

# Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

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### President's Message

By President Tina Gibson

**Happy New Year from the  
Greater Houston Council Board!**



Your clubs are so appreciated for all the work and time you devoted to our candidates in 2022. We are living in unprecedented times. But its now time to look forward to the trials ahead and be prepared. It's a teaching year for TFRW clubs along with being the watchdogs to our legislators as they begin their legislative session.

Please be sure to come to our January 17th meeting. Our speakers will be **TFRW VP Legislation Robbi Hull** and a panel discussion with State Board of Education Members from the greater Houston area.

I hope you have turned in your political activities hours to TFRW. Please send GHC your club's total hours to GHC Campaign Activities Chair Gayla Baker for a contest for the most GHC club hours accumulated in 2022. We would love to brag about you as we award your club with a gift at our January general meeting!

Put on your club calendars the TFRW Legislative Day in Austin February 3. Stay for the TFRW Board meetings Feb 2&4. Registration information in this newsletter.

**SAVE THE DATE! GHC Original Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop is March 28th!!**

Only \$20 for great information, great breakout sessions, officer training and a wonderful lunch! Registration form in this newsletter and on the GHC Website.

The GHC Board is honored to work with you again this year.





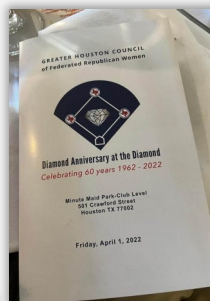
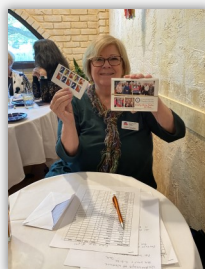
# Happy New Year from The Greater Houston Council Board!



Thank you to our 31 GHC member clubs who worked hard in 2022 and celebrated 60 years of volunteering for and supporting our candidates. The Southeast Texas area includes roughly 1/4th of the TFRW clubs. We have a huge footprint! Our GHC clubs have worked to support each other and shared ideas. We have learned that Republican Women can sing and dance too!

Celebrating 60 years 1962-2022

## CHEERS to Another 60 YEARS!



Get Out The Vote

Celebrating 60 years 1962-2022





# January 17th GHC General Meeting

## Ring in the new year with the GHC!



**Keynote Speaker Robbi Hull, TFRW VP Legislation**

**State Board of Education Members to be Announced at the Meeting**

**Speakers Panel on Public Education and the Texas Legislature**

Our speakers will give our clubs the tools to fight the woke agenda of the left in our schools and help us voice our concerns to the SBOE members and legislators. Knowing how to testify at the legislative session and communicating with your elected officials are crucial and this program will give you the training you need.

*Presidents, please bring your delegate and club members.*

9:30 am, check in, light snacks and coffee

10:00am– 12 noon, business meeting and speaker

Prize to the club that brings the most members.

Door prizes!

Stay for lunch with GHC Board members and other Council club members at Fratelli's (dutch treat).



### ABOUT OUR SPEAKER



**Robbi Hull**

Robbi is a retired civil appellate/litigation attorney. She practiced law at Vinson & Elkins in Austin as an associate and then as a partner from 1992-2007. She also clerked at the Texas Supreme Court for Justice Nathan Hecht 1991-92 after graduating from University of Texas School of Law with high honors. It was her experience at the Texas Supreme Court that led to her involvement in politics. Since 1992, she has volunteered many hours of her time working for the election of Republican candidates including electioneering for Justice Nathan Hecht, Justice then Senator John Cornyn, and Justice then Attorney General then Governor Greg Abbott.

Robbi was elected as TFRW VP Legislation at the 2019 Convention to serve for the 2020-2021 term. She was re-elected to serve again for the 2022-2023 term. Her experience in the legal field, particularly in legal research, writing, and communication, provides her with a unique perspective and ability to work with the TFRW Board and with the membership on matters relating to the legislative process. Robbi has two beautiful daughters and is surrounded by a large and loving family. She enjoys the outdoors and traveling.





## Greater Houston Council November Meeting Review



Attendees had a very informative review and analysis of the November Election results presented by Political Analyst **Jacquie Baly**. A great takeaway of the election is that Republicans turned out and volunteered and voted more than past elections and voter fraud really happened and was witnessed in Harris County and other area counties. Republicans won all the statewide races and picked up state house seats. **Justice Kevin Jewell** was there to thank us for re electing him to another term on the 14th Court of Appeals.



GHC Clubs donated gift cards and Christmas stockings for the families of Camp Hope and Camp SHEield Veterans receiving support and care. Executive Director of Camp Hope **David Maulsby** and **Tina Eldridge** from Camp SHEield were there to accept donations and thank the clubs.



Clubs with the most members in attendance received a gift and certificate from GHC. Congratulations to **Baytown RW** and **Magic Circle RW**! Thank you to **Joyce Chambers**, President Kingwood Area RW for being a regular attendee at Council meetings.



