May 2023



Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

Upcoming Events

Local School Board and Municipal Elections May 6, 2023

GHC General Meetings May 16, 2023 September 19, 2023

GHC Board Meeting August 15, 2023

Hats off to Republican Women August 30, 2023

NFRW Convention Oklahoma City, OK September 28-October 1, 2023

TFRW Convention Irving Convention Center October 12-14, 2023



Wow! What a tremendous turnout we had at the annual Greater Houston Council "Original" Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop in March. Thank you to all the clubs that attended and thank you to our workshop speakers from TFRW, President Kit Whitehill, Political Activities VP Corrine Miklosh, Public Relations Julie Faubel, Communications team member Melody

Briggs, Deputy President Marilyn Davis, and our local club leaders Pat Morlon Kingwood Area RW, Betsy Kindred GHC Protocol and West Pearland RW member, Micheline Hutson GHC Treasurer and Cy-Fair RW member, Pat Morley Kingwood Area RW, Carrie Bulter Lake Conroe Area RW, and Barbara Eddleman Montgomery County RW. Presidents Roundtable participants, Kit Whitehill, Buckley Morlot, Jessica Steinmann, Bonnie Foster, Linda Brown and Delia Dibrell. All the workshop flyers and Power Point presentations are on our website at <u>www.ghcfrwpac.org</u>. Club Presidents can access them in the portal to submit to your clubs.

We had a record number of club representation and club Presidents honored at Nuts 'N Bolts. GHC hopes you were able to get more information to help your clubs run smoothly. If you are a club President and were not able to join us, you will be receiving your 2023 President's Handbook in the mail. Hopefully your club representative who attended gave you the gift bags with flags and other items to help you run your meetings. Clubs can now find photos on the GHC website.

Many council club members have expressed interest in GHC going on the road to present mini workshops around our counties. If you are interested in helping host a workshop for the clubs in your area, please contact us. We would be happy to plan a date this summer. GHC Board members would love to speak at your club meetings.

This summer the Council will be making plans for the GHC anniversary and celebration of the 19th Amendment on August 30th, fundraising events, and programs. We will also be seeking people who would



like to be considered for a GHC Board position for 2024. If you would like to be on our board, please contact us. We would love to have you join us in 2024.

The next Greater Houston Council general meeting is May 16th at the Mendenhall Center at 1414 Wirt Road in Houston. Delegates and guests check in at 9:30 am. The business meeting and program begin at 10:00 am.

Lite bites and coffee are provided. We are proud to announce that our next speaker will be **Russell Molina**, Chairman of the **Bicentennial Anniversary Commemoration of the Texas Rangers** from 1823-2023. There will be many celebrations coming up to the 200th Anniversary of Texas as a Republic and this commission is just the start. **Wear your Texas bling and help us start the celebration of our great state!**



May is a month of many celebrations, including Mother's Day, graduations and Memorial Day. Bring your mothers, daughters and club members with you to the May meeting to celebrate. Please announce what your clubs are planning. Networking with our sister clubs is what we do!

At our 60th Anniversary fundraiser GHC sold copies of Kellyanne Conway's new book. There are a few left to purchase at the meeting.

Spring has been wonderful with the great weather we are having. For those of you participating in May local elections, thank you for supporting your candidates! Republican women never stop, even in local races.

Club Presidents, be watching for your invitation to attend one of our President's luncheons this July. We hope you will be able to join the GHC Board for great discussions and idea sharing.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Tina Gibson

President, Greater Houston Council FRW

There are no constraints on the human mind, no walls around the human spirit, no barriers to our progress except those we ourselves erect. ~Ronald Reagan

"Original" Nuts 'N Bolts

A great turnout and an exceptional line up of speakers and presidents to make a well rounded event. Many thanks to Kit Whitehill, president of TFRW and presenters, Pat Morlen, Micheline Hutson, Betsy Kindred, Barbara Eddleman, Carrie Butler, Marilyn Davis, Corrine Miklosh, Julie Faubel and Melody Briggs. President roundtable participants, Linda Brown, Buckley Morlot, Bonnie Foster and Jessica Steinmann.



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May Spot Light on... Elizabeth Lauzon, GHC Corresponding Secretary



Frances Lancaster, Elvera Kahlich and. Elizabeth Lauzon

The Kahlich Girls/My Thanks to PLH Contributors

We corresponded from Houston to Dallas to make this Handbook work! Frances was the technical editor for the GHC President's Leadership Handbook. Due to her expertise in MS Word, incredible attention to detail, and ability to create a uniform format, the Handbook looks very professional.

