

# Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

Representing 13 Counties of  
Federated Republican Women



November 2021 Issue

## President's message

Dear GHC Family,

November brings elections and voting for constitutional amendments on November 2nd, our final general meeting of 2021 with RPT Chairman Matt Rinaldi on November 9th, and our great American tradition of Thanksgiving!

Voting for our school boards and on the constitutional amendments is so important. Our educational system is under attack and our youth are being targeted. The general electorate may not be as informed as you on the candidates and issues, so please talk to your circle of influence about the proposed amendments and take a friend or two to the polls. Share with them who you believe are the best candidates to stand up for our children. We cannot take any elected position for granted these days!



At our November 9th meeting, Republican Party of Texas Chairman Matt Rinaldi will share his vision for our party and plans for future elections. We will also elect GHC's 2022-2023 officers and collect gift cards of any denomination for PTSD USA's Camp Hope. Their Director, David Maulsby, spoke at our May meeting and will join us again. This is a most worthy cause, so please be generous in bringing your gift cards [any denomination, VISA, MasterCard or American Express can be used and is appreciated by them]. In January, we will start 2022 by collecting gift cards for Camp Shield, the women's version of Camp Hope.

I've always loved Thanksgiving, but find it even more special these days. Living in the United States of America is a great blessing which many take for granted. Let's not! Let us truly give thanks this year, and with our families, celebrate the freedoms and opportunities we enjoy. God has placed us here for a reason. We must forge ahead to defend our republic when others seek to tear it down.

As I write this final President's letter to you, my heart is filled with gratitude. In the past two years, we have seen challenges never faced in our lifetime. I'm so proud and grateful for the work of our board members! I'm so proud of all our GHC Republican womens clubs and presidents for persevering through the difficulties, growing their memberships exponentially, stepping up to the challenges brought by the global pandemic, and continuing to fight for our conservative Republican values and candidates!

I thank God for the opportunity to have served as your president and look forward to celebrating GHC's 60th year with you in 2022! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas and holiday season! And may God continue to protect and bless the USA!

Warmest Regards,

Sophia Mafrige, President, GHCFRW 2020-2021



## September GHC General Meeting Highlights

### Thank You to First Lady of Texas Cecilia Abbott!

The general meeting was opened by **President Sophia Mafrige** with Harris County Precinct 3 **Commissioner Tom Ramsey** leading the pledges.

**First Lady Cecilia Abbott** presented her story that reminds us that the American Dream is alive and well. The First Lady stated that Governor Abbott continues to fight for conservative values, and he is firmly against the Democrat open borders policy that emboldens the cartels. Pictured: President Sophia Mafrige presented Mrs. Abbott yellow roses, GHC 60th Anniversary Chair **Dana Khan** announced Kellyanne Conway as the keynote speaker, SD 11 District Director **Debbie Roan**, **Carmen Crenshaw** with Cecilia Abbott, GHC Secretary **Mary Sage**, VP Programs **Gwen Withrow** and VP Membership **Kittie Rice**.



A presentation was made by **Gina Manlove** on the Texas Memorial Illumination Celebration at the San Jacinto History Museum and Battlefield. 21,500 candles will be lit to commemorate the sacrifice of the over 21,500 Texans who have given their lives in armed conflict up to the Afghanistan war. Volunteer groups are being sought to participate by placing, lighting, and picking up the candles on the San Jacinto Battlefield to visually

depict what President Abraham Lincoln called "the last full measure of devotion." The San Jacinto Battlefield represents both liberty and the price required to maintain it, and this visually arresting event will serve as a way to educate current and future generations about the sacrifices made by our ancestors for our benefit. Find out more about the event or volunteer at <https://www.sanjacinto-museum.org/>, or call Gina Manlove at 713.376.6281.







## Greater Houston Council General Meeting

November 9, 2022

9:30 am Check in, 10:00 am Meeting and Program

Meet Republican Party of Texas Chairman, **Matt Rinaldi** and **David Maulsby** of Camp Hope at the Greater Houston Council General Meeting. This is our last meeting of the 2020-2021 term. Please remind your club delegates to attend as we will be electing the new board officers for 2022-2023.

***GHC is collecting gift cards for the Veterans who are supported by Camp Hope. Please bring them to this meeting.***

Chairman Rinaldi will be giving an update on the future of the Republican Party and the upcoming elections. You will not want to miss this meeting.

