

Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

Representing 13 Counties of
Federated Republican Women



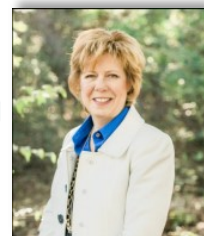
President's Message

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Welcome to the 2023 Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women. If you are a new GHC member club or club President, thank you for joining us. The Greater Houston Council looks forward to working with your TFRW clubs to grow and strengthen Republican efforts to win across our southeast Texas counties in 2024.



Why Join Greater Houston Council? Great Programs and Training Workshops!

- ◆ In 2022 Greater Houston Council hosted a variety of speakers that included several strong Republican women: Maggie Peterson; Veteran, and founder of Camp SHEild, Melissa Conway; the RNC's State Election Integrity Director and Jacquie Baly; Public Policy Analyst . Juan Seguin Society Director Joseph Vasquez spoke on how to beat the Democrats' spin on all issues. GHC had a Memorial Day tribute to our fallen heroes presented by Veteran Dr. Milinda Morris. To start our 2023 speaker lineup, we welcomed TFRW VP Legislation Robbi Hull who presented activist training on the 88th Legislative Session.
- ◆ Amazing Rallies, Block Walking, GOTV events, Informative Meetings, Workshops, Club Presidents Luncheons and Fundraising Events!
- ◆ **March 28th is our yearly Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop for club leaders and members** in conjunction with TFRW and keynote speaker TFRW President Kit Whitehill. **We will honor all club Presidents that day. Awards for clubs with the most members present.** You don't want to miss this!
- ◆ Attend the GHC meetings as a club President and delegate and bring your club members! GHC general meetings for 2023: May 16th, September 19th, and November 14th at the Trini Mendenhall Community Center. Hospitality and networking 9:30 am, business meeting at 10 am.

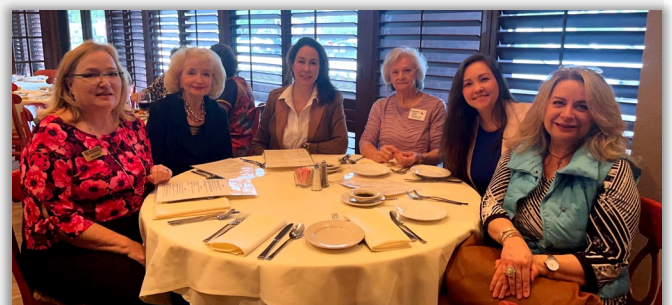
Keep Working to Grow Your Clubs!

Looking forward to 2024 it is the Republican Women's clubs task to find and welcome those women who are frustrated and want to volunteer to keep our communities and state strong and to help save our country. I challenge you to keep growing your clubs, keep your members engaged through training your upcoming leaders, combining events with sister clubs and getting Republicans elected. For more information go to our website at www.ghcfrwpac.org for newsletters, GHC meeting dates and club events.

There's much more work to do! GHC can help!

January GHC General Meeting Highlights

GHC opened the 2023 program year with keynote speaker Robbi Hull, the TFRW VP Legislation. She gave a program on the process of following state house and senate bills in the 88th Legislative Session and the protocol for communicating with our elected officials. This was a precursor to the TFRW Legislative Day program Robbi spearheaded in Austin at the AT&T Conference Center last February. Awards were given to the most clubs in attendance including **The Yellow Rose of Texas** and **Bay Area RW**. Our lunch attendance after our meetings at Fratelli's across the street is growing! It's fun to network with our RW leaders so please join us after each GHC meeting.



**MARCH 28th MEETING and NUTS 'N BOLTS
WORKSHOP SPEAKER
TFRW PRESIDENT
KIT WHITEHILL**



Greater Houston Council is honored to have TFRW President Kit Whitehill speak at our Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop again this year. She will also be leading a Club Presidents panel discussion that day. You don't want to miss this information packed day!

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

TFRW President Kit Whitehill is the 2022-2023 TFRW President. She previously served as the 1st Vice President-Special Events, the Community Engagement Chair, and the 2017 TFRW Convention Chair. She has presented at numerous TFRW Nuts and Bolts Trainings, and at the 2019 NFRW Region III Training held in New Orleans.