After every general meeting attendees always go to lunch at Fratelli's Italian Restaurant across the street. **Join in us in January!**





## HOSPITALITY



Thank you to the clubs that have brought the most wonderful food and coffee to our general meetings. **Baytown RW** and **Tomball RW** brought home baked items and coffee for our hungry guests at the November meeting.

**West Pearland RW** and **Cy Fair RW** will bring our treats for the January 17th meeting.

To host our March meeting please contact Edie Holland at [edie-holland@comcast.net](mailto:edie-holland@comcast.net).

## WANTED!

### GHC BOARD POSITION VACANCY

A position on the GHC Board has opened up for the remaining 2022-2023 term. If you have a skill in publishing please consider joining the GHC Board as the Newsletter Chair. This is a voting member position so you would need to come to the board meetings and the general meetings for 2023. GHC publishes 5-6 newsletters a year and emails them to the Club Presidents, Delegates, Republican Women's club leaders and elected officials. For more information please contact President Tina Gibson at [ghcprez2223@gmail.com](mailto:ghcprez2223@gmail.com).



### Republican Women Leadership 2024

It will soon be time to apply for **TFRW Board** officer positions for 2024-2025. Where do your gifts fit in TFRW leadership?

The TFRW Convention will be in October, where the TFRW officers and TFRW District Directors will be elected. Applications for officer positions will be posted in late spring. Committee chairs will be appointed by the next TFRW President.

**The Greater Houston Council Board** positions for 2023 will be open as well. Consider what position you would like to be on the GHCFRW Board for 2024-2025. Election of officers will be in November.

Maybe running for public office is what you want to do! TFRW also hosts amazing candidate training classes unique for Republican women. Watch for more information coming this spring.

### RW Clubs, Parents, Grandparents, Family!

#### Support a High School Republican Club!

Republican Women's Clubs are ready to help identify and support the formation of High School Republican clubs in Texas. Republican Women's clubs, parents, grandparents or family members who have a heart for working with our next generation of conservatives, we need you! For more information on helping students you may know in forming public school, private and homeschool organizations please contact **Tina Gibson** at [ghcprez2223@gmail.com](mailto:ghcprez2223@gmail.com).



**Greater Houston Council FRW**  
**General Meeting Minutes November 15, 2022**  
**Trini Mendenhall Center**



1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President, Tina Gibson.

2. Opening Prayer by Bylaws/Parliamentarian Deb Cupples.

Pledges to the US Flag and the State of Texas Flag by Justice Kevin Jewell, Fourteenth Court of Appeals.

3. President Tina Gibson recognized elected officials. She thanked Hospitality Chair Edie Holland and the Hospitality Host Clubs: Tomball Republican Women and Baytown Republican Women.

4. 1st VP Programs SJ Swanson said that she was appointed Chair of the Judicial Selection and Recruitment Committee for the Harris County Republican Party (HCRP). She introduced Tina Eldridge, Personnel Officer of Camp Shield. Maggie Peterson, the Camp Shield Founder, was unable to attend. Tina said that Camp Shield provides assistance to women veterans and their children helping them cope after military service. Our members purchased gift cards that SJ presented to Tina Eldridge for the Camp Shield women veterans.

SJ introduced David Maulsby, Executive Director of Camp Hope, PTSD Foundation, that assists veterans with combat-related PTSD. 85 vets are on campus with 120 beds. SJ presented gift cards and Christmas stockings to David, who was very grateful to GHCFRW.

SJ introduced Jacquie Baly, President of BalyProjects, and a policy analyst for various television and radio stations. A native of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, Jacquie holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a Master's in Public Policy. She has been an Adjunct Professor at the University of Houston for over a decade and served as a Faculty-In-Residence at the University of Texas in Austin.

Jacquie said that Montgomery County voted 48% for Gov. Abbott. She stated that the Harris County election was very close. Alex Mealer lost to County Judge Lina Hidalgo by 16,000 votes. She mentioned that Democrats still support Beto after his losses to Ted Cruz and Gov. Abbott. Democrats are unified and don't care if their candidates are unqualified. She said that the HCRP is suing the Harris County Election Administrator but elections don't get overturned. When Stan Stanart handled elections, we had results at 7:15pm after the polls closed. She feels that we would have had a Red Wave until the Roe vs Wade decision. Latinos are the majority and surpass white voters. Fort Bend has many people of color and was solid red until 2018. 17% of Blacks voted Republican. Jacquie said that Cindy Siegel did a great job as HCRP Chairman. Jacquie doesn't want Republicans to criticize other Republicans. Texas will remain Republican for the next 10 years.

5. 2nd VP Membership Amy Byers called the roll of Member Clubs. She is sending renewal notices to the member clubs.

6. Recording Secretary Mary Sage stated that minutes of the May and September meetings were published in the newsletter. There were no changes. We did not have a quorum to approve the minutes as written.