**Chairman Matt Rinaldi** represented northwest Dallas County in the Texas Legislature from 2015 to 2019. During his time in office, Rinaldi was consistently rated among the top two most conservative members of the House by Rice University, Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, Young Conservatives of Texas and Texas Eagle Forum. Rinaldi was, according to the Dallas Morning News, "instrumental in strengthening the punishments in the sanctuary cities ban," and authored and passed into law measures that: remove from office public officials who adopt sanctuary city policies, require government contractors and subcontractors to use e-Verify, revoke pensions of teachers convicted of committing sex crimes against students, allow churches to utilize volunteers to provide security services without risking heavy fines, and prohibit any taxpayer money from going to Planned Parenthood. He served as the Pro-Life Whip for Texas Right to Life in 2017. Chairman Rinaldi earned his Juris Doctor with honors from Boston University School of Law and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics from James Madison University. Matt attends St. Ann's Catholic Parish in Coppell with his wife, Corley, and son, Rush.



### Meet David Maulsby, Director of PTSD Foundation Camp Hope



In 2009, David began the mission of the PTSD Foundation of America by walking the streets of Houston finding homeless Vets, reaching one at a time. As an ordained Minister, David brought his love of God, his strong faith, and steady leadership to serve and support our country's Veterans and their families. He has provided the leadership to save lives and build this organization fueled by his love for this country and those who serve.

The purpose of Camp Hope is to provide a safe space for the victims of trauma and post-traumatic stress in which to experience healing. <https://ptsdusa.org/camp-hope/>

## Greater Houston Council November 9th General Meeting Information

### Greater Houston Council Executive Board Officer Election

GHC Council board members for 2022-2023 will be elected at the November 9th meeting. Please send your delegate to this very important meeting.

If you are interested in participating on the new Board as a committee chair please contact the President-Elect. We need your talent on the board!

GHC is collecting gift cards to donate to **Camp Hope** Veterans. Please bring them to the November meeting.

### Hospitality

Hospitality gives special thanks to **Tomball Republican Women's Club, Montgomery County Republican Women's Club** and **Clear Creek Republican Women's Club** for providing coffee and snacks for all attendees at the September 21 general meeting. Thank you, **Barbara Tague, Alice Melancon, Pearl Maggio, and Loretta Roberts** for organizing the pick-up and delivery on behalf of your clubs. And an extra special thanks to Barbara's husband, **David Tague**, who drove in from Tomball to deliver coffee for us!

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 fall and look forward to seeing you at the November meeting!

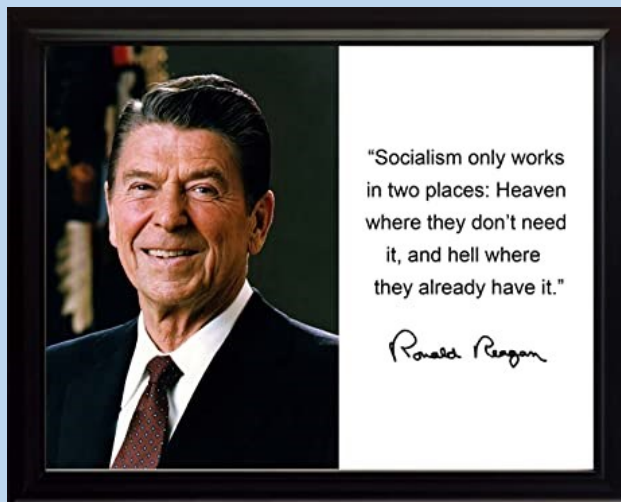


### Quotes to Think About for Our Country's Uncertain Times

"Evil is Powerless if the Good are Unafraid" - President Ronald Reagan

"This is not about freedom or personal choice" - Joe Biden

"They're after you. I'm just in the way"—President Donald J. Trump





# Legislative Report

By SJ Swanson, GHC Legislative Chair



The Texas Legislature wrapped up its third special session on October 19th. More than 215 bills were filed during this special session, but only ten passed both chambers. Amid the partisan fighting – mostly about redistricting – the session ended with passage of several bipartisan bills and some others based on conservative priorities.

## Governor's Statement

Governor Greg Abbott issued a statement upon the conclusion of the third Special Session: "Property tax relief, appropriating funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and redrawing legislative districts were at the forefront of the agenda for the third Special Session. Texans tasked the Legislature with delivering on these priorities, and I am proud to say not only did we deliver on these priorities, but the Legislature went above and beyond to solve other critical issues to ensure an even brighter future for the Lone Star State. The Legislature successfully passed an innovative distribution package for ARPA funding — appropriating billions of dollars to bolster COVID-19 recovery, public safety, broadband infrastructure, cybersecurity, healthcare, and more. Legislation was passed that secured a vote on a constitutional amendment that will provide property tax relief to Texas homeowners. Both chambers also passed legislation to protect the integrity of Texas high school sports, strengthen higher education, protect dogs from cruelty and abuse, and expand access to education grants for children of fallen first responders. . ."