Kit has made a great impact on the local level as well, founding the Coppell Republican Women in 2012 and serving as their President three times and Programs Chairman twice. She is a Dallas County precinct chair and served as the Dallas County GOP Secretary for 5 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 a "Volunteer of the Year" and in 2015 the Coppell Republican Women's club was honored to be named 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.

Kit and her husband Justice Bill Whitehill have been married 42 years. They have three children and five grandchildren. They have lived in Coppell since 1993 and are active members at Valley Ranch Baptist Church.



TFRW President **Kit Whitehill** presenting certificates for completion of the TFRW Candidate Development School recipients **Della Brown**, Clear Creek RW and **Ronnye Cowell**, Village RW member and SD 7 District Director with Candidate School Coordinator **Trasa Cobern** at the TFRW February Board meeting in Austin.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE for Candidate Development School Monday, February 13th - Saturday, April 15th.

THURSDAY NIGHT ZOOM CLASSES on eight Thursday nights in the summer so that women around the state can participate. Incredible speakers already lined up including State Rep Ellen Troxclair, Steve Munisteri, former Republican Party of Texas Chair, and TFRW's own style-icon Debra Coffey. Others will be announced soon!

Keep an eye out for the application at www.tfrw.org!



SIGN UP NOW!



**Greater Houston Council
of**

Federated Republican Women

presents...

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

March 28, 2023

8:30 am check in, 9:15 am program

Great Speakers

Officer and Club Member Training

Honoring Club Presidents

Awards for Clubs with Highest Attendance

TFRW President Kit Whitehill Leading Presidents Panel

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

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

Contact Amy for more information

Event Chair, Amy Byers

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936-444-7272

Sign up now for workshop sessions! Fill out the form on the next page!

“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 9:15 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 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

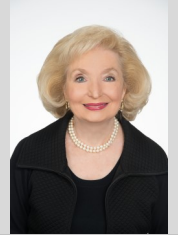
Session 3

_____ Fundraising/Campaign Activities OR _____ Treasurer 201/TEC & IRS

Session 4

_____ Newsletters and Website OR _____ Social Media Dos and Don'ts

Greater Houston Council FRW
General Meeting Minutes January 19, 2023
Trini Mendenhall Center
Mary Sage, Recording Secretary



1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President, Tina Gibson.
2. Opening Prayer by GOTV Chair Dr. Milinda Morris.
3. Pledge to the US Flag was by Legislative Chair Bonnie Foster and Pledge to the State of Texas Flag was by 3rd VP-Special Events Dana Khan.
4. President Tina Gibson recognized elected officials.

She thanked Hospitality Chair Edie Holland and the Hospitality Host Clubs: West Pearland RW and Cy-Fair RW. President Gibson reported that we have a quorum attending the meeting.

5. 1st VP Programs SJ Swanson introduced TFRW VP Legislation Robbi Hull.
6. 2nd VP Membership Amy Byers called the roll of Member Clubs. She is sending renewal notices to the Member Clubs.
7. Recording Secretary Mary Sage stated that minutes of the September and November meetings were published in the newsletter. There were no changes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written.
8. Treasurer Micheline Hutson presented the Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2022.

President Tina Gibson asked the GHC Board members to stand. She reported that 2022 was a very successful year with our Diamond Anniversary at the Diamond fundraiser and the TFRW Red Heel Brigade. This post-election year is a training and recruiting year for our RW clubs. It's time to recruit and build our membership. And, recruit women in your clubs to run for office. It's also the year to attend the NFRW and TFRW conventions this fall. TFRW Legislative Day is in Austin Feb 2-4, which she highly recommends that we attend. She stated that we will have great networking opportunities with other clubs around the state. It's also a lot of fun and we will receive TFRW hours for attending.

Locally, the Greater Houston Council "Original" Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop is March 28th, right here in this room. Amy Byers, the Chairman this year will tell us more. For those who are new attendees to our meetings, GHC has great training programs, southeast Texas regional support to your clubs, 5 general meetings a year with information packed speakers, campaign and seasonal events and a huge club networking force.

