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President's Pen

Happy 2026! I am so excited to be starting this incredible new chapter as YOUR TFRW President. I have big shoes to fill, and I can't thank Immediate Past President Zenia Warren, and all the past Presidents and Board members enough for their leadership and dedication to TFRW.



Our first big event is **Leadership Day** in Fort Worth - **Where the RED Begins!** Fort Worth is "Where the West Begins," and we know that TFRW is "**Where the RED Begins in Texas!**" Texas would not be the bright shade of RED that it is without the hard work, dedication, and determination of Republican women.

Leadership Day is for everyone, not just club officers. Friday night enjoy the **Welcome Dinner** and **Attorney General Forum**. Saturday morning have coffee and pastries while you meet candidates from across the state, then the day will be filled with training and education, and special guest lunch speaker **Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins**. There might even be a few surprise visitors at the end of the day!

I encourage you to get to know your new Officers and Committee Chairs and volunteer to be on their committees. We are committed to growing membership and influence in Texas. Plans for a podcast, increased social media presence, an update to our website, and new awards have already started.

We are also bringing back the **Bullet Point Memo** that will come out once a month. This is a short concise way to get important TFRW information quickly. However, please continue to use all the resources available on the TFRW and NFRW websites and read the monthly newsletter. There is a lot of good information every month in our newsletter. Sit down with a cup of coffee or a glass of wine and learn all about the great things happening

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in TFRW. Education and communication are what will keep us politically informed so we can share our message and Keep Texas RED!

I am still looking for Committee Chairs for *Courtesy* and *Women of Distinction* to fill our Board. In addition, I would like to create a *Water Committee* to educate our members on the growing water problems in Texas. If you are interested, please email me at jill@tate-usa.com.

I am honored to serve as your President and look forward to working with each of you as we **Keep Texas RED!**

Jill Tate

Jill Tate, President



"Happy 2026!" from our new TFRW Officers

Mark Your Calendar

Jan 1	New Year's Day 2026
Jan 8	DD/DP Training
Jan 8-9	1st Quarter Board Meeting
Jan 10	Leadership Day
Jan 10	4th Qtr Hours due to TFRW
Jan 15	TEC Semi-Annual Filing due
Feb 17-27	Primary Election early voting
Mar 3	Primary Election
Mar 28	County/SD Conventions





First Vice President

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Equip, Inspire, and Empower

I am thrilled to step into the role of First Vice President of TFRW and to use my skills, experience, and passion to serve this incredible organization.

As a homeschool mom of five active boys, my life has always been full of movement, purpose, and heart. Before dedicating myself to my children's education, I worked as an Energy Consolidation Accountant, managing annual financials that generated more than \$12 million in revenue. When our oldest son turned five, my husband and I made the decision to put our children before our finances, and I stepped away from my career to invest fully in their future.

As my boys have grown, I've been able to re-engage deeply with my love for politics and service. Today, I proudly serve as President of the **Legislative Ladies Club**, where I've led large-scale events, built strong donor relationships, and raised the funds needed to support our mission. I look forward to bringing that same energy, commitment, and network of supporters to TFRW as we continue to grow and strengthen our impact across Texas.

A few fun facts about me:

- I love to sing harmony and serve on my church's worship team.

- I won first place in the National Lifeguard Olympics two years in a row in high school.

Leadership Day Is Almost Here!

Leadership Day is fast approaching, and this year's event is shaping up to be truly star-studded. Whether you are stepping into club leadership for the first time or you've been guiding your club for decades, this day is designed to **equip, inspire, and empower** you for the year ahead.

We will cover essential tools, best practices, and strategies to help your clubs thrive in 2026. You'll hear from dynamic speakers, connect with leaders from across the state, and walk away with fresh ideas and renewed motivation.

We also encourage all members who are running for office to participate in our **Candidate Meet & Greet**. It's a fantastic opportunity to share their vision, build connections, and engage with our network of Republican women.

I look forward to seeing you there and working alongside you as we continue to strengthen TFRW and champion conservative leadership across Texas.



Finance

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Where the RED Begins

Hello friends, and Happy New Year!

