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PATRIOT DAY 
WE WILL NEVER FORGET



PRESIDENT'S PEN

Election Season is in Full Swing!

I am so excited to see all of you already working to **Get Out the Vote** this November. I see you walking, calling, texting, holding rallies and reaching voters to ensure a November win. Thank you for all your hard work so far... but we are far from done.



First, we cannot get out the vote without registering voters. **We have one more month to register voters, so we need your help with VEP.** See Jennifer Frederick's article on how you can help. Just 30 minutes a day can make a huge difference. I try to call just 30 minutes a day, and I have made about 600 calls so far. It is so easy and we need all our members to be working those phones!

In addition, target your churches and community events to register voters. You would be amazed at the number of members at your local church who are not registered voters.

Second, **we have three weekends of action coming up with Team Texas.** Please plan to attend at least one, if not all, our work weekends. The areas we are working are on the verge of turning blue with Democrat money pouring in and we CAN NOT let that happen. We have a lot of fun, but get a lot done. Meals and lodging are included, so **SIGN UP TODAY!** Details are in this newsletter.

I hope each of your clubs have had a chance to learn how to use the **Abbott Impact App**. This App is a game-changer for this election, and it is so easy to use. I hate wasting time, so I send texts while I'm sitting in the car line waiting to pick up my son from school. 10-15 minutes a day and I have already sent

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out over **2,600 texts and ID'd over 200 voters.** You can do the same just waiting in the car line or the grocery store line!

I will be announcing some great incentives and prizes for your hard work at the September **4th Quarter Board Meeting** including a free registration to the **TFRW Convention** for the person who knocks on the most doors! I want to be sure and recognize all your hard work and say **THANK YOU** with some fun prizes.

The polls are close and Texas is now considered a toss up state. The future is in our hands, and I know **TFRW will not let Texas turn blue.** Remain vigilant, stay the course, and do not become complacent. Focus on the big picture!

Messaging is incredibly important in this election. Educating voters on policy is extremely important; there is a lot of misinformation out there and **WE** have the facts. So, if you've been sitting in your chair saying, "I need to get involved" or "why bother," **now is the time** to get up and stand firmly committed. We can win this election, but everyone needs to **BE IN IT to WIN IT!**

We are **Where the RED Begins!**

Jill Tate

Jill Tate
TFRW President



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept 3-26

Sept 9-10

Sept 10

Sept 11

Sept 17

Sept 18

Sept 19

Sept 25-26

Oct 2-3

Oct 16-17

Team VEP Zoom Trainings and Call List Blitzes

RNC Midterm Convention - Dallas, TX

Last day to purchase *Tribute to Women* tickets

PATRIOT DAY - 9/11 Remembrance

DD/DP and Executive Meeting

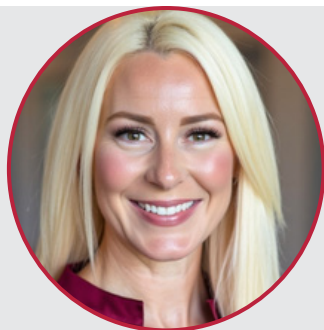
4th Quarter Board Meeting/Patron Event

Tribute to Women - Round Rock Embassy Suites

Team Texas Tarrant County

Team Texas - Williamson County

Team Texas - Collin County



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Let's Get to Work!



Election season is in full swing, and across Texas, Republican candidates are doing everything they can to earn the support of voters and win in November.

But candidates cannot do it alone.

Winning elections takes more than great candidates, good messages, and campaign signs. It takes people. It takes volunteers willing to make the phone call, knock on the door, send the text, register the voter, talk to a neighbor, and make sure Republicans actually get to the polls.

And that is where TFRW shines.

For decades, Republican women have been the backbone of grassroots politics in Texas. We don't just talk about elections—we work them. And this election season, TFRW members have more opportunities than ever to make a difference.

THREE WAYS TO MAKE AN IMPACT

1. TFRW VICTORY

Our Victory program is about doing exactly what its name says: winning elections.

Through TFRW Victory, our members and clubs will have opportunities to participate in Days of Action, block walks, phone banking, texting, and our Adopt-A-Candidate program.

Find a candidate who needs help and get involved. Adopt a race. Grab a friend and go

block-walking. Give a Saturday morning or a few hours after work.

Some races will be decided by thousands of votes. Others may be decided by hundreds—or even fewer.

- Every door matters.
- Every conversation matters.
- Every vote matters.

2. VEP - VOTER ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

Before we can turn voters out, we have to engage them.

TFRW's Voter Engagement Project gives our members an opportunity to reach Republican voters directly. Our goal is ambitious: **one million phone calls and 150,000 Republicans registered.**

That sounds enormous—until you remember the size and strength of TFRW.

You don't have to personally make a thousand calls. Make ten. Then make ten more.

If thousands of Republican women across Texas each do their part, those numbers add up quickly.

And one of the best things about VEP is that you can participate from home and on your own schedule. An hour of your time could mean reaching dozens of voters who might otherwise sit this election out.

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3. ABBOTT IMPACT

Technology has given grassroots activists another powerful tool this election cycle: **Abbott Impact**.

The **Abbott Impact** app is designed to help us turn our personal relationships into voter turnout. It can connect your contacts with voter-file information, help identify conservative friends who have not yet voted, and make it easier to personally remind them to get to the polls.

Think about the people already in your phone.

Your family. Your neighbors. Your coworkers. Your Sunday School class. Your Bunco group. The parents you know from school. The people you see at community events.

A personal message from someone they know can be much more powerful than another piece of campaign mail.

Don't assume your Republican friends have voted.

Ask them. Remind them. Encourage them.

That's grassroots politics at its best.

PICK YOUR LANE—THEN GET MOVING

Not everyone enjoys knocking on doors. That's okay. Not everyone wants to make phone calls. That's okay, too.

The important thing is that everyone does something.

Block-walk through Victory. Make calls through VEP. Download **Abbott Impact** and reach out to your own network. Volunteer directly for a candidate. Put out signs. Host an event. Register voters. Donate. Share campaign information. Work at a polling location. Help your club organize a Day of Action.

There is a place for every TFRW member in this election.

And don't forget to **report your campaign hours!** The hours we report demonstrate something those of us in TFRW already know: Republican women are an extraordinary political force in Texas.

WE ARE WHERE THE RED BEGINS

There will be plenty of polling, predictions, television ads, social media posts, and political commentary between now and Election Day.

But elections aren't won on television.

They are won by turning out voters.

- They are won when someone knocks on a door.
- They are won when someone makes a phone call.
- They are won when a friend texts a friend and says, "Have you voted yet?"
- They are won when volunteers decide that losing simply isn't an option.

That is our job now.

So choose your candidate. Sign up for Victory. Join VEP. Get on Abbott Impact. Bring another TFRW member with you—and then get to work.

When Election Night arrives, let's know that we did everything we could to elect Republicans from the top of the ticket all the way down the ballot.

The election is here. The ticket is set. The time is now.

LET'S GET TO WORK, LADIES.



ELECTION TRAININGS

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2026

LIVE ON ZOOM

Get prepared for the 2026 Midterm Election.

Live Zoom sessions for poll watchers, election workers, EVBB and SVC members, Central Counting Station personnel, and anyone who wants to understand Texas election procedures.

UPCOMING SESSIONS



POLL WATCHER TRAINING

Appointment, access, and the duties of a watcher at the polls.

WED, SEPT 9 **6:30 PM**

WED, SEPT 23 **6:30 PM**

SAT, OCT 3 **9:00 AM**



ELECTION WORKER TRAINING

For judges, alternate judges, and clerks serving at the polls.

MON, SEPT 14 **6:30 PM**

TUE, SEPT 29 **6:30 PM**

TUE, OCT 6 **6:30 PM**



EVBB / SVC TRAINING

Early Voting Ballot Board and Signature Verification Committee procedures.

TUE, SEPT 8 **6:30 PM**

THU, SEPT 17 **6:30 PM**



CENTRAL COUNTING STATION TRAINING

Tabulation, transfer, and central count procedures.

MON, OCT 12 **6:30 PM**

WED, OCT 14 **6:30 PM**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

TexasElectionNetwork.org/Register

Register separately for each session you plan to attend. Zoom links are emailed before each training.

SCAN TO REGISTER



Texas Election Action

A TFRW Election Integrity Update

Dr. Dana Myers



Election Integrity: Women's Power to Protect Our Votes and Our Values

Texas Republican women have always stood at the front lines of election integrity — as poll watchers, precinct chairs, voter registrars, party officials, and advocates.

Know the facts. Make a difference.

TEXAS NEWS

July 12, 2026: Nine parts of Texas' SB1 upheld by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Ruling reinstated nine provisions of Texas' 2021 election integrity law that enhanced mail-in verification and limited ballot harvesting.