I'd have to say that we Kahlichs were Republican before Republicanism was cool in rural Texas. One of my most vivid memories was sitting on Daddy's lap watching Nixon win the Presidential nomination in 1968! Nixon's The One!

My mother, Elvera Kahlich, was always active in our small town of Weimar. Although she never ran for office, (But Dad was Mayor for a few

years!), she was usually an officer in many of the local organizations, and we grew up knowing that if you wanted something done, you didn't sit on the sidelines. She and Dad were the Colorado County delegates to the RPT Convention for a number of years, and she was the Presiding Judge at the local elections. Mother and I would often compare notes on how the election process was done in our two areas: Weimar and Clear Lake City in Houston.

My sister, Frances Lancaster, recently retired from a career in technical writing. So, when I became the GHC Corresponding Secretary and tasked with producing the President's Leadership Handbook (PLH), I knew I could count on her and her 40 years of experience! The two of us corresponded from our homes in Houston and Dallas to make this Handbook work! Frances is a strong conservative thinker and joyfully took on the task of editing and formatting the entire book. I marveled at her ability to easily merge the information from Excel spreadsheets into the Word document and create a beautiful resource that is easy to read for our member club presidents. She is even providing instructions and guidelines to follow for future editors!

There are many Republican Women that I would like to thank for their valuable contributions to the 2023 Handbook! I would like to thank **Barbara Tague**, the originator of the GHC PLH who gave me an overview of the Handbook, **SJ Swanson** who provided the 2021 PLH electronic final draft, **Jennifer Knesek** who updated so many public officials listings in SD 17, **Amy Byers** who updated and provided the GHC Club member list, the many **Member Club Delegates** who provided updated information for their areas, and **President Tina Gibson** for her kindness, support, and encouragement.

Board Bits...

Legislation Report, Bonnie Foster

The 88th Legislative Session is in the final countdown. Here is a glimpse of the calendar, which will give you an idea of what is transpiring this last month of the legislature:

88th Legislature, Regular Session **MAY 2023 Deadlines for Action Under House and Senate Rules** This deadlines calendar is intended to be a practical summary guide to the end-of-session deadlines. It is not intended as an interpretation of the rules of the House or Senate. A red box indicates the last day for a chamber to take certain actions. Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday 118th day 119th day 120th day 121st day 10 122nd day 11 123rd day 12 124th day 13 7 8 9 Last day for Ho committees to re HBs/HJRs 10 p.m.—l alendar wi Last day for H Last day for He 125th day 14 126th day 15 127th day 16 128th day 17 129th day 18 130th day 19 131st day 20 Last day for House to consider local HBs on local and consent calendar on 2nd and 3rd reading Last day for House comm to report SBs/SJRs (See Note 2) (See Note 1) 132nd day 133rd day 22 136th day 137th day 21 134th day 23 135th day 24 25 26 138th day 27 ast day for House to consi nidnight—<u>Ho</u> 3y 9 a.m.-By 10 p.m.—last House daily calendar with SBs/SJRs se local and ofCCR ast day for (See Note 2) (See Note 2) (See Note 4) 139th day 28 140th day 29 In reviewing this calendar, all and any applicable layout rule The Ho Note I e rules do no Corrections only in House and Sena measure to have any chance of being placed of an updated fiscal note or impact statement; (3 House as required by the rules. *Realistically*, ny other paperwo Note 2: Th ibuting ca a daily ^-Note 3: The Senate deadline for passing all bills and joint resolutions *does not* take into consideration the House deadline for passing Senate bills and joint resolutions. *Realistically*, to for consideration by the House under its end-of-session deadlines, Senate bills and joint resolutions must be passed by the Senate and received by the House *before* the 130th Last day of sess (Sine die) require a 48-hour layout Note 4: appropriations propriations bill 23R 67

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/

Social Media, Jennifer Knesek



Magic Circle sister gets married!

Lauren Malleck is now a new member and Jennifer Knesek recruited all of the young women - we look forward to finding them a home in our TFRW local clubs - please remember recruitment is the most important job we have, without that we cannot continue to elect republicans to office from the White House to the local water or school board.



Katy Police Association Fish Fry









Keep Katy Beautiful Day!

SAVE THE DATE

Hats Off to Republican Women

Wednesday, August 30th at 11:00 AM Junior League of Houston · 1811 Briar Oaks Lane · Houston



Celebrating GAC and the 19th Amendment

GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL OF FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN formal invitation to follow



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Club News...