Here we are, KICKING OFF a new year and many of us are kicking off our new positions. As for me, I am beginning my new position as your Vice President of Finance, and I thought I would let everyone know just how excited I am to be serving TFRW in that position.

Of course, it is more than just serving. I feel like I'm bringing even more of my talents to TFRW: the skill of fundraising and the ability to identify ways of bringing awareness to a situation. In this case, that would be raising money for TFRW. So, how did I get to the point where I possessed the skill set to raise money for our wonderful organization? It all started like this...

Way, way back there, many years ago, I was always that girl who was assigned to the "new girl student" when she arrived at school for her first day of school. I loved showing the new girls around the school and dragging them to all of my classes. The bottom line is that our school did me the favor because I instantly made new friends... typically, those friendships have lasted a lifetime.

I bring that same helping relationship genuineness to my new position—growing our presence with donors and sponsors by establishing, fostering, and maintaining relationships and friendships. When we need something or someone, we call our friends to help, and who better to help the most powerful Republican women's organization in Texas

than our friends, whether they are those who we help win elections or other organizations who are like-minded like TFRW?

Historically, I have been in charge of community events, and a big part of any successful event is knowing your audience and never losing sight of the goal whether the goal is to have fun, raise money or BOTH!

As I begin my two-year term, I pledge to the entire TFRW organization that I will do my absolute best to raise necessary funds, teach others how to host successful events, and be available for any guidance or questions.

Personally, I am so excited to jump in with both feet to kick off the new term because I have the love and support of my husband, our five kids and our nine grandchildren. My husband Jay is my biggest supporter, and I could not do what I do for TFRW without Jay's never-ending support. Our children are all successful over-achievers with careers in ministry, aviation, CFO/CPA, law, and the Navy, and they are proud that I am committed to doing my part to keep Texas, TEXAS. All of our nine grandchildren know that their KK talks with women across the state helping them learn "about Donald Trump" and they all know why I wear **RED!**

Speaking of RED, **Leadership Day** is in a few days, and the motto is **Where the RED Begins!** The RED begins with **Retention, Education and Deployment**...all of the basic tools for building a successful club.

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I do hope you signed up because at Leadership Day I will be leading a Breakout Session on Fundraising. Please join me during this session as we review fundraising information with a special focus on building donor relationships along with learning about a few things which are often no-nos. We do not have many rules, but we must follow what the Texas Ethics Commission says.

At any time over the next two years, call me, text me, or email me with any fundraising or

event questions you or your club may have. I want to hear about your events and see photos!

Thank you all for placing your trust in me as Vice President of Finance. I look forward to hearing from all of you and seeing you in person soon!

Please reach out to me at **325-315-6484**, or vpfinance@tfrw.org kellye3160@yahoo.com.

First Quarter Board of Directors Meeting

The First Quarter Texas Federation of Republican Women Board of Directors Meeting is officially called for **Friday, January 9th, 2026**.

Board Members in Good Standing

Ensure your local club has submitted your dues to the TFRW office before the board meeting. Officers and appointees not in good standing will not be seated.

Meeting Registration

- Please register online for the board meeting [HERE](#).
- All registration is made online. There is no mail-in or onsite registration available.
- **Last day to register is Wednesday, December 31st.**
- Registration is non-refundable.

Hotel Reservations

Hilton Fort Worth, 815 Main Street, Fort Worth. Click [HERE](#) for directions. Reserve your room online [HERE](#) or call 1-800-445-8667. **The special group rate ended on December 8th.**

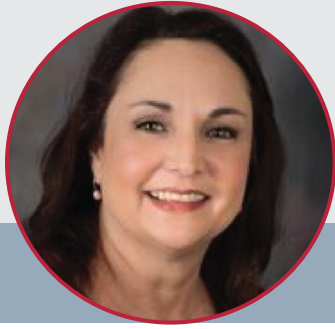
Leadership Day 2026

Be sure to stay after the board meeting and join us for TFRW's Leadership Day! Inspiration and motivation will be provided through our general sessions and informative workshops will provide you with the tools needed to be an effective leader. Gain insight and inspiration from women across the state and build relationships that will last a lifetime! Click [HERE](#) to register.