Lt. Governor Dan Patrick urged Governor Abbott to convene a fourth special session to add a forensic election audit and increase voter fraud penalties. Thus far that request has been ignored, and the Governor's press secretary said at the conclusion of the third special session that the Governor had no plans for a fourth at this time. Also chiming in asking for a fourth session specifically aimed at vaccine mandate bans are the Republican Party of Texas, and 2022 gubernatorial election challengers

## Priorities and What Passed, What Didn't

In addition to some repeat appearances, Governor Abbott had added two major priorities to the agenda for the third special session that started September 20th – property tax relief and bail system changes. Somewhat last minute, lawmakers passed the final version of SB 1 which provided an increase in the property tax homestead exemption raising it from \$25,000 to \$40,000. This should provide the average Texas homeowner a \$175 annual savings.

Proposed constitutional amendment that would have given magistrates discretion to deny bail under certain circumstances to people accused of certain violent, sexual, or trafficking offenses did not pass.

Lawmakers also passed legislation dealing with how to spend the \$13 million in federal COVID-19 relief funds. Some will go towards replenishing the unemployment fund, some to fund COVID-19 therapeutic drugs and surge staffing if there is another wave of the virus, and to increasing broadband access and other items. See SB 8.

In a controversial bill that passed, transgender students will have to play on UIL sports teams that align with their birth gender, not their gender identity. See HB 25.

Lawmakers also approved capital improvement projects at Texas universities via SB 2's \$3 billion in bonds. They also passed laws strengthening protections for restrained dogs outside after the previous version that had passed in the second session was vetoed by the Governor who said it was overreaching. See SB 5 which is expected to be signed by the Governor.

Additional bills to improve higher education (SB 52 and HB 133) were passed.

**Legislative Report continued:**

Further proposed legislation concerning increasing the penalties for those caught voting illegally failed to pass.

The Governor sought to have legislation outlawing vaccine mandates put in place. That effort stalled out in the Senate after business and medical advocacy groups rallied against it. Senate Bill 51 failed to pass out of committee, and House Bill 168 likewise did not gain enough traction. However, the Governor's Executive Order that bans the COVID-19 vaccine mandate remains in effect until he rescinds or modifies it.

**Redistricting**

The Texas Leg approved redistricting maps for the Congressional, State House and Senate, and Board of Education districts for the next ten years, and the Democratic party (and the press) is unhappy. The Senate approved the new maps on an 18-13 vote, and the House volowed with a vote of 84-59. See SB 6 (U.S. House of Representatives), SB \$ (Texas Senate), HB 1 (Texas House of Representatives), and SB 7 (State Board of Education). Two new federal congressional districts were added – the 37th in the Austin area, and the 38th in the Houston area GHCFRW territory. The area encompassing the new 38th district should offer Republicans another safe seat. Both new districts contain approximately 60% white eligible voters. The 2020 census showed the State's white and Hispanic populations are close to equal in size. This year's mapmaking process was the first one that was free from federal oversight that had been effect for about half a century meant to protect against discrimination.

Democrats have accused Republicans of illegal racial gerrymandering The Texas Tribune's headline read "Texas Republicans send Gov. Greg Abbott a new congressional map that protects GOP power, reduces influence of voters of color". The story lead with "After a few last-minute alterations, the state's new congressional districts are drawn and await the scrutiny of federal courts. Already, one lawsuit has been filed claiming the new maps intentionally discriminate against Latino voters." Much complaining that the new maps "shore up GOP dominance" and "yield little ground to the people of color who have fueled the state's growth". The official Harris County Democratic party says the new districts "await the scrutiny of federal courts". Before even being signed into law, the new maps for congressional, statehouse, and Board of Education districts have been challenged in federal court in an action filed in El Paso by the Mexican American Defense and Education Fund representing several individuals and Latino organizations.

The State's current U.S. delegation consists of 23 Republicans and 13 Democrats. The new maps would increase the number of districts that would have gone for President Trump in the 2020 election from 22 to 25 (statewide, President Trump received 52.1% of the vote). Among Democrats few "wins" in the redistricting fight, final maps keep perpetual Houston-area Democrat incumbents Sheila Jackson Lee in Congressional District 18 and Al Green in District 9 who represent historically Black neighborhoods and larger Black populations.

