

Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

September 2022

Representing 13 Counties of
Federated Republican Women

President's Message

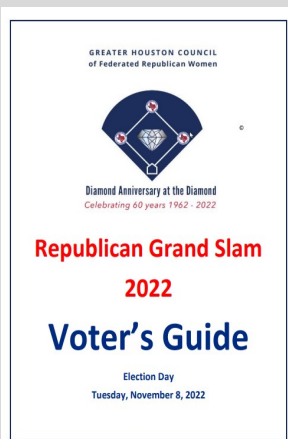
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Everything to Win!



**Tina Gibson, GHCFRW
President**

Dear GHC Family,

Election Day, the day that Republican Women fight for all year long is almost here. We have everything to win but cannot take it for granted.

GHC hopes you had a great time at the GOTV Grand Slam Rally. The Mendenhall Center was packed with candidates and friends ready to support and fight for Texas and our nation.

Thank you to our GOTV Rally Chair Dr. Milinda Morris for planning the program and creating the 2022 60th Anniversary Voter's Guide, yard signs, and campaign buttons for all the attendees. Thank you to VP Events Dana Khan, the GHC committee members, and the GHC Board for running a great rally. Our speakers were RPT Chair Matt Rinaldi, RPT Vice Chair Dr. Dana Myers, Harris County Chairman Cindy Siegel, and Fort Bend County Chairman Dr. Bobby Eberle. County judge candidates Trever Nehls from Fort Bend and Alexandra Mealer from Harris County created lots of energy in the crowd. It was wonderful to have so many RW club members as well. Thank you to all the candidates for attending and bringing their campaign materials to send home with our volunteers.

The Voter's Guide was given to every guest and multiple copies to the County Chairmen in attendance. More will be delivered to our affiliated county Party offices in the coming weeks. If your club wants more GHC rally buttons, yard signs, and Voter's Guides, please let us know! Visit our website for photos of the rally and the 2022 Voter's Guide at ghcfrwpac.org.

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President's Message, cont'd.

The main emphasis in this election is on voter engagement and voter turnout with the goal of a Republican victory. Please tell everyone you know to go vote, and don't leave any space blank on the ballot. Our campaign buttons and yard signs handed out at the rally emphasized just that.

***DON'T BE AN UNDERVOTER! VOTE FOR EVERY
REPUBLICAN RACE ON THE BALLOT!***

It's up to us to get the word out to elect all our Republican candidates. Don't leave a name blank on the ballot if you don't know a candidate, *because that blank spot is a vote for the other side.*

It is our time to **WIN IT ALL!** Republican Women in the greater Houston area have been fighting for 60 years. Don't give up because that's what the socialists want you to do.

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Please join us at our next GHC General Meeting on Tuesday, September 20th at the Mendenhall Center. Meet and Greet with coffee and light snacks at 9:30 am and the program with our speaker at 10:00 am. Our speaker will be campaign strategist and commentator Joseph Vargas. You don't want to miss this very informative meeting!

Tina Gibson, GHCFRW President

Strategist Joseph Vargas is September Speaker



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**TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Trini Mendenhall
Community Center
1414 Wirt Rd. Houston, TX 77055**

GUEST SPEAKER
JOSEPH VARGAS

**The Democrat
Modus Operandi**

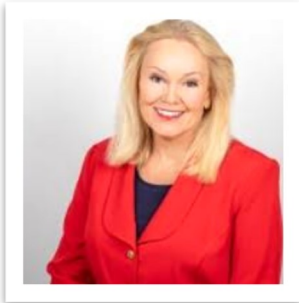


Joseph Vargas is a strategist commentator with a focus on Ethics in Philosophy and Political Strategy. He is the founder of Keep Texas Red & Vice-President of the Juan Seguin Society.

His presentation will expose how Democrats manipulate emotion, negative branding, selective outrage, and language to deceive Hispanic voters and attack Republicans. He will provide examples of how to counter these attacks.