- We'll begin with our *>Welcome Dinner*, Friday evening, January 9th, at 6:30 p.m.
- Leadership Day tickets must be purchased separately. Ticket is not included with board meeting registration.
- **Last day to register is Wednesday, December 31st.**

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Legislation



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What Lies Ahead

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone enjoyed a blessed holiday season with family and friends. I'm looking forward to visiting with many of you at **Leadership Day** in Fort Worth on January 10th.

In 2026, my focus will be on monitoring activity in Congress while also providing information to help prepare members for the 2027 Texas legislative session. We know that President Trump is anxious to keep the momentum going from the successes of 2025, and he will be pushing the Republican majority in Congress to continue to pass his agenda.

What lies ahead on the congressional horizon: health care reform, another recon-

ciliation bill, or efforts to codify border security and immigration reform?

I will be tracking developments in Washington, D.C., and will show you how to follow key federal legislation using [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov).

One of the reasons that **#TFRWLeads** is because of the training we provide and the engagement of our members. I want to hear from you about what type of legislative training you believe would be most beneficial to our members. Email your ideas, questions, and comments to me at vplegislation@tfrw.org.

Together we will embrace the opportunities that 2026 holds for us!

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

Mar 3, 2026 - PRIMARY ELECTION

- Feb 2 Last day to Register to Vote
- Feb 17 First day of Early Voting in person
- Feb 20 Last day to apply for a Ballot by Mail (RECEIVED, not postmarked)
- Feb 27 Last day of Early Voting in person
- Mar 3 PRIMARY ELECTION DAY



Bylaws

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A Great Opportunity to Learn

Happy New Year!

I am so excited to be re-elected as TFRW Vice President of Bylaws. Over the past two years, I have worked with so many of you in your clubs across the state as we updated your Bylaws and Standing Rules. I cannot wait to continue working with you to ensure a proper framework for your club. Bylaws are the best place to look for guidance when answering the questions that arise about your club's organization.

We begin 2026 with our amazing **Leadership Day** in just a few days. This is a great opportunity, not just for new club officers and members, but for experienced mentors as well, to come together and learn.

Leadership Day is about training to become a leader in your position, a leader in your club, and a leader as a Republican woman.

I have attended Leadership Day multiple times, and I always learn something new about TFRW.

If you are a new member to a club or a new officer and unable to attend Leadership Day, I encourage you to review your Club's Bylaws and TFRW's Bylaws. Being familiar with both Bylaws and knowing the standards and operations is fundamental to a successful club.

Remember, your **Bylaws** are not approved until you receive an Approval Letter from TFRW. Additionally, **Standing Rules** are administrative. Stating the dues amounts are required; however, you may incorporate social media policies, meeting decorum and other administrative matters into the Standing Rules to make them unique to your club.

For questions regarding Bylaws, please contact me at tiff_miller@hotmail.com or vpbylaws@tfrw.org.





Membership

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Growing Your Garden

Howdy! My name is **Anita Moore** and I am both honored and excited to serve as your TFRW VP of Membership!

I have served four years as District Director for Senate District 10. Locally, I am a member of *Reagan Legacy Republican Women* where I served as President and VP of Programs. I also serve as HOA President and am a member of our city's HOA Roundtable. I am a member of our school district's legislative committee and have served on several bond committees. I come from a military family which instilled not only a strong sense of patriotism but also resilience. My husband and I have three children: Sam, Reagan and Libby; one grandchild, McCoy; and one loveable Labrador, Rudder.

One of my passions is travel and meeting people and understanding their culture. Not only does culture differ from country to country, but also from state to state and even community to community. The famous quote *"Seek first to understand, then to be understood"* by Steven Covey, is based on the principle of respect and building relationships. Understanding that we are all different but each have valuable interests and skills to contribute is key in successfully building a club.

My theme for this year is **"GROWING YOUR GARDEN."** In southern Spain there are rolling fields of sunflowers, as far as the eye can see. These sunflowers are all pointing their heads to the sun, as if in unison. However, when you look

closer, each sunflower is different. Yet, together they make an amazing sight! We are those sunflowers. We are all different, but when we stand together, we are a formidable sight!