You can use the tools on the official Texas Legislature Redistricting website to see the maps and read more about the process. <https://redistricting.capitol.texas.gov>

**Other Legislative-Related News**

Recently passed legislation from the past prior special session fetal heartbeat law is in the third phase of legal challenges from certain parties in opposition including the Biden/Harris administration (United States v. Texas), and a second challenge brought by an abortion provider in Whole Women's Health v. Jackson. Expedited arguments will be presented to the U.S. Supreme Court on November 1st, following a ruling in favor of the law by the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Both lawsuits seek to block the new law that bans abortion after approximately six weeks completely. The State is striking back at the challenges, saying the federal government does not have authority to bring its lawsuit in the first place.

**Legislative Report continued:**

Two Republican Representatives in the GHCFRW district announced they would not seek reelection – Jim Murphy of the 133rd in Houston and Dan Huberty of the 127th in the Kingwood area. Their announcements were followed by announcements of several candidates for each spot.

U.S. Congressman Kevin Brady of the 8th District has also announced he will not run for reelection, and candidates to fill that spot have announced they are running.

Multiple candidates have already announced for the new 38th Congressional District.

More information to come on candidate filing deadlines and the primary election date.

**March 1, 2022 - Primary Election**

**These dates are subject to changes from the 2021 legislative session.**

First day to file for a place on the Primary ballot for precinct chair candidates: Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Filing deadline for candidates; filing deadline for independent candidates to file declaration of intent: Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM

First day to apply for a ballot by mail: Saturday, January 1, 2022

Last Day to Register to Vote: Monday, January 31, 2022

First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance: Monday, February 14, 2022

Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked): Friday, February 18, 2022

Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance: Friday, February 25, 2022

Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail Tuesday, March 1, 2022 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is not postmarked, OR Thursday, March 3, 2022 (next business day\* after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply).

**<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/index.shtml>**



# Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women General Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2021

Trini Mendenhall Center

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by President, Sophia Mafrige.
  2. The opening Prayer and pledges to the United States flag and the Texas flag was led by the Honorable, Tom Ramsey, Pct. 3 Commissioner. President Sophia Mafrige recognized elected officials and candidates.
  3. Second VP of Membership, Kittie Rice, called the roll of clubs and confirmed that there was a quorum of member clubs present.
  4. Approval of minutes – Recording Secretary, Mary Sage, presented the minutes of the GHC General Meeting of May 18, 2021, which were published in the newsletter. There being no revisions or objections, they were approved as submitted.
  5. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer, Micheline Hutson, and approved as submitted.
  6. President Sophia Mafrige submitted names for the Nominating Committee for the 2022-2023 Board: Marie Maggio, Alice Melancon, Kittie Rice, Cindy Siegel, and Barbara Tague. Sophia asked for nominations from the floor, and there were none. Micheline Hutson made a motion to approve the Nominating Committee names submitted, Debbie Roan seconded the motion, and the Nominating Committee of Marie Maggio, Alice Melancon, Kittie Rice, Cindy Siegel, and Barbara Tague was approved.
  7. GHC Hospitality Chair Dana Khan reported that our 60th Diamond Anniversary at the Diamond at Minute Maid Park will be held on April 1. Kellyanne Conway will be keynote speaker, and copies of her new book will be available for purchase.
  8. First Vice-President of Programs, Gwen Withrow, introduced speaker Gina Manlove, CEO of the San Jacinto Museum of History. Gina invited our members to the First Texas Memorial Illumination at the San Jacinto Monument on Saturday, November 13, 2021. There will be 21,500 luminaires representing all Texas veterans who died through Afghanistan. The event is free and will begin at 6:00pm as a drive-through event for families. She encouraged members to volunteer, attend and bring friends.
  9. First Vice-President of Programs, Gwen Withrow, introduced the First Lady of Texas, Cecilia Abbott, as our keynote speaker for today's meeting. Her story reminds us that the American Dream is alive and well. The First Lady stated that Governor Abbott continues to fight for conservative values, and he is firmly against the Democrat open borders policy that emboldens the cartels. President Sophia Mafrige presented a gift to First Lady Abbott.
- Announcements:
- a. GHC Directories are available for Club Presidents and GHC Board members.
  - b. Our last meeting of the year will be on November 9. We will collect gift cards to present to David Maulsby for Camp Hope.
  - c. A candidate signing party will be held at the Mendenhall Center on November 4.
  - d. Rachel Redus is collecting supplies for Texas Border Agents.
  - e. Several members announced details about their Club fundraisers and events.
11. The meeting was brought to a close by President Sophia Mafrige. The next general meeting will be on Tuesday, November 9th.
  12. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50AM.

