

Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

Representing 13 Counties of
Federated Republican Women



March 2022

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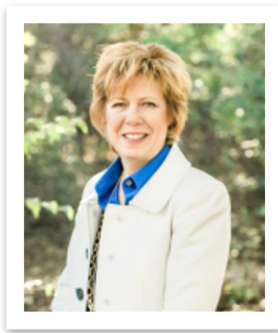
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Comments, criticisms also welcomed.

Commitment, Service, Involvement: Ideas, Activities, Events for Victory 2022



Dear Greater Houston Council Clubs,

What has your club committed to doing to turn our counties and cities red this year?

As we move through the Primary Election, now is a great time for your clubs to schedule Victory 2022 activities.

If you need help with ideas, activities, or events, here are some activities from the Greater Houston Council that offer support, training, and camaraderie for your clubs this year.

- Sign up your club officers and members for the **Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop on March 15th**. Your new officers will have essential leadership tools after they complete this workshop. There is still time to register for Nuts 'N Bolts, but please hurry. Remember that we will acknowledge your presidents that day. Go to our website and register by credit card. Bring your club members! Let's pack the room!
- There is still time to reserve a club table or buy individual tickets to the **60th Diamond Anniversary at the Diamond at Minute Maid Park on April 1st**. Political Analyst **Jacque Baly Craig** will be our Mistress of Ceremonies. Senior Advisor to the Governor **Steve Munisteri** will introduce our speaker. Our speaker is former Senior Counselor to President Trump **Kellyanne Conway**. Our RPT State Vice Chairwoman **Cat Parks** will also be part of the program. The third presentation of the GHC **Patriot Award** will be announced, so you won't want to miss who the honored recipient will be! A live auction led by Senator **Paul Bettencourt** and book signing for VIPS are also part of the day's events.

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President's Message, Continued

- GHC will host summer Club President's luncheons again. Watch for your invitation!
- Mark your calendars for the GHC GOTV Rally to support our candidates at Mendenhall Center on August 23. Lunch will be provided.
- GHC is making plans to work with the TFRW/ RPT Day of Action GOTV for block walking events. GHC clubs will host rally events in GHC counties.
- Our very informative newsletters are full of information from our local clubs and TFRW. Please share the newsletters with your club members.

GHC is here to work for your clubs, train your members, advertise your club events and push your club forward in your county. We want the greater Houston area to know we are a powerful force in our communities.

Be sure to turn in your club membership dues to GHC for 2022 enabling club presidents to be honored at Nuts 'N Bolts and included in the 2022 Presidents Handbook/directory. We want you to be a part of our growing and influential RW base in the Greater Houston Area. Be sure to collect campaign hours from your club members. You will be surprised at how active your clubs are when you see those hours!

Our Council Board will be traveling to your clubs to introduce ourselves this year. Please allow us some time to speak at your meetings. We want to hear from you too!

Please call me any time at 713-412-1620 or email me at ghcpres2223@gmail.com

Let's celebrate our 60 years of Republican Women influence by continuing to be the great leaders and influencers that we are! Thank you for working so hard. Let's keep the momentum going for the next sixty years!

Tina Gibson, GHCFRW President



Diamond Anniversary at the Diamond
Celebrating 60 years 1962 - 2022

GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL OF FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Join us April 1 to celebrate our 60th Anniversary. Participants include MC Jacquie Baly Craig, Keynote Speaker Kellyanne Conway, Steve Munisteri and Cat Parks.

Tables and single reservations are still available but are going fast. See page 16 for reservations and sponsorship opportunities.





Nuts 'N Bolts – March 2022

Pre-Registration Open Until March 4

The Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women in conjunction with The Texas Federation of Republican Women will hold the Nuts 'N Bolts training workshop Tuesday, March 15. This critical training is available to all members of Clubs associated with the GHCFRW.



Kit Whitehall

Kit Whitehall, President, TFRW

Kit Whitehall will be our luncheon speaker and will lead “The President and her Role” morning panel. Kit founded the Coppell Republican Women in 2012. She is a Dallas County precinct chair and served as the Dallas County GOP Secretary for five years. Kit was the Campaign Manager for her husband, Justice Bill Whitehill of the Fifth District Court of Appeals, in the 2012 and 2014 elections. In 2014 the Dallas County Republican Party named her “Volunteer of the Year” and in 2015 the Coppell Republican Women’s club named her the Dallas County GOP Club of Year. She was appointed by Governor Abbott in 2019 to serve on the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority.

Panels

Wherever you are in your role with a TFRW Republican Women’s Club, the panels offer insights and actionable advice to help you in your job. Program planners have assembled talented and knowledgeable presenters to share their knowledge and experience. In this pivotal year, this rich and practical material is an invaluable foundation for member education and increased effectiveness.

