who owes a fiduciary duty to the elder becomes a criminal offense (includes an Agent under a Durable Power of Attorney and a court-appointed Guardian). The new law does not define "unauthorized", so Texas courts will have to figure that out.
9/1/21		

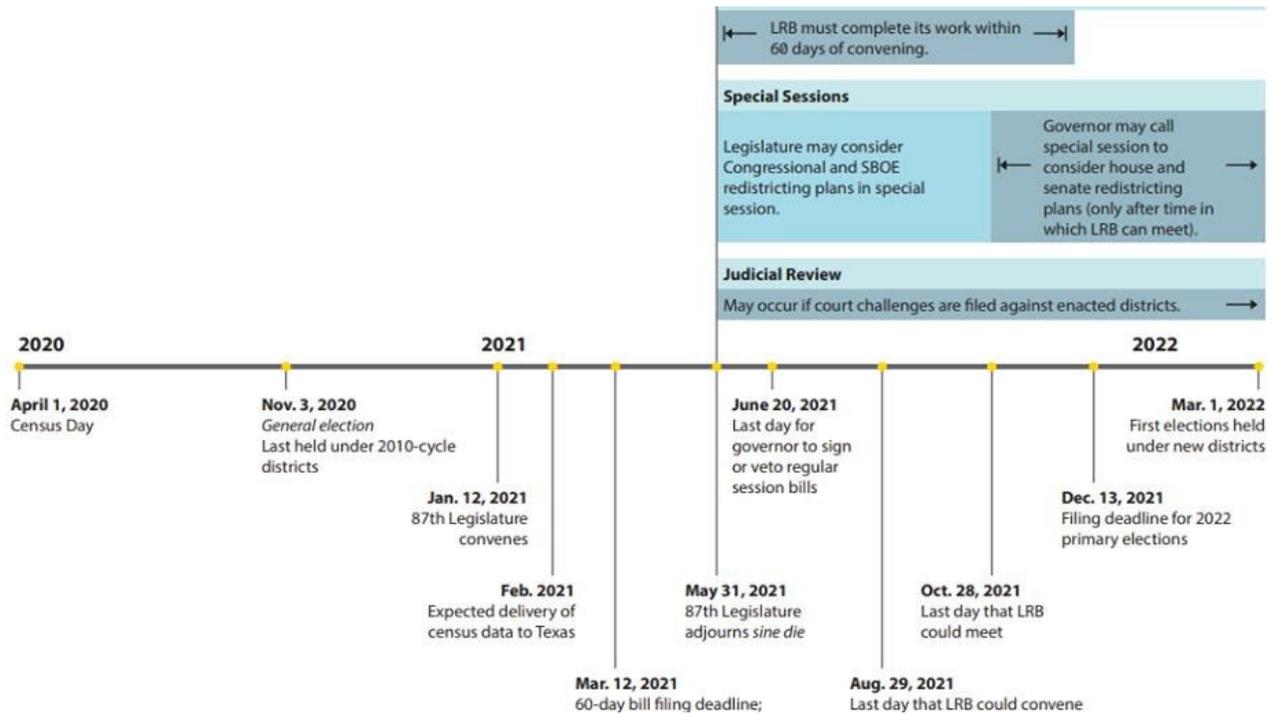
Legislative Report continued:

6/7/21	HB 1382	Relating to the availability of certain info regarding early voting.
9/1/21		
5/19/21	HB 1622	Relating to reporting of early voting rosters.
9/1/21		
6/1/21	HB 1900	Back the Blue - Relating to municipalities that adopt budgets that
9/1/21		defund municipal police departments (additional legislation increases penalties for individuals blocking first responders from responding to an emergency
5/28/21	HB 1927	Constitutional carry - allows permitless carry by those over 21, Awaiting with some exceptions.
6/1/21	HB 3584	Monument Protection – one bill protecting historical markers. Awaiting passed explicitly states that any monument, markers, or medallions installed by the Texas Historical Commission are under their jurisdiction and may not be altered, removed, relocated, covered, obscured, or concealed without the expressed consent of the commission itself. It also allows the Texas attorney general to file a suit in a district court to seek civil penalties against any person who violates those rules.
6/8/21	SB 1336	Puts caps increases in state appropriations growth to inflation
9/1/21		population growth
5/19/21	SB 8	Fetal heartbeat bill, relating to abortion, including abortions after
9/1/21		detection of unborn child's heartbeat; authorizing a private civil right of action.
// 21		COVID-19 Vaccine passports prohibited, amending Texas' Health and Safety Code by adding Section 161.0085 that prohibits government entity of the state (counties, cities, etc.) from issuing a vaccine passport or similar document to certify an individual's COVID-19 vaccination status to a third party for a purpose other than health care, and prevents businesses from requiring customers provide vaccination status to enter or receive services from the business ( punishment for violation if business not able to receive grants or enter into contracts payable with state funds, and condition license, permit, or state authorization on compliance). Does not restrict businesses from screening and infection control protocols in accordance with state and federal law to protect public health

## Texas Legislature Special Session Includes Redistricting!

The House Redistricting Committee scheduled the following hearings for the Houston region: July 13, 10 am & July 17, 11am. When these dates become definite, the Committee will post a formal notice. Hearings have a designated regional focus, but testimony is not limited by region. Witnesses can participate virtually or in person in Austin.

Courtesy of House District 26 Representative Jacey Jetton.



**41st Biennial Convention**  
**September 23-26, 2021**  
**JW Marriott Grande Lakes**  
**Orlando, Florida**  
**#LaunchingLeaders**





**GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL OF FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN**  
**2020/2021 Board of Directors**

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4th VP Finance	Cheryl Dalton, Magic Circle RW
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County Chair Liaison	Emely McHattie, Village RW
Legislative	SJ Swanson, Village RW
Newsletter	Tina Gibson, Fort Bend RW
Public Relations	Carmen Crenshaw, Magic Circle RW

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN EX-OFFICIO (NON-VOTING)**

Hospitality	Dana Khan, NW Forest RW and Tracine Gibson, NW Forest RW
Historian	Jennifer Knesek, Magic Circle RW
Club Liaison	Pearl Maggio, Montgomery County RW

**PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES EX-OFFICIO (NON-VOTING)**

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Protocol	Barbara Tague, Tomball RW
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GOTV	Rachel Redus, Tri-County RW
Social Media	Jennifer Knesek, Magic Circle RW
Parliamentarian	Debbie Cupples, Memorial West RW

# 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**

September 21, 2021

November 9, 2021

**Executive Committee Meetings 2021, 10:00 am**

August 17, 2021

October 19, 2021

For more information go to [www.ghcfrwpac.org](http://www.ghcfrwpac.org), or contact President Sophia Mafrige at  
[ghc2020prez@aol.com](mailto:ghc2020prez@aol.com)

## Victory 2021 Calendar

- ☆ **July 16-17 - TFRW Board Meeting at Sheraton Georgetown Hotel-All club members are invited!**
- ☆ **September 21 - GHCFRW General Meeting—All club members are invited!**
- ☆ **September 23-26 - NFRW National Convention in Orlando, Florida**
- ☆ **October 13-16 - TFRW State Convention at Kalahari Resort in Round Rock**
- ☆ **November 9 - GHCFRW General Meeting—All club members are invited!**
- ☆ **April 1, 2022 - SAVE THE DATE! GHCFRW 60th Anniversary Celebration at Minute Maid Park**

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