"It has long been established that mail-in ballots are prone to fraud... That is why voting by mail jeopardizes election integrity and democracy itself"

-Judge Andrew Oldham, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Hat tip to author of SB1, Senator Bryan Hughes (R-Mineola). ([thetexan.news](https://www.thetexan.news)) Expect the Dem groups to appeal. SCOTUS review is likely on the horizon.

August 10, 2026: New Secretary of State Robert Howden states the Texas Legislature, not the courts, is the correct forum to implement a closed primary system

As such, Howden would like the Texas GOP closed primary lawsuit dismissed.

"The Party's adoption of Rule 46 makes it likelier that the Legislature may adopt such changes in the upcoming legislative session beginning in just six months—which even Plaintiffs "strongly prefer."

-Texas SOS Robert Howden ([Bullpen](#))

Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, and House Speaker Dustin Burrows have now all publicly indicated support for closed primary elections, aligning with the Texas GOP platform's goal of ending the state's open primary system. As the Lege session starts in less than six months, all parties involved await which Legislative changes are proposed

August 2026 Texas Legislative Election Committee Hearings available for viewing:

Watch	8/04/26	10:00AM	Elections	02:56:12	August 4, 2026 public comments
Watch	8/03/26	11:00AM	Elections	04:12:56	August 3, 2026 public comments

Texas Secretary of State website Training links:**U.S. Election Assistance Commission Training Resources:**

[Poll Worker Recruitment Lookup Tool](#) (Look up training by state and county)

TX Poll Worker Information:

- SOS: [TX online poll worker information](#)
- VoteTexas.gov: <https://www.votetexas.gov/get-involved/poll-watchers.html>

TX Poll Watcher Training

- [Poll Watcher Training](#)
- [Poll Watchers Guide \(PDF\)](#)

TX Volunteer Deputy Registrars

- [Volunteer Deputy Registrar Training \(PDF\)](#) | [Spanish \(PDF\)](#)

TX Election Worker Handbooks and Resources

- [Election Judges and Clerks Handbook \(PDF\)](#)
- [Polling Place Signage Checklist \(PDF\)](#)
- [Poll Worker Training Quick Reference Guide \(PDF\)](#)

U.S. Postal Service NEW HOTLINE! (Administered by USPIS.gov)

Please report any mail irregularities you may see or encounter, especially during election season!

To contact the USPIS regarding election mail security issues or to report suspicious mail:

Phone: Call 877-876-2455 and select option 4 for election mail issues.

Online: Submit a report at www.USPIS.gov/report

FEDERAL AND NATIONAL NEWS

The SAVE America Act Update— August Recess: Senate Republicans left Washington without passing President Trump’s top legislative priority — the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) America Act.

After a last-minute deal, the Senate deferred the SAVE America Act until its return late in the afternoon on September 14. One major problem with that timing: Senate Majority Leader John Thune filed a cloture vote for Monday, September 14, at 5:30 PM on a landmark crypto market structure bill, likely committing the chamber’s first week back in September to a different topic. **Senators return on September 14 and will depart again in early October for midterm campaigning, leaving approximately three usable weeks to advance the SAVE America Act, which has failed six Senate floor votes and has not secured the 60 votes required to clear a filibuster.**

GOP senators opposing the SAVE America Act bill: Tillis, McConnell, Murkowski, and Collins.

DECLASSIFIED FROM THE WHITE HOUSE:**White House.gov Election Integrity Update:**

The most recent updates on the White House election integrity website focus on a mass declassification of intelligence documents and reports detailing alleged vulnerabilities and threats of foreign interference to U.S. election infrastructure. Published by the White House Government Transparency Task Force on July 17, 2026, and thereafter, the **released materials cover findings from January 2020 to June 2026.**

The data and declassified files available on the [White House Election Integrity Hub](#) are organized into four primary categories: [\(white-house-election-documents\)](#)

Core Categories of the Documents Released:

- **Electronic Voting and Ballot-Counting System Vulnerabilities:** Previously classified U.S. Intelligence Community Assessments detailing exposure to cyberattacks from foreign adversaries like Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea.
- **Foreign Acquisition of American Voter Data:** Specific documentation focusing on China's alleged acquisition of U.S. voter information. Initial estimate: **220 million records of US voters from 50 states.**
- **Michigan Voter Registration Investigation:** Files regarding a localized state-level investigation into voter-registration processes.
- **Noncitizen Voter Roll Reviews:** Reports exploring the presence of noncitizens on various state voter rolls. (www.whitehouse.gov/)
- **28,000 noncitizens(foreign nationals) identified on rolls in states cooperating with review so far, 250,000 in 4 blue states, modeling estimates up to +1 million non citizens likely.** ([declassified-security](#))

Dept. of Justice Related Federal Enforcement Actions:

In tandem with the White House data dump, the Trump administration launched a parallel [Department of Justice \(DOJ\) Election Integrity Tracker](#) to map state-by-state safeguards. This tracker highlights ongoing federal enforcement actions, including multiple lawsuits targeting states for failing to produce complete voter registration rolls. (civilrights.justice.gov)

Dept of Justice Texas Activities: [Texas Election Integrity Actions](#)

- Texas' **initial** SAVE system review of non-citizen data **from cooperating TX counties:** approx.2296 non-citizens registered; deceased voters: 111,573 with 1.2 million suspended voters. More scrutiny coming.
- TX SOS Director of Elections Christina Adkins stated in a recent August El Lege committee hearing that **not all counties have completed their voter roll review and sent their data back to the SOS.**

Election Integrity is more than a single battle; it is a permanent campaign.



Abbott Impact App

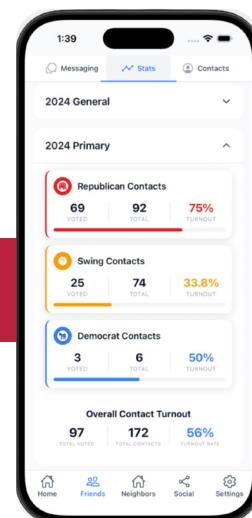
This innovative App will be vital to **Get Out the Vote** this Fall to reelect Governor Abbott and all Republicans on the ballot.

In addition, clubs will be able to customize surveys to their area, gather information of potential members, and earn money for their club by completing surveys. Clubs can earn \$3 per completed survey! Each club will have a designated member to create walk books for your club. Please have that designated person set up your club

by logging onto the App under settings (at bottom of screen), scroll to programs, click on **Abbott Partnership Program**, apply for your club.

View the training video on our website [HERE](#)

Or have a member of the **Abbott Team** train your club on how to use this App. Contact **Quinton Hitchcock** at qhitchcock@gregabbott.com to set up an in-person or Zoom training.



★ HOW IT WORKS ★

- 1 SIGN UP**
- 2 GET TRAINED**
- 3 CONTACT VOTERS**
- 4 IDS ARE VERIFIED**
- 5 GET PAID**

★ WHY PARTICIPATE? ★

- Earn funds for local operations and party-building
- Build volunteer teams
- Identify and engage voters in your community
- Strengthen local voter contact infrastructure
- Support the effort to keep Texas red

★ WHO CAN PARTICIPATE? ★

All TFRW clubs

FOR MORE INFORMATION
 DOWNLOAD THE ABBOTT IMPACT APP HERE TO APPLY
www.abbottimpact.org/app

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Join VEP Training on Zoom

With just a little over a month left to the October 5th registration deadline, it isn't too late to join **Team VEP** in reaching out to help register potential voters, many of whom can be registered and ready to vote Republican this November!

Current **Team VEP** volunteers, I am excited for the two upcoming **Team VEP CALL LIST BLITZES** scheduled this month. We can't wait to see how many calls we can

make on Saturday, September 5th, and Saturday, September 26th. Make plans to kick off the morning's calls with words from **Mary Heffernan** and **Jill Tate** at **9 a.m. on September 5th!**

The work you do on **Team VEP** is so important, let's continue to do good work and finish strong. We are truly stronger together!

Please reach out to me with any questions at **806-549-4540** or jenn.frederick@me.com.

September VEP Training Sessions

To join **Team VEP**, please register for an upcoming Zoom training session or for Team VEP Call List Blitz:

Sept 3rd - 10:30 a.m. Register [HERE](#)

Sept 10th - 10:30 a.m. Register [HERE](#)

Sept 24th - 10:30 a.m. Register [HERE](#)

Sept 3rd - 6:30 p.m. Register [HERE](#)

Sept 10th - 6:30 p.m. Register [HERE](#)

Sept 24th - 6:30 p.m. Register [HERE](#)

Sept 5th 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. CALL LIST BLITZ Register [HERE](#)

Sept 26th 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. CALL LIST BLITZ Register [HERE](#)

Check out this [VIDEO](#) of Speaker Dustin Burrows who gives a "shout out" to Texas Republican women as some of the best grassroots support in the country!





POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

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Join a Deployment Team



Congratulations TFRW Clubs! The hours and calls reported through July 31, 2026, are....**DRUM ROLL.... Hours...1,723,559 and Calls...163,562.** You are **AWESOME**, but we still have not reached 100% of the clubs reporting.

Members should be excited to report the hours and calls made to **Get Out The Vote**. The candidates depend on TFRW clubs to get them over the finish line in November. There are so many ways for you to contribute and log those hours to be reported to your local Campaign Activities Chair. The **Voter Engagement Program** calls will get new voters to register, the **Team Texas Strike Force** will help you log door-knocking and driving in neighborhoods where the Republican candidates are targeted and need voters to turn out, and locally in your own neighborhoods you have the **Abbott Impact App** that will designate friends or neighbors to contact by either door-knocking, texts, or calls. TFRW is fully equipped to **Get Out The Vote** and everyone can be involved. Count those hours to be reported so TFRW will be nationally recognized with Victory!

Remember, TFRW clubs are NOT Federal PACs, so you cannot endorse Federal Candidates. Endorsement would include your social media pages, and newspaper

photos with the Federal Candidate. Our policy and Bylaws state "No candidate shall use the TFRW logo in any political advertising." An example that your club can use is: The XYZRW is a Texas Pac, therefore, prohibited from promoting or endorsing Federal Candidates.

I hope this is helpful, and let's get out there and get those Republican candidates elected. **Record your hours and calls to Keep Texas Red!**

On the Road with TFRW DEPLOYMENT TEAMS

- TARRANT** SEPTEMBER 25-26
- WILLIAMSON** OCTOBER 2-3
- COLLIN** OCTOBER 16-17

DRIVERS AND WALKERS NEEDED FOR TEAM TEXAS DAYS!

HOTEL | MEALS | SWAG

REGISTER WITH THE QR CODE!

HAVE A BLAST AND KEEP TEXAS RED

JOIN TFRW's Team Texas and hit the road to Keep Texas RED!

Tarrant County - September 25-26

Williamson County - October 2-3

Collin County - October 16-17

Complimentary **Hotel Accommodations** (two to a room - note any roommate request when registering), **Welcome Reception and Breakfast, Training, Swag Bags** with drinks and snacks for walking on Saturday, and a **Team Texas Shirt!**

**DSA AND THE “TALARICO TALLY”**

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Hello my TFRW friends,

Attorney General Ken Paxton posted today on social media that the **Cook Political Report** has shifted the Texas U.S. Senate race from “Lean R” to “Toss Up.”

The U.S. Senate race for Texas is one of the most important races in the country in this Fall midterm election, and polls are all over the place. While I believe wholeheartedly that if honest elections were held, AG Ken Paxton would win, I also know that slanted, skewed (dishonest) polls are run incessantly to try to convince voters that someone like James Talarico could win a seat to represent Texas in the United States Senate. And I know that the Democrats are pouring millions into the Talarico race, not necessarily because they like him at all, but because taking Texas down would be the country-changing victory of the century for the Democrats.

What’s most amazing is that this is happening at a time when the Democrats are showing their true Marxist colors more openly than ever. (More on that in a moment.)

When you think about it, all that really matters in voting for a person to represent you in a legislative body at any level, is how they will vote on legislation. That’s it. They are deciding on laws that will govern our lives for decades. Nothing else matters, in my view.

TALARICO TALLY

Here is a **Talarico Tally** to share with your networks should anyone you know need to know:

- When asked by an interviewer about something he loves outside his family and friends, James Talarico said he **“loves the trans children.”** This means that instead of protecting and helping troubled children he would vote to support devastating life-altering irreversible mutilation of their bodies.
- He says there are **six biological sexes** (but scurries away from reporters when asked to name them) SO that means he would support confused multiple gender policies in the military, in education, and fight against the clarity needed to protect women’s sports.

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- He says *"the American flag is such a complicated symbol for most of us."* No, it is not. Not if you support the American founding, constitution and sovereignty. Sounds like a globalist who is so "enlightened" he cannot comprehend America's greatness.
- He headlined a **Pride Event** alongside (and posed for pictures with) an 11 year-old **child drag queen**. So he will not vote to protect children and their innocence.
- He says our southern border should have a **welcome mat** out front (and a locked door) with no acknowledgment of the great damage done to America by the open border policies of Biden and Harris.
- He argues that **The Bible** supports **abortion**, and he supports it too. You know what that means.

By contrast, **Ken Paxton's voting record** in the Texas House, the Texas Senate, and his priorities and accomplishments as our Attorney General are simply stellar. **Conservative. Consistent.** He will vote how he has voted, and will lead as he did as Attorney General. To avoid making this article too long, I will refer you to his website to **read about his accomplishments:** <https://www.kenpaxton.com/about>

There is another reason to share the **Talarico Tally**. (And you can add more to it!) It is because America is at a profound crossroads. The Democrat Party is not playing on the American playing field of freedom.

Talarico is running as a Democrat at a time when the Democrat Party has gone full-on Marxist. **The Democrat Socialists of America** - DSA's - policies are kissing cousins with communism. (See [HERE](#).) *They ran 64*

candidates for Congress in 2026 and 19 of those won their primaries. Alleged centrist Democrats formed **Promise to America** to announce that they are capitalists and think America should have borders (amazing they had to clarify that) but **only ten of the 210 Dems in Congress signed on!**

Worse, the terror-sponsoring **Muslim Brotherhood** is on the rise in power in America. ([HERE](#)). And, the DSA is partnering with and working with the Muslim Brotherhood. (See [HERE](#)). (Think Mamdani who perfectly represents this horrific melding of Islam and socialism.)

SO, my very fine TFRW friends, we need to work this Fall for **Republican victories across the board**. We need to inspire our friends and allies and neighbors and distant relatives to **vote GOP across the board** - to send a big giant Texas **"NO WAY"** to Talarico, the Democrat's agenda, and the Islamic socialist cabal. Because Republicans believe in America and freedom and we will vote to preserve them.

Thanks to all of you for all that you do for the GOP, Texas, and America.

Because America Matters,

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Talarico's Record

Legislative research isn't just about informing yourself about pending matters before the legislature. It is also a valuable tool for examining a candidate's voting record and comparing what he actually did as a legislator with what he says on the campaign trail.

U.S. Senate candidate James Talarico provides a compelling example of someone who voted one way when he was a State House Representative but makes campaign statements that are

180-degrees in opposition to his actions. His actions as a State Representative provide tangible evidence of his actual beliefs.

Let's take a look at some of the most important legislation passed by the Texas Legislature, particularly legislation affecting women, in the past three sessions (2021, 2023, and 2025) and see how Talarico voted. A **NAY** vote means he voted against legislation that ultimately became Texas law.

Bill #	Session	Subject Matter	Talarico's Vote on Record
SB3	87(2)	Banning CRT concepts from K-12 classes, all subjects	09/02/21 - Nay
SB1	87(2)	Election integrity and security, election fraud prevention	08/31/21 - Nay
HB25	87(3)	Banning boys from girls' sports in public K-12 schools	10/17/21 - Nay
SB15	88(R)	Banning boys from girls' sports in public universities	05/18/23 - Nay
SB14	88(R)	Prohibiting gender transitioning treatments/reassignment	05/15/23 - Nay
SB1403	88(R)	Border security including building a border wall	05/10/23 - Nay
HJR132	88(R)	Constitutional amendment prohibiting legislature from imposing a tax on the net worth of a business or individual (wealth tax)	05/22/23 - Nay
SB2	89(R)	School choice program; also adding \$6 billion to boost public school funding and increase teacher salaries	04/17/25 - Nay
SB8	89(2)	Texas Women's Privacy Act - use of bathrooms, dressing rooms according to sex	08/28/25 - Nay

In addition to voting against bills to protect Texas' women, election integrity, and border security, Talarico also proposed a bill that would have repealed Texas' laws prohibiting abortion.

These are the kind of facts that voters should know before casting their ballots. I'm sure if you do your own research on [Texas Legislature](#)

[Online](#), you'll find more examples that provide insight into Talarico's legislative record and priorities.

Don't keep this information to yourself. Share it with family, friends, and fellow voters. **#TFRWLeads** because our members are motivated, educated, and informed voters!



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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Educating Voters



TFRW clubs and individual members all over Texas are engaged in so many activities to help Republicans win in November. All hands are on deck to support the November General Election.