7. Treasurer Micheline Hutson presented the Treasurer's Report. She said GHC gave funds to Needville RW a new club. GHC sponsored the TFRW Red High Heel Brigade with 50 block walkers.

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**Greater Houston Council General November 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes continued:**

8. President Tina Gibson presented the President's Report that GHC sponsored the TFRW Red High Heel Brigade organized by Legislative Chair Bonnie Foster to Get Out the Vote by block walking. The Voter Engagement project registered 180,000 voters. Cy Fair RW Past President Gail Schubot made 65,000 calls to register new Republican voters. We need to recruit non-traditional voters and young women.

9. Officer and Committee Chair Reports – Dana Khan reported that we will have an event in late April or in May.

10. Announcements:

Tina said the GHC 2023 calendar and meeting dates are listed on the reverse side of today's Agenda.

GHC General Meeting on January 17 at Mendenhall.

TFRW Legislative Day and Board Meeting in Austin on February 2-4.

GHC "Original" Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop on March 28 at Mendenhall

GHC General Meeting on May 16 at Mendenhall

11. SJ Swanson presented door prizes to members. She then presented certificates to Magic Circle RW and Baytown RW. Both clubs had 3 members attend the meeting.

13. Tina invited members to meet for lunch at Fratelli's after the meeting. She hopes that members have a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Submitted by,

Mary Sage, GHC Recording Secretary

December 16, 2022

**GHC January Meeting Procedure**

At the January General Meeting the delegates will be voting to approve both the September and November meeting minutes.

The minutes of the September general meeting are listed in the GHC September newsletter and copies will be available to review at the January general meeting. Club Presidents can access the newsletters on the GHC website at [www.ghcfrwpac.org](http://www.ghcfrwpac.org).

# The 88th Texas Legislative Session Has Begun!

The 88th Texas Legislative Session is finally here and time for our voices to be heard again! If you have issues you feel passionate about please contact your elected officials.

January 10th is the official start for the session with the swearing in ceremony of our legislators. Bills will continue to be filed in January. During January and February your legislators are widely available and meet in committees and conduct hearings until 30 days (March) when they begin voting on bills. If you plan to meet with your legislator during this time please contact their office to make an appointment or communicate your concerns with the office staff.

To look up legislative procedures during sessions go to [www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov](http://www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov). For bills filed go to <https://capitol.texas.gov/>.

## TFRW Tentative Legislative Day Schedule

You Must Register at [www.tfrw.org](http://www.tfrw.org)

### Thursday, February 2nd

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Texas State Capitol Outing

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Members assemble in gallery/TFRW recognized in House chamber

11:30 a.m. Picture on Capitol Steps

### Friday, February 3rd

7:15 a.m. REGISTRATION OPENS

7:15 a.m. Breakfast (coffee and muffins/pastries)