Morning Session 1

The Treasurer and her Duties and PAC Treasurer, Carla Birk, TFRW PAC Treasurer
The President and her Role, Kit Whitehill, TFRW President,

Morning Session 2

Programs, Alice Melancon, TFRW Vice President Programs
Membership, Dana Myers, TFRW, Vice President Membership

Afternoon Session 3

Communication and Social Media, Jennifer Knesik, GHCTRW Chair
Political Activities, Corrine Miklosh, TFRW Vice President Political Activities

The Pre-Registration Deadline is March 4, 2022. The cost is an affordable \$20 (slightly more for credit card payments.)

SEE CRITICAL INFORMATION FOR REGISTRATION FORM



What “Nuts ‘N Bolts” Did For Me

Previous Attendees Comment on Training



“Nuts ‘N Bolts helped me focus. I was much too shy and intimidated to attend TFRW Leadership Day. Besides, I was working and dealing with teenagers. Nuts ‘N Bolts is small, in a familiar setting, with lots of friendly faces. After a few workshops led by very able, experienced leaders, I overcame my fear of bureaucratic entanglements at the Texas Ethics Commission. Due to the important contacts developed at Nuts ‘N Bolts, I found a great way to serve my country.”



“Nuts ‘N Bolts is a great way to hear from experienced TFRW and local club leaders. It also enables you to hone your skills in a women’s club to maximize outcomes with lessons learned and best practices.”



“Five years ago I retired from a long career with a major oil company and was eager to become an active member of Memorial West RW. Didn’t think I would become quite so active! Within six months I was the new President of the Club and had no clue of what I needed to do. That first Nuts N Bolts was so helpful for me to learn my duties as president and to talk to other club presidents and share ideas. In the years since I have always looked forward to gathering new ideas and sharing experiences with ladies in other clubs.”

COMMITTEE ON ELECTION INTEGRITY

Conway Briefing on RNC Texas Election Reform Efforts



Melissa Conway, Texas Election Integrity Director, Republican National Committee, gave a comprehensive and sometimes passionate presentation on RNC election integrity efforts at the January meeting of the Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women.

Conway, a 25-year veteran of Texas grassroots political activism and communications was appointed to the post in the wake of the RNC's 23-page "autopsy" of the 2020 election. The "Report of the Temporary Committee on Election Integrity" found "serious problems and failures" in the election. It acknowledged the impact of Covid but reported that "laws were disregarded,

election observer rights were restricted and there are many questions left unanswered." Among its major recommendations was for a "year-round effort to recruit, train, and organize volunteers with whom the party can engage at every step of the election administration process." That committee has since been made permanent with Florida Republican Joe Gruters at the helm.

Providing a crucial impetus for this effort in Texas is the lifting of the 1982 consent decree legally "blocking the ability of the RNC to protect the vote," according to Conway. That consent decree was lifted in 2018 by Newark-based U.S. District Court Judge John Michael Vazquez, an Obama appointee.

The consent decree's restrictions, combined with a tendency to "take Texas for granted" have left "Texas asleep at the wheel," Conway said.

At the time of her presentation, she noted that at least 115 Texas counties did not have the trained personnel to effectively monitor polling locations. "These counties are in jeopardy," she said.

Republican women, including the Texas Federation of Republican Women, "stand in the gap," Conway said. They understand "the battle here is on the front lines."

(The TFRW recognizes the pivotal nature of the current election cycle and now more than ever has repeatedly encouraged its members to participate in all aspects of election integrity activities including the just concluded "Building Leaders," online Poll Watching Training, and a variety of other training. The TFRW also celebrates the record number of its members who are running for office in this cycle.)

A concurrent effort is to recruit teams of volunteer attorneys to be available to provide "real-time mitigation" of perceived irregularities, Conway said.

"The only way we can deter issues is to have eyes, ears, and boots on the ground at every phase of the election process," Conway added.

Conway is conducting a series of zoom calls throughout the state in addition to on-site presentations to interested groups.

January 14 Meeting Highlights



Maggie Peterson at the January GHCFRW meeting.

Although women make up only 16% of the military, nearly 18 in 20 female members of the military experience some form of Military Sexual Trauma (MST), Maggie Peterson, a former United States Air Force Sargent and founder of Camp Shield told the Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women at its January meeting.

Peterson, a ten-year veteran of the United States Airforce and one of the first female Loadmasters in the Service's history, founded Camp Shield as a resource for female veterans.

It offers peer support, a variety of educational and recreational programs, and virtual outreach to help women “push through the mental and behavioral struggles most of us experience,” Peterson said. It currently operates in four cities across Texas and a permanent retreat facility is in the planning stages.