Submitted by,

Mary Sage, GHC Recording Secretary

October 21, 2021

## TFRW 33rd Biennial Convention

### A Huge Success!

The 33rd TFRW Biennial Convention at Kalahari Resort in Round Rock is now one for the books. Delegates to the convention had little down time with all the activities, dinners, awards, workshops, great entertainment, general convention business and of course the election of our TFRW Executive Committee officers and District Directors.



***Greater Houston Council clubs were well represented at the convention!***

**Congratulations to the TFRW Officers for 2022-2023:** President Kit Whitehill, 1st VP Zenia Warren, VP By-laws Debra Harper, VP Campaign Activities Corinne Miklos, VP Finance Jill Tate, VP Legislation Robbi Hull, VP Membership **Dana Myers** (Magic Circle RW President), VP Training and Programs **Alice Melancon** (Montgomery County RW), Secretary Grace Jones, Treasurer Susan Friedrich.

**Congratulations to the TFRW GHC area District Directors:** SD 3 Karen Morris, SD 4 Pearl Maggio, SD 6 Bergundi Cain, SD 7 Robbye Cowell, SD 11 Debbie Roan, SD 17 Tina Gibson, SD 18 Amy Mundy. Thank you to Barbara Buxton SD 7, for her many years of service to the TFRW Board.

Congratulations to **Jo Konen** member of **Northwest Forest RW** on her nomination as a finalist for the **Legacy Leadership Award!**

Congratulations to **Gwen Withrow**, SREC SD 4, GHC VP Programs, member of **Spindletop RW**, **TFRW 10 Outstanding Award** winner! Congratulations to **Luine Hancock**, member of **Lake Conroe Area RW** for **TFRW 10 Outstanding Award!**



***Congratulations to GHC Clubs! Well Done Ladies!!***

#### NFRW Diamond Award

Clear Creek RW, Cy-Fair RW, Kingwood Area RW, Lake Conroe Area RW, Magic Circle RW, Montgomery County RW, Northshore RW, Northwest Forest RW, Village RW, The Yellow Rose of Texas RW

**RW Club of Katy** for NFRW Third Place Award for Greatest Percentage Club Membership Increase in the US

#### TFRW Awards

**Golden Triangle RW** for Largest RW Club in Texas and for Largest Percentage Membership Increase in Texas for a Super Jumbo Club

**North Shore RW** for Best Newsletter Super Jumbo Club

**Liberty Belles RW** for Best and Most Improved Newsletter Large Club

**Kingwood Area RW** for Large Club Armed Forces Award

**The Yellow Rose of Texas** for Medium Club Armed Forces Award and Americanism Award

**Village RW** for Jumbo Club Caring for America Award

#### TFRW Club Achievement Awards

Baytown RW, Clear Creek RW, Cy-Fair RW, Fort Bend RW, Golden Triangle RW, Kingwood Area RW, Lake Conroe Area RW, Liberty Belles RW, Magic Circle RW, Montgomery County RW, North Shore RW, Northwest Forest RW, Village RW, The Yellow Rose of Texas RW

# TFRW FAIRNESS RULES, DISCLAIMERS, BYLAWS AMENDMENTS AND 2022-2023 CLUB MEMBERSHIP



## 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.***

Corrine Miklosh, VP Campaign Activities

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

## BYLAWS

There are several amendments to your club bylaws that were added at the TFRW Convention which will be sent to all Club Presidents by the TFRW VP Bylaws. Some are new from TFRW and NFRW and some are just clean up. Please be sure to amend your bylaws as soon as you receive them from Debrah Harper, TFRW VP Bylaws.

## DISCLAIMERS AT CLUB MEETINGS

When federal candidates/elected officeholders are present at any event or meeting, the following disclaimer must be displayed: **Solicitations made by federal candidates and officeholders are limited by federal law. The federal candidates and officeholders are soliciting only donations of up to \$2,500.00 from individuals and up to \$5,000.00 from multi-candidate political committees. They are not soliciting donations in any amount from corporations, labor organizations, national banks, federal contractors, or foreign nationals.**

*Disclaimers must also be displayed on any club correspondence, including newsletters, websites and mailers.*

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's that time of year again! Please start collecting your membership renewals beginning November 1st for 2022. You do not have to wait until the December 31 deadline to turn them in to TFRW. Go ahead and turn them in as you receive them.

