

# Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

Representing 13 Counties of  
Federated Republican Women



September 2021 Issue

## President's message

Dear GHC Family-

We've had an eventful summer and now as we step into Fall, we have much to look forward to!

At our May 18th general meeting, we paid tribute to our military and had an honor guard present the colors. Camp Hope's Executive Director David Maulsby, and, Former RPT Chair Allen West were the featured speakers. Several of you brought veterans as guests. We remembered those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our great country.

In the month of July, GHC hosted three summer luncheons for our club presidents. Your clubs are growing with leaps and bounds! The luncheons were well attended, and gave us an opportunity to get to know each other better, discuss your clubs, and review the year while we look to the future.

We are excited to announce that Texas' **First Lady, Cecilia Abbott**, will be the featured speaker for our September 21st meeting! We will also be joined by Harris County Precinct 3 **Commissioner Tom Ramsey**, and, **Gina Manlove** with the 'Texas Memorial Illumination at San Jacinto' project being planned for November.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

In October we will gather at the TFRW convention. You can get details on the convention at <https://www.tfrw.org/events/convention/>.

Our final general meeting of the year will be November 9th, and feature our new **RPT Chair, Matt Rinaldi**, as speaker. We will also collect gift cards for the veterans at Camp Hope.

We are all saddened by the overseas situation in Afghanistan. The consequences of last year's election are being played out before our eyes, and the price is too high. Let's pray for our troops and all in harms way. Let's gather strength, work together and pray for our country. May God continue to protect and bless the USA!

Warmest Regards,

Sophia Mafrige, President, GHCFRW 2020-2021





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

Thank you to the Club Presidents and District Directors for participating in the GHC strategy luncheons around the Greater Houston area this summer. Lots of ideas for club growth were shared along with a great lunch. Thank you to President Sophia Mafrige and GHC Club Liaison Pearl Maggio for organizing! The 2021 President's Handbook is available for club Presidents who were not able to attend. Please contact Sophia Mafrige on how to get your copy.





***You are Cordially Invited!***

***Meet Our First Lady Cecilia Abbott***

***At our next General Meeting September 21, 2021***

***Trini Mendenhall Community Center***

***1414 Wirt Rd. Houston 77055***

***Meet and Greet 9:30 a.m.***

***Program and Business Meeting 10:00 a.m.***

***Club Presidents and Members are always invited to attend!***

***Pledges Led by Harris County Precinct 3 Commissioner Tom Ramsey***

***Presentation by Gina Manlove on the***

***Texas Memorial Illumination Celebration***

***at the San Jacinto History Museum and Battlegrounds***



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## *First Lady of Texas Cecilia Abbott*

Cecilia Abbott's story reminds us all that the American Dream is alive and well in Texas. The granddaughter of immigrants from Mexico, Cecilia was raised in San Antonio by parents who were both educators, and who instilled in Cecilia, her sister, and two brothers, a love of learning and helping others. Cecilia took their lessons to heart and studied at the University of Texas at Austin before subsequently earning three degrees from the University of St. Thomas in Houston: a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, a Master's degree in Education, and a Master's degree in Theology.

Cecilia then devoted her life to serving others. She has been a teacher, vice-principal, and principal at several Catholic schools across Texas. Most recently, she served as the principal of the Cathedral School of Saint Mary in Austin from 1996 to 2001. Cecilia then went on to another noble calling working in senior health care services, where she served as the Managing Director of Community Relations from 2004 to 2013 for a health care company specializing in senior adult health care

facilities and services.

Cecilia has been equally devoted to helping others in her personal life as well. She currently serves on the board of several organizations — the Huston-Tillotson University Board of Directors, the Cathedral School of Saint Mary Advisory Board, and the Taya and Chris Kyle Foundation. Cecilia is also a volunteer for Meals on Wheels Central Texas.