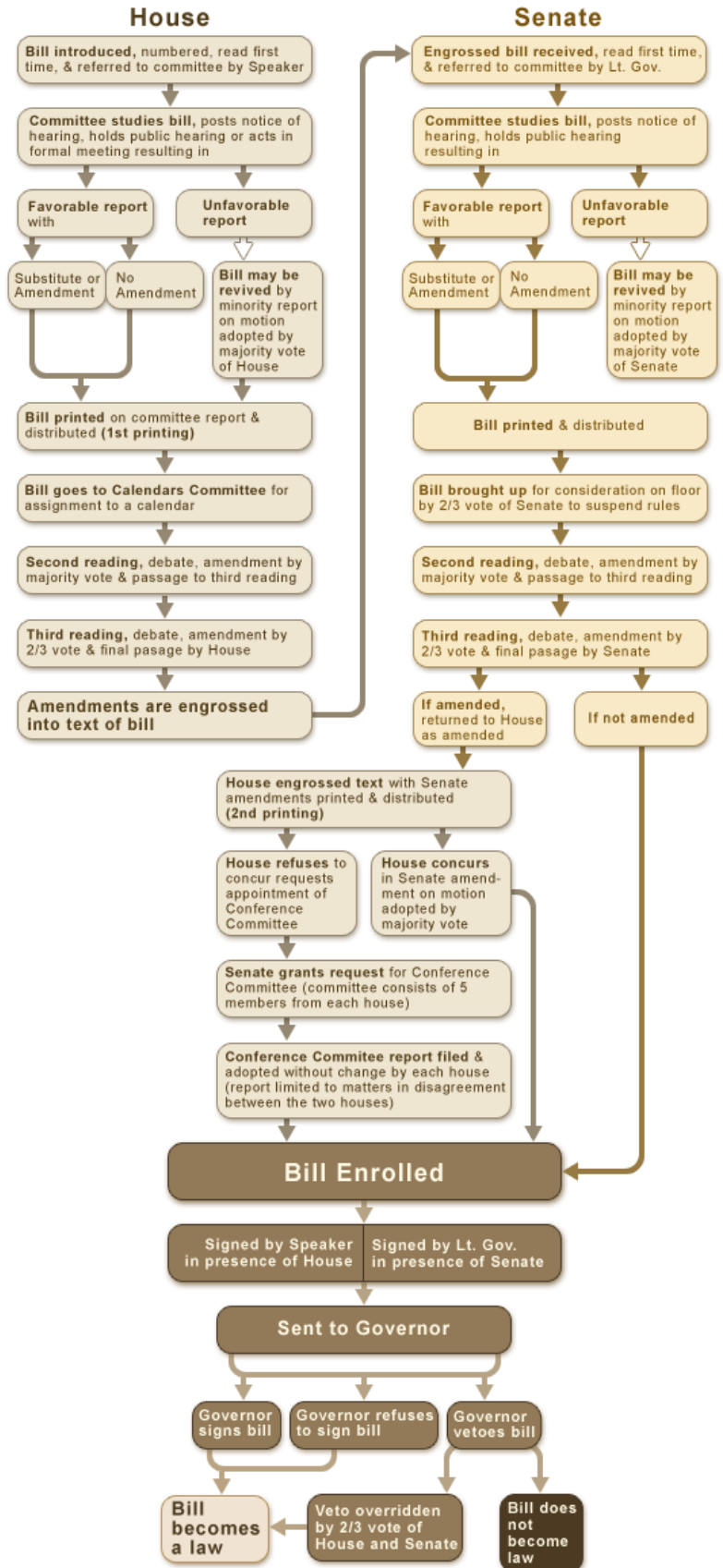
8:00 a.m. Welcome & Meet the Freshman

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Educational Workshops including:

- Texas Legislature Online
- Reliable Sources
- Legislative Communication Strategies
- Procedure in the House/Procedure in the Senate
- Participate in a Mock Hearing

12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Legislative Luncheon

Follow a bill through the Texas Senate and House all the way to signing or veto by the Governor.







# **Legislative Report**

**by Bonnie M. Foster, GHC Legislation Chair**

Happy New Year!!! I am going to start this article with important dates to mark on your calendar regarding the 88th Texas Legislature before heading into a wealth of information for all.

- 1) **January 10, 2023** - 88th Texas Legislature convenes at noon
- 2) **January 17, 2023** - Inauguration of Governor Abbott
- 3) **January 17, 2023** – Greater Houston Council General Meeting
- 4) **February 3, 2023** – TFRW Legislative Day in Austin
- 5) **March 10, 2023** - Deadline to file bills
- 6) **May 29, 2023** - Legislative session ends

As Republican Women we are very involved, however some of us may be new to the political scene and some of us may have just made a move to the great state of Texas. Here is just a little information to share with you:

## **Our Representation at the Federal Level**

While Senators are evenly sent from the states (2 per state), the Representatives are by population, generally (see below). Texas has two representatives in the United State Senate – senior Senator John Cornyn from San Antonio, and junior Senator Ted Cruz from Houston. Each senator represents the entire state. The senators serve staggered six-year terms. As a little reference point, Senator Cornyn was just reelected in 2020 for six more years and Senator Cruz will be up for reelection in 2024. The 117th Congress will convene in January 2023.

Our U.S. Congress has stayed steady at 435 members for more than 100 years. This is because the Permanent Apportionment Act of 1929 “froze” the number of representatives at that time (actually, as had been in place since 1913). In short, following the U.S. Census in 1920 there was a battle between the rural and urban areas of the United States for the number of reps. The prior formula favored urban areas to the detriment of rural areas, and Congress could not agree on an apportionment plan. So instead, it passed the Act and fixed the number of Representatives as they were per the 1910 census. The argument still rages about whether to move away (up or down urban vs. rural).

Going into 117th Congress there will be 222 Republicans and 213 Democrats. Texas gained two additional Congressional seats from the 2020 census. One is in the Austin area and the other is in Harris County. The Austin district is CD37 and was won by a Democrat. The other seat is CD38 won by a strong conservative; West Point graduate and former Apache Helicopter Pilot in the Army – Wesley Hunt.

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Legislative Report by Bonnie Foster continued:

### **Our Representation on the State Level**

Our State's legislative branch meets only every two years in odd years. The last session was the 87th Texas Legislature which met in regular session in 2021 and a whole lot of Special Sessions. All 150 seats in the Texas House are up for election every two years. The Texas state Senators are by districts and are elected for four-year terms. The easiest way to find your district is to head to the Secretary of State's office at this link:

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

One more website to give you lots of information about bills; how to listen to session online; Senate and House Committee members; statutes; constitution and the list goes on and on: **<https://capitol.texas.gov/>**

A little fact for this upcoming Texas Legislature and I am including a link to the article, but the 88th Texas Legislature will have the most women serving in Texas state history. Yee Haw!!! Here is the link to the story out of Austin: **<https://www.kxan.com/news/texas-politics/most-women-ever-will-serve-in-texas-house-next-year/>**.