GOTV 2022: Face-to-face With Candidates, Information, Education & Critical Tools



Dr. Milinda Morris

The August 23rd *Get Out the Vote Rally* provided an opportunity for attendees to meet with candidates from across greater Harris County, collect information, educate themselves and pick up critical tools for informed voting this November. Attendees included representatives from GHCFRW clubs, their families, and friends.

“Yesterday at GOTV was very enlightening. I’m so glad I went,” said one attendee. “Very, very informative,” said another. All attendees recognized the sacred obligation of citizens to inform themselves about candidates up and down the ballot in advance of the pivotal November elections.

“It’s up to all of us to protect Texas, our country, and our conservative values,” said Kit Whitehill, President, Texas Federation of Republican Women, of the event. “The expression ‘As Texas goes, so goes the nation’ is not just an expression. America is counting on Texas Republicans and we must deliver.”

Thanks to Dr. Milinda Morris for chairing the event and creating the invaluable “Republican Grand Slam 2022 Voter’s Guide” and to the GHCFRW committee members who helped her. The Voter’s Guide is available on the GHCFRW website, <https://www.ghcfrwpac.org>

GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL
of Federated Republican Women



Diamond Anniversary at the Diamond
Celebrating 60 years 1962 - 2022

Republican Grand Slam

2022

Voter’s Guide

Election Day
Tuesday, November 8, 2022



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GOTV Rally continued



**DON'T BE AN
UNDERVOTER!**



**VOTE FOR EVERY RACE
ON THE BALLOT!**

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GOTV Rally continued



Music to Our Ears

We love the “Republican Grand Slam Theme Song” written by our talented Dr. Milinda Morris who also chaired the GOTV rally and created the indispensable “**Grand Slam Voter’s Guide.**”

The Guide is available at <https://www.ghcfrwpac.org>.
Download your copy today.



REPUBLICAN GRAND SLAM THEME SONG

“TAKE US OUT TO THE POLLS” ©

TO THE TUNE OF “Take Me Out to The Ballpark”

Written by Dr. Milinda Morris

**We can’t wait for Election Day,
Take us out to the polls!
Give us a slate of great candidates,
And we will vote all the way down the list . . .
We must ROOT- ROOT-ROOT for Republicans,
If they don’t win, then it’s RIGGED!
So, it’s 1-2-3, **DEMS ARE OUT,**
On Election Day!**

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Brazosport RW Celebrate 50th Anniversary

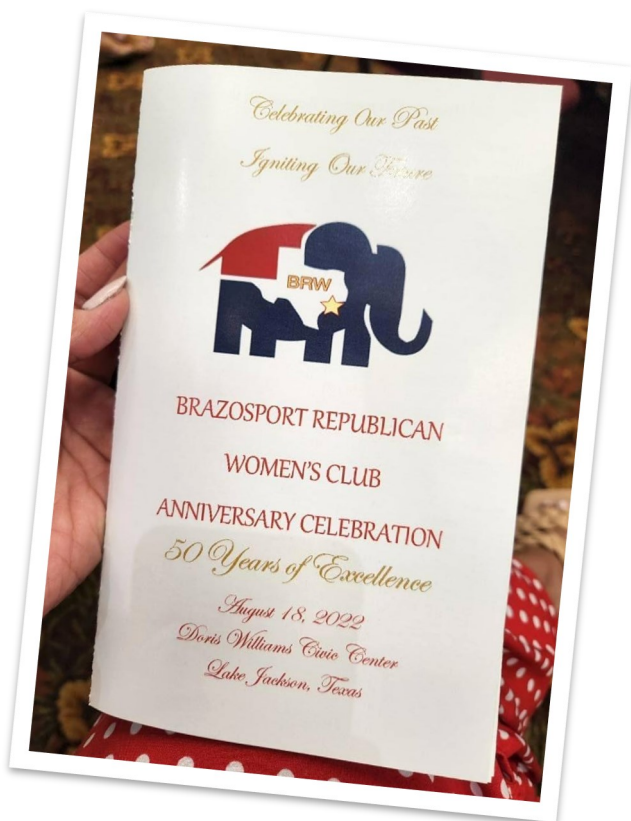
50th

The Brazosport Republican Women's Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary August 18th with a dinner themed "Celebrating Our Past; Igniting Our Future" in Lake Jackson. The Club was organized in 1971 and chartered as a Texas Federation of Republican Women Club in 1972 with 13 members.