According to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Military Sexual Trauma is defined as “experiences of sexual assault or repeated threatening sexual harassment that occurred while a person was in the United States Armed Forces.”

One in four female service members is raped, according to the *Journal of Trauma, Abuse and Violence*, while VA and a Denver Veterans Affairs Medical Center, University of Utah, and University of Colorado study found that nearly 30 percent of female service members who experienced sexual assault contemplate suicide.

The GHCFRW collected gift cards to support Camp Shield which were presented to Peterson by SJ Swanson, 1st VP Programs.



SJ Swanson presents gift cards for Camp Shield.

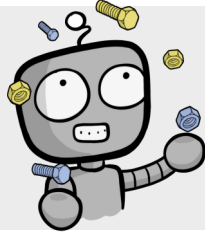
Hospitality

Hospitality for the January Meeting was provided by **Bay Area RW** and **Clear Lake RW**. Thank you, ladies!

Pictured is Tina Gibson, President GHCFRW and Roxann Lewis, GHCFRW Hospitality Co-Chair and President of the Clear Lake RW. Edie Holland (not pictured) is Hospitality Co-Chair.

Hospitality for March “Nuts ‘N Bolts” will be provided by **Spindletop RW**, **Northwest Forest RW** and **Galveston RW**.





Mini Nuts and Bolts

Editor's Note: Amy Byers, 2nd Vice President of Membership, offered some very productive ideas on membership development and retention at our January 18 meeting and has generously shared her notes with us.

Membership Development & Retention

Amy Byers



Retaining members and keeping them active and interested is a complex, multi-layered effort. Here are a few strategies and tactics that club membership chairs might consider. (Remember to always consult with your club president on any initiative.)

Don't be afraid to think outside the box while also remembering that what works in one club might not work in another. Try member socials. Invite new and existing members out for drinks, dinner, etc. Some ladies might not be able to make your monthly meetings due to other obligations. In these cases, try C.H.A.Ts (Chicks Having an Awesome Time.) These are like mini-meetings that are outside the normal time of your monthly meetings. They can be held anywhere.

Please make everyone feel welcome and important. This vital function cannot just fall on the membership chair, it is a club-wide function. But the membership chair may have to occasionally remind busy members of its importance.

Member retention is much, much easier than recruiting new members, but it still requires work and attention. Remember that people are more willing to work with you, go to bat for you, and STAY with you if they feel and are respected. These are also the members who are more likely to recruit new members, too. One simple tactic for making new members feel welcomed is to seat them with your most talkative, friendly, and vivacious members who are also the most dedicated to your club and its goals. You know who they are -- put them to work.

Communication. Communication. Communication. With our club, I constantly communicated with our Treasurer to ensure that relevant information and documentation was submitted to the TFRW promptly. We did this through text messaging, a method that was convenient for us. The constant communication also ensured a double-check on all submissions and their deadlines. This minimized the possibility of overlooking important information that could have caused trouble down the line. In addition, this information was sent to our executive board AND our district director.

Share success. If your club does something successful and/or innovative in recruiting or retaining members, please let me know and I will share it. This type of information flow benefits all of us as we work side-by-side to keep Texas RED.

Amy Byers

2nd Vice President, Membership

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On Stage and Around the Hall

Images from our January meeting



The Republican Women's Club of Katy "earned" door prizes at the January meeting for having the most club members at the meeting. Six club members attended.





GHCFRW at “Building Leaders”

More than 350 women including GHC Board Members and District Directors attended “Building Leaders” at San Marco in January to take advantage of training sessions, new tools, candidate forums, and invaluable networking opportunities.

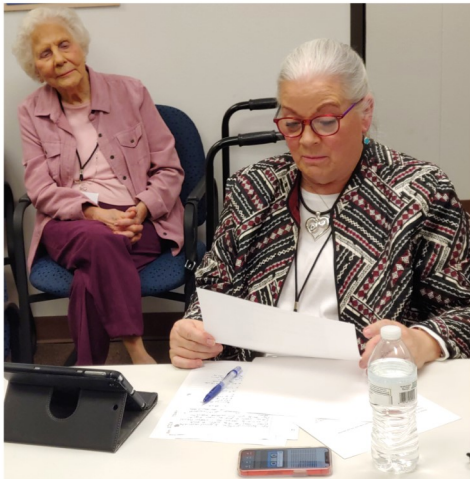




GHCFRW Club & Member Snapshots

Editor's Note: Please send Club and Member images to Fleury Sommers fsommers@sommersassoc.com. We'd love to share them.