RW of Yoakum Area



Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller with RWOYA President Diana Hawes

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller was the keynote speaker for the April 12th meeting of the Republican Women of the Yoakum Area. A large crowd welcomed the Commissioner for a luncheon that included fried chicken with all the trimmings.

He also took questions from the audience and stayed after the meeting to visit with guests and take pictures.

The next RWOYA meeting will be Wednesday, May 10th at the Yoakum Community Center. The doors open at 11:30 am and the program will start at noon. The speaker will be Goliad County Sheriff Roy Boyd who will give an update regarding border issues.

Montgomery County RW



God's Garage's recently had it grand opening of it 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!

Clear Creek RW

LAW ENFORCEMENT CELEBRATION

May 2023 CCRW Monthly Meeting

MAY 5

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

La Brisa Mexican Grille

501 N Wesley Drive, League City

Clearcreekrw.org

Come out and Back the Blue as we celebrate Law Enforcement Appreciation month and hear our panel discuss their roles/duties within their agency, how they interact with each other, their priorities and trends/ patterns in their communities, and views of what LEOs are experiencing today's society and how the community can help. We look forward to seeing you.

- Police Chief Gary Ratliff, City of League City
- Major Ray Nolen, Galveston County Sheriff's Office
- Hon. Jimmy Fullen, Galveston County Constable Precinct 2
- Hon. Justin West, Galveston County Constable Precinct 4
- Officer L. Murph and K9 Jorka, Galveston Police Department We hope you can join us. RSVP with clearcreekw.org

Northwest Forest RW

Make your reservation and join us on Monday, May 8, as we welcome Dr. Kyle Scott as our guest speaker.

Dr. Scott ran for Harris County Treasurer in 2022. In 2013, he ran for the Lone Star College Board of Trustees and served until 2018. Dr. Scott began his professional career as a high school teacher and then as a professor of political science at Miami University followed by Duke University, and University of Houston. He received a BA from the University of Texas at Austin, a Ph.D., in Political Science: American Politics, Political Theory, Public Law from University of Houston, and an MBA from Rice University. As an academic, he has published five books and more than 100 articles and counting.

Dr. Scott has spent most of his career as an educator, a successful entrepreneur, and a proven conservative. Since the election last fall, he has been sharing his expertise with RW clubs and conservative groups throughout Harris County to rave reviews. With this knowledge and experience, Kyle Scott, Ph.D., MBA, will bring us as excellent lesson which he has titled, "Lessons from 2022 and How We Succeed in the Future."

The Yellow Rose of Texas RW

We had a busy month. I want to briefly acknowledge our club's accomplishments.

- We passed a resolution to name our scholarship program The Lisa Townsend Memorial Scholarship.
- We adopted and received approval from TFRW for updated bylaws.
- Several members attended Nuts and Bolts Training with GHCFRW.
- The Education Committee held a community event.
- Several members went to Austin to testify on bills and meet our representatives, in addition to the calls and emails from home.
- We reported 1,758.5 campaign/political activity hours to TFRW for the first quarter.

We currently have two projects for members to participate in:

- Collecting donations for Mommy gift bags for Care Net Pregnancy Center. We'll visit them in May to deliver the items and tour the facility.
- Hosting a Memorial Day picnic at the Tomball VFW

General Meeting

Tuesday, April 25, at Harris County Smokehouse in Tomball

Check-in and social time begin at 6:30 PM.

Meeting with program begins at 7:00 PM.

We encourage members and guests to purchase food before 7:00 PM.

Braes RW

Braes Republican Women's Club met on March 30th at the Los Tios Restaurant on Beechnut.

Two new members attended their first Club meeting. Welcome to LaVonne and Sheila!

Julian Ramirez, candidate for Houston City Council At-Large #1 was the guest speaker. Mr. Ramirez addressed key issues concerning Houstonians; public safety and the infrastructure.

Tina Gibson, TFRW District Director, Senate District 17, attended our meeting and discussed the TFRW State Scholarship.

Our Club unanimously agreed to contribute to the TFRW 2023 State Scholarship fund.

Lake Conroe Area RW



Our March meeting was our annual "My American Hero." 4th graders from Willis ISD and 5th graders from Montgomery ISD wrote essays about THEIR hero. We heard wonderful praises about Rosa Parks and Walt Disney to Congressman Morgan Luttrell, fathers, mothers and grandparents. Winners were awarded a flag that was flown over the Capitol, certificates from US Congressman Morgan Luttrell and Texas State Representative Will Metcalf.





Our National Motto program is hitting strides! Started in September of 2022 by our now President Stephanie Johnson, and then continued by Carole Parsons, LCARW has delivered 414 posters to Montgomery ISD, Willis ISD and various elected officials within our county.