Activities range from establishing new relationships with like-minded groups and continued work with established organizations. Information about these programs is available in the TFRW and NFRW newsletters as well as many local GOP resources.

Community Engagement Chairs, please send me a brief description of your Community Engagement projects and your contact information. I would like to highlight what clubs are doing across the State by sharing your projects in future newsletters.

Some of our members are new to political involvement and are finding opportunities to encourage people to get out and vote, discuss candidates or explain the benefits of free-market capitalism in a variety of settings such as in **prayer groups, Rotary, women's groups, lunch groups, and community organizations**, just to name a few.

An **elevator speech** can help articulate a quick point you want to get across. It is a brief statement that explains who you are, highlights an issue, and invites someone to get involved during the 30 to 60 seconds it takes to ride an elevator. Numerous examples and templates are available through a quick online search.

Many resources are available to help members understand what is at stake in this election. If a particular issue is your priority, an elevator speech can help you make your point quickly. Effective messaging is an essential part of political communication.

Affordability and economics rise to the top of voters' concerns in many polls. NFRW President Martha Jenkins published an excellent article in the NFRW Newsletter, the *Capital Connection*, called **"Accountability for Affordability,"** August 24, 2026. It frames the importance of understanding inflation, and how we got to this point in the economy. It is crucial for Republican candidates to articulate how the Democrat policies, excessive borrowing and spending led to price increases. Republicans have passed legislation to **reduce taxes, stimulate growth, and reduce fraud**. It takes time to unravel the damage done by the previous administration. There is a clear distinction between the Republican principles versus the Democratic Party who has opened its tent to include Democratic Socialist candidates.

This article offers *insights our members can use to educate voters*. Just like the TFRW newsletter, the free NFRW newsletter is delivered via email to every TFRW club member in good standing whose membership has been processed through the TFRW and NFRW Membership System in 2026. Please take advantage of your benefits and utilize these tools!

RNC Midterm Convention Tickets [HERE](#)



THE GREAT AMERICAN COMEBACK MIDTERM CONVENTION

September 9-10 | Dallas, TX

ATTENTION: For TFRW members who plan to attend the **RNC Midterm Convention** in Dallas, TX, please complete this form here: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/KeriAbernathy/IfYouAreGoingToThe2026RNCMidTermConventionLetUsKnow>.

By identifying who will be there, the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) hopes to connect with fellow Republican women and make the most of this important event. Thank you.



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FINANCE

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A Fundraising Scare



Fundraising events are built on months of planning and the promise of a fun experience. It is FUNdraising after all! Sponsors commit money and resources, volunteers give their time, and guests buy tickets because they believe in what you have promised – and often because a featured headliner makes the evening feel special.

When the headliner cancels at the last minute, momentum can diminish and create disappointment and even more so, create fear. How do I know this? Because recently, *I survived losing my headliner for a local FUNdraiser.*

The first thing is to be honest and have immediate communication. Attendees, donors, sponsors, and volunteers need a clear explanation of the change and reassurance that the fundraiser's mission stays unchanged. Losing the headliner is disappointing, but it does not have to define the evening. In fact, the disruption can refocus attention on why the FUNdraiser was planned. A calm and flexible response shows donors that the organization can lead through uncertainty and use resources responsibly.

When guests see volunteers and sponsors rally around the cause, the FUNdraiser can become more meaningful than originally planned. The lesson is simple: the headliner

may draw the crowd, but transparency and a strong mission are what sustain continued support for your club.

Just remember, **give consistent information.** If a similar replacement is unavailable, thoughtful options such as ticket transfers for future events may help preserve goodwill for when the event is re-scheduled.

Tribute to Women

Speaking of events, I am happy to announce our **Tribute to Women Keynote Speaker** is the one and only **U.S. Representative Kat Cammack** of Florida's Third Congressional District.



Rep. Cammack serves with the **Republican Study Committee** as **Chairwoman** for the **Emerging Technology Task Force**. Her journey in small business and congressional service reflects the power of determined leadership;

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that same leadership found in each ***Tribute to Women Honoree***. We honor these women who serve, sacrifice, mentor and lead the futures of the women who follow us.

On September 19th at the Embassy Suites in Round Rock, we will celebrate the women whose leadership strengthens families, communities, Texas, and our nation.

From classrooms and boardrooms, to ranches and the home, women take on the challenges and turn them into opportunities to inspire generations, and ***these are the women we will honor.***

TICKETS are \$80 until August 31st. **Beginning September 1st, ticket price increases to \$100.** Ticket sales end on September 10th.

Purchase tickets [HERE](#):

NOTE: Please confirm online payment! Don't miss the final step of paying for your tickets.

Reserve Embassy Suites room [HERE](#):

Purchase your tickets now and join us as we welcome U.S. Representative Kat Cammack, and more importantly, as we honor over one hundred of our ***Tribute to Women Honorees*** from across our state.

Until then, I look forward to hearing about all your fantastic events! **Let's go FUNdraise!**





AMERICANISM

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Let's Come Together Again



I was recently walking through my old high school for my son's open house when we passed a particular corridor. I looked at my husband and said, *"This is where I first heard about 9/11."*

I was a senior in 2001 and had stepped outside to call my mom when she told me there had been a terrorist attack, that a plane had hit the World Trade Center. It was surreal. I don't think my mind could really comprehend what she was telling me.

Later, my mom told me that as my dad watched the towers come down on television, he said, *"A lot of firefighters just died."*

As a Houston firefighter, he knew exactly what was happening. Firefighters are trained to run toward danger when everyone else is running away. **343 firefighters lost their lives that day.**

Twenty-five years later, I sometimes wonder if we've forgotten the sense of unity that followed. For a little while, we were simply Americans. We flew our flags, checked on our neighbors, thanked our first responders, and came together in a way that feels almost foreign today.

Alexis de Tocqueville noticed this about America nearly 200 years ago. He wrote about our tendency to come together as citizens to form associations, help one another, and solve problems together. That spirit is still one of the best things about our country.

This September 11th, **remember the 2,977 people we lost.** And, then do something. Call an old friend. Help a neighbor. Volunteer. Thank a first responder. Get involved in your community.



We can't bring back the America of September 12, 2001. But, we can choose to bring back some of what made that day, and the days that followed, so powerful.

Let's remember. Let's serve. And most importantly, let's come together again.



MEMBERSHIP

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Membership is On Fire



Howdy! We all know that campaign season is "hot," but membership season is on FIRE! There are many new initiatives going on to help you grow your club's garden.

First, our current club membership is now at 9,195 members! We are so close to our 2025 membership total of 10,121 members. We can do it! YOU can do it!

Howdy and welcome to the 2,066 new TFRW members - we are growing! There are more clubs working to become a part of TFRW! If you know of a group of ladies that are interested in forming a new club, please contact me.

Shout out to the additional clubs that have met their 100% goal! Congratulations to **Brazosport Republican Women**, **Fort Trails Republican Women** and **Parker County Republican Women**. That makes a total of 62 clubs that have reached that magic number and several are so close! At the last Board meeting, sunflower pins for Club Presidents and Membership Chairs were distributed to each District Director as a **"Thank You"** for reaching 100% club membership. If you have not received your sunflower pin, please let your District Director or me know.

Last month we announced a new NFRW membership initiative, **Women of Influence**. All TFRW members are encouraged to participate. This initiative encourages everyone to recruit new members (not only in Texas but nation-wide). And, there are fabulous prizes! The top NINE recruiters will receive a complimentary registration to the 2027

Biennial Convention in Grapevine, exclusive VIP ticket to the Regents event, reserved seating at the Saturday luncheon and much more!

From those top nine Women of Influence, one will be named the **Nora Kearns National Champion** with national recognition and more prizes! Interested? For more information, log on to NFRW.ORG, click the **Members** tab and select **Women of Influence**. Encourage your club members to participate by having a club winner! The challenge runs from July 5, 2026, to July 4, 2027. Together, let's **make Texas the largest state recruiter!**

Another exciting initiative from NFRW is the announcement that **2027 membership will begin on October 1, 2026**. What does that mean? Well, that means those new members or returning members whose previous membership expired in 2025 or earlier are eligible for both 2026 and 2027 if their dues are paid and submitted to TFRW/NFRW between October 1 and December 31, 2026. Spread the word!

This is a great initiative especially for those members who have not joined this year. How do you find a list of members who have not renewed this year? All Club Presidents have the ability to download their club member list from previous years via the NFRW [website](http://NFRW.ORG). If you have questions, please give me a shout.

Campaign season is a great way to recruit new members or touch base with former members.

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The **Abbot Impact App** is an innovative tool to help you in your campaign initiatives, and your club will be able to customize surveys to your area (*hint*: you can gather information about prospective new members!). Plus, you can earn money for your club—it's a win-win! For more information, check out the August TFRW newsletter or contact Quinton Hitchcock at qhitchcock@gregabbott.com.