According to "The Facts," which covers Brazoria County and wrote a lengthy story about the Club's anniversary, "Former county judge Joe King attributes his being voted as the first countywide Republican officeholder in the 1980 Brazoria County Sheriff's election to the efforts of the club, he said. The Republican Party was not popular at the time of his election and he was taking a major risk by running his campaign that way," he said.

"But the Republican women in this county is what makes a difference on elections, just like the women in your house will make a difference in your family," King said. "They worked hard for me. They made phone calls, they mailed letters. Every fundraiser I had they were there supporting, and to me, they're like family and I love them, because they made me what I am today."

The Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women congratulates the Brazosport Republican Women's Club on 50 years of achievement.



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Brazosport RW: “Celebrating Our Past
Igniting Our Future”



50th



Club Presidents Summer Luncheons

Sharing, Educating and Mobilizing

In July, the GHCFRW hosted luncheons for club presidents. The luncheons are designed to foster community among Council clubs and to acquaint their leadership with projects that are underway or planned by GHCFRW organizations. Although not specifically designed as “brainstorming sessions,” attendees tell us the meetings are fruitful and energizing.

Four luncheons, organized by Marga Matthews, Baytown Republican Women President and GHCFRW Club Liaison, were held:

July 12— Angleton RW, Brazosport RW, Chambers County RW, Clear Creek RW, Galveston RW, Texas Gulf Coast RW, West Pearland

July 13 — Cy Fair RW, Fort Bend RW, Magic Circle RW, Memorial West RW, RW of Katy, Tomball RW, Needville RW

July 26 — Bay Area, Baytown RW, Braes RW, Kingwood RW, Village RW, San Jacinto RW, Yellow Rose RW

July 27 — East Montgomery County RW, Golden Triangle RW, Lake Conroe RW, Liberty Belles RW, Montgomery County RW, North Shore RW, Southeast TX RW, Spindletop RW, The Woodlands RW, Walker County RW, RW of Greater Fish Creek



Left to right: Patricia Almond, President East Montgomery RW, Milinda Morris GOTV Chair, Tina Gibson GHC President, Marga Matthews GHC Club President's Liaison, Kathleen Jordan Kingwood Area RW, Pearl Maggio TFRW District Director SD 4 and Joyce Chambers President Kingwood Area RW



(Left) Cy Fair RW, Memorial West RW, RW of Katy.

Club presidents attending but not pictured included Galveston RW, West Pearland RW, The Woodlands RW, Baytown RW and Montgomery County RW.

As a reminder, pictures are welcomed. Send to Fleury Sommers, fsommers@sommersassoc.com or Tina Gibson, ghcpres2223@gmail.com

(Right) Braes RW, Kingwood RW, Village RW, The Yellow Rose of Texas RW, Northwest Forest RW, Chambers County RW, and Tomball RW.



TFRW Registers 126,000 New Republicans!

Rhonda Lacy, VEP State Director of Volunteers, reports that the member clubs of the Texas Federation of Republican Women have registered 126,000 new Republicans.

She invites members to “join a calling team with TRVEP [Texas Republican Voter Engagement PAC] or VEP for short. We are registering as many new conservatives as possible who have either moved into Texas from other states or moved into a new area in Texas. To date, the volunteer team has registered 126,000 new Republicans. We need more callers. We call online and have a great [and short] training program ready to assist you. Even calling for 10 minutes each day will help us reach our registration goal for this election cycle.”