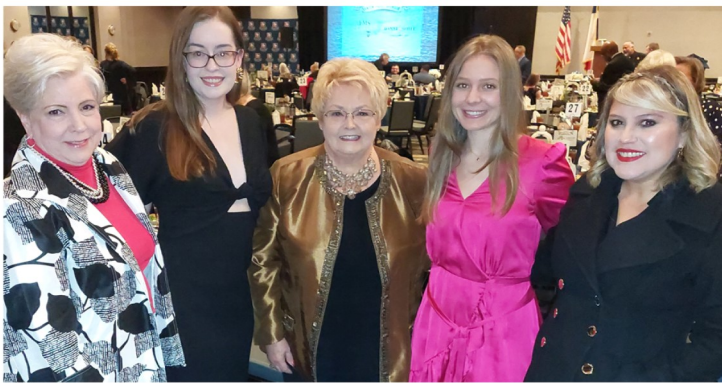
Mary Nan Huffman, Village Republican Women, is new Houston City Council member, District G. Heartiest Congratulations!



Cheryl Riedl, BRWC, presents the results of a survey designed to pinpoint member communications preferences and increase efficiency.



(Above) Marga Matthews, Baytown Republican Women, is honored at the opening of the new RNC Hispanic Community Center.



Betsy Kindred, Emily Young, Sherry Peterson, Kendal Jones, Liz Sitta, WPRW, at the Alvin Manvel Area Chamber of Commerce Awards.

Northwest Forest RW January meeting.





Conducting Candidate Events – Guide for TFRW Clubs

Corrine Miklosh VP Political Activities

Alice Melancon VP Programs

Campaign season presents unique opportunities for clubs. One of those is introducing candidates to the membership. This is done in several ways; you can host a meet and greet, a candidate forum, or possibly a debate. What's the difference?

A **meet and greet** is generally an informal event. Candidates are usually introduced and allowed to speak for an allotted period.

A **candidate forum** is an event typically facilitated by a moderator which includes questions posed to candidates with a set time to respond and possibly rebut.

A **debate** is a more structured event where questions regarding issues are discussed in greater detail, followed by each participant responding and rebuttals given.

Guidelines for events

Decide what kind of event you want to host - Remember that TFRW clubs cannot host events for Federal Candidates; this includes Presidential, Senatorial, and Congressional candidates.

Plan out your event, type, location, time structure, and moderator.

When planning time for the event. Start with the total time allotted, calculate how many participants and how long you will allow for introductions, questions, answers, and wrap-up comments.

Will the candidates introduce themselves?

How many minutes are allowed for the introduction?

Will the candidates be allowed time for a closing statement?

How many minutes will candidates be allowed to answer questions?

Are rebuttals allowed? How long? Is there

a limit to the number of rebuttals?

All Republican candidates for an office must be invited to attend.

The invitation to the event should have the guidelines of the forum spelled out.

Will candidates be allowed to display and distribute campaign material?

Moderator, timer, and questions

The moderator should be someone who can keep things moving and controlled.

A separate person should be the timer to keep time and notify candidates of time left and signal when time runs out. She should be visible to the candidates and will work with the moderator

Often candidates are given an idea of issues that may be covered. This is up to the planners. It is best that only a few people are involved in formulating the questions. This reduces the risk that the questions and or subjects become known outside the planners and moderator.

Some clubs ask for input from members to develop questions to identify areas of interest. If time allows you may solicit questions from the audience.

Table Space Sales

Some events allow for the sale of table space by candidates to display campaign materials.



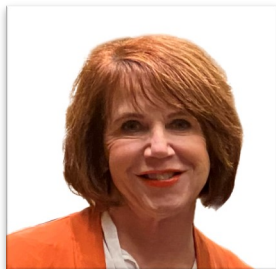
Following these simple guidelines will ensure compliance with TFRW rules for candidate events.

Corrine & Alice



Legislative Report

Bonnie M. Foster, GHC Legislative Chair



Happy 2022 and welcome to the year many races in our 13 counties of the GHC are going to go red, stay red or get even redder.

I want to share a few important notes in this first newsletter of 2022. **March 1, 2022** is primary day. Key dates for this election are listed just below. I've also included a link to the Secretary of State's website for any other questions you may have: <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/index.shtml>

- 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 a 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).

Next comes your precinct caucuses; your Senatorial/County Conventions and the Texas State Convention. Check with your Precinct Chair; your county party website or your County Party Chair to determine dates for your precinct and Senatorial/County Conventions. The Texas state convention is Jun 13-18, 2022 at the George R Brown Convention Center in Houston, TX. The first couple of days of the state convention will be for committee work while the main business days will be the 16th-18th.