Lastly, I would encourage all Republican Women Presidents in the Greater Houston Council area to spread the word to your members to attend the **January 17, 2023** General Meeting of GHC (see details in the newsletter on time and location). The guest speaker will be **Robbi Hull**, who is TFRW's Legislative Liaison. Robbi is a wealth of information and will answer your questions (and even personally call you if needed or requested). I have had the privilege of hearing Robbi speak and explain how the bill process works in Congress and the Texas Legislature, she is amazing. Robbi is a retired civil appellate/litigant attorney and clerked for the Texas Supreme Court.





## 2022 YEAR IN PHOTOS

### Tribute to Greater Houston Council Member Clubs

Thank you to all of our GHC club members who worked so hard for our candidates. You all took extra ordinary action to win and you should feel proud of what you did. Some are still working to make the elections fair for the future.

***A Big Shout Out to all the clubs who shared your best photos and events of 2022.***

**Red Heels Brigade** at Harris County GOP HQ in October was organized by GHC, TFRW and Cy Fair RW. Thank you to Cy Fair RW President **Bonnie Foster** for organizing this big block walking and phone banking event to help Harris County win.

Pictured: Cy Fair RW President Bonnie Foster, TFRW President Kit Whitehill, VP Political Activities Corrine Miklosch, SD7 District Director Ronnye Cowell, SD17 District Director and GHC President Tina Gibson, Deb Cupples, Emely McHattie, Cy Fair RW members.



**Brazosport RW** hosted their combined Christmas luncheon and Officer Installation in Lake Jackson with Angleton RW. Pictured are 2023 President Diane Rinn and board members Gayla Baker, Jamie Sandridge, Dynese Finley and Jorene Aycock.



Georgia Crosley, founding member of Brazosport Republican Women's Club, receives a recognition from Texas Federation of Republican Women President

Kit Whitehill at BRW's spectacular 50th Anniversary Celebration.

### Bay Area RW

Annual Egg Nog Party to celebrate a successful year, install new officers, and welcome new members. 2023 Officers are President Debbie Roan, 2nd VP Adrienne Sun, Recording Secretary Carolyn Hopkins, Corresponding Secretary Debbie May, PAC Treasurer Marcella Erwin, Past President Beverly Ferguson-Cooper, 1st VP and GHC Corresponding Secretary Elizabeth Lauzon. Senator Larry Taylor officiated in the ceremony.





## 2022 YEAR IN PHOTOS

### Tribute to Greater Houston Council Member Clubs

**Montgomery County Republican Women** have been very busy in 2022. We truly have lived up to our mission of "Making a Difference in our Community, State, and Country".

Our organization made candidate donations to each of the Republican candidates in Montgomery County who had opponents in the November General election. And, each of these candidates were successful in being elected.

In an effort to reach out to Republican women. Our membership mailed out over 500 postcards to Republican women in our area inviting them to learn more about MCRW.

We supported several worthwhile organizations during the past year. Our members bought gift cards to be given to the women who received cars from God's Garage and MCRW made a monetary contribution to that organization. We supported the Rainbow Room by bringing in items for that organization and again, MCRW made a monetary contribution. Once again, this year, MCRW supported Camp Hope. Our members brought in bedding items that were needed by Camp Hope and MCRW made a substantial monetary contribution. In addition to these worthwhile projects, we donated funds to Wreaths Across America. At our December meeting, we did a service project for Fisher House. Members put together bags of snack items that will be given to the guests at Fisher House when they arrive to begin their visit with their hospitalized veterans.

In addition, this year we awarded three \$1000 scholarships to outstanding young women who will be working toward degrees in a public service field. We also donated funds to a conservative Hispanic group.

**The Woodlands Republican Women** hosted 2 successful events in 2022 to get out the vote and raise funds for the candidates. Our Belles and Boots fundraiser was a huge success! Over 140 people heard from Congressman Dan Crenshaw, did a little dancing, and bid on silent auction items.

We were pleased to coordinate the unified Republican Women's Tea with Pancake on October 21. We need to remember that RW clubs work together to keep our government run by solid, conservative Republicans.

Thank you to President Lisa Gilmore for her leadership.



2022 Projects

Bedding for Camp Hope  
and Packages for Fisher  
House





## 2022 YEAR IN PHOTOS

### Tribute to Greater Houston Council Member Clubs continued

**The Yellow Rose of Texas RW** participated in a busy year of service and volunteerism. We are thankful for State Representative Tom Oliverson's work on bringing the National Motto Project to Texas. The Yellow Rose of TX RW made this a very successful project for 2022, getting posters into every school in TISD & CFISD.



The Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women knocked on doors in Harris County for Alexandra Mealer for County Judge and for the slate of Republican judicial candidates. One of our members, Mary Ann Jackson, organized the weekly walks in the Cypress area. The Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women 2022 Fund-raiser Committee hosted our event with Keynote Speaker Arizona's Sheriff Mark Lamb. President Kay Tyner & Judge Laryssa Korduba at the fundraiser.



The Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women's annual event honored our fallen soldiers from WWII. Tomball VFW Post 2427 Members & Commander Sean Ellis lead in 2022 Wreath-Laying Ceremony. Guest Speaker Congressman Wesley Hunt and Sherry Meicher, Congressman Michael McCaul's Constituent Liaison, participated at the ceremony.



**North Shore RW** ran some very worthy projects for the community in Montgomery County, including Bicycles for Sheriff Rand Henderson's toy drive.

Americanism co-chairmen Kim Greene and Kathy Santini participated in the VFW Post 4709 Trunk or Treat event and got to hand out treats to a large group of children.





## 2022 YEAR IN PHOTOS

### Tribute to Greater Houston Council Member Clubs continued

**Fort Bend RW** celebrated the success of 2022 at their annual Christmas Egg Nog luncheon. The “real” Santa was there to celebrate. Their annual Literacy Project collected hundreds of books for the early childhood program at Lamar Consolidated ISD schools. School Board trustees from Fort Bend ISD and Lamar Consolidated ISD were there to celebrate. Fort Bend RW also awards two \$1000 scholarships to high school and college women each year. State Senator Lois Kolkhorst and Policy Analyst and FBRW member Jacquie Baly were part of the speaker list for 2022. Thank you to President Angela Hayes Bucknell for a great year!



**Magic Circle RW** hosted its Christmas board luncheon ending the very successful year of volunteering for candidates and working as election judges and clerks. President Buckley Morlot and her team are making plans for their big fundraiser on February 1st at the Jr League in Houston with speaker Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick.

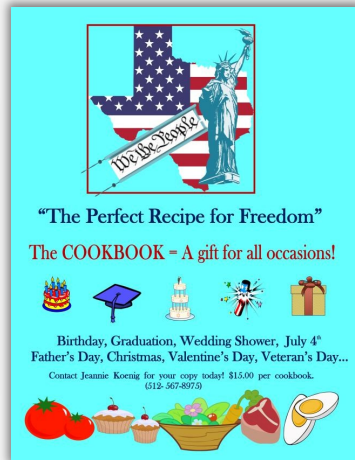


**Lake Conroe Area RW** had a great time as one of the sponsors to the Republican Victory Christmas Party. Birgitta Grohs, Dr. Carrie Butler, Lorena Garcia, Stephanie Johnson, and Melinda Zuber are pictured with Associate Member Judge Vince Santini. The LCARW Literacy program book donations to Montgomery County area schools was a big success. Thank you to President Lorena Garcia for a successful year!

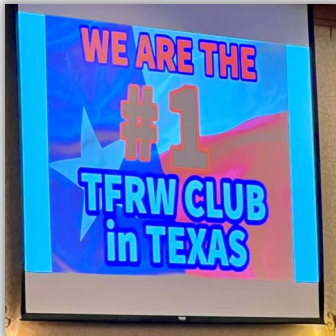




**Galveston RW** created a wonderful cookbook and used the proceeds from the sales toward candidate campaign funds for 2022. As one of our oldest clubs in the greater Houston area Galveston RW will continue to lead to keep Galveston County red. Thank you President Irene Henry for your leadership!



**Golden Triangle RW** had another successful membership year. Congratulations to President Linda Brown and the largest TFRW club with 419 members!



## 2022 YEAR IN PHOTOS

### Tribute to Greater Houston Council Member Clubs continued

**Angleton RW** supporting Military Moms and Wives of Brazoria County and Crisis Pregnancy Center as a year long service, and running a GOP satellite headquarters has kept members busy. Members also had a great time at the RPT Convention in Houston!





# 2022 YEAR IN PHOTOS

## Tribute to Greater Houston Council Member Clubs continued

**Liberty Belles RW** showed they still have their dancing skills at their annual Christmas party and officer installation after their very successful Sock Hop fundraiser earlier this year. Congratulations to 2023 President Charlotte Belin and her board.



**Walker County RW** honoring our Veterans who fought for us. Thank you President Renee Lunsford and your club members!



**Cy Fair RW** hosted their annual Christmas Party and Officer installation with Judge Lincoln Goodwin administering the oath of office and Pastor Rafael Cruz as speaker. Congratulations to President Bonnie Foster for another term. Bonnie is also the GHC Legislative Chairman. Edith Gibson will serve as 1st VP, Debra Edwards 2nd VP, Cindy Carver 3rd VP, Joy Gregory Secretary and Micheline Hutson Treasurer. Micheline also serves as the GHC Treasurer.