For details on TFRW registration activities and how you can help, see the September 2022 newsletter on the TFRW website <https://www.tfrw.org/>

TFRW Third Quarter Board Meeting

The TFRW third quarter board meeting was July 15-16 at Georgetown, TX. Notably, Dana Myers stepped down as TFRW Vice President-Membership and was honored with a resolution on her behalf. In addition, Rhonda Anderson, Abbott's campaign staff and TFRW board member, gave an eye-popping report on the organizations investing in the Governor's race. The picture (next page) says it all.



Dana Myers presents her last report to TFRW. Another picture is below.



Kit Whitehall and Dana Myers with TFRW Resolution saluting Dana's work.



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Don't miss.



Deep State on the Move. Rhonda Anderson, Abbott's campaign staff and TFRW board member, discusses the 37 groups that have mobilized on behalf of Democrat Gubernatorial Candidate Beto O'Rourke.



David Covey, the Texas Republican County Chairmen's Association Chairman speaking in partnership with TFRW and TRCCA.

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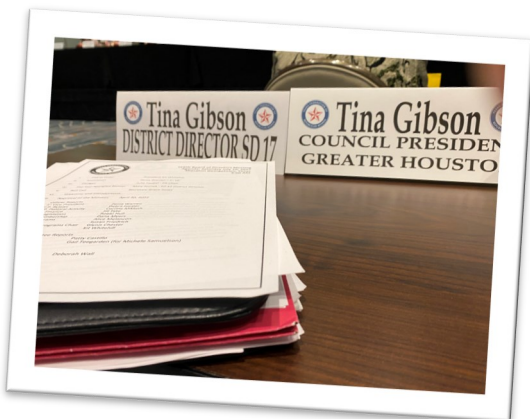
Left: Event sponsor Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Michelle Slaughter (blue dress) with Tina Gibson, GHCFRW president.



Above from left to right:

Jane Bland, Texas Supreme Court Justice; Amy Mundy, Victoria County RW and DD SD 18; Victoria County RW member; and Michelle Slaughter, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Judge.

We like this candid shot of Tina's work-space. (left)



Participate in TFRW's Social Media



Post your comments, photos and videos on the TFRW FaceBook page (pictured right), Twitter feed, YouTube page, our Instagram account, and perhaps on the [NEW TruthSocial](#). Use the hashtags [#tfrwleads](#) and [#tfrwbuidls](#).

It's a great way to market our action-packed organization and bring in new members!



Magic Circle Republican Women's Club Knock on Doors to Get GOP Candidates Across the Finish Line

Magic Circle Republican Women's Club members turned out in August for a block walk supporting GOP candidates.

Also on hand were representatives of various campaigns including the Greg Abbott campaign, Alexandra del Moral Mealer for Harris County Judge, Ryan McConnico for State Rep., Stan Stanart for County Clerk, Kyle Scott Harris County Treasurer, Jack Morman for County Commissioner Pct. 2, and Brian Stanley for Harris County Civil Court at Law No. 4. Harris County Republican Party Chairman Cindy Siegel also lent her support.

Find more information on the Magic Circle RW facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/MagicCircleRepublicanWomen>





Reflections on Our Legacy

Editor's Note: This lovely and heartfelt essay was passed on to us by Jennifer Knesek, GHCFRW Social Media Chair and member of Magic Circle RW and deserves to be shared.

The GHCFRW welcomes opinion pieces. Send to Fleury Sommers, fsommers@sommersassoc.com or Tina Gibson, ghcpres2223@gmail.com



Jennifer Knesek

As we approach the end of our 60th anniversary year, here is to continuing the shining legacy of trailblazing women who have served in so many roles over six decades. Relentless in their pursuit of changing the political landscape, selfless in their victories, and unwavering in their commitment to their political ideals, they reshaped Texas politics and forged the muscular organizations that drove that change. In the process, they created the rich — and even incomparable — history of Texas women in politics, a history we celebrate during this special year.