**Don't forget to pay your Greater Houston Council 2022 membership dues from your club!**

Go to [www.ghcfrwpac.org](http://www.ghcfrwpac.org).





## 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

### **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

#### **Pump - \$3,750**

- Beverage Sponsors
- Premium seating for 2
- Introduced at Event
- Recognition in Program
- Recognition on CFRW PAC Webpage

#### **Peep Toe - \$2,500**

- 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

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

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# We Need You!



**Tired of Harris County Crime?**  
**Help Get Our Republican Judicial Candidates Elected!**

**Thursday, November 4, 2021**

**5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.**

**Trini Mendenhall Community Center**

**1414 Wirt Rd.**



Bring a neighbor and a friend, and join us for a judicial petition signing party! Meet the candidates and help them win by lending your signature.

Judicial candidates must collect 750 registered Harris County voter's signatures to be placed on the ballot to waive the filing fee. Let's show them our support and provide our signatures to get our judges elected.



Hosted By Magic Circle Republican Women's Club, Memorial West  
Republican Women's Club, Republican Women's Club of Katy,  
Harris County Republican Party

**Bring your valid photo ID!**

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**GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL OF FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN**



**Diamond Anniversary at the Diamond**

*Celebrating 60 years 1962 - 2022*

*Featuring keynote speaker  
Kellyanne Conway*



**Friday, April 1, 2022**

**11:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**Minute Maid Park – Club Level**

**501 Crawford Street**

**Houston, Texas 77002**

**VIP Check-In 10:30 am – 11:00 am**

**General Check-In 11:00 am – 11:30 am**

**VIP Reception 10:30 am – 11:30 am**

**General Reception 11:00 am – 11:30 am**

**Program and Luncheon 11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

The mission of the Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women is to promote political education in order to increase the effectiveness of Republican Women in the cause of good government. In addition, the Council strives to coordinate activities of the various clubs to achieve the maximum efforts of Republican Women throughout the region to elect Republican candidates.

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# Diamond Anniversary at the Diamond

## registration form



**Diamond Anniversary at the Diamond**  
*Celebrating 60 years 1962 - 2022*

Sponsor/Club Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you wish it to appear on event publications)

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **DIAMOND - \$5,000**

\_\_\_\_\_ **RUBY SPONSOR - \$3,500**

\_\_\_\_\_ **SAPPHIRE SPONSOR - \$2,500**

\_\_\_\_\_ **GHCFRW MEMBER CLUB TABLE - \$1,500** (may split with another club)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Unable to attend, but want to support GHCFRW \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**To pay by check** – make payable to GHCFRW and mail to Micheline Hutson, Treasurer,  
11007 Wortham Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77065

**To pay by credit card** – email Micheline Hutson for payment arrangements [mfh67@protonmail.com](mailto:mfh67@protonmail.com)

**Sponsorship purchases available October 1 – December 31, 2021**

**All payments must be received by December 31, 2021**

**Individual tickets will be sold based on availability after January 10, 2022**

Questions? Email Dana Khan [[danak007@gmail.com](mailto:danak007@gmail.com)] or SJ Swanson [[sjswanson@swansonpllc.com](mailto:sjswanson@swansonpllc.com)]

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## sponsorship opportunities

### DIAMOND - \$5,000

- Premier location reserved table at luncheon for 10
- VIP reception admittance for 10
- VIP Recognition in program
- 10 Kellyanne Conway books

### RUBY SPONSOR - \$3,500

- Priority location reserved table at luncheon for 10
- VIP reception admittance for 6
- VIP recognition in program
- 10 Kellyanne Conway books

### SAPPHIRE SPONSOR - \$2,500

- Priority location reserved table at luncheon for 10
- VIP reception admittance for 4
- VIP recognition in program
- 10 Kellyanne Conway books

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- Recognition at event
- Table must be purchased by GHCFRW member club, may split with another club