Another way to recruit new members during the campaign season is to create a voter guide with your club information. **Crystal Cloud**, our fabulous TFRW PR Chair, has created a **Voter Guide template** that can be tailored to your club! Check out the August TFRW newsletter for more information.

These guides be passed out when you're knocking on doors, at campaign events, in grocery stores, talking to your friends and

neighbors—you get the idea!

It's hard to believe that football season is just around the corner...WHOOOP! With that in mind, I will leave you with a little teaser. TFRW has an initiative that will be announced at the September Board meeting. Stay tuned and let's all **"Get in the Game!"**

I am always looking for ways to grow our gardens and would love to visit your neck of the woods. If you have room at your next event or have a membership tip to share, something your club has done to grow, or even a gardening tip (LOL), please give me a shout! Remember, **YOU** are the best advertisement for TFRW. Smile and plant those seeds. Let's grow!

REVIEW YOUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STATS [HERE](#).

Shout Out!

to CLUBS that met their 100% renewal numbers!

The list is growing...



Angleton RW, Austin Patriot RW, Bandera Co. RW, Barbara Bush RW, Brazosport RW, Brown Co. RW, Burnett Co. RW, Camino Real RW, Central Texas RW, Cherokee Co. RW, Coppel RW, Cotton Country RW, Cowntown RW, Cross Timbers RW, Federated RW of El Paso Co., First Ladies RW, Fort Bend RW, Fort Trails RW, Galveston RW, Gateway City RW, Gillespie Co. RW, Grayson Co. RW, Great State Republicans, Grimes Co. RW, Guadalupe Co. RW, Hardin Co. RW, Harrison Co. RW, Hays Co. RW, Hutchinson Co. RW, Johnson Co. RW, Kleberg Co. RW, Liberty Belles RW, Liberty Co. RW, Lost Pines RW, McLennan Co. RW, Memorial West RW, Mesquite RW, Nancy Hart RW, Navarro Co. RW, Nueces Co. RW, Parker County RW, RW of Greater North Texas, RW of Gregg Co., RW of Kerr Co., RW of Milam Co., RW of Trinity Co., RW of Yoakum Area, Salado Area RW, San Patricio Co. RW, Shelby Co. RW, Southeast Texas RW, Spirit of Goliad RW, Star RW, Texas Cactus Rose RW, Texas RED RW, Top O' Texas RW, Travis RW, Val Verde Co. RW, West of the Pecos RW, Wichita Co. RW, and Wise Co. RW



CONGRATULATIONS to the following clubs for reaching the *National Federation of Republican Women* USA 250 Membership Challenge **"Each One Brings Many!"**

PATRIOT KEEPERS GUILD

The following clubs met 100% of last year's membership total by March 1st:



Angleton RW, Central State RW, Coppell RW, Cowtown RW, Cross Timbers RW, Galveston RW, Gillespie Co. RW, Grayson Co. RW, Great State Republicans, Grimes Co. RW, Hardin Co. RW, Harrison Co. RW, Hays Co. RW, Johnson Co. RW, Liberty Belles RW, Nancy Hart RW, Navarro Co. RW, Nueces Co. RW, RW of Gregg Co., RW of Milam Co., Salado Area RW, Southeast Texas RW, Spirit of Goliad RW, Star RW, Texas Cactus Rose RW, Texas RED RW, Top O' Texas RW, Travis RW, Val Verde Co. RW.

If your club didn't qualify for the 250 Challenge in 2026, you still have the opportunity to make the Honor Rolls in 2027.

Membership for 2027 starts **November 1, 2026**



Lapel Pins can be ordered for qualifying clubs by emailing: Membership@NFRW.org

LIBERTY BUILDERS BRIGADE

The following clubs met 110% of last year's membership total by July 4th:



Angleton RW, Austin Patriot RW, Bandera Co. RW, Brown Co. RW, Coppell RW, Cowtown RW, Cross Timbers RW, Fort Bend RW, FRW of El Paso Co., Galveston RW, Gateway RW, Gillespie Co. RW, Grayson Co. RW, Great State Republicans, Grimes Co. RW, Hardin Co. RW, Harrison Co. RW, Hays Co. RW, Hutchinson Co. RW, Johnson Co. RW, Lamar Co. RW, Liberty Belles RW, Liberty Co. RW, Lost Pines RW, McLennan Co. RW, Mesquite RW, Navarro Co. RW, Nueces Co. RW, Parker Co. RW, RW of Greater North Texas, RW of Gregg Co., RW of Milam Co., Salado Area RW, San Patricio Co. RW, Star RW, Texas RED RW, Top O' Texas RW, West of the Pecos RW.

SIGNER'S CIRCLE

The following clubs met 125% of last year's membership total by July 4th:



Austin Patriot RW, Cowtown RW, Fort Bend RW, Galveston RW, Gillespie Co. RW, Grayson Co. RW, Great State Republicans, Grimes Co. RW, Hardin Co. RW, Harrison Co. RW, Hays Co. RW, Liberty Belles RW, Liberty Co. RW, Navarro Co. RW, Nueces Co. RW, RW of Gregg Co., San Patricio Co. RW, Texas RED RW, West of the Pecos RW.

Woman of Distinction, September 2026

Sherry Peterson

Sherry Peterson was born in Canada and arrived in the United States in 1965. She worked in the field of nursing for 38 years. During this time, she wore many hats and ultimately served as President of the National Association of Healthcare Quality. She traveled throughout the United States and conducted seminars for the organization. She had a book published on this topic.



After retirement, Sherry turned her attention to her community and politics. She joined **Pearland Area Republican Women** where she held many positions before being elected the club's president. She saw the need for a club in the heavily Democratic area of West Pearland and helped establish **West Pearland Republican Women (WPRW)**. She continues to work for the club's presence in the community and at local events throughout the year.

Sherry is a member of the **Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women (GHCFRW)** and served on many committees before being elected president. During her term, she organized quarterly lunches for presidents in GHCFRW to meet and share experiences and give support to each other. She leads the WPRW efforts in the community, believing that face to face meetings are the most effective way to grow at the grassroots level.

Sherry served as **Region V Deputy President** for the **Texas Federation of Republican Women** for several years. She has been honored with **TFRW Top 10** and **Tribute to Women**. Sherry worked on the TFRW convention committee in 2009 and created the convention bag for delegates. She was asked to chair the 2019 convention held in Galveston and worked tirelessly to make it a success.

She remains active in **West Pearland Republican Women**, organizing luncheon meetings, hosting meet and greets for candidates, and publishing a newsletter that covers clubs and candidates in North Brazoria County. She is now spearheading the meetings of all **SD11 Federated Republican Clubs** to generate enthusiasm prior to the upcoming elections.

Sherry and her husband Barry are parents of a son and a daughter and grandparents to five granddaughters. She refers to them as her support system that makes things work for her. Sherry's energy and enthusiasm is a role model for other Republican Women.



IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

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Women of Influence



2027 MEMBERSHIP

Early Bird Access

Starts October 1, 2026 ★

SUBMIT All Renewing, Returning, and New Members beginning October 1, 2026

October 1, 2026 starts the Membership cycle for 2027. October 1st is the new submission date for the 2027 Membership Cycle. Early Bird Access allows eligible women to begin enjoying NFRW benefits and opportunities immediately, while their national dues are applied to the 2027 dues year.

ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for Early Bird Access:

- The individual must be a new member of NFRW or a returning member whose previous membership expired in 2025 or earlier.
- NFRW dues for the 2027 dues year must be paid and submitted to NFRW between October 1 and December 31, 2026.
- The individual must be enrolled through an NFRW club in accordance with existing membership requirements.

EARLY BIRD ACCESS BENEFITS

Eligible participants receive immediate access to:

- NFRW communications and publications
- Training and educational resources
- Member-only programs and opportunities
- Club, state, and national activities (subject to local policies)
- Other benefits available to active NFRW members

Women qualifying for Early Bird Access will remain active through December 31, 2027, without additional national dues being required for the 2026 introductory period.

WOMEN OF INFLUENCE CREDIT

Recruiters participating in the Women of Influence Challenge will receive recruitment credit according to the official challenge rules and reporting procedures.

WHY JOIN NOW?

Don't wait until January to get involved.

Women who join during the Early Bird Access period can immediately begin building relationships, developing leadership skills, and participating in NFRW programs while their dues are credited to the entire 2027 dues year.

- Start networking and building relationships months earlier
- Access training resources and member programs right away
- Your 2027 dues cover you from the day you join through December 31, 2027

★ **Let the race to July 4, 2027 begin!** ★

From NFRW...