Cecilia is a former member of the State Board for Educator Certification, where she served from 2001 to 2008. She has also served on advisory boards for: the Alzheimer's Association Capital of Texas Chapter; the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Texas Regional Office; the Holy Trinity Seminary; the Catholic Diocese of Austin Schools; the Saint Gabriel's Catholic School Board of Trustees; Ballet Austin; the Women's Symphony League of Austin; the Dell Children's Women's Trust; and the Principals' Center at Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Cecilia believes strongly in giving back. Her signature initiative as First Lady combines the two things that she is most passionate about — Texas and philanthropy. She calls it **Texanthropy**, through which she actively promotes volunteerism and service to others across Texas. Cecilia has also partnered with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) on a similar initiative — **Network of Nurture** — to raise awareness about the ways Texans can support the children and families in the state's child welfare system. Mrs. Abbott has collaborated with the Governor's Child Sex Trafficking Team, DFPS, and a diverse group of faith leaders across Texas working together to develop effective strategies to end human trafficking through the **Governor's Response Against Child Exploitation (GRACE)** initiative.

Cecilia is a classical music devotee, having begun playing the piano at the age of six. Her piano training came in handy when she moved into the Castilian Dorm at the University of Texas, where she serenaded her future husband from behind the keyboard with music, the likes of which he had never heard. She is also a prolific animal lover and has nurtured numerous dogs into their late teens. She has raised a variety of pets, including a Nubian goat named Petunia.

Most importantly, Cecilia is a proud mother to her daughter, Audrey, and a devoted wife to her husband of 39 years, the Governor of Texas, Greg Abbott. With her husband's election as Governor, Cecilia made history by becoming the first Hispanic First Lady of Texas. The Abbott Family lives in Austin with the First Dogs of Texas, Pancake and Peaches.



## Greater Houston Council September 21st General Meeting Information

### Greater Houston Council Board Nominating Committee Election

As part of the business conducted at our September GHC meeting the Nominating Committee for the officer slate for 2022-2023 will be elected. If you are interested in being elected to this committee please come to this meeting. GHC Council board members will be elected at the November 9th meeting.

If you are interested in participating on the new Board please contact the nominating committee.

### Hospitality

Hospitality gives special thanks to **Clear Creek Republican Women**, **Montgomery County Republican Women** and **Tomball Republican Women** for offering to provide coffee and snacks for all attendees at the upcoming September 21st general meeting. We are expecting a large turnout with Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott as our speaker and we look forward to seeing you!



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).



### President Donald J. Trump Quotes

*"If people can just pour into the country illegally, you don't have a country."*

*"The most basic duty of government is to defend the lives of its own citizens. Any government that fails to do so is a government unworthy to lead."*



## Legislative Report

By SJ Swanson, GHC Legislative Chair

Texas Legislature's 87th Special Sessions – So Far



The Second Called (or Special) Session of the Texas Legislature is currently ongoing. The first special session was essentially aborted when a majority of the Democratic Party House representatives walked out and broke the quorum, and absconded themselves to Washington, D.C. out of the reach of Texas subpoena power. The second session was called, and although the Senate continued to work (including passing SB 1, the election integrity bill), the House immediately recessed when a quorum was not reached. But after 38 days away from their duties, a few of those D representatives returned so the House could again conduct business. After much time wasted listening to over 60 Democrat-led amendments which ultimately failed but took up more than thirteen hours of floor time late into the night on August 26th, the Republican majority ultimately prevailed in a 79-37 vote on the second reading. SB 1 (companion bill was HB 3) passed on to a third reading on August 27th (your reporter is watching Texas Legislature Online and as we go to press). Final passage is expected before the end of the current special session.

Work is ongoing on other priority legislation in both chambers including – among others - work on bills on criminal bond reform, retired teacher pay, border security, property taxes, social media companies discrimination, emergency powers, electricity grid matters, and election dates in the face of redistricting. In that vein, since the last report the U.S. Census was actually issued and the redistricting process is in full swing with hearings at the Texas Capital.

A stand alone special session to address redistricting is anticipated. As previously reported, though delayed by the late U.S. Census release, 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. 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. That Board has convened and is working to prepare the redistricting plan.

The Texas redistricting process has its own website at <https://redistricting.capitol.texas.gov>. You can find the actual census data from the Census Bureau at <http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/decade/2020/2020-census-results.html>.

There will be more to report after the special sessions, including big news on final redistricting.

# Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women General Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2021

Trini Mendenhall Center

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by President, Sophia Mafrige.
2. Opening Prayer was led by 4th Vice-President Finance, Cheryl Dalton.