Those sunflowers didn't appear overnight. Several steps had to be made before planting was done. That's where we are now—preparing our clubs. We're preparing them by renewing memberships, reminding members and reaching out to past members to renew. Oftentimes it's a connection—a phone call to reconnect with past members. Preparation takes work—work that should not be taken alone. Have each member reach out to a past member who hasn't renewed, and encourage them to renew. Start a conversation...who knows you may make a new friend!

Let's grow our gardens so that we'll have fields of bright beautiful women who are amazing in their own right, but together we can accomplish ANYTHING!

Don't forget! Membership renewals should be submitted now. First club submissions with at least 10 members and the annual service charge are **due by January 31st**. PLEASE email submissions and forms (Excel format) and make payments online. **Renewals must be done by March 1st**.

I hope to see you at **Leadership Day!** Please feel free to contact me if you have any membership questions or suggestions (or any gardening tips!). Let's make this year GREAT!



Programs

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Speakers Bureau Update

Happy New Year! I hope 2026 brings excitement, prosperity, and success to each of you. I am truly looking forward to working together in the year ahead.

Allow me to introduce myself: I am a proud member of *Metroplex Republican Women*, where I have served in several leadership roles, most recently as President. At TFRW, I have had the honor of serving as Senate District 09 Director for the past four years, and in 2025 I was recognized as one of TFRW's "**10 Outstanding Women.**" I am thrilled to now serve as your Vice President Programs for 2026-2027.

My first project in this role will be updating our **Speakers Bureau** list. This resource is a powerful way to share information about dynamic speakers that clubs host throughout the year. To make this project a success, I will need your help: **Please share speaker information with me so we can keep the Bureau current and valuable for all members.**

I have already added a few new speakers and removed those no longer available. This is a work in progress, so thank you for your patience as we refine it together. From time to time, I will also send out suggested speaker topics that may be useful when planning events. For example:

- **January - Human Trafficking Awareness Month** - The speakers Bureau is a

good source for speakers on Human Trafficking.

- **February - Domestic Violence Awareness Month** - Your county DA's office is a good source for speakers on this subject.

By working together, we can achieve our shared goals:

- Electing Republicans
- Educating the public
- Growing membership
- Increasing the visibility of TFRW

You can find the Speakers Bureau in the *Members* section of the TFRW website. Please feel free to contact me with questions or suggestions at vpprograms@tfrw.org or 713-410-4399.

I look forward to seeing you in January at **Leadership Day!**

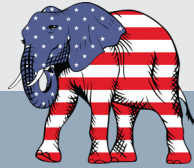
SPEAKERS BUREAU

Our Speakers Bureau can be found on the TFRW website [HERE](#).

Scroll down to view TFRW Recommended Speakers with their photos, titles, websites and contact information.



Political Activities



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Full Participation is Essential

I want to introduce myself to you as your new Vice-President of Political/Campaign Activities. I am excited to work closely with all Club Presidents and Political/Campaign Activities Chairs.

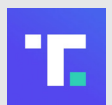
Your reporting of hours from each club is **essential** to Texas Federation of Republican Women leading the nation. We will continue to be that leader in 2026 and 2027. I am asking for **full participation from every club** in the state to contribute to TFRW winning that award in 2027 at the biennial convention of the *National Federation of Republican Women*.

I will be contacting each Club President and Political/Campaign Activities Chair in our great state to be a part of my strategic plan

to increase the hours reported. These are reported quarterly and that can be easy and routine for each club.

I plan to assign Political/Campaign Activities Chairs to be **Captains** to help increase the reporting of these hours. If you want to be a Captain, contact me at gailteegarden7@gmail.com and let me hear your success stories and we will make THIS strategic plan happen.

These same Captains will be used to maintain a volunteer database for our block-walking for quick deployment. Every member can be involved in the process of helping to elect Republicans in November of 2026. Please, contact me if you want to be a part of this successful campaign.



Be Part of TFRW's Social Media

Post your comments, photos and videos on the TFRW Facebook page (pictured right), "X" feed (formally Twitter), YouTube page, Instagram account, and [TruthSocial](#). Use the hashtags [#tfrwleads](#) and [#tfrwbuidls](#).

It's a great way to market our action-packed organization and bring in new members!



Volunteers of the Year 2025

Congratulations to all **Senate District Volunteers** recognized by the **Republican Party of Texas** on December 4, 2025. Twelve of these esteemed volunteers are **TFRW Primary Members**. Great job ladies!