PATRIOT KEEPERS GUILD

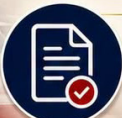
2027 STARTS NOW!



PLAN THIS FALL.
Campaign events, grassroots efforts, and meetings are perfect opportunities to collect 2027 dues from your current members!



SET YOUR GOAL.
Renew **100%** of your current membership by **December 31.**



STARTING OCTOBER 1,
clubs can report 2027 renewal dues.



Start planning now. ★
Start 2027 strong!

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★ NFRW AWARD WINNERS ★

2026 — 2nd Period

TOP MEMBER VOLUNTEER

CALLS: Amy Haugh Leahy — Severna Park RW, MD

HOURS: Cheryl Thompson — RW of Yoakum, TX

TOP STATE CALLS

Iowa	Clubs 1-16
Maryland	Clubs 17-26
S. Carolina	Clubs 27-34
Missouri	Clubs 35-44
Florida	Clubs 45-87
Texas	Clubs 88+

TOP STATE HOURS

South Dakota	Clubs 1-16
Oregon	Clubs 17-26
Arizona	Clubs 27-34
Mississippi	Clubs 35-44
North Carolina	Clubs 45-87
Texas	Clubs 88+

TOP CLUB VOLUNTEER CALLS

Dorchester Co. Republican Women, SC	Members 1-15
RW of Anne Arundel County, MD	Members 16-24
Camden County NJ Republican Women, NJ	Members 25-39
Republican Women Rising, SC	Members 40-64
El Paso County Republican Women, CO	Members 65-89
Severna Park Republican Women, MD	Members 90-119
West Orange Republican Women, FL	Members 120-149
Brevard Republican Women, FL	Members 150-199
Republican Women of Duval, FL	Members 200+

TOP CLUB VOLUNTEER HOURS

Rockingham Co. Republican Women, NC	Members 1-15
RW of Greater Kansas City, MO	Members 16-24
Vermont Republican Women Coalition, VT	Members 25-39
RW Rising, SC	Members 40-64
El Paso County Republican Women, CO	Members 65-89
Johnston County Republican Women, NC	Members 90-119
Red, White & Blue RW of Ocean City, NJ	Members 120-149
Central Texas Republican Women, TX	Members 150-199
Moore Republican Women, NC	Members 200+

NATIONWIDE TOTALS

3,433,314

HOURS

827,394

CALLS

\$124,079,968

VOLUNTEER DOLLARS



CAMPAIGN FINANCE

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Filing Dates



Greetings to all the PAC Treasurers out there. Are you ready for this busy upcoming election season? There are some important **TEC Filing Dates** to keep in mind the next few months:

- **Monday, October 5th** – 30th day before the November 3rd election
- **Monday, October 26th** – 8th day before the November 3rd election

Your question might be, do I have to file these reports? The TEC guidance indicates that “all GPACs that are involved in the November 3rd election” must file. *Are you involved in the November 3rd election?* I hope so! If your club is giving financial support to

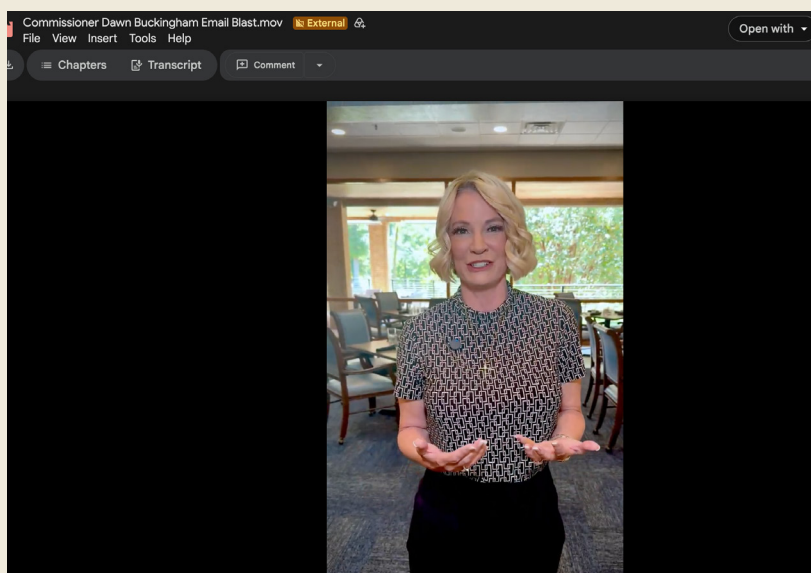
candidates, then you are involved. If your club is promoting Republican candidates with advertising, then you are involved. If your club invites Republican candidates to speak and/or meet and greet, then you are involved. Is your club blockwalking, calling, texting? Then you are involved.

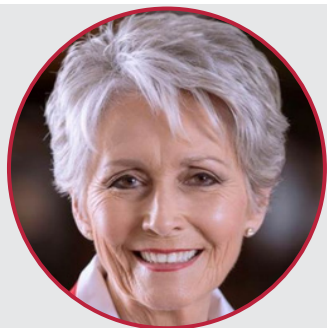
The best thing to do is file both reports. Filing often means that the periods are short so there is not as much data to worry about.

There is much work in the months ahead, but also much hope and much excitement. I hope to see you all at the **TRFW Deployment Days** coming up soon.

Thank you for all you do to **Keep Texas Red!**

Check out **Commissioner Dawn Buckingham's** email blast [VIDEO](#) for an important message.





PROGRAMS

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The Power of Great Programs

A vibrant Republican Club doesn't happen by accident – it grows when members feel energized, informed, and proud to be part of something meaningful.

One of the most effective ways to create that atmosphere is through **outstanding speakers and engaging programs**. The right speaker can spark excitement, deepen understanding of key issues, and inspire members to invite friends to the next meeting.

Why Speakers Matter

Strong programs are the backbone of a thriving club. Members join because they want to learn, connect, and contribute to a cause bigger than themselves. A dynamic speaker brings fresh perspectives on policy, current events, and grassroots activism – the very things that keep our conservative movement strong. When members leave a meeting saying, *“That was worth my time,”* you've created a culture of **education, engagement, and excellence**.

Benefits Beyond the Meeting Room

Quality programs do more than fill a calendar – they build credibility, attract new members, and give current members a reason to stay involved. Great speakers can even draw media attention and community interest, shining a positive spotlight on your club and its mission.

Excited members bring guests, and guests become new members. Every program becomes a recruitment opportunity. If you ever want help brainstorming new program ideas, you can explore fresh program themes or speaker vetting tips.

The Fun Factor

Programs should also be fun! Variety keeps your club lively – from panel discussions and interactive workshops to inspiring keynote addresses. Humor, storytelling, or even a surprise guest can turn an ordinary meeting into a memorable event. **Members should leave not only informed but energized and smiling.**

A Club That Inspires

Ultimately, strong programs remind us why we gather: to advance conservative values, connect with like-minded patriots, and make a difference in our communities. By investing in great speakers and thoughtful programming, we ensure that every meeting is an opportunity to learn, grow, and celebrate the spirit that unites us.

And remember – it's always fun to share your great speaker and program ideas with your fellow TFRW ladies. Send them my way anytime at vpprograms@tfrw.org.

View the **SPEAKERS BUREAU** [HERE](#).



BYLAWS

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Revised Club Template

Summer is winding down, and relief from 100-degree days is finally in sight. Fall is just around the corner, and September is when energy begins building again for our Republican Party. The voter registration deadline is quickly approaching, early voting is near, and there is still much to do before Election Day. Thankfully, you and your wonderful clubs have stayed active all summer and are ready for the Fall rush!

This is the perfect time to help elect Republicans. Whether you are at a child's or grandchild's school event, at church, a weekly ladies' lunch, or Bible study, now is the time to engage others and help get out the vote.

We all know November will be challenging. This is one of the most competitive elections I can remember, with major statewide races polling in the single digits—something that should not be happening in Texas. We must talk about politics, engage others, and reach out to people we have not seen in a while. Ask what issue will reignite their interest and invite them back to a meeting. Discuss which Republican principle matters most to them.

After speaking with NFRW, we revised the Club Template. The updated version is available on the TFRW website and is dated August 2026. The revision removes the following sentence from ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3. ELECTION: ***"Except The Treasurer/PAC Treasurer, but they must be reelected."***

If you need to update your Bylaws, use the current **Club Bylaws** template on the TFRW website as your baseline. Review your club Bylaws, compare them with the template, and insert any additional provisions specific to your club, such as elected officer positions or standing or special committees. Do not revise or change the template wording.

After your Executive Committee reviews and votes on the proposed changes, send the Bylaws to me for review and approval. Once the Approval Letter is issued, conduct a club vote if one is required and has not already taken place.