A Joint Honor Guard by Katy Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9182 and Katy American Legion Post 164 was presented for our Salute to the Military. 3rd VP of Special Events, Air Force former Major Dr. Milinda Morris, led pledges to the United States flag and the Texas flag. The National Anthem was followed by Anthems of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard. Veterans stood as their anthem was played – a beautiful Salute to the Military.
3. 2nd VP of Membership, Kittie Rice, called the roll of clubs and confirmed that there was a quorum of member clubs present.
4. President Sophia Mafrige recognized elected officials and candidates.
5. Approval of minutes – Recording Secretary, Mary Sage, advised the minutes of the GHC General Meeting on March 16, 2021, were in the newsletter. There being no revisions or objections, they were approved as submitted.
6. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer, Micheline Hutson, and approved as submitted.
7. President Sophia Mafrige acknowledged guests, the military and veterans for Military Appreciation Month.
8. First Vice-President of Programs, Gwen Withrow, introduced David Maulsby of Camp Hope who stated that Camp Hope serves veterans with PTSD. He introduced veterans who have completed the Camp Hope program. President Mafrige encouraged clubs to contribute to Camp Hope.
9. First Vice-President of Programs, Gwen Withrow, introduced Hon. Allen West, RPT Chairman, who spoke about his family's commitment to military service and the dedication of military service members. President Mafrige stated GHC is donating a check in the amount of \$1,500 to the Candidate Resource Committee of the Republican Party of Texas, and presented the check.
10. Announcements:
  - a. Cy-Fair Republican Women High Heels and High Tea on October 29;
  - b. Hon Cindy Siegel thanked all who attended the HCRP April 5 Lincoln-Reagan dinner and announced that Magic Circle RW will host a fundraiser on September 30.
  - c. Memorial West 60th Anniversary High Tea was announced to be held at Mary Sergesketter's home.
  - d. Rachel Redus announced the collection of items for the Texas Border Agents
  - e. Dana Khan stated GHC's 60th Anniversary event will be at Minute Maid Park on April 1, 2022
  - f. RW of Katy will host a mixer on June 24.
11. The meeting was brought to a close by President Sophia Mafrige, who thanked the military and everyone for attending. She announced that the Presidents' luncheons will resume in July. The next meeting will be September 1st.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM. Submitted by,

Mary Sage, GHC Recording Secretary



## TFRW FAIRNESS RULES REMINDER

### CANDIDATE FAIRNESS RULES APPLY DURING PRIMARY SEASON

TFRW has received questions regarding inviting candidates or current elected officials to be speakers at club events, both regular meetings and fund raisers. It is a challenge as candidates are filing on almost a daily basis and often some announce after invitations have been extended.



If your club has plans to invite someone to speak who is a candidate, you must invite all other REPUBLICAN candidates for that office to speak at that event.

You do not have to change your event dates or time due to invitees not being able to attend, but an invitation extended and accommodations for equal speaking time should be made. If they are unable to attend the original date you can offer them another speaking date/time. This is not mandatory, but can create good will with the candidates.

Clubs need to be cognizant of who is running for what office when they invite speakers to their meetings. They need to stay alert to any candidacy announcements the invited speakers may make prior to the event. When your club invites someone to speak, it might be helpful to inform them that, should they declare for office prior to the event, they are to notify the club as our bylaws have fairness rules. To clarify, a candidate is someone who has declared and filed for an office.

Please remember all Federal candidate guidelines apply to all Congressional candidates.

If you are unsure if your speaker is the sole Republican candidate, please check with your District Director or the TFRW VP Campaign Activities.

Debra Harper, VP Bylaws

Alice Melancon, VP Programs

Corrine Miklosh, VP Campaign Activities

You can review the TFRW Bylaws on the website at [www.TFRW.org](http://www.TFRW.org)



Now back in 1927 an American socialist, Norman Thomas, six times candidate for president on the Socialist Party ticket, said the American people would never vote for socialism. But he said under the name of liberalism the American people will adopt every fragment of the socialist program.

— Ronald Reagan —





## TFRW 2021 33rd Biennial Convention

Kalahari Resort, Round Rock, TX

October 13-16, 2021

Come Dazzle With Us!



Registration is open! 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.