Senate District 1	Rachel Hale
Senate District 2	Ray Myers
Senate District 3	Mack Dunkin
Senate District 4	Doris Fike
Senate District 5	Tamara Welsh, Williamson County RW
Senate District 6	Keith Nielsen
Senate District 7	Clark Denson
Senate District 8	Barbara Isaacs
Senate District 9	Mona Bailey, Tarrant Star RW
Senate District 10	Paul Goodman
Senate District 11	Sandra Tetley
Senate District 12	Susan Allen
Senate District 13	Elida Ruiz
Senate District 14	Don Brown
Senate District 15	Jeffrey MacGeorge
Senate District 16	Jennifer Stoddard Hajdu, Preston West RW
Senate District 17	Elizabeth Ingersoll, Magic Circle RW
Senate District 18	Becky Berger, Great State Republicans
Senate District 19	Sandra Sassono
Senate District 20	Carrie Manna, Nueces County RW
Senate District 21	Roberta Dobie, Karnes County RW
Senate District 22	Devvie Duke, McLennan County RW
Senate District 23	Pamela Prince
Senate District 24	Zenia Warren, Central Texas RW
Senate District 25	Terri Richardson, Bexar County RW
Senate District 26	Melinda Roberts, Camino Real RW
Senate District 27	Susan Lamb
Senate District 28	Lisa Cox, Lubbock Area RW
Senate District 29	Grant Klokeid
Senate District 30	John Berry
Senate District 31	Jeffrey Russell



Treasurer

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January To-Do's

Happy New Year! Here are some tasks to start the year right:

- Attend the Treasurer's training workshop at **Leadership Day**. Also, view the Club Treasurer training video on the TFRW website in the Members section under *ABCs of Leadership*.
- Present your club's annual budget at your general membership meeting for approval.
- Submit the sales tax report to the Texas Comptroller by January 20th if your club has a sales tax permit.
- Pay the club's membership dues to TFRW. Dues include a \$20 one-time club fee for 2026 plus \$25 per member. Pay online or by check. When paying online, please include your club's full name as the Company name. The online

payment button is found on the TFRW website (TFRW.org) in the *Members* section under *Forms & Documents*.

- If your club is required to file IRS 8871 and had a change of officers or address, file the 8871 amendment online within 30 days. Initial filing is due when annual gross receipts exceed \$25,000.
- Issue IRS 1099-NEC for any independent vendors whom you paid more than \$600 last year.
- Review the TEC filing requirements in the Campaign Finance article and training video.

I hope to see you at TFRW Leadership Day in Fort Worth! Although I am unable to give legal advice, you may contact me with any questions at treasurer@tfrw.org.



Secretary

Susie Cintron, Secretary
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Bringing the Spirit of Service

I hope you and your families had a wonderful and relaxing holiday. Since I am new to the Executive Board, I would like to take a moment to introduce myself.

My name is Susie Cintron, and I am honored and excited to serve as your TFRW Secretary. If you have attended any TFRW Board meetings over the past two years, you may remember me in the back of the room, proudly taking care of all you wonderful ladies as the Hospitality and Protocol Co-chair.

In my home club, *Kingwood Area Republican Women*, I am always happy to step in wherever needed and do so with a positive attitude. That same *spirit of service* is what I will bring with me as I take this new and important step forward. I understand the responsibility that comes with this position, and I am fully committed to giving my absolute best.

Thank you for this exciting opportunity to serve in such a vital role. I look forward to working alongside each of you and serving with the TFRW Executive Board.



Election Integrity

Dana Myers, Election Integrity Chair
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Engage, Educate and Energize

ENGAGE, EDUCATE, AND ENERGIZE THE ELECTORATE: TFRW'S CAMPAIGN FOR ELECTION INTEGRITY

Hello Ladies! My name is **Dana Myers**, and I am excited to serve as the 2026 TFRW Election Integrity Committee Chair. For those of you I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet, allow me to share a quick overview of my background in Election Integrity (EI) work.

My goal is to empower you to discuss EI confidently—whether at your kitchen table, with friends, or when confronted by a liberal—turning you into informed advocates of fair, secure, and transparent elections.