Please send your Bylaws to me in Word format. If you have updated your club's standing rules, please send those as well so I can update your file. Lastly, if your club has upcoming officer elections, please refer to my July 2026 article for information and reminders.

I look forward to working with you.

The TFRW Bylaws and Handbook have been updated on the website. Please refer to the **LINKS** below when updating your club's information.

Bylaws Page [HERE](#)

Beginning a New Club [HERE](#)

Handbook [HERE](#)



Election Integrity

Ensuring the integrity of our elections is fundamental to preserving trust in American democracy. Following the 2020 presidential election, concerns about potential irregularities prompted detailed examinations of voting processes, data security, and registration practices across multiple states. Below, you can download documents and reports addressing key areas of election integrity.

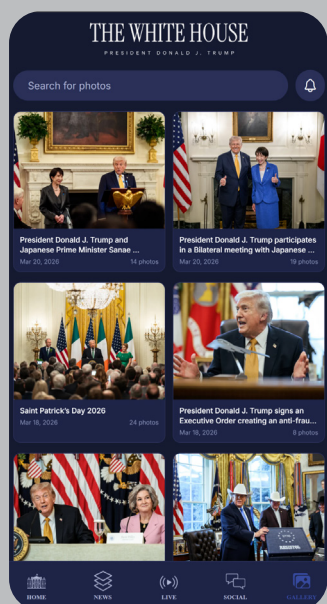
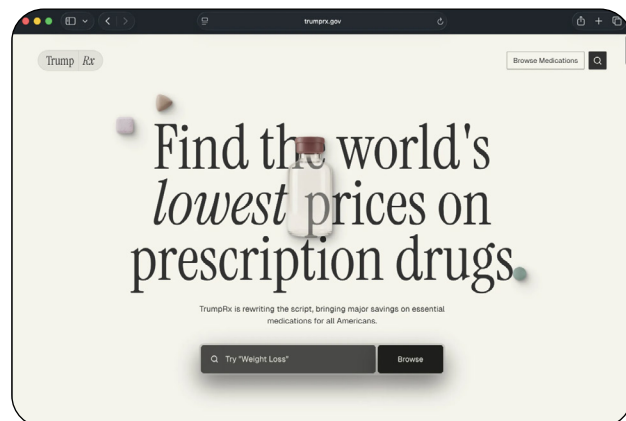
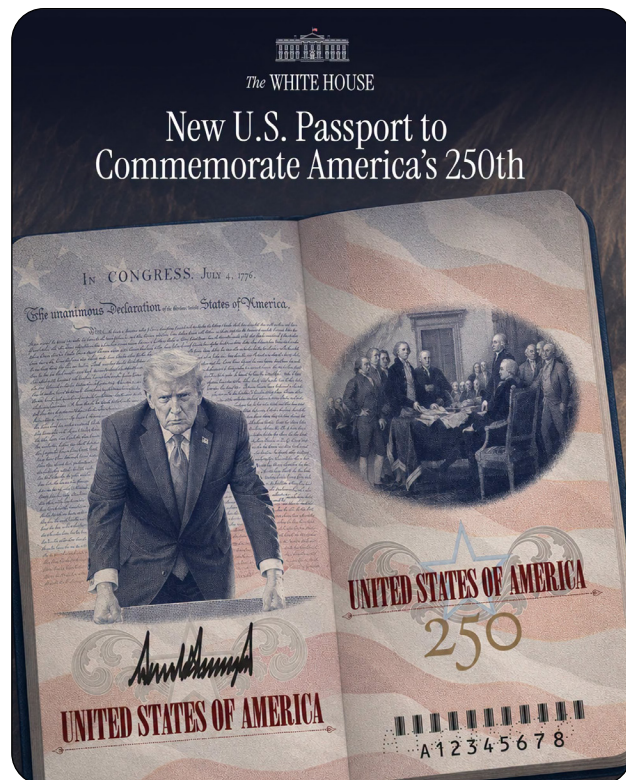
Download *Election Integrity* documents [HERE](#)



TRUMP ACCOUNTS

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2027 ABCs of Leadership



The **ABCs of Leadership** will be offered in the spring of 2027 for clubs throughout Texas. **Deputy Presidents** will work alongside your **District Directors** to make this an informative and valuable experience for your club members.

Any TFRW member is eligible to attend! New officers, as well as aspiring leaders,

are encouraged to participate. The training will help strengthen the depth of leadership within your club while giving members a better understanding of TFRW.

Be sure to watch for the **2027 ABCs of Leadership** schedule in the October newsletter so you can "Save the Date" for this exciting spring training opportunity!



The **McLennan County Republican Women** held a training party for Texas Voter Engagement. Almost 30 members attended and are now using the **Abbott Impact App** to Get Out the Vote!



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Patriot Paws & Deploy Your Dress!



We are well on our way to raising enough money to purchase a service dog from Patriot Paws, but we need more!

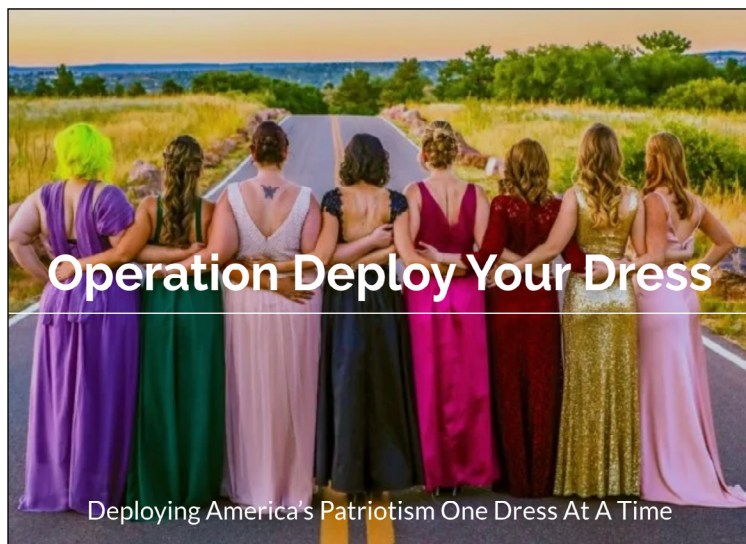
Clubs are holding events and it's easy to send the link out every month in your newsletter and ask for donations. We have a dedicated link: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/tfrwcampaign/>. Put your club name in the donation box.



Another project for your club to consider is **Operation Deploy Your Dress!**

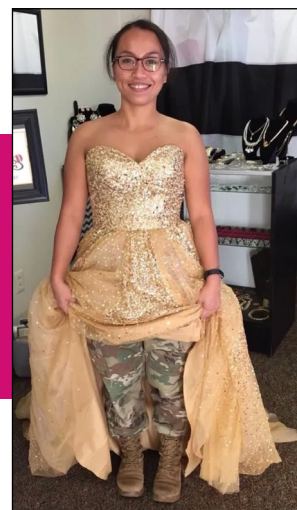
We all have gowns in our closets that we may no longer wear. Military spouses usually have one military ball per year, and they often can't afford to purchase a gown. The website is: <https://operationdeployyourdress.org/>

The instructions have us mailing the gowns but I live near Ft. Hood and would be delighted to deliver the gowns. Make sure that they are gently used, clean and covered with plastic or other covering. Please bring them to the **September Board Meeting** or the **Tribute to Women**. We will have a rack outside the meeting rooms for the gowns.



Deploying America's Patriotism One Dress At A Time

As always, thank you so much for supporting our Armed Services!





CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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You Do Not Walk Alone

If you're taking flak, you're over the target.

This World War II military metaphor which describes heavy resistance, or strong and hostile criticism, is an indication that you are successful or show signs of being a threat to the current situation. As a woman in leadership, you can be a threat to politicians, candidates, or organizations that want to avoid your influence or the change that your influence brings. You will know you are over your target when you start receiving flak.

Some flak is part of the job. No one should expect to have a smooth path in every situation, especially when bringing your own unique vision or change in direction or policy. However, there's a different level of attack or resistance when actions threaten core values.

As Republicans, we are seeing the growing influence of the godless ideology of communism and other beliefs that are contrary to our traditional, biblical values upon which our country and our state were founded. These types of ideologies are at war with traditional values whether we acknowledge this war or not.

As leaders, the attacks can be specifically targeted toward our performance or our actions. However, because the world is both physical and spiritual, the attacks that

come can also be spiritual. Sometimes spiritual attacks are against us personally or even against those we love. When you start feeling the flak, remember that it could be a strong indication that you are effective and the enemy is needing you out of the game.

In spiritual attacks, the defense and protection are also spiritual. **Remember to pray, be wise, and keep yourself grounded in truth.** In **2 Kings 6**, Elisha told his very worried attendants, *"Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are greater than those who are with them."* **You do not walk alone** when you call upon God.