Our work has ensured that women have a seat at the political table in Texas — in their communities, in the halls of the Texas State Legislature, on the bench, or working and serving in the United States Congress. Our hope is that we leave our daughters, nieces, sisters, and friends with a memory of these achievements, an invigorating memory that provides inspiration for the generations of women that follow us.

Texas politics has forever changed because of the women we remember this and every year. TFRW, the GHCFRW, and its associated clubs have produced great patriots, each possessing that most valuable and precious commodity, a joyful heart for liberty. They earned their place in Texas history.

We look back to those who have passed and honor their memory just as we look forward to continuing this Council's legacy for generations to come. May our beloved communities covering 13 counties across South and Southeast Texas remember our work fondly. The Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women has helped ensure that women not only have a place among the Texas greats and demonstrated that our purpose here was bigger than any one of us could accomplish alone.

May God continue to bless the Republican Party of Texas and our beautiful piece of South/Southeast Texas extending beyond 13+ counties. May we always honor the legacy of those who came before us and those who continue to lead fearlessly for years to come, whatever the politics of the moment. May our love for Texas keep the light shining brightly for freedom.



Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

General Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2022

Trini Mendenhall Center



Mary Sage

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President, Tina Gibson.
2. Opening Prayer and Pledges were led by Bylaws Chair Deb Cupples, and the National Anthem was played.
3. GOTV Chair Dr. Milinda Morris introduced VFW 9182 of Katy, Texas, for the Honor Guard of Veterans with Anthems of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

Dr. Morris said that the Honor Guard attends funerals of veterans upon request.

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4. 1st VP Programs SJ Swanson introduced GOTV Chair Dr. Milinda Morris, an OBGYN Physician, Air Force veteran with 6 kids, who related the history of Memorial Day and Poppies. She said we wear a poppy in remembrance, and she gave each person a poppy seed packet. Dr. Morris recommended that we visit the National Cemetery.
 5. President Tina Gibson recognized elected officials and candidates.
 6. 2nd VP Membership Amy Byers called the roll of Member Clubs & confirmed a quorum of Member Clubs present.
 7. President Gibson thanked the Hospitality Host Clubs: Cy-Fair, Magic Circle and West Pearland.
 8. Recording Secretary Mary Sage stated the March 15 minutes were published in the newsletter. There were no changes, and the minutes were approved as written.
 9. Treasurer Micheline Hutson presented the Treasurer's Report that was approved as submitted.
 10. President Tina Gibson presented the President's Report with highlights of the Diamond Anniversary event.
 11. Diamond Anniversary Event Chair Dana Khan stated the event raised \$27,515 net and links to photos of the event and Kellyanne memorabilia will be available.
 12. 1st VP Programs SJ Swanson presented an award to Village RW that had 4 tables at the Diamond Anniversary event. She presented awards to two clubs that had 4 members attending our meeting today: Magic Circle and West Pearland. Also, she invited members to meet for lunch at Fratelli's after the meeting. SJ stated that Dr. Milinda Morris purchased a silk Memorial wreath that we can use for future events.
 13. GOTV Chair Dr. Milinda Morris encouraged members to attend the August 23 GOTV Rally at 9:30 am to 1 pm at the Mendenhall Center. Lunch will be provided.
 14. Treasurer Micheline Hutson presented a Mini Nuts 'N Bolts Moment – Top Tips for Treasurers.
 15. President Tina Gibson presented Announcements. She thanked everyone for attending and announced that the next General Meeting will be on September 20th.
 16. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Submitted by,

Mary Sage, GHC Recording Secretary

CRITICAL INFORMATION

Forms. Contacts. Announcements. Calendar. More.

