NEWSLETTER



Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

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President's Message





Greater Houston Council hosted another successful Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop! Thank you to the RW clubs who participated in some great sessions designed to help clubs and club board members run their clubs effectively. All this training is designed to grow our club membership, train our future leaders, with the goal of electing Republicans. There were a lot of happy faces all day long!

Thank you to our speakers TFRW President Zenia Warren, TFRW VP Membership Corrine Miklosh, TFRW VP Legislation Jill Tate, TFRW PAC Chair Susan Friedrich, TFRW Awards Patty Castillo, Renee Lunsford, Theresa Kosmoski, Debbie Roan, Nancy Radcliffe, Laura Carlson, Betsy Kindred, Buckley Morlot and Susie Cintron.

Thank you to our NNB Co Chairs Amy Byers and Betsy Kindred, along with their team members Elizabeth Walker, Joyce Chambers, Emely McHattie, Lois Gremminger, Ronnye Cowell, Mary Sage, Debbie Cupples, Donnie Lubeck and Susie Cintron for organizing an excellent program.

Well done, ladies!

A flash drive of the workshop presentations was given to all participants this year. If you were not able to attend this workshop, please find the presentations on the GHC website or get them from your club president or a member of your club who participated. Use these presentations to train your new club members!

Our GHC board members are happy to bring a mini-Nuts 'N Bolts training to your clubs. Please contact me for more information.

Congratulations and welcome to our 29 TFRW clubs that joined GHC for 2025. Welcome to our new members Republican Women of Trinity County and welcome back to Southeast Texas RW.

Legislative Day is March 20-22 at the State Capitol. GHC clubs will be there! Be sure to send us photos of your day at the Capitol to share in our next newsletter.

We will see you at the next GHC general meeting on May 20th.

Stay tuned for our summer events.

Let's Keep Winning!

Tina Gibson, GHC President

$\star \star \star$ Mark Your Calendar $\star \star \star$

Mar 18	GHC Board Meeting		
Mar 20 - 22	TFRW Legislative Days & 2nd		
	Quarter Board Meeting		
Apr 19	GHC Board Meeting		
May 20	GHC General Meeting		
Jul TBD	Club President's Luncheon		
Jul 18 - 19	TFRW 3rd Quarter Board Meeting		

Aug 19	GHC Board Meeting
Sep 16	GHC General Meeting
Sep 25 - 28	NFRW Convention
Oct 21	GHC Board Meeting
Oct 21 - 25	TFRW Convention & 4th Quarter
	Board Meeting
Nov 18	GHC General Meeting





Nuts 'N Bolts Betsy Kindred, West Pearland RW - <u>nuts-n-bolts-2@ghcfrwpac.org</u> and Amy Byers, Kingwood Area RW <u>nuts-n-bolts-1@ghcfrwpac.org</u>





Checking members in



Getting ready for an educational day!



Amy Byers with the Presidents



Nancy Radcliffe presenting on Presidents



Jill Tate presenting on Fundraising



Nancy McCann & Linda Wilkins presenting on Hospitality





Susan Friedrich presenting on PAC Treasurer



Corrine Miklosh presenting on Membership



TFRW President, Zenia Warren



Susie Cintron & Bonnie Foster doing a sketch on Roberts Rules



Buckley Morlot presenting on Programs



Susie Cintron presenting on Merchandising Made Fun



Merchandising Made Fun



Betsy Kindred presenting on Community Engagement



Patti Castillo presenting on Awards



Debbie Roan presenting on Having a Healthy Board



Cute Decorations!

SOME OF OUR MEMBER CLUBS ATTENDING NUTS 'N BOLTS



Clear Creek RW



Cy-Fair RW



Memorial West RW



Magic Circle RW



Kingwood RW

HONORING CLUB PRESIDENTS FROM OUR MEMBER CLUBS





Angie McNeil for Barbara Meeks Clear Creek RW



Trish Powell Cy-Fair RW



E. Montgomery RW



Kim Icenhour Ft. Bend RW



Galveston RW



Liz.Welch for Elaine Henderson Golden Triangle RW



Kathleen Jordan Kingwood Area RW



Barbara Eddleman Montgomery County RW



Lauren Lothringer nW Forest RW



Dina Carr SETERAS RW



Dani Post for Cassandra Posey Waller County RW



Legislation Renee Lunsford, Walker County RW legislation@ghcfrwpac.org



The 89th Legislative Session, will run for 140 days ending on June 2nd. The House and the Senate may begin holding hearings on day 31 of the session (the Texas Constitution provides that the first 30 days are for **introduction of bills, emergency matters, and taking up the Governor's recess appointments).** Bill filing started November 12th and as of this writing (mid-February) house bills 3786 and senate 1881bills have been filed. A total of 5,667 as of February 25, 2025. All bills must be filed by the 60th day of the session which is March 14th. There are 237 bills that have been passed by both the Texas House and Senate. Nearly all these bills commemorate various people, organizations, or causes.