Jesus prepared his disciples for hard times with this encouragement. *"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* **John 16:33 b**

We are approaching our mid-term convention and elections. There are many forces that want to stop you from being effective. Have faith, trust God, and know that **you do not walk alone.**





TEXAS ENERGY

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Data Centers in Texas

What are data centers and how do they affect Texas?

Data centers are not new. They have been in existence for a long time. Often, they have been housed in windowless, unmarked, standalone buildings, on a secure floor of a corporate office building or part of a campus. Banks, universities, technology companies, internet providers, manufacturing companies, social media companies, are several of whom have traditionally required data centers, or co-location centers as part of their operations. Computers store and process enormous amounts of customer or customer data on computers. Some manage the data for customers, others provide the hardware, computers and infrastructure for the customer who manages the data.

The demand for these services has exploded recently with the increased use of social media applications on the internet including videos, photo storage, streaming, online shopping and payments, digital currency such as Bitcoin, and the evolution of Artificial Intelligence (AI). The increased user demand and AI race have created the need for larger scale data center warehouses or campuses.

Some of the largest companies requiring campuses are **Hyperscalers** who are at the extreme end of the data center spectrum in terms of size, distributed computing, power, land mass, and scalability. Hyperscalers are

described as having a minimum of 5,000 servers and are at least the size of a football field, sometimes the size of multiple stadiums. They utilize massive storage and processing services to support their enterprise solutions.

Hyperscalers often own their own data centers. Others lease the physical property and infrastructure from a data center provider such as **Quality Data Centers, Skybox, Digital Realty, Steam Data Centers, Rowan**, just to name a few doing business in Texas.

Some examples of the top Hyperscalers are **Amazon Web Services, Meta (Facebook and Instagram), Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud Platform, IBM, and Oracle**. Just imagine the amount of storage and speed necessary for every major bank and customer accounts, social media company, airline, government agency files and records, hospital and health records, corporate and personal email accounts, web sites, photos and videos, home security and cameras, inventories for giant on-line retail operations.

There is an entire ecosystem built around the quest for consuming data supporting the development of AI. Each data center campus requires networking, connectivity, power, water, cooling systems, software, security, storage, hardware, and semiconductors. Specialty companies provide these large-scale services.

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Data centers have quickly become a major political issue. There are significant concerns about property rights, property values, noise, setbacks, and the use of scarce energy and water resources. These issues must be addressed and balanced along with the economic impact of being on the leading edge of the AI evolution. At the highest level, the USA being the dominant AI leader, is a serious matter of national security. It is a known fact that the Chinese have stolen intellectual property and replicated our technical and defense designs for years. Their stated goal is to achieve global AI leadership.

Texas has experienced extraordinary economic success which has stimulated job growth and attracted major business activity including data centers. According to real estate firm **Cushman and Wakefield**, Texas is currently in second position globally in data center development. Companies requesting access to the power grid exceeded demand by five times the amount of power available.

Governor Greg Abbott established a new standard by directing the **Public Utility Commission of Texas** (PUC) and the **Electric Reliability Council of Texas** (ERCOT) to require applicants to pay for their own power infrastructure and the connectivity will not result in residential electricity costs. Companies must pass an audit before being approved for access to the Grid. In the directive to the two agencies, all data center projects in the process of connecting to the Grid will provide details

explaining their water usage requirements, their noise, light and traffic mitigation efforts; how they plan to obtain electricity, whether they receive taxpayer money and reveal the real identities of the owners.

Senate Bill 6 addressed significant guidelines for data center system reliability. The recent directive addressed requirements to manage resources available and minimize adverse impacts on local communities. The Governor also pledged to work with the Legislature and codify PUC actions requiring data centers to pay for their own power and not affect rates for taxpayers; and that ensure new data centers utilize water efficient technologies. (For example, a closed loop water system is a completely sealed plumbing system that continually and indefinitely reuses the same water in a facility); ensure data centers add to Texas' electricity capacity; annual electric and water usage reporting; repeal outdated or unnecessary incentives for data centers; and require best practices to reduce impacts on local communities and concerns of neighbors. **The full directive is linked [HERE](#).**

As of August 13, 2026, at least **fifteen data center providers** have agreed to follow the new standards. Texas elected officials are examining the best approach to balancing the resources, economic growth, and impact on taxpayers. The Governor, State Legislators and local government officials all play a role in this issue affecting our big, beautiful state.

Also, read how **FERMI America** in Texas provides their own power: **[HERE](#)**.

In the SPOTLIGHT

Republican Women of Trinity County invited their SD3 SREC Committeeman and Committeewoman as well as state and local candidates on the November ballot to their August meeting.



TFRW Deputy President Susan Friedrich (left) and District Director SD14 Louri O'Leary (right) join **Austin Republican Women President** Robbi Hull at their September club meeting.



Lamar County Federated Republican Women enjoyed guest speaker Maureen Hammond, Paris Economic Development Executive Director, at their last club meeting. It was attended by Paris Mayor Mihir Pankaj, and Erik Simien Deputy District Director to Congressman Pat Fallon.

Club President Le Andra Maughon and members also welcomed their first Associate Student Member, Annabella Atwood.



Hays County Republican Women hosted a Public Safety Month themed Back to School event with School Board Trustees, Sheriff's Office Liaison, SROs, and Crime Stoppers presented on public safety and back to school initiatives to keep our students and community safe. It was a packed house!



Metroplex Republican Women celebrated **America 250** all summer long. First, with a trip to Glenn Beck's **American Journey Experience** history museum in Irving, TX, to learn about and see up close many historical pieces.

Secondly, presenting what happened to the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence at their July meeting. **Linda Peterson, Chaplain**, and organizer of the event brought her picture of George Washington to the meeting!





PATRON PROGRAM

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Our July Patron Event was a Hit

As we look toward a future of continued growth, we extend our deepest gratitude to you, our valued Patrons, for your foundational support.

With our current membership already exceeding last year's totals, the momentum and potential of the Patron Program have never been stronger.

Our mission is to lift up TFRW like never before by bringing together enjoyment, education, and camaraderie. Come connect with longtime friends, meet fantastic new people, and build lasting relationships that strengthen our community.

The Patron Program gets better every quarter, and we are just scratching the surface! As a reminder, spouses can also join in on the fun. By participating as a **Patron Associate**, they can share in all the exclusive benefits of this exciting program.

In addition, **CLUBS** can participate in the Patron Program through two membership categories:

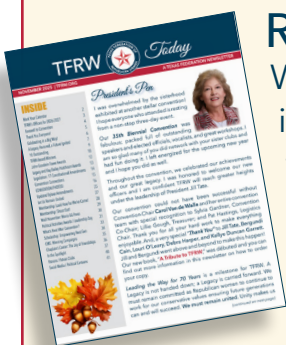
- 1. Silver Patron Club Membership – \$300** annually. Membership is held in the name of the club and may be used by the Club President or her designee throughout the calendar year.
- 2. Gold Patron Club Membership –** Membership is held in the name of the club and may be used by two club members throughout the calendar year. The membership is transferable among club members.

The **"PARTY"** starts with our Patrons!

We look forward to celebrating alongside you, growing closer as a community, and making this upcoming year our most unforgettable one yet.

Thank you! We will see you in Round Rock!

JOIN or RENEW Your 2026 TFRW Patron Membership [HERE](#)



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Thank you to all our Patrons

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TFRW's Schedule for 2026 & 2027

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
2026		
September 17-19	4th Qtr Board Meeting/Patron Event	Embassy Suites Round Rock
September 19	Tribute to Women	Embassy Suites Round Rock
October 1	NFRW Fall Board of Directors Meeting	Virtual Zoom
2027		
January 22-23	1st Qtr Board Meeting/Patron Event	Embassy Suites Round Rock
March 11	Legislative Day on Capitol Hill	Washington, D.C.
March 12-13	NFRW Spring Board Meeting	Westin Alexandria Old Town
April 15	Legislative Day	TBD
April 16-17	2nd Qtr Board Meeting/Patron Event	Downright Hotel Austin
July 9-10	3rd Qtr Board Meeting/Patron Event	Embassy Suites Round Rock
Sept 23-26	NFRW 44th Biennial Convention	Gaylord Texan Grapevine
October 20	4th Qtr Board Meeting	Moody Gardens Galveston
	Convention Committee Reception	
October 21-23	TFRW Convention	Moody Gardens Galveston
	Top Ten Reception/Patron Event	

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SPEAKERS BUREAU

Find it on the TFRW website [HERE](#)

If you haven't seen this video from Speaker Mike Johnson, check it out ! Click on the photo.





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