**Sponsorship purchases available October 1 – December 31, 2021**

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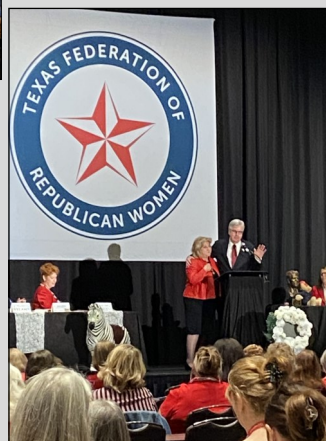
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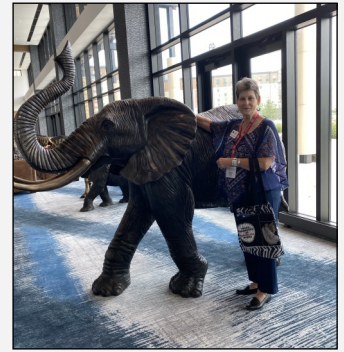


## Greater Houston Council FRW Clubs at the TFRW Convention 2021





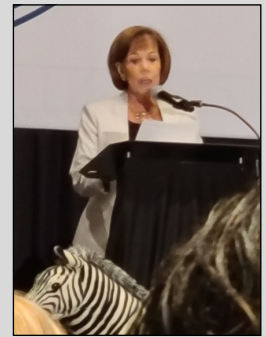
## TFRW CONVENTION DINNERS, AWARDS AND FUN!



Greater Houston Council President Sophia Mafrige with Greater San Antonio Council President Sylvia Gartner, Gwen Withrow 10 Outstanding Award winner, Opening session of convention by TFRW President Glynis Chester, GHC program ad, Newly elected District Directors SD 1-31. GHC Board at the convention.



## More TFRW Convention Highlights!



Convention delegates working hard and having a great time! Greater Houston Council Board, Bay Area RW, Baytown RW, Chambers County RW, Magic Circle RW, Galveston RW, Angleton RW, Clear Creek RW, Village RW, Cy- Fair RW, Fort Bend RW, The Yellow Rose of Texas RW, Northwest Forest RW, Spindletop RW and RW Club of Katy. (Apologies if your club was left out!)



## Greater Houston Council FRW Club Events and TFRW Convention Delegates

Time to brag on our Greater Houston area county clubs! Greater Houston Council includes 13 counties, 7 Senate Districts and 34 very active clubs. *What an honor to share all of your club activities and success stories and feature some very special Republican Women!*



**Bay Area RW** Lincoln Dinner with State Rep Dennis Paul and wife Eliza Paul, BARW President Beverly Ferguson Cooper and husband Frank Cooper. **GHC President** at Bay Area meeting **Chambers County RW** delegates at TFRW Convention, President Loretta Emmons, Secretary Danielle Blair, and Legislative Chair Rachel Hisler. **Baytown RW** at the TFRW Convention, Marga Matthews President, Phyllis Hildenbrand, Celia Cravey, Jo Ann Cecil, Rose Smith, Bergundi Cain SD 6 District Director. **Braes RW** meeting supporting the Republican HISD School Board candidates with President Fleury Sommers and VP Programs Mary Jane Smith. SD11 Delegates and District Director Debbie Roan at the TFRW Convention.



## More Greater Houston Council FRW Club Events!



**Magic Circle RW** Fall Fundraiser and Fashion Show with Club President Dana Myers, Greater Houston Council President Sophia Mafrige, Anne Lee, Mary Sage, Penny Butler, Cheryl Dalton, Joan Buscher.



## 2021 Constitutional Amendment Proposition Explanations

### Courtesy of State Senator Lois Kolkhorst

**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.” (HJR 143)

Proposition 1 would grant authority to the Legislature to allow charitable raffles to be conducted at rodeo events, which is consistent with its current authority to allow such raffles at other professional sporting events.

**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.” (HJR 99)

Proposition 2 would allow counties to use a vital financing tool to develop transportation projects and other infrastructure in unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted areas. The Texas Constitution already allows cities to use this tool, called tax increment financing, and this proposition would extend that authority to counties.

**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.” (SJR 27)

Proposition 3, by prohibiting state or local officials from acting to prohibit or limit religious services, would help guarantee that Texans could freely exercise their religious beliefs. The proposition would address actions taken by some government officials during the COVID-19 pandemic that restricted Texans’ ability to practice their faith in congregation with others at churches, mosques, and synagogues.

**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.” (SJR 47)

Proposition 4 would add to the existing eligibility requirements for appellate and district court judges. There have long been bipartisan calls to revise qualifications for judges, an issue separate from the method of judicial selection.

**Proposition 5:** “The constitutional amendment providing additional powers to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct with respect to candidates for judicial office.” (HJR 165)

By expanding the authority of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (SCJC) to receive complaints and conduct investigations, Proposition 5 would create a more even handed process for candidates for judicial office who were not current officeholders and those who were incumbents. Currently, elected judicial officers are held to high standards specified in the Code of Judicial Conduct, whereas their non-judge opponents are not. The proposition could help remedy this by consistently subjecting all candidates for judicial office to the SCJC complaint and investigation process.