# **TFRW NEWS**

**by Alice Melancon**  
**GHC TFRW Liaison and TFRW VP Membership**



## **2023 Is Convention Year**

The coming year will be a busy one for TFRW. Mark your calendars for the NFRW Convention in Oklahoma City, Sept. 28-30 and the TFRW Convention in Irving, Oct. 11-14. The NFRW and TFRW conventions always bring in outstanding speakers, so plan to attend, if possible.

## **Bylaws**

Now is a good time to be reviewing your club's bylaws and be thinking of any changes you would like to make to them. NFRW requires all State Federations to adopt a standard template. Generally, once the new TFRW template is implemented, clubs requesting a bylaws review after a designated date will use the new template. TFRW clubs whose bylaws have not been updated since 2018 or earlier will be required to update their bylaws in 2023. Clubs who have updated their bylaws since 2019 will be asked to monitor any bylaw amendments that are approved at the 2023 Convention and update their bylaws if amendments are added.

## **Club Officer and Board Member Duties**

As local clubs begin the year with new officers and board members, please remember that the TFRW website has outstanding information about the duties of each office and committee. To reach this information, log in to the TFRW website, then click the Members tab. Click Forms and Documents and the Local Club Job Descriptions will be on the right side of the page. In addition, the Leadership Handbook is an outstanding source of information. It can be found under Forms and Documents in the section for Club Officers. For more information about TFRW please contact Alice at [VPMembership@TFRW.org](mailto:VPMembership@TFRW.org) or [almelancon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:almelancon@sbcglobal.net)

## **TURN IN YOUR CLUB OFFICERS AND CLUB DUES TO TFRW!**

Your first TFRW 2023 Club Submission (10 members and annual service charge) must be received by January 31st to qualify for Club Achievement Awards.

There are bonus points from TFRW if dues are received by January 1st.





## **TFRW Legislative Day February 3, 2023**

**by Robbi Hull, TFRW VP Legislation**



TFRW Legislative Day is on Friday, February 3rd, and it will be a day of training and presentations by an amazing cast of Republicans with extensive experience in Texas government. We recognize that Biden's inflation has impacted us all, so we are holding our registration cost at 2021 levels – Early Bird registration for Legislative Day and Luncheon will be \$85.

Hotel rates at the AT&T Conference Center are \$219 per night excluding taxes and parking. This is the lowest price available in the immediate area, so you'll want to book your hotel room as soon as possible.

We will be sending out the registration and hotel reservation links for Legislative Day soon.

For those who can schedule to arrive early on Thursday, February 2nd, we'd love for you to meet us at the Capitol for recognition in one of the Legislative Chambers and to get a group picture. You'll also have time to visit your local representatives.

More specific details will be coming soon regarding Thursday's activities.

The 2023 Legislative Session will be fast and furious. The Regular Session begins on January 10th and runs for 140 days through May 29th. The last day to file a bill (the 60th day) is March 10th, but thousands of bills will be filed prior to the beginning of the session. Returning incumbents began filing bills on November 14th, so hundreds of bills have been filed.

See **Filed House Bills** and **Filed Senate Bills** at [www.capitol.texas.gov](http://www.capitol.texas.gov).

As an organization, TFRW primarily will follow bills relating to Education and Election Integrity. These two legislative priorities may encompass dozens of bills, so we will keep you posted about the ones we are following that are moving (to committee hearing and beyond). And, Legislative Day training will prepare you to follow these bills and as well as those in which you have a personal interest and show you how to share your opinions and feedback to committees and representatives handling those bills.

So register early and join us in Austin in February 2023!

For more information about TFRW please contact Robbi Hull at [vplegislation@tfrw.org](mailto:vplegislation@tfrw.org)





**2023 Greater Houston Council**  
**Member Club Dues Are Due!**  
by Amy Byers, GHC VP Programs



Hope your Holidays were joyous and beautiful!

GHC has such an exciting year planned, but to have our great programs, we need you!

Your 2023 dues are up for renewal. If you don't have your **2023 Club Profile Form** and your **Membership Club Dues** Invoice page, I can email them to you, or they can be found on our website at **[www.ghcfrwpac.org](http://www.ghcfrwpac.org)**.

Mail them, along with your check for **\$30** to:

GHC  
c/o Amy Byers  
4851 W. Fork Blvd.  
Conroe TX 77304

***Remember,***  
***Participation in the "Original" Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop on March 28th***  
***requires your club to become a member.***

GHC is implementing a new system to easily let your club members know about GHC! We would like to include an article in your monthly newsletter. Please send me your Newsletter Chair contact information in your membership renewal form.

I look forward to seeing you all at our January meeting on the 17th at Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Rd., Houston 77055.