East Montgomery County RW

At our April meeting









Our May General Meeting will be a "Meet & Greet" for the members of EMCRW, as well as the residents of East County. It will also be an informational meeting with the purpose of educating our area residents of the "Who's & What's" of a Precinct Chair! The Doors will open at 6:00 w/greetings & appetizers, and the Meeting will start at 6:30pm, located at Bull Sallas Sr. Center, 21675 McCleskey Rd., New Caney, TX 77357. This Meeting will help to bridge-the-gap, and cause people to help serve alongside you, as an EMC Precinct Chair, to better accomplish your current and future political needs. With the 2024 Election right around the corner, there's no better time than now to unite as Republicans, for our great County, State & Nation. Please contact me at 713-545-4528, to reserve your spot on the agenda!



Don't forget to get your club news and upcoming events to Amy at <u>ajbyers1348@aol.com</u> by the 3rd week of the month!

Fort Bend RW



Angela Hays Bushnell, President, and Lois Gremminger, Recipient

It is our honor to recognize and congratulate Lois Gremminger, as the Fort Bend Republican Women Club PAC's Volunteer of the Quarter.

Lois serves as the Club's PAC Treasurer, Legislative Chair, and on the Scholarship Committee. Lois is engaged in weekly reviews of current issues being discussed at the state level. She has attended multiple action-oriented events. Some highlights include: The 3-day TFRW conference, the Fort Bend County Legislative Day in Austin, the Texas Constitutional Enforcement Seminar on Legislative Actions and the GHCFRW Nuts 'N Bolts training workshop.

She logged 128 hours utilizing, Clockify, the clubs's new time tracking application from her computer or phone.

Lois's hours were proudly reported to the Texas Federation of Republican Women. Visit the FBRWC website: <u>www.fortbendrepublicanwomen.com</u>

Village RW

On April 25th, Village Republican Women hosted the inaugural Leadership Institute Women Leaders Series at Maggiano's Memorial City.

National consultant Emily Lampkin and Former Texas GOP Vice Chair Cat Parks led this unique, free training.

Everyone had fun learning new skills while networking with past, present, and future Women leaders in the community.





RW Club of Katy











TFRW...



The photo of the monument of Senator John Tower's grave was taken by Carolyn Hodges, former TFRW President, currently on the State Cemetery Board. We are sharing the photo to remind us of why TFRW is so effective at volunteerism and why we collect those volunteer hours.

Senator Tower represented Texas in the United States Senate from 1961 to 1985. He was the first Republican elected to the U.S. Senate from Texas since Reconstruction. He had been the namesake of the TFRW club volunteer award for years, formerly called the John Goodwin Tower Award, now called the Club Achievement Award.

This part of our organization's history was renamed 2 years ago by TFRW because they thought no one would know who he was.

Senator Tower worked hard to promote TFRW in its early years. Let's not forget him as we move into the 70th anniversary of TFRW.

TFRW Board Meeting

Toni Anne Dashiell giving an RNC report and the schedule of the first debates hosted by Fox, and her announcement of running for RNC Committeewoman again in 2024.

Several cities came to convince TFRW to host the 2025 TFRW Convention and gave out a lot of goodies for our vote. San Antonio won with the help of Greater San Antonio Council and President Carol Van de Walle.

2025 will be a milestone year for TFRW as that is the 70th anniversary of the first TFRW organization convention which was held in San Antonio!

GHC Board members and Club representatives: Pearl and Marie Maggio, Alice Melancon, Virginia Miller, Della Brown, Carla Birk, Tina Gibson, Dallas County Council President Susan Cumby, San Antonio Council President Carol Van de Walle.

Lunch speaker Scott Toland of America First Policy Institute.





















Our own Tina Gibson with Senator Ted Cruz.

Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

March 28, 2023 General Meeting Minutes

and

"Original" NUTS 'N BOLTS

Trini Mendenhall Community Center

SJ Swanson, Acting Recording Secretary

GHC President Tina Gibson called the General Meeting to Order at 9:16 a.m. She welcomed all of the attendees and recognized the GHC board members.

Ronnye Cowell, Village Republican Women corresponding secretary and TFRW Senate District 7 Director offered a prayer and led the pledges to the United States and Texas flags.

Amy Byers, GHC 2nd VP of Membership conducted an official roll call for voting, and to determine attendance of members by each Council club. Following the roll call, she announced a quorum was present. Twenty-eight of the thirty-one Council clubs were present.

President Gibson recognized elected officials and candidates present.