- GHCFRW Leadership
- General and Board Meeting Dates
- Voting Calendar
- Roll Call—List of Clubs, Presidents & Contact information

Greater Houston Council FRW Website

<https://www.ghcfrwpac.org/>

Texas Federation of Republican Women

<https://www.tfrw.org/>





G H C F R W L E A D E R S H I P

Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

2022 Board of Directors

President	Tina Gibson, RW of Katy
1 st VP Programs	S.J. Swanson, Village RW
2 nd VP Membership	Amy Byers, Montgomery County RW
3 rd VP Special Events	Dana Khan, Northwest RW
4th VP Finance	Barbara Tague, Tomball RW
Recording Secretary	Mary Sage, Magic Circle RW
Corresponding Secretary	Elizabeth Lauzon, Bay Area RW
Treasurer/PAC Treasurer	Micheline Hutson, Cy Fair RW
Immediate Past President	Sophia Mafrige, Magic Circle RW

Standing Committee Chairmen (Voting)

Bylaws	Deb Cupples, Memorial West RW
Campaign Activities	Gayla Baker, Brazosport RW
County Chair Liaison	Emely McHattie, Village RW
Legislative	Bonnie Foster, Cy Fair RW
Newsletter	Fleury Sommers, Braes RW
Public Relations	Carmen Crenshaw, Magic Circle RW

Special Committee Chairmen Ex-Officio (Non-voting)

Hospitality	Edie Holland, Bay Area RW Roxann Lewis, Clear Lake RW
Historian	Vanessa Ingrassia, Magic Circle RW
Club Liaison	Marga Matthews, Baytown RW

Presidential Appointees Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)

Advisor to President	Sherry Peterson, West Pearland RW
Chaplain	Ann Lee, Memorial West RW
Protocol	Betsey Kindred, West Pearland RW
TFRW/NFRW Liaison	Alice Melancon, Montgomery County RW
GOTV	Milinda Morris, Republican Women's Club of Katy
Social Media	Jennifer Knesek, Magic Circle RW
Parliamentarian	Debbie Cupples, Memorial West RW
Nuts 'N Bolts	Alice Melancon & Pearl Maggio, Montgomery County RW



Greater Houston Council 2022 Calendar of Events

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

General Meetings 9:30 am – Noon

September 20, 2022

November 15, 2022

Executive Committee Meetings 10:00 am

October 18, 2022

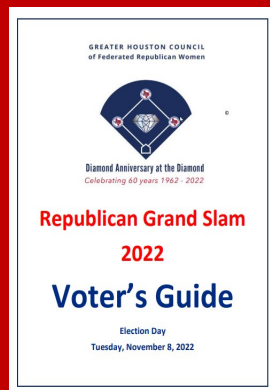
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President Tina Gibson at ghcpres2223@gmail.com

Victory 2022 Calendar

October 24-November 4 – Early Voting

November 8, 2022 – Election Day



"Leaving a blank spot on the ballot is a vote for the other side." Tina Gibson

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Roll Call: GHCFRW Clubs

Angleton RW	Judy Schaefer
Bay Area RW	Deborah Guitian Roan
Baytown RW	Marga Matthews
Braes RW	Fleury Sommers
Brazosport RW	Pam Mahon
Chambers County RW	Loretta Emmons
Clear Creek RW	Roxann Lewis
Cy-Fair RW	Bonnie Foster
East Montgomery RW	Trish Almond
Fort Bend Republican Women	Angela Hayes Bushnell
Galveston RW	Irene Henry
Golden Triangle RW	Linda Brown
Kingwood Area RW	Joyce Chambers
Lake Conroe RW	Lorena Garcia
Liberty Belles	Dar Kurtz
Magic Circle RW	Buckley Morlot
Memorial West RW	Annette Marek
Montgomery County RW	Alice Melancon
Needville RW	Connie Hall
Northshore RW	Christy Tatum
Northwest Forest RW	Sylvia Manley
RW of Katy	Delia Dibrell
RW of Greater Fish Creek	Rachel Clark
Spindletop RW	Cathy Hidahl
Southeast Texas RW	Pat Greene
The Woodlands RW	Lisa Gilmore
The Yellow Rose of Texas RW	Kay Tyner
Tomball RW	Barbara Tague
Village RW	Julie Jaehne
Walker County RW	Renee Lunsford
West Pearland RW	Mopsie Thornborrow

Club Presidents