**Proposition 6:** “The constitutional amendment establishing a right for residents of certain facilities to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation.” (SJR 19)

Proposition 6 would grant residents of long-term care facilities the right to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation, ensuring that residents had access to an essential caregiver at all times, with limited exceptions. During the COVID-19 pandemic, visitation restrictions in long-term care facilities were difficult for residents and their families, as well as for facility staff. Many residents were isolated and lacked connection and physical touch from loved ones for several months, and as a result of these restrictions, some patients died alone. By allowing residents to designate an essential caregiver, Proposition 6 would ensure vulnerable Texans had access to loved ones, which could improve residents’ physical and mental health.

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## Constitutional Amendment Propositions continued:

**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.” (HJR 125)

Proposition 7 ensures that the surviving spouse of an individual with a disability who qualified for a homestead exemption could continue to receive the school district property tax limitation, or “freeze,” on the surviving spouse’s residence homestead. The spouses of deceased individuals over 65 already qualify for the property tax freeze, and the proposition would provide the same limitation to the surviving spouse of a person with a disability.

**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.” (SJR 35)

Proposition 8 would correct an oversight in current law by providing the residence homestead tax exemption to all surviving spouses of members of the U.S. armed services killed in the line of duty.

For more information, you can visit [www.VoteTexas.gov](http://www.VoteTexas.gov).

2021 Constitutional Amendment Voter Guide		
PROPOSITION		EXPLANATION
#1: Sports Team Charitable Raffle		This would allow charitable raffles to be conducted at rodeo events hosted or sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.
#2: County to Finance Development through Bonds		This would allow a county to issue debt to finance transportation infrastructure, excluding toll roads, in underserved parts of the county. State Republican Executive Committee has issued a resolution against this proposition 62-0
#3: Prohibit Limit of a Religious Service		This would mean a governmental entity could not limit or prohibit religious services.  The 1st amendment provides Congress will make no law prohibiting free exercise of religion. This codifies it in the Texas constitution.
#4: Eligibility for Judicial Offices		This would require 10 years of experience as a practicing lawyer in the State of Texas or a practicing lawyer and judge of a state court or county court for a combined total of at least 10 years to be eligible to serve as Chief Justice or Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas.
#5: State Commission on Judicial Conduct regarding Candidates		Currently, the State Commission on Judicial Conduct may only handle complaints against existing judges. This amendment would extend the Commission's authority to impose the same standards on all judicial candidates as it does for those who are already judges, therefore ensuring all candidates for judicial positions are treated equally.
#6: Essential Care Giver		This amendment would guarantee residents of long-term care facilities the right to designate someone as an essential caregiver. Though they may put certain guidelines in place, these facilities would not be allowed to prohibit residents from visiting with their designated caregivers.
#7: Exemption from school tax surviving spouse of disable if 55+		This would allow the surviving spouse of a disabled person to retain the tax ceiling benefit.
#8: Exempt Ad Valorem tax surviving spouse of armed forces		This would allow the surviving spouse of a service member who is killed or fatally injured (rather than killed in action) to receive a property tax exemption.

Early Voting: October 18<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>

[republicanwomensclubofkaty.com](http://republicanwomensclubofkaty.com)

Election Day: November 2<sup>nd</sup>



## **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 2021—2022 Calendar of Events

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

**General Meetings 9:30 am check in, 10:00 am meeting and program**

**All Club members are invited!**

November 9, 2021

January 18, 2022

March 15, 2022

May 10, 2022

September 20, 2022

November 15, 2022

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

February 15, 2022

April 19, 2022

August 16, 2022

October 18, 2022

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– 2022 Calendar

- ★ **November 2 Election Day Constitutional Amendments, City Council and School Boards (in some counties)**
- ★ **November 9 GHCFRW General Meeting—All club members are invited!**
- ★ **November 11 Veteran's Day**
- ★ **December 7 GHCFRW Current Board and 2022-2023 Board Christmas Luncheon**
- ★ **January 18 GHCFRW General Meeting—All club members are invited!**
- ★ **January 28–29 TFRW Leadership Day and Board Meeting in San Marcos**
- ★ **March 1 Primary Election (?)**
- ★ **March 15 Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop**
- ★ **April 1 GHCFRW 60th Anniversary Celebration at Minute Maid Park**

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