How do you participate in a precinct caucus? You just cast a ballot in the primary and show up the day of the precinct caucus. *How do you become a delegate to your Senatorial/County Convention?* You attend your precinct caucus and indicate you would like to be a delegate. Each precinct is allotted a number of delegates to the Senatorial/County Convention based on population and voting. In some cases, anyone who wants to go as a delegate can, however, sometimes there are not enough slots. In that case, a ballot will be cast at the Senatorial/County Convention to determine the delegates.

On occasion, people are elected as delegates and cannot fulfill their obligations. That slot will be filled by an alternate. The same process used to become a delegate/alternate to your Senatorial/County is used to become a delegate/alternate to the state convention.

There is a fee to attend the state convention (and it is pretty minimal), but you may incur hotel costs depending on your distance to the GRB Convention Center.

This is just a short synopsis on the state convention. More will follow in March along with any news of a possible 4th special session.

I am leaving you with these actions items: 1) get 5 people registered to vote who have not voted before; 2) get 10 people to vote in the primary who generally just vote in the general...primaries are extremely important; 3) attend your precinct caucus and get others to do so as well; 4) do your research and vote for the candidate who best aligns with your beliefs; who is electable and can beat a Dem; 5) stand behind and support whoever the Republican nominee is whether it was your choice or not...we need unity to defeat the enemy. **VICTORY IN 2022!!**



TEXAS FEDERATION
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Republican Women

Annual President Checklist

Congratulations! You have been elected Club President! This one-page checklist includes some of the important tasks and deadlines that TFRW expects throughout the year. They are included in the bylaws but this tool can help with club organization and operation. Please use this checklist as a guide for getting the club off to a great start in the new year.

- Submit the Club Notice of Election of Officers to TFRW by December 31 of each year regardless of whether your club leadership has a one-year or two-year term.
- Membership Dues: 1st Membership Submission must include at least 10 Members and an Annual Club Fee of \$20.00.
- Submit Membership Dues by January 15th for Awards Bonus Points; by January 31st to qualify for Awards.
- Membership Submission for TFRW Officers, District Directors, Deputy Presidents, and TFRW Committee Chairs must be received and paid before 1st TFRW Executive Board meeting. They will not be seated at the Board meeting if not paid by this date.
- Ask the Club Finance Chair to lead a review of the past year's books. She should create and present a budget to the Executive Committee for approval. Monitor PAC reporting to ensure deadlines are met by your PAC Treasurer. Penalties can occur for missed deadlines.
- Appoint a Parliamentarian who is familiar with Roberts Rules of Order, especially concerning club voting and quorums.
- Appoint the Standing and Special Committee Chairs.
- The Club Secretary should take minutes at all board and club meetings.
- Read and understand the club bylaws. Make provisions for sharing copies of the bylaws and job descriptions with each Executive Committee Member. Decide how to share bylaws with members. Some possible options are: club website, printed copies distributed at meetings, email copies to each Primary Member.
- Read and understand the Candidate Fairness Policy, Federal Candidate Policy, Endorsement bylaws, Social Media Guidelines
- Be aware of candidate filing deadlines. At the end of the filing period, special candidate fairness rules apply during the primary period. Those dates are posted on the Texas Secretary of State website.
- Membership renewal dues must be paid to TFRW by the last day of February. Non-renewing members will be removed from the NFRW database on March 1. They will no longer have access to websites, newsletters, or organizational resources.
- Sometimes things go wrong. Control your meeting agenda and do not give up your podium. Understand processes in case disruptions occur.
- For clubs with one-year terms: form your nominating Committee in September, present the slate in October, vote on the new officers in November. Most clubs follow this pattern. The president is not a member of the Nominating Committee. Please reference the bylaws for the details.
- 2022 Membership Ends October 31, 2022. 2023 Membership begins November 1, 2022.

Good luck! Thank you for Keeping Texas Red!



Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

General Meeting Minutes, January 18, 2022

Trini Mendenhall Center

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President Tina Gibson.
2. The opening prayer and pledges to the United States flag and the Texas flag were led by Past President Sophia Mafrige.
3. President Tina Gibson recognized elected officials and candidates.
4. 2nd VP Membership, Amy Byers, called the roll of clubs and confirmed that there was a quorum of member clubs present.
5. Approval of minutes – Recording Secretary, Mary Sage, presented the minutes of the GHC General Meeting on November 9, 2021, that were published in the January newsletter. There were no revisions or objections, and the minutes were approved as submitted.
6. Deb Cupples, Chairman of the Financial Review Committee, reported the Financial Review Committee consisting of Tina Gibson, Micheline Hutson, Sophia Mafrige, and Barbara Tague, met on Saturday, January 15. They reviewed the GHC financial records from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. The financial books were reconciled in a timely manner.
7. The Treasurer's Report at December 31, 2021, was presented by Treasurer, Micheline Hutson, and it was approved as submitted. Micheline presented the 2022 Budget. Marga Matthews made a motion to accept the 2022 Budget as presented. There was a unanimous vote to accept the 2022 Budget as presented, and the 2022 Budget was adopted.
8. President Tina Gibson thanked Past President Sophia Mafrige for her service, and she welcomed new Board members. She presented a Brief History Lesson stating that in July 1962, the Republican Women's clubs of Harris County met to form the Harris County Council of Federated Republican Women. She mentioned GHC events that will be held in 2022.
9. 1st Vice-President Programs, SJ Swanson, introduced Maggie Peterson, who founded Camp Shield, for women veterans 5 years ago. Maggie served in the Air Force for 10 years with five combat deployments. After leaving the Air Force, she wanted to help women veterans. Camp Shield provides monthly workshops, book clubs, and retreats, and Maggie now works full-time for Camp Shield. Her long-term plan is to acquire 10 acres of land for a retreat facility and transitional housing. She asked members to let her know if they have 10 acres of land to donate to Camp Shield. SJ Swanson presented to Maggie Peterson gift cards donated by our members for Camp Shield veterans to buy items they need.
10. 1st Vice-President Programs, SJ Swanson, introduced Keynote Speaker Melissa Conway, RNC Texas Election Integrity Director. Melissa urged us to Stand in the Gap. Texas is 41st for voter registration and 45th for voting. We have a monumental task to protect election integrity. Covid is the gateway to violate elections. We need eyes, ears, and boots on the ground. TFRW President Kit Whitehill is taking on election integrity. The RNC has partnered with the RPT to provide training for election poll workers and watchers. Melissa said that Election training sessions will be held across the state. We must Stand in the Gap for election integrity.
11. SJ Swanson introduced Marga Matthews, Primary Director for the Harris County Republican Party. Marga said Republican Women are on the front line. Eva Longoria, the Election Administrator, notified HCRP about 45 early voting locations and 90 locations for election day. She asked members to volunteer to work at voting locations.
12. Officer and Committee Chair Reports – Tina introduced the GHC Officers and Committee Chairs.
13. 60th Diamond Anniversary Chair Dana Khan reported that 75% or 30 tables have been sold, and Sponsor packets and tickets are available for our 60th Diamond Anniversary at the Diamond at Minute Maid Park on April 1. Kellyanne Conway will be the keynote speaker, and copies of her new book will be available for purchase. Several Republican Women's clubs have committed to buy tables, and several elected officials and candidates have committed to being Sponsors. Dana encouraged everyone to participate in the event.

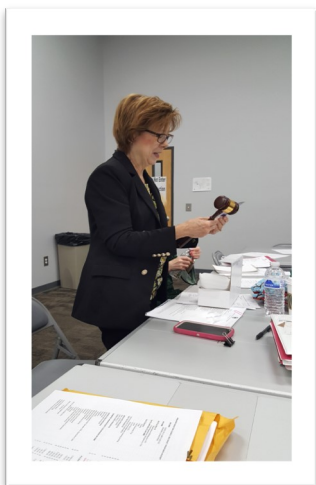
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Minutes, Continued

14. Mini Nuts 'N Bolts Moments – Amy Byers 2nd VP Membership said all Clubs who have paid GHC dues are members. The Club President and a Delegate each have a vote. Nuts 'N Bolts training will be held on Tuesday, March 15. The GHC gives member clubs tips to grow your membership by inviting friends and hosting CHATs. Member retention is very important. We need to keep Texas Red!
15. Announcements: Club representatives announced their upcoming events.
President Tina Gibson announced:
 - a. GHC General meetings will be held on March 15 (Nuts 'N Bolts), May 10, September 20, and November 15.
 - b. GHC Board Meetings will be held on February 15, April 19, August 16, and October 18.
- (1) SJ Swanson said the GHC meetings are longer - one and one-half hours to provide more information to the clubs. The GHC Officers and Committee chairs will meet for a Dutch treat lunch at Fratelli's after our meetings. Melissa Conway will join us today, and member clubs are invited to attend.
- (2) SJ Swanson presented the Inaugural Door Prize for attendance to Republican Women of Katy who had six members attend our meeting.
16. President Tina Gibson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barbara Tague made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Sophia Mafrige seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 AM. Tina expressed appreciation to all.



Submitted by,
Mary Sage,
GHC Recording Secretary
February 22, 2022



Left, Tina Gibson, GHC President is presented a gavel by the Cy Fair RW. Below, Micheline Hutson, GHC Treasurer presents report. Also pictured are Emely McHattie (left) and SJ Swanson (right). At the February 15th Board Meeting.