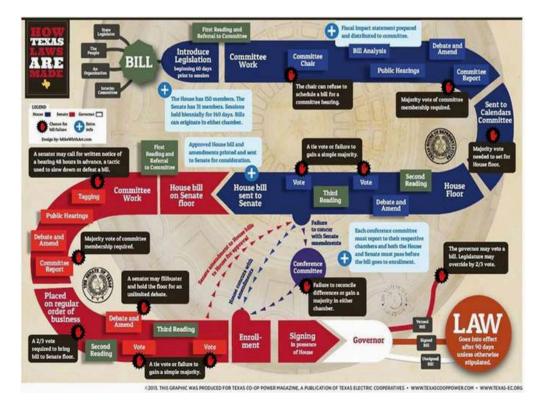
Legislative Chairs, please remember when providing your legislative report to your club, that it is objective and has factual information without opinion or editorial comment. Please read the bill and make sure information is accurate and from an authoritative source. There are many emails and social media posts with misinformation. DO NOT use, forward, or repost any information from a non-federated (TFRW/NFRW) organization on your social media or club email.

Action Alerts, TFRW will focus on school choice, energy, water, and artificial Intelligence (AI). TFRW will send out Action Alerts when an important issue will go before the Texas Legislature. These alerts need action by our members. Please remember when contacting your elected officials, you are speaking for yourself and not as a representative of TFRW or your local club. Legislative Day 2025

TFRW's Legislative Day will be March 20-21, 205 at the AT&T Hotel and Conference Center in Austin. On Thursday night, March 20th we will host a legislative dinner with our state representatives, senators, and keynote speaker. On Friday morning, March 21st we will start bright and early with breakfast and training sessions on how to effectively communicate with your legislators, how to testify on a bill, ow to use Texas Legislature online, and presentations on important issues facing this legislative session and Texas. We will have a working lunch and then head to the Capitol to use what you have learned to talk to our representatives.

See you at the Texas Capitol, remember to wear RED!

What bills are important to you? Please contact me at vrlunsford2004@gmail.com to help me keep you informed.



Tor more information on how a bill becomes a law in Texas click <u>here</u>. For more information on tracking Texas legislative actions click <u>here</u>. For all things TFRW click <u>here</u>.



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Greater Houston Council Clubs News

GHC Member Club Meetings

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Monday	Golden Triangle RW 11:30 am MCM Elegante Hotel Memorial W RW 11:00 am Los Tios Mexican	Northwest Forest RW 11:30 am Shirley Acres Waller County RW 6:30 pm Hempstead Recreation Center	Walker County RW 11:00 am Gibbs Hall	Magic Circle RW 11:30 am Maggiano's Post Oak
Tuesday	Brazosport RW 6:00 pm Lake Jackson Central Library	Cy-Fair RW 11:00 am Hyatt Place, 19813 NW Fwy E. Montgomery RW 6:00 pm Bull Sallas Sr Center Texas Tea Party RW 6:00 pm Los Reyes Mexican Restaurant	The Woodlands RW 11:30 am The Woodlands Country Club RW of Trinity County 10:00 am Groveton Community Center	Bay Area RW 11 am Bay Oaks Country Club
Wednesday	Northshore RW 10:45am Bentwater Country Club		Galveston RW 11:30 am San Luis Hotel	Ft. Bend RW 11:15 am Los Gallitos, 3385 State Hwy 6 Village RW 11 am Houston Racquet Club
Thursday	Baytown RW 6:30 pm Luby's, 1201 W. Baker Rd RW of Katy 11:00 am Palacio Maria		Kingwood Area RW 11:00 am Oakhurst Golf Club Lake Conroe Area RW 11:30 am Walden Yacht Club	Montgomery County RW 11:30 am River Plantation Golf Club
Friday	Clear Creek RW 11:30 pm La Brisa Mexican Grill, 501 N. Wesley Dr			
Saturday			Angleton RW 10:30 am Brazoria County Courthouse West Annex	

Walker County Republican Women



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The women of Walker County Republican Women asked for donations of cookies for our First Responders. On Thursday February 13, the cookies were dropped off at Headquarters for packaging and the number of donations exceeded our expectations! Our club baked enough cookies to fill 19 boxes.