### 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 at [www.tfrw.org](http://www.tfrw.org))

# *A Flair for Freedom*

## **Fashion Show & Fundraising Event**

**September 24, 2021**

**6:00pm**

**Richland Pines Event Venue**

*Proceeds support the CCRW Literacy Project!*

*Purchase your  
tickets today!*



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*Chambers County  
Republican  
Women*







**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  
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**Presents**

## **2022 Victory!**

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

**Speaker**

Tom Ramsey, Harris County Commissioner Precinct 3

**Master of Ceremony**

Texas Senator Paul Bettencourt

**Fashion Show**

Caruggi's Boutique

**Piano Music**

Liz Mendez

**Star Sprangled Banner**

Laura-Hill Taylor

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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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  
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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**

**Jacquie Baly Craig**

Fox 26 political consultant, University of Houston adjunct professor

**Mistress of Ceremonies**

**Honorable Laryssa Korduba**

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4, Place 2

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

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

### **Table Sponsors**

#### **Slingback - \$1,500**

- Premium seating for 10
- Introduced at Event
- 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

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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**

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## Greater Houston Council FRW Summer Club Events



Congratulations to **Memorial West RW** and **President Deb Cupples** on their 60th Anniversary Tea. Beautiful Republican Women!

**TFRW Board Meeting** in Georgetown: Congratulations to TFRW Officer Nominee Slate for 2022-2023 from GHC; Dr. Dana Myers, VP Membership and Alice Melancon, VP Programs! Dana Myers, President Magic Circle RW and Tina Gibson SD 17 District Director at TFRW Board Meeting. DD SD 7 **Barbara Buxton** and **Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick**. GHC Board members at TFRW Board meeting in Georgetown July 2021. TFRW members at Gov Abbott's Digital Summit at Kalahari Resort, Round Rock.



*Memorial West Republican Women  
60th Anniversary High Tea*





*Memorial West Republican Women  
60th Anniversary High Tea*





## More Greater Houston Council FRW Summer Club Events!



Top: **Chambers County RW** Townhall forum with **Congressman Bryan Babin**. Middle: **Republican Women's Club of Katy** Voter Integrity Tea with speaker **State Rep Jacey Jetton**, update on voter integrity legislation and recruiting poll workers for the 2022 elections. **Fort Bend RW** New Member evening meeting with scholarship winners. Bottom: **Northwest Forest RW's** August meeting speaker Harris County **Commissioner Tom Ramsey** and Precinct 4 **Constable Mark Herman** and his staff chiefs and \$1,000 Scholarship to an area high school senior girl. Two carloads of supplies, food, and cash delivered to **Camp Hope** for veterans with PTSD.



**Fort Bend Republican Women's Club**  
proudly announces  
*Our Inaugural Scholarship Recipients*  
**Sarah Voon and Megan Steinberg**  
*Congratulations to these wonderful young women and their parents!*





## More Club Events

LET'S KICK OFF THE 2022 CAMPAIGN SEASON TEXAS-STYLE!



# Village Republican Women

## Candidate Round-Up 2022 Campaign Kick-Off Party

VRW IS COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES AT ALL LEVELS. NOW MORE THAN EVER WE MUST UNITE TO ENSURE REPUBLICAN VALUES PREVAIL.

**SAT, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021  
CADILLAC BAR & GRILL  
6:30-10:00 P.M.  
\$65 PER PERSON**

**CANDIDATE MEET & GREET**  
**Live Music Featuring The Allan Hendrickson Band**  
**Fully Stocked Fajita Bar**  
**Candidates May Bring Campaign Materials**  
**Candidates May Collect Signature**  
**R.S.V.P. @ [www.villagerepublicanwomen.org](http://www.villagerepublicanwomen.org)**

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TFRW Legislative Chair **Robbie Hull** joins newly chartered club **RW of Greater Fish Creek** President **Connie Knox** & Montgomery County **Commissioner Charlie Reilly** for July's general meeting. **Magic Circle RW** delivers supplies to the Mission of Yahweh in Houston.