GHC is another arm of TFRW that works with the organization, the District Directors and Deputy Presidents to support and train regionally, based on the political climate unique to our Southeast Texas area. Each club has a delegate who is the Club President and another delegate chosen by the President. They are the voting members on the GHC. All club members are invited to attend our GHC meetings.

GHC has some new signage this year, thanks to our 60th Anniversary fundraiser, that you will see at the Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop. We also have a new GHC P.O. Box address.

GHC is working on Bylaws amendments and the Budget that we will be voting on at the March meeting.

GHC has an open position for Newsletter Chair on the Board for 2023. Please see Tina if you are interested!

Please send us club event information and photos so we can put them in the GHC newsletter and the website. We want Clubs to add GHC events in their newsletters as well.

In the GHC newsletter we noted that Republican women need to find, adopt and support high school age Republicans, to invite them to get involved in the Republican cause. RW Clubs can create a project and goal to work on this effort in their specific area. More information will be coming soon.

GHC January Meeting Minutes continued:

9. Officer and Committee Chair Reports:

2nd VP Membership Amy Byers reported that 19 Clubs have paid. She needs profile sheets for the Clubs.

We are taking reservations for the "Original" Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop. Check in will be at 8:30am. TFRW President Kit Whitehill will conduct the Presidents' Workshop. Amy mentioned details about workshops that will be offered. Lunch will be served.

Hospitality Chair Edie Holland needs clubs to volunteer to provide refreshments at the March 28 "Original" Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop.

10. 1st VP Programs SJ Swanson stated that she serves as HCRP Chair of the Judicial Selection and Recruitment Committee. City elections will be held in November. In 2024, ten Courts of Appeal held by Democrats will be on the ballot. She introduced TFRW VP Legislation Robbi Hull who practices internet and media law in Austin, at Vinson and Elkins. Robbi is a member of the Texas bar with 32 years of legal experience. She is planning Legislative Day, which is sold out. There is a waiting list. Most of the information will be available on the TFRW website. A panel with Dr. Dana Myers will be held regarding election integrity, and Dr. Richards will present data for the Harris County lawsuits. Regarding the Electoral College, Texas will have 40 electors in 2024. Texas gained two new Congressional seats in 2020. Electors are selected by party.

The Texas Legislative Session will be January 3 through May 29. The House has 1439 bills filed. Robbi gave details about bills filed during the Legislative Session. March 10 is the deadline for filing bills. In 2021, 10,000 bills were filed in the House and Senate. In 2023, bills will be filed on election integrity. The most election fraud was in Houston, Dallas and El Paso – Democrat counties. Bills regarding education, border security and property tax relief will also be filed.

SJ thanked Robbi for her presentation, and she gave Robbi Chinese New Year Lucky Bamboo. 2023 is the Year of the Water Rabbit – Peaceful Energy. SJ then gave a mini Nuts 'N Bolts presentation on Programs.

Yellow Rose of Texas RW received a door prize and certificate for having seven members attending our meeting.

11. Announcements:

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

GHC General Meeting on May 16 at Mendenhall

Tina invited members to meet for lunch at Fratelli's after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Submitted by,

Mary Sage, GHC Recording Secretary

February 19, 2023

Republican Women Leadership 2024-2025

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 on the TFRW website. Committee chairs will be appointed by the next TFRW President.

The Greater Houston Council Board positions for 2024-2025 will be open as well. Consider what position you would like to be on the GHCFRW Board.

Election of GHC officers will be in November.



TFRW NEWS

By Alice Melancon, TFRW Liaison



The Board of Directors of the Texas Federation of Republican Women met in Austin on February 2nd and 4th. On February 3rd, TFRW held Legislative Day for its members.

Much important information was discussed that weekend.

During Legislative Day, we learned about investigations into voting irregularities during the November elections. Information was also provided about the process one must follow when testifying at a Legislative Hearing. A mock hearing was held so we can see some of the do's and don'ts.

At the Board meeting, Jill Tate, TFRW VP Finance, reminded everyone that clubs are not allowed to hold Bingo games nor have Casino nights as those are considered gambling and would require obtaining a license. Clubs are not allowed to have liquor as auction items as that would require a liquor license. And she reminded us that raffles are never allowed. Local clubs are encouraged to contact Jill if they have any questions.