A JOURNEY IN ELECTION INTEGRITY

A couple of years ago, amid the peak chaos of the Biden administration's open-border policies, I served as the **Vice Chair of the Republican Party of Texas**. During that time, a small group of us, along with EI guru Alan Vera, helped author **SB 1070** (championed by Senator Hughes), which successfully removed Texas from the **Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)**. Despite the left's attacks and ridiculous name-calling, we collaborated with our Texas legislature to stop the flow of your personal information to left-leaning non-government organizations. What sort of information? Your full name, social security number, email

addresses, cell phone numbers, and more. This move saved Texas millions of dollars, curbed efforts to register biased voters, illegal aliens, and dead people. It also blocked the left's access to much of your personal information. If you've ever received an unsolicited text from Beto, or now "Jazzy Jasmine," your information was harvested before Texas clamped down on this abuse.

Of course, during the Biden years, we were all concerned about the porous southern border. Left leaning NGOs were enrolling illegal aliens in all sorts of taxpayer-funded programs. Some were registering these illegal aliens for government IDs, helping them get driver's licenses, and registering them to vote. In response, I submitted the **Republican Primary Proposition 12** in 2024, which called for a constitutional amendment to **"require proof of citizenship before any individual can be registered to vote."**

This proposition received the most Republican support when it was on our primary ballot. It was recently overwhelmingly approved by all state voters in 2025. This constitutional amendment makes it harder for non-citizens to bypass election safeguards.

So, let us give credit where credit is due: **TFRW members across the state were among the whistleblowers who started the**

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ball rolling to protect our elections! Thanks to you, our elections are now safer.

ONGOING THREATS AND OUR PATH FORWARD

But let us be very clear: Our elections still have a long way to go to instill trust. The Texas Secretary of State recently identified some illegal aliens and dead people on our voter rolls, which then get sent to the county election administrators to confirm and remove. However, there is much work to be done to clean up our voter rolls, close legal loopholes, and keep foreign money out of our election ecosystem. Dishonest folks will continue to look for ways to cheat because they can't win on the merits of their ideas.

The never-ending threats to our Republic are why TFRW is leading the charge to safeguard our state and Nation. Texans believe voting should be easy, but cheating should be stopped. I'm excited to help equip you as **election integrity warriors**, arming you with the tools and knowledge to make a real difference as we head into the 2026 election cycle.

Through TFRW, we'll dive into the "inside scoop" on President Trump's election integrity initiatives, updates from Washington, DC and other states working on securing their elections, and the dangers of Ranked Choice Voting—a system the left is quietly trying to move into local, state, and municipal elections. Already, groups made up of ordinary, concerned citizens have exposed fraud in our elections. If you have been paying attention to the recent news,

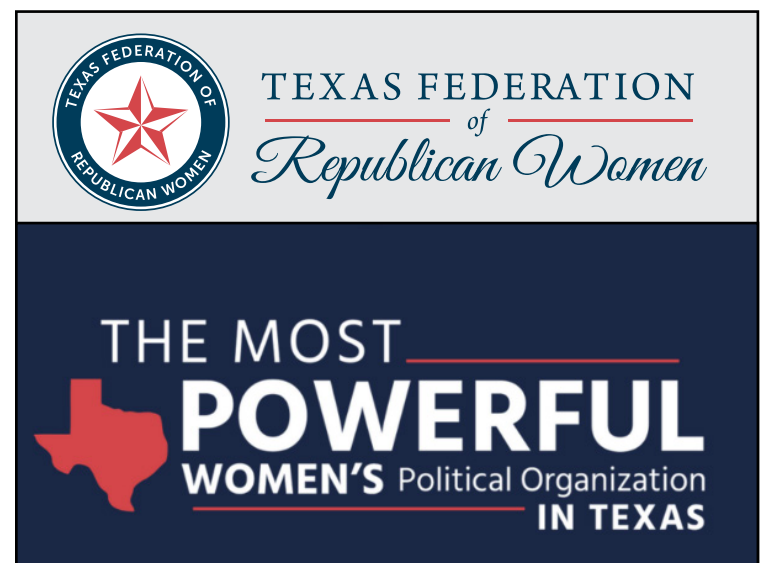
you know that Fulton County, Georgia's election review had **315,000 suspect, potentially invalid, votes** accepted during the 2020 election. We have seen how bad election administration can shape a nation's trajectory.