## More Greater Houston Council FRW Summer Club Events!



### Protecting the Young: A Vaccine Awareness Event

Wednesday, August 4, 2021  
6:00pm-8:30pm  
Market Street Café  
302 Market Street, Tomball, Texas



**Angelina Farella, MD**  
Pediatrician in Harris,  
Galveston, & Brazoria  
Counties & one of  
America's Front Line  
Doctors



**Jennifer Bridges, RN**  
Fighting Mandatory Vaccines  
in Texas, including  
Methodist Hospital's  
current employee mandate

This Chicks Having a Talk (C.H.A.T.) is hosted by The Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women's Education Committee together with Freedom to Act (FACT). For questions about this event, contact [info@yellowrosenw.net](mailto:info@yellowrosenw.net).



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The Yellow Rose of Texas RW New Member Orientation with speaker SD7 District Director **Barbara Buxton**, and CHAT - Protecting the Young: A Vaccine Awareness Event. This event featured **Jennifer Bridges, RN**, and **Angelina Farella, MD**. **Debra Kelting-Fite** and **James Buntrock** also spoke. It was a full house!



## *West Pearland Republican Women 10th Anniversary Proudly Red Celebration*



On August 14th, **West Pearland RW** was finally able to celebrate their 10th Anniversary at the 2021 Proudly Red event with a sold out crowd and **Lt. Col. Allen West** as the speaker. They were recognized by proclamations and resolutions **from Congressman Troy Nehls, State Senator Larry Taylor, State Representative Ed Thompson, and Brazoria County Republican Party Chair Shayne Green.**



# **Special Election for Proposed Constitutional Amendments**

**Set for November 2, 2021**

For Immediate Distribution | August 16, 2021 | (512) 463-1826

## **Governor Abbott Sets Special Election For Proposed Constitutional Amendments**

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott has issued a proclamation setting Tuesday, November 2, 2021 as the special election day for eight proposed constitutional amendments in Texas.

[View the proclamation.](#)

The eight proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot are:

PROPOSITION 1: The constitutional amendment authorizing the professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to conduct charitable raffles at rodeo venues.

PROPOSITION 2: The constitutional amendment authorizing a county to finance the development or redevelopment of transportation or infrastructure in unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted areas in the county.

PROPOSITION 3: The constitutional amendment to prohibit this state or a political subdivision of this state from prohibiting or limiting religious services of religious organizations.

PROPOSITION 4: The constitutional amendment changing the eligibility requirements for a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of criminal appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge.

PROPOSITION 5: The constitutional amendment providing additional powers to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct with respect to candidates for judicial office.

PROPOSITION 6: The constitutional amendment establishing a right for residents of certain facilities to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation.

PROPOSITION 7: The constitutional amendment to allow the surviving spouse of a person who is disabled to receive a limitation on the school district ad valorem taxes on the spouse's residence homestead if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of the person's death.

PROPOSITION 8: The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.

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## **GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL OF FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

### **2020/2021 Board of Directors**

President	Sophia Mafrige, Magic Circle RW
1st VP Programs	Gwen Withrow, Spindletop RW
2nd VP Membership	Kittie Rice, Spindletop RW
3rd VP Special Events	Dr. Milinda Morris, Texas Tea Party RW
4th VP Finance	Cheryl Dalton, Magic Circle RW
Recording Secretary	Mary Sage, Magic Circle RW
Corresponding Secretary	Edie Holland, Bay Area RW
Treasurer/PAC Treasurer	Micheline Hutson, Cy Fair RW
Immediate Past President	Hon. Cindy Siegel, Magic Circle RW

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN (VOTING)**

Bylaws	Barbara Tague, Tomball RW
Campaign Activities	Gayla Baker, Brazosport RW
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)**

Advisor to President	Jessica Colon, Texas Tea Party RW
Chaplain	Ann Lee, Memorial West RW
Protocol	Barbara Tague, Tomball RW
TFRW/NFRW Liaison	Alice Melancon, Montgomery County RW
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

*All Club members are invited!*

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

October 19, 2021

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## Victory 2021 Calendar

- ☆ **September 21 - GHCFRW General Meeting with First Lady of Texas Cecilia Abbott—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!**
- ☆ **December 7— GHCFRW Current and 2022-2023 Board Christmas Luncheon**
- ☆ **April 1, 2022 - SAVE THE DATE! GHCFRW 60th Anniversary Celebration at Minute Maid Park**

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