CRITICAL INFORMATION

Forms. Contacts. Announcements. Calendar. More.



Nuts 'N Bolts, March 2022



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VEP Announcement



Diamond Anniversary at the Diamond

Celebrating 60 years 1962 - 2022



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Calendar of Events
VICTORY Calendar

Board of Directors
Committees
Presidential Appointees



NUTS 'N BOLTS REGISTRATION FORM



Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women, in conjunction with the Texas Federation of Republican Women, will be holding their Nuts N' Bolts training workshop and recognition of Club Presidents on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at the Trini Mendenhall Community Center at 1414 Wirt Road, Houston, TX 77055. Check in begins at 9:00 AM and the program begins at 9:30 AM. There will be snacks and coffee to start your day and lunch is included.

MEET TFRW PRESIDENT KIT WHITEHILL

You can print out this form and mail it along with a check for payment. Or, you can register online at www.ghcfrwpac.org and pay by credit card and then mail in this form to register for sessions. Cost is \$20 by check or \$22 by credit card. ***OUR CAPACITY IS LIMITED, SO YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER TO ATTEND. PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022.** Make checks payable to Greater Houston Council and mail your registration form and payment to Micheline Hutson 11007 Wortham Blvd, Houston, TX 77065.

Name (Please print) _____

Primary Club _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Occupation (required TEC) _____

Workshops—check one in each session

SESSION 1 (morning session)

___ Treasurer and her duties and PAC Treasurer (TFRW PAC Treasurer, Carla Birk)

___ The President and her Role (TFRW President, Kit Whitehill)

SESSION 2 (morning session)

___ Programs (TFRW Vice President Programs, Alice Melancon)

___ Membership (TFRW Vice President Membership, Dana Myers)

SESSION 3 (afternoon session)

___ Communication and Social Media (GHC Social Media Chair, Jennifer Knesek)

___ Political Activities (TFRW Vice President Political Activities, Corrine Miklosh)

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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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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

GHCFRW MEMBER CLUB TABLE - \$1,500

- Reserved table at luncheon for 10
- Recognition at event
- Table must be purchased by GHCFRW member club, may split with another club

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

VIP \$275 VIP Reception, One Kellyanne Conway book, Luncheon

Single \$175 Luncheon

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Questions? Email Dana Khan [danak007@gmail.com] or
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registration form

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

Contact Person _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

- Diamond Sponsor \$5,000
- Ruby Sponsor - \$3,500
- Sapphire Sponsor - \$2,500
- GHCFRW Member Club table - \$1,500 (ends 1/18/22)
- Individual VIP ticket - \$275
- Individual Single ticket - \$175
- Unable to attend but want to support the Diamond event

Payment Information

- Pay by check, make check payable to GHCFRW. Mail your check to Micheline Hudson, Treasurer,
11007 Wortham Blvd., Houston, TX 77055.
- Pay by credit card, please contact Micheline Hutson at MFH67@protonmail.com

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program ad opportunities*

INSIDE COVER - \$350 (4.75" wide x 7.75" high)

FULL PAGE - \$300 (4.75" wide x 7.75" high)

HALF PAGE - \$200 (2.375" wide x 3.875" high)

Promote your club, company or candidate.*

I would like to support the Diamond Anniversary at the Diamond Friday, April 1, 2022.

First Name	Last Name
Guest	
Address	City
Occupation	
Club Affiliation	

Send camera-ready ad copy to Emely McHattie emchattie14@gmail.com by **February 15, 2022**.

Send payment and copy of this form to Micheline Hutson at 11007 Wortham Blvd., Houston, TX 77055 by February 15, 2022. Make checks payable to **GHCFRW**.

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Helpful Legislative Research Links

Texas Legislature Online <https://capitol.texas.gov/>

Legislative Reference Library <https://lrl.texas.gov/>

LegiScan <https://legiscan.com/TX>

House Research Organization <https://hro.house.texas.gov/links.aspx>

Texas Legislative Council <https://tlc.texas.gov/>

Legislative Budget Board <https://www.lbb.state.tx.us/>

Elected Officials Directory <https://www.texastribune.org/directory/>

Texas State Senate <https://senate.texas.gov/>

Texas House of Representatives <https://house.texas.gov/>

Governor's Office <https://gov.texas.gov/>

Lt. Governor's Office <https://www.ltgov.state.tx.us/contact/>

Speaker of the House <https://house.texas.gov/members/speaker/>

Texas Attorney General's Office <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/>

Texas Judicial Branch <https://www.txcourts.gov/>

Federal Legislation & Research <https://www.congress.gov/>

Senate Committee Hearings <https://senate.texas.gov/events.php>

House Witness Registration
<https://mytxlegis.capitol.texas.gov/hwrspublic/about.aspx>

Texas Redistricting <https://redistricting.capitol.texas.gov/>

Texas Values Legislative Guide <https://txvalues.org/legislativeguide/>

Robbie Hull, Vice President, Legislation





TEXAS FEDERATION of *Republican Women*

VEP Announcement

Engagement Opportunities for 2022!