Clubs are asked to make membership submissions as they come in and not hold on to them until there are more to submit. It is unfair to the member if their membership is not submitted when paid since she will not have access to the TFRW website or receive TFRW notices and emails until she is officially a member—and that is when her dues are paid to TFRW and submitted to NFRW.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GHC MEMBER CLUB DELEGATES!

Greater Houston Council Bylaws and Budget Vote

At our March 28th general meeting the delegates of each club will be voting on the GHC 2023 Budget and the Bylaws amendments. The delegates include the club President and the designated club representative. The proposed Bylaws and Proxy form will be emailed to the delegates.

If you cannot attend you may send a proxy in your place. Please fill it out and bring with you to the meeting that day.



TFRW/NFRW Conventions 2023

Review Your Bylaws!

The TFRW Convention Committee planning under the leadership of **Cindy Burkett** is well underway. Information on registration is coming soon. Please make sure your clubs have your membership up to date with TFRW so your members can attend. TFRW bylaws and your club bylaws specify the number of members who can attend as delegates and alternates to the TFRW and NFRW conventions.

So turn in your members to TFRW now before the deadline!

Photo: TFRW Convention Committee, including RW Club of Katy member **Cindy Drabek**.

In Loving Memory of Givvie Searcy



Our dear and beloved friend, Giovanna (Givvie) Searcy, has gone to be with our Lord. Givvie passed away January 28, 2023, in Webster, Texas. She was born in San Augustine, Texas, and graduated from Center High School.

After high school, she married Leon Searcy while he was still in the Navy and later they moved to Pasadena and made Pasadena their home, contributing to the City of Pasadena in numerous ways.

Givvie was a past president of the Rotary Club of Pasadena, a member of the Pasadena Philharmonic Society, served on the board of the Pasadena Pet Adoption Society, and was a member of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce. She welcomed new businesses to the City of Pasadena and participated in numerous ribbon cutting ceremonies on behalf of the City.

One thing she was especially proud of was being a part of the City of Pasadena's Sister City program with its Sister City of Hadono, Japan. Givvie and Leon made numerous trips to visit Hadono as representatives of the City of Pasadena. They in turn were hosts when the representatives from Japan would visit Pasadena. In addition to all her activities with the City of Pasadena, Givvie was working and employed by AT&T.

Givvie was a member of San Jacinto Republican Women's Club and was a past president of that organization.



She was their delegate to Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women where she served as 4th Vice-President under GHC Past President, Carolyn Hodges. Givvie was also co-chair of Hospitality for many years. Givvie served as an election judge in Harris County elections for many years. She was a dedicated Republican and her conservatism was beyond question. Very often she expressed how important it is for us to get out and vote, which she always did, even though in her later years it was physically difficult for her to go out to vote in person.

Givvie is survived by her son, James L. Searcy, Jr., and daughter-in-law, Linda, and two grandsons, Jason and Nathan.

Givvie went back to her home of Center, Texas. She has been missed these past few years that she was unable to participate in Greater Houston Council activities, and we will continue to miss her.



Pictured with Givvie Searcy are the Greater Houston Council Board officers for 2006 - 2007, left to right: Tomi Porterfield, Linda Fox, Rubye Brown (Galveston RW), Givvie Searcy(4th VP Finance), Jan Bailey, Pat Hebert (Fort Bend RW), Barbara Hauser (Magic Circle) and GHC President Carolyn Hodges (Village RW), with Congressman Michael McCaul.



TEXAS REPUBLICAN VOTER ENGAGEMENT PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2022

by Rhonda Lacy, TRVEP State Director of Volunteers and TFRW Victory Chair

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Thank you for everything you did to make the **Texas Republican Voter Engagement Project (TRVEP)** a big success. Here are some facts about the Voter Engagement Project to get new Republican movers to Texas registered to vote for the 2022 election.

- ♦ TFRW recruited almost 2,500 volunteers.
- ♦ 27% of the Governor's margin was due to new voters.
- ♦ The VEP Phone Bank goal was 12,500. Actual calls completed were 947,939.
- ♦ The training session goal was 150. Actual training sessions were 239.
- ♦ TFRW members were in charge of technical training of our volunteers and kept the call lists functioning on the back end.
- ♦ Since we began four months later than the 2020 cycle, our goal to register new voters was 100,000.
- ♦ Actual voters registered from our efforts resulted in 169,160.