I am so thankful for our ladies and their dedication. On Friday, February 14, myself, Corresponding Secretary Barbara Bowersox, and three Sam Houston State University College Republicans delivered these treats to local first responders. These included the Huntsville Police Department, Huntsville Fire Department, Walker County EMS, Walker County Sheriff's Department, Sam Houston State University Police, New Waverly Fire Department, and Walker County Constable's Office.



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WCRW donated books to Huntsville Public Library . Pictured is Montie Shelton-Literacy Chair





Golden Triangle Republican Women

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We have had a great start to 2025. Over 20 GTRW members were privileged to attend the Inauguration of Donald J Trump. It was a real honor to participate. At our January meeting, we had Our own Cindy Dishman and her voter integrity committee do a presentation, <u>The Road to Red -</u><u>How New Leadership transformed Jefferson County, Texas, from "Deep Blue" to "Hot Pink" in a few short years.</u> Also, our County Clerk, Roxanne Acosta-Hellberg, explained to the club how mail-in ballots work. It was very informative. A group went to the Franklin County Republican Party Lincoln Reagan Dinner to hear our new Border Czar Tom Homan. In February, Texas Comptroller Glen Hagar spoke to the club about the finances of Texas. March will bring none other than FOX News correspondent Sara Carter speaking. We sent eight members to the Conroe Nuts and Bolts and six members to GHCFRW Nuts and Bolts. We have chosen Family Services of Southeast Texas, a non-profit that helps trafficked and domestic abuse victims. We are looking forward to helping this incredible organization. We are looking forward to taking a large group to Legislative Days at the end of March.



Baytown Republican Women



Baytown Republican Women adopt Bergeron Park in Baytown Heights (Louisiana Street) as their 'Adopt-A-Spot', a free program initiated by the City of Baytown in order to help keep the city clean, promote awareness, and connect with others. Groups and individuals can apply to the City of Baytown and, after two clean-ups, a sign will be erected showing Baytown Republican Women's support for the community. Pictured (I to r) are BRW Associate Member Byron Schirmbeck aka baytowninfo.com, BRW Immediate Past President & Chaplain Mary Holmsley, BRW Legislative Director Cynthia Coker, BRW Secretary Dr. Melanie Jimmerson, BRW President Hon. Denise Pratt, BRW Campaign Activities Director Holly Carney and Baytown Council Member Kenrick Griffith (District 3). [Not pictured but who helped mightily is BRW Associate Member Philip Glass.]





Fort Bend Republican Women





Marie Moffett Awards Chair & Roddie Shelley, Recipient

It is our honor to recognize and congratulate Roddie Shelley, as the Fort Bend Republican Women Club PAC's 2024 Volunteer of the Year.

Roddie Shelley joined the club in September 2022. She attend She attends the club's monthly meetings and special events. This past election cycle she kicked up her involvement and took Election Judge and Election law training. Her involvement helped keep our polling centers with enough Republican judges during the Early Voting and Election Day. In addition, she volunteered at FBC GOP Headquarters. We look forward to her dedication this year and in the 2026 election.

Shelley has logged 486 hours in 2024 by utilizing Clockify, the Club's time tracking application from her computer or phone.

It is our honor to recognize and congratulate Laurie Meredith, as the Fort Bend Republican Women Club PAC's 2024 Volunteer of the 4th Quarter.

Laurie Meredith joined the Club in December 2020. Right away she stepped up by volunteering to be the club's Recording Secretary. Since then, she has chaired the Club's Scholarship Awards Committee and the Literacy Committee. In 2024 she changed our Literacy – Book drive to a yearlong event. As a result, our Club was able to award 2 elementary schools with approx. 300+ books each.