Our TFRW program for 2022 is a multifaceted program with opportunities for every TFRW member to get involved on some level.

We want to thank the Texas Republican Volunteer Engagement PAC (VEP) for their confidence and investment in TFRW and look forward once again to exceeding expectations and achieving Texas-sized results in 2022. Corrine Miklos, VP Political Activities, will oversee this effort, but it will take everyone's involvement to make it successful. Please read about the ways you can get involved and join the effort.

Membership Drive

We will use VEP funding to support a Membership Drive. The Abbott campaign supplied TFRW with the names of 143,000 women voters between the ages of 35-55 that have voted in the last two Republican primaries and are not TFRW members. The list has been sorted by Senate District and will be sent to District Directors to be distributed to our 165 Clubs along with postcards and postage.

Voter Registration

Congratulations to Rhonda Lacy who has been hired by Texas Republican Voter Engagement PAC as their Volunteer Director. We couldn't be prouder of Rhonda who will be responsible for recruiting volunteers from conservative organizations, including TFRW, to help register 100,000+ new Texas Republican voters.

Rhonda is already on the job and has recruited Regional Directors listed below to help coordinate voter registration efforts across the state. Please contact Rhonda or one of the Regional Directors to help register voters today.

We also want to thank those ladies who stepped up to be Regional Directors. These ladies will put in many hours to ensure their voter registration efforts are successful.

Panhandle/West Texas

Lynda Hogue

hoguelynda@hotmail.com

Big Country

Robin Hayes

robinhayes7@yahoo.com

Tarrant Metro

Susan Wright

susanmwright02@gmail.com

Dallas Metro

Diane Dees

dianeleedees@gmail.com

East

TBD

Border

Kelly Perry

kellycs03@aol.com

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Carol Van de Walle

carolvdw@sbcglobal.net

Rhonda Marquardt

rhondamarquardt@gmail.com

Coastal Inland

Becky Berger

beckybergerfortx@gmail.com

Travis Metro

Mary Heffernan

mpheffernan837@yahoo.com

Hill Country

Mary Jane Avery

mjavery@swbell.net

Houston SE Metro & SE Texas

Tina Gibson

tinamgibson80@gmail.com

Gwen Withrow

greck@gt.rr.com

Voter registration is critical to winning in November. Not only will we be working to register new voters, but we will also be rolling out an incentive program for members to become involved in other ways.

Days of Action

The first Saturday of each month from March through October is designated a TFRW Day of Action! A detailed schedule for Days of Action events will be available soon. Examples of events will include block walking, postcard writing, phone banking, calling/emailing friend lists, etc.

Welcome Wagon

TFRW will be provided with monthly lists of Republican women "New Movers" for us to contact. Daiquiri Beebe, our New Member Welcome Chair, will coordinate efforts to reach out to these women and raise awareness of TFRW and what we have to offer.

Ladies, we all know that the stakes of the 2022 election are enormous. I thank you in advance for your support of and participation in these voter engagement efforts. It will take each one of us stepping up however we can, to protect our state and country from those who are trying to destroy them. It is time to take

the energy and enthusiasm from Leadership Day and put it to work to Keep Texas Red.

Kit Whitehill

TFRW President



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Social Media	Jennifer Knesek, Magic Circle RW
Parliamentarian	Debbie Cupples, Memorial West RW
Nuts 'N Bolts	Alice Melancon and Pearl Magglo, Montgomery County RW

Greater Houston Council Calendar of Events for 2022



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

General Meetings 9:30 am—Noon

March 15, 2022
May 10, 2022
September 20, 2022
November 15, 2022

Executive Committee Meetings 10:00 am

February 15, 2022
April 19, 2022
August 16, 2022
October 18, 2022

For more information go to www.ghcfrwpac.org, or contact President Tina Gibson at
ghcprez2223@gmail.com

Victory 2022 Calendar

- ✦ January 27-29— TFRW Leadership Day and Executive Board Meetings, San Marcos
- ✦ January 31 - Last Day to Register to Vote in Primary Election
- ✦ February 14 - February 25 - Primary Election Early Voting
- ✦ March 1 - Primary Election Day
- ✦ **March 15—SAVE THE DATE! GHCFRW Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop**
- ✦ March 26— Precinct and Senate District Conventions
- ✦ **April 1 - Greater Houston Council Diamond Anniversary at Minute Maid Park**



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