CONGRATULATIONS LADIES! Thank you for your commitment to Keep Texas RED.

Republican women did it again!



Our Greater Houston Council area club members rose above others around the state in making staggering numbers of calls to get Republicans registered to vote.

As a result of their efforts Republicans won all around the state!

Gail Schubot, Cy-Fair RW

Carla Birk, The Yellow Rose of Texas RW

Marie Moffett, Fort Bend RW

Thank you, Ladies! We are so proud of you!



Legislative Report

By Bonnie M. Foster, GHC Legislation Chair

The 88th Legislative Session is in full swing. As of the writing of this article the following is going on:

- ♦ 50 of the 2496 House bills are approved by the Republican Party of Texas Legislative Committee
- ♦ 17 of the 1028 Senate bills are approved by the Republican Party of Texas Legislative Committee

Many bills in regards to: Election Integrity and punishments for violations; Border Security; Constitutional Amendments; HOAs; Medical Vaccines; Abortion Pill and many, many more have been filed and are moving forward.

Here is a list of just a few you might want to look at:

SB602; SB1133; HJR94 (which is a joint resolution between both houses)

SB2; SB559; SCR17' SB578 (which is a Democrat bill, but one to pay attention to)

SB614; HB1252; SB304; SB300 and SB511

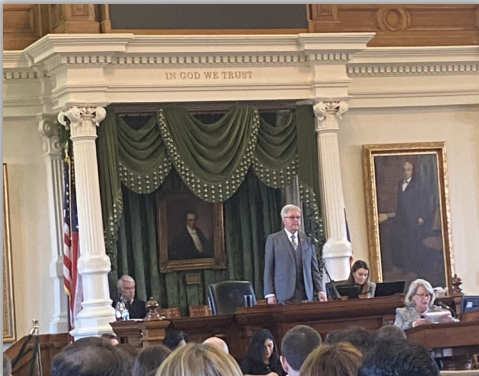
This link will provide you with a wealth of information for any bill you may be looking for; how to listen to the session online; committees and committee chairs, as well as contact information for Legislators:

<https://capitol.texas.gov/>



GHC Clubs Invade the Capitol!

Greater Houston Council clubs have shown a huge presence at the State Capitol since the opening session of the Legislature. Many clubs participated in the swearing in ceremonies in the House and Senate. Our clubs were also well represented at TFRW Legislative Day in February where they learned how to follow and testify on bills, how to communicate with our representatives and to generally make their efforts known to the staff members around the capitol.



Top left: Senate swearing ceremony in with Lt. Governor Patrick officiating, Senator Joan Huffman , Julie Jaehne and Joanie Bain of Village RW and Tina Gibson GHC President.

TFRW Legislative Day with Village RW, and State Reps Lacey Hull and Mano DeAyala. GHC and TFRW Board members. Members of Bay Area, Yellow Rose, Fort Bend , Montgomery County , Katy, Lake Conroe Area and Golden Triangle.

More photos on the GHC Facebook page.



TFRW Legislative Day and Board Meeting 2023

One for the Books!

By Tina Gibson GHC President and TFRW District Director SD 17



TFRW Legislative Day was a day of training and presentations by an amazing cast of Republicans with extensive experience in Texas government. TFRW VP Legislative **Robbi Hull** scheduled a line up of influential Republican leaders, including U.S. Senator **John Cornyn**, State Senator **Donna Campbell**, Secretary of State **Jane Nelson**, former RPT Chair **Steve Munisteri** and all of the freshman State Representatives. The Freshman Representatives led a panel discussion on what their priorities as new legislators will be during this session and gave us an idea of what a new legislator goes through during the legislative session. A mock House hearing led by current and former State Reps was informative and **Robbi Hull** and State Rep **Briscoe Cain** kept us very entertained. RPT Vice Chair Dr. **Dana Myers** led a presentation and panel discussion on Voter Integrity, voter fraud and the ERIC voter data collection impact throughout the US, including Texas. Her research team included SREC members **Deon Starnes**, **Devvie Duke**, Harris County GOP and RPT Voter Integrity guru **Allen Vera** and Harris County Chair **Cindy Siegel**. The day long event gave all the RW clubs in attendance invaluable knowledge to take home to their clubs.