Marie Moffett Awards Chair & Laurie Meredith, Recipient

Laurie volunteered at numerous political activities in 2024. She hosted a Candidate Meet & Greet, was a Poll Greeter and Watcher, did phone calls/banking, and stuffed campaign materials for local & county candidates.

Laurie has logged 62 hours in the 4th quarter by utilizing Clockify, the Club's time tracking application, from her computer or phone.



For more information, to sign up a team or to sponsor a hole and/or table, please contact:

Barbara Chamberlin (Golf Chairwoman) at 936-222-2590

Westwood Shores Country Club Pro Shop at 936-594-3805 option 2



Liberty Over Texas Golf Tournament is sponsored by the Republican Women of Trinity County

All proceeds go to the RWTC and projects for the Citizens of Trinity County, promoting good citizenship and patriotism,

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Cy-Fair Republican Women



Cy-Fair Republican Women was founded in the summer of 2005. Several ladies in the Northwest area of Houston met to determine if there was enough interest in the area to form a much needed Republican Women's group.

We met, We agreed..... and We got to work! (Cited from the original members) Cy-Fair Republican Women will be celebrating 20 Years July 2025. Please make plans to Help Us Celebrate, at our Luncheon, on July 8, 2025. You may RSVP, (beginning mid June) @ https://www.cfrw.net/

Trish Powell – Cy-Fair RW President STRENGTH & HONOR 832-247-7103

Kingwood Republican Women





KARW members with the Honorable Ted Poe



KARW General Meeting. Kathleen Jordan, Judge Larrysa Korduba, Julie Payne.

KINGWOOD AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN General Meting

President Trump's First 100 Days What else can we expect?



Wednesday | March 19, 2025 11 am - 1 pm RAFFA'S WATERFRONT GRILL 1660 W. LAKE HOUSTON PARKWAY KINGWOOD

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> Register by March 14th at KARW.org

All participants must register. Your registration of \$26 includes salad, grilled chicken, risotto, bread pudding and beverage.

Bay Area Republican Women



BARW March 25th Luncheon Meeting Bay Oaks Country Club 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd. Social Begins: 11:00 am Meeting Begins: 12:00 Lunch Charge: \$30.00 (payable at the door) Please RSVP (no later that Thursday : March 20th) to: <u>barw.rsvp@gmail.com</u>

Our Speaker for our BARW Luncheon meeting will be: State Board of Education District 7 - Julie Pickren Board Term Ends: Jan 1, 2027

Julie Pickren was born and raised in Houston, Texas and currently resides near Pearland, Texas with her husband David and two sons, Miles and Tyler. Currently, Mrs. Pickren is a home school mom since her son is the youngest student enrolled in Liberty University Dual Credit Program School of Business. Julie has a joy for learning and is currently enrolled in The Wharton School of Business Executive Leadership Program. Mrs. Pickren has a core belief that families are the foundation for our society and parents are the first educators and primary decision makers for their children.

Like many across the district, Mrs. Pickren is a successful small business owner. Reinvesting in the community and supporting charities is very important to her family. Profits from their businesses provide financial support for multi-cultural churches and pro-life ministries. Since her husband and children are citizens of The Choctaw Nation, she also invests in real estate to provide affordable housing and small business economic opportunities for Native American Indians in The Choctaw Nation.

Mrs. Pickren has a longstanding education leadership experience while serving in many capacities including serving as a board member of two Christian private schools, an Alvin ISD Trustee from 2015-2021, and an education policy advisor for many states. During her tenure as Alvin ISD Trustee, Mrs. Pickren saw many successes and awards. Alvin ISD is a fast growing school district that built 9 new schools while honoring the state compressed tax rate, thus, saving the taxpayers millions of dollars. She has received many awards for fiscal responsibility and student success and an Honor Board Award. Mrs. Pickren is proud of her record as being a huge proponent for teachers. Under her leadership, Alvin ISD lead the state with teacher salaries and benefits and had one of the highest amounts of their M&O budget directly tied to the classroom. Julie believes that together we can ensure our children's education prepares them to achieve the American Dream with Texas Values.

Pickren represents the State Board of Education District 7 Counties of Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, and Tyler.



Directory 2024-2025 Elected Officers

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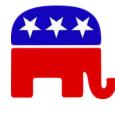
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Magic Circle RW Alicia Cantrell



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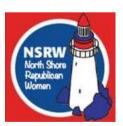
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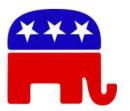
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