President Gibson then explained the Rules for voting at GHC general meetings.

GHC Treasurer Micheline Hutson presented a report on the Council's finances and the budget as approved and recommended by the Budget Committee. A vote was called to approve the budget as presented, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

As Deb Cupples was unable to attend the meeting, President Gibson presented a report on the Bylaws including proposed changes to bring the Council's bylaws in line with TFRW's, and noted that the proposed amended GHCFRW bylaws as had been submitted to all clubs. A vote was called to approve the amended Bylaws as presented, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

President Gibson called Pearl Maggio then recognized all GHC Clubs 2023 Presidents, calling them each to the stage to be announced. Each club President was presented with a rose and a bag with a GHC lapel pin, a set of tabletop U.S. and Texas flags and a stand for use in club board meetings, and a patriotic keychain. Each President had her photo taken with GHC President Tina Gibson and TFRW President Kit Whitehall.

President Gibson turned the meeting over to Amy Byers, Chair of the 2023 "Original" Nuts 'N Bolts program. Byers gave an introduction to Nuts 'N Bolts and outlined what would happen for the rest of the day. Byers introduced the various session speakers, panels, and programs and directed participants to the various meeting rooms for sessions.

Presentations included: Legislative by Pat Morlen (Kingwood Area RW); Treasurer 101 by Micheline Hutson (Cy-Fair and Council Treasurer); Meeting Protocol/Parliamentarian/How to Run a Successful Meeting by Betsy Kindred (West Pearland); Membership by Barbara Eddleman (MCRW) and Carrie Butler (LCARW); Remarks by TFRW President Kit Whitehill; Club Presidents Roundtable; Fundraising/Campaign Activities by Marilyn Davis and Corrine Miklosh (TFRW); Treasurer 102 by Micheline Hutson; Newsletter and Website by Julie Faubel (LCARW); and Social Media Dos and Don'ts by Melody Briggs (TFRW).

Following the "Original" Nuts 'N Bolts program, President Gibson asked all to fill out the program evaluations and turn them in. She made announcements about the next general meeting (May 16th) and other events, and certain clubs made announcements of their own meetings and events.

President Gibson adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:55 p.m.

Club Presidents...

Angleton Republican Women, Judy Schaefer

Bay Area Republican Women, Debbie Roan

Baytown Republican Women, Lillian Sockwell

Braes Republican Women, Cindy Riedl

Brazosport Republican Women, Diane Rinn

Clear Creek Republican Women, Martha Bosworth

Cy-Fair Republican Women, Bonnie Foster

East Montgomery Co. Republican Women, Holly Juneau

Fort Bend Republican Women, Angela Hayes

Galveston Republican Women, Betty Henry

Great State Republican Women, Betsy Berger

Golden Triangle Republican Women, Linda Brown

Kingwood Area Republican Women, Joyce Chambers

Lake Conroe Area Republican Women, Stephanie Johnson

Liberty Belles Republican Women, Charlotte Belin

Magic Circle Republican Women, Buckley Morlot Memorial West Republican Women, Annette Marek

Montgomery County Republican Women, Virginia Miller

Needville Republican Women, Carol Hamrick

Northshore Republican Women, Leigh Billingsley

Northwest Forest Republican Women, Nancy Radcliffe

Republican Women Club of Katy, Delia Dibrell

Republican Women of Yoakum Area, Diana Hawes

Texas Tea Party Republican Women, Venita Odom

The Woodlands Republican Women, Jessica Steinmann

The Yellow Rose of TX Republican Women, Carla Birk

Tomball Republican Women, Barbara Tague

Village Republican Women, Julie Jaehne

Walker County Republican Women, Renee Lunsford

West Pearland Republican Women, Liz Sitta

Greater Houston Council Board...

Executive Board

President, Tina Gibson RW Club of Katy 1st VP Programs, SJ Swanson Magic Circle 2nd VP Membership, Amy Byers Lake Conroe Area RW 3rd VP Special Events, Dana Khan Northwest Forest RW 4VP 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 Committees

Bylaws, Debbie Cupples Memorial West RW Campaign Activities, Gayla Baker Brazosport RW Liaison to County Chairs, Emely McHattie Village RW Legislation, Bonnie Foster Cy Fair RW Newsletter, Amy Byers Lake Conroe RW

Special Committees

Club President Liaison, Marga Matthews Baytown RW Historian, SJ Swanson Magic Circle Hospitality Co-Chairs, Edie Holland Bay Area RW, 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 Nuts 'N Bolts, Amy Byers Lake Conroe Area RW