A big shout out to **Northwest Forest**, **The Yellow Rose of Texas**, **Northshore**, **Fort Bend**, **Village**, **Magic Circle**, **RW Club of Katy**, **Lake Conroe Area**, **Walker County**, **Clear Creek**, **Golden Triangle**, **Northshore**, **Kingwood Area**, **Montgomery County**, **The Woodlands** and **Bay Area** clubs for sending lots of members! (Let us know if your club was there.)



Congratulations to President of The Woodlands RW **Jessica Steinmann** on her new TFRW position as Youth Outreach Chair.



Greater Houston Council Clubs Networking



VILLAGE REPUBLICAN WOMEN January Meeting with Former State Rep Jim Murphy, Former TFRW President Carolyn Hodges, President Julie Jaehne, District Director SD 7 Ronnye Cowell and TFRW Parliamentarian Theresa Kosmoski.

WEST PEARLAND REPUBLICAN WOMEN Board members planning for 2023 and meet with Pearland Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals in Brazoria County. Congratulations to new club President Liz Sitta.



MAGIC CIRCLE REPUBLICAN WOMEN Fundraiser at the Jr. League with Lt. Governor Dan Patrick. Former Magic Circle Presidents honored with current President Buckley Morlot; Penny Butler, Sophia Mafrige, RPT Chair Dr. Dana Myers, Harris County GOP Chair Cindy Siegel and Barbara Hauser. GHC Board members President Tina Gibson, SJ Swanson, Dana Khan, Dr. Milinda Morris, Sophia Mafrige, TFRW District Director Ronnye Cowell and Court of Appeals Justice Kevin Jewell, candidates Jennifer Caughey, Katy Boatman and former Judge Katherine Cabaniss Parsley. Former State Rep Dr. Martha Wong. Former TFRW President Carolyn Hodges with Renee Schwarz.



More Busy Council Clubs Networking!

BRAES REPUBLICAN WOMEN

New Time, New Year, Plans to Expand Our Reach in Southwest Houston! Club members met at the home of Mary Jane Smith with featured speakers Michael Kubosh, Houston City Councilman and Jacquie Baly, Public Policy Analyst. Other guests in attendance were Fe Bencosme candidate for HISD School Board, Roy Morales for Houston City Council and former Judge Erin Lunceford. Thank you to SJ Swanson, GHC VP Programs, for speaking to the members.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Saturday, February 18th was the grand opening of God's Garage's new facilities in Conroe. God's Garage is one of Montgomery County Republican Women's Caring for America projects. Montgomery County Republican Women had a great group of 18 of our members attend the grand opening. After the grand opening, President Virginia Miller and the rest of our members presented God's Garage with a check for \$1,500.00 to help with their ministry. In addition MCRW members are donating \$20 gift cards to be given to those who receive automobiles through God's Garage. In order for a woman to receive a car through God's Garage, she must be a widow, a veteran, or a single mother. Currently, 120-150 women apply each month for a car, but only about 10% receive one. It is women helping women!



HAPPY SWEET 16 TO THE YELLOW ROSE OF TEXAS RW 2007-2023!



REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF KATY

RWCK hosts fun monthly lunches and dinners at local restaurants for new members and awards members on completion of activism training classes with a special dinner and official club pin. Each general meeting is festive with a holiday theme. New members feel welcomed into the club right away!



NEW SIGNAGE FOR GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL!

On display at the Original Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop on March 28th. Send GHC your club's event advertisements, meeting photos and celebrations! We'd love to share with our Council clubs what you are doing!

Happy 30th Anniversary to Lake Conroe Area Republican Women!



Congratulations to LCARW for 30 years of growing Republican women leadership in TFRW and in Montgomery County! Celebrating with past Presidents was TFRW President Kit Whitehill. Congratulations to Stephanie Johnson, 2023 club President. Barbara Hilton was also recognized for 20 years as Newsletter Chair and Harriet Kerr for 8 years as PAC Treasurer. Also celebrating with LCARW was Congressman Morgan Luttrell.

2023 Greater Houston Council Member Club Dues Are Due!

by Amy Byers, GHC VP Membership



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.