Amy Byers  
VP Membership, GHC  
936-444-7272  
[Ajbyers1348@aol.com](mailto:Ajbyers1348@aol.com)



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Greater Houston Council  
of**



**Federated Republican Women  
presents...**

**2023 “Original” Nuts N’ Bolts  
Workshop!**

**March 28th 2023, 8:30am—2pm**

**Great Speakers**

**Officer and Club Member Training**

**Honoring Club Presidents**

**TFRW President Kit Whitehill leading President’s Panel**

**\$20 by check or \$22 by credit card includes lunch**

<https://politics.raisethemoney.com/btztiv3h28t8xmlrmyzqa>

**More info to come!**

Event Chair, Amy Byers

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## **“Original” Nuts ‘N Bolts Workshop Registration Form 2023**

Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women will be holding their “Original” Nuts ‘N Bolts training workshop and recognition of Club Presidents on ***Tuesday, March 28, 2023*** at the Trini Mendenhall Community Center at 1414 Wirt Road, Houston TX 77055. Check in begins at 8:30 am and the program will begin at 9:30 am. Coffee, Snacks and Lunch are included.

**Deadline for Registration: March 24, 2023.**

### **1. REGISTRATION**

Please fill out and email this form to Amy Byers at [ajbyers1348@aol.com](mailto:ajbyers1348@aol.com) or mail to Amy at 4851 W. Fork Blvd., Conroe TX 77304.

### **2. PAYMENT**

Mail a \$20 check, made out to GHCFRW to:

Micheline Hutson, 11007 Wortham Blvd., Houston TX 77065 or

make a Credit Card payment for \$22 to:

<https://politics.raisethemoney.com/en/bfztiv3h28t8xm1rmyzqa>

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation (required): \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Workshops – check one in each session**

##### **Session 1**

\_\_\_\_\_ Legislative OR \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer 101/PAC Treasurer

##### **Session 2**

\_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Protocol/Bylaws/ OR \_\_\_\_\_ Membership

Parliamentarian Bullet Points/

How to Run a Successful Meeting

##### **Session 3**

\_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising/Campaign Activities OR \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer 201

##### **Session 4**

\_\_\_\_\_ Newsletters and Website OR \_\_\_\_\_ Social Media Dos and Don'ts



## Greater Houston Council FRW Board 2022-2023

### Elected Officers

President	Tina Gibson	RW Club of Katy
1st VP Programs	SJ Swanson	Magic Circle RW
2nd VP Membership	Amy Byer	Lake Conroe Area RW
3rd VP Special Events	Dana Khan	Northwest Forest RW
4th VP Finance	Barbara Tague	Tomball RW
Recording Secretary	Mary Sage	Magic Circle RW
Corresponding Secretary	Elizabeth Lauzon	Bay Area RW
Treasurer	Micheline Hutson	Cy Fair RW
Immediate Past President	Sophia Mafrige	Magic Circle RW

### Standing Committee Chairmen (Voting)

Bylaws	Debbie Cupples	Memorial West RW
Campaign Activities	Gayla Baker	Brazosport RW
Liaison to County Chairs	Emily McHattie	Village RW
Legislation	Bonnie Foster	CyFair RW
Newsletter	open	
Public Relations	Carmen Crenshaw	Magic Circle RW

### Special Committee Chairmen (Ex-Officio Non Voting)

Club President Liaison	Marga Matthews	Baytown RW
Historian	Vanessa Ingrassia	Magic Circle RW
Hospitality	Edie Holland	Clear Creek RW
Hospitality	Milinda Morris	RW Club of Katy
Advisor to President	Sherry Peterson	West Pearland RW
Chaplain	open	
GOTV	Milinda Morris	RW Club of Katy
Parliamentarian	Debbie Cupples	Memorial West RW
Protocol	Betsy Kindred	West Pearland RW
TFRW/NFRW Liaison	Alice Melancon	Montgomery County RW
Social Media	Jennifer Knesek	Magic Circle RW
“Original” Nuts ‘N Bolts	Amy Byers	Lake Conroe Area RW



## Greater Houston Council Calendar of Events for 2023



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

### GHC Member Clubs General Meetings 9:30 am - Noon

January 17, 2023

March 28, 2023 Brief Meeting at Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop

May 16, 2023

September 19, 2023

November 14, 2023

### GHC Executive Committee Meetings 9:30 am

February 21, 2023

April 18, 2023

August 15, 2023

October 17, 2023

For more information go to [www.ghcfrwpac.org](http://www.ghcfrwpac.org), or contact President Tina Gibson at  
[ghcpres2223@gmail.com](mailto:ghcpres2223@gmail.com)

### 2023 Calendar

January 10 - 88th Texas Legislative Session convenes

January 17 - GHC General Meeting "Texas Legislative Session with speaker TFRW VP Legislation Robbi Hull"

February 2,3,4 - TFRW Board Meeting and Legislative Day at AT&T Conference Center, Austin

**March 28 - SAVE THE DATE! GHCFRW "Original" Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop**

April 9 - Easter

April 21- San Jacinto Day

May 6 - Municipal and School Board Elections

May 16 - GHC General Meeting

September 28-30 - NFRW Convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

October 11-14 - TFRW Convention in Irving



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