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

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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 Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop on March 28th at Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Rd., Houston 77055.

HOSPITALITY



Thank you to the clubs that have brought the most wonderful snacks and coffee to our general meetings, including **West Pearland RW** and **Cy-Fair RW** at our January meeting.

Baytown RW, **Lake Conroe Area RW** and **Magic Circle RW** will bring our light breakfast treats for the March 28th Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop and meeting.

Memorial West RW and **Northwest Forest RW** will provide snacks to the May meeting.

To host our September meeting please contact **Edie Holland** at edie-holland@comcast.net or **Milinda Morris** at milindammd@gmail.com.

GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

GHC publishes 5-6 newsletters a year and emails them to the club Presidents, Delegates, TFRW, Republican Women's club leaders and elected officials. If you would like for your club activities, events and fundraisers posted in our GHC newsletter, website, or on our Facebook page please contact President Tina Gibson at ghcpres2223@gmail.com.

We would be happy to brag about your club!

Club Presidents have access to the login portal of the GHC website.





Greater Houston Council FRW Board 2022-2023



Elected Officers

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| President | Tina Gibson | RW Club of Katy |
| 1st VP Programs | SJ Swanson | Magic Circle RW |
| 2nd VP Membership | Amy Byers | 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 | Amy Byers | Lake Conroe Area RW |
| Public Relations | Carmen Crenshaw | Magic Circle RW |

Special Committee Chairmen (Ex-Officio Non Voting)

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| Club President Liaison | Marga Matthews | Baytown RW |
| Historian | SJ Swanson | 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 2023 | Amy Byers | Lake Conroe Area RW |
| "Original" Nuts 'N Bolts 2022 | Pearl Maggio & Alice Melancon | Montgomery County RW |



Greater Houston Council Clubs and Presidents 2023



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| Angleton RW | Judy Schaefer |
| Bay Area RW | Deborah Roan |
| Baytown RW | Lillian Sockwell |
| Braes RW | Cheryl Riedl |
| Brazosport RW | Diane Rinn |
| Chambers County RW | Rachal Hisler |
| Clear Creek RW | Martha Bosworth |
| Cy-Fair RW | Bonnie Foster |
| East Montgomery County RW | Holly Juneau |
| Fort Bend RW | Angela Hayes |
| Galveston RW | Betty Henry |
| Great State RW | Becky Berger |
| Golden Triangle RW | Linda Brown |
| Kingwood Area RW | Joyce Chambers |
| Lake Conroe Area RW | Stephanie Johnson |
| Liberty Belles RW | Dar Kurtz |
| Magic Circle RW | Buckley Morlot |
| Memorial West RW | Annette Marek |
| Montgomery County RW | Virginia Miller |
| Needville RW | Karon Hamrick |
| Northshore RW | Leigh Billingsley |
| Northwest Forest RW | Nancy Radcliffe |
| RW Club of Katy | Delia Dibrell |
| RW of Yoakum Area | Diana Hawes |
| The Woodlands RW | Jessica Steinmann |
| Texas Tea Party RW | Venita Odom |
| The Yellow Rose of Texas RW | Carla Birk |
| Tomball RW | Barbara Tague |
| Village RW | Julie Jaehne |
| Walker County RW | Renee Lunsford |
| West Pearland RW | Liz Sitta |



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

March 28, 2023 Brief Meeting at Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop (8:30 am check-in, 9:15 am program)

May 16, 2023

September 19, 2023

November 14, 2023

GHC Executive Committee Meetings 9:30 am

April 18, 2023

August 15, 2023

October 17, 2023

December Board Christmas Luncheon/ Meeting, 2023

For more information go to www.ghcfrwpac.org, or contact President Tina Gibson at
ghcpres2223@gmail.com

2023 Calendar

March 2 -Texas Independence Day

March 28 - SIGN UP NOW! GHCFRW "Original" Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop 8:30 am check in, 9:15 am program

April 9 - Easter

April 21 - San Jacinto Day

May 6 - Municipal and School Board Elections

May 14 - Mother's Day

May 16 - GHC General Meeting

May 29 - Memorial Day

September 19 - GHC General Meeting

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

October 11-14 - TFRW Convention in Irving