Our mission is to ensure Texas elections remain beyond reproach.

JOIN THE FIGHT FOR A BRIGHT RED TEXAS

Ladies, we have important, vital work to do to help secure our elections ahead of the 2026 midterms. TFRW must lead the way toward fair, secure, transparent elections to protect our Republic and ensure we never elect someone who grandstands like "JazzyJasmine" to the Senate.

If you're ready to engage, educate, and energize your fellow Texans, please reach out to me or your local TFRW RWC chapter to get involved in our working groups. Together, we will win.





Texas Energy

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The Politics of Energy

The TFRW Energy Committee was created during the last TFRW Board term to help educate our members and those in our sphere of influence to understand the importance of American energy independence for our country and the planet. I was honored to serve on the Committee and to be asked to chair the Committee the next two years.

Having worked with Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick for the past 10+ years, former Texas Governor of Texas and former U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry in some capacity for 35+ years, and serving on the Advisory Board for Conservative Texans for Energy Innovation, I developed an insight for the importance of educating others about energy issues and why it is so important to elect people who truly understand the complexities of energy and its importance.

As we did during the past two years, we will continue to include articles in the newsletter to educate and provide information on the different energy sources, legislative updates and how it all affects you. We will add articles that highlight some of our members who work in the energy industry. We want to include information about all the jobs that are created in the industry and the career paths that are available.

We will continue to highlight why we must elect candidates who understand that energy

is the planet's most important resource. An abundant supply of energy resources allows for securing life-sustaining resources, building reliable infrastructure, traveling between continents and building wealth. Without that supply of energy sources, many live in poverty. The politics of energy here in our country is divisive. There is a very big difference between candidates when it comes to energy policy. The direction the country goes will depend on the energy policy that is applied. History is clear that energy can "make" or "break" societies.

OUT OF POWER

Lights don't work, heat doesn't work, air conditioning doesn't work, the gas pump doesn't work, your cell phone will run out of power, your refrigerator/freezer stops keeping your food safely stored; life is threatened without long-term power for medical treatments and surgeries, power for hospitals; national security is threatened for our country and across the planet; your computer runs out of battery power within a short period of time, your water supply may become contaminated and/or not available, you can't access cash at the ATM, banking systems will be affected, you lose your ability to work. People can starve, freeze, die of heat stroke or other life-threatening medical conditions.

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Energy sources continue to evolve. AI has created a strain on our current grids and energy sources. Private industries are stepping in to provide innovative ways to meet the needs of the future. The debate about traditional energy sources vs “green” energy sources will continue. As we continue to explore new sources and add additional sources to our grids and communities for energy stability and supply, we must be sure that our current needs for energy are met without blackouts and shortages. We must have people in power who understand that we support new innovation and continue to strive for cleaner energy without endangering our lives, property and national security short-term.

Article submitted by **Teresa Spears**, Chair of the TFRW Energy Committee, TFRW Patron, former recipient of the TFRW 10 Outstanding Award, and former TFRW & NFRW Board member.

Teresa is currently a Political Consultant for Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick, Executive Assistant to former Texas Governor and U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry and has served on the Advisory Board for Conservative Texans for Energy Innovation.



Scholarship



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Do You Have New Ideas?

TFRW, it's 2026 and education looks a lot different than it did a few years ago. One thing that is not any different is that college costs continue to rise for every student, and TFRW and NFRW reward hard work and leadership with support in the form of college scholarships.

I'm Kristi Antonick, your new Scholarship Committee Chair (see the “committee” in that title - I'm looking for a few good women to

serve on this committee who will bring new and out-of-the-box ideas on scholarship and mentoring young women). I am a former District Director, Partner and Community Engagement Chair and a past and present Club President.

I look forward to serving in this role and supporting clubs around scholarship involvement. If you are interested in working on this committee, please reach out to me.



Awards

Crystal Smith, Awards Chair
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Let's Get Going!

Happy New Year to everyone! I am the new Awards Chair for 2026-2027 and I look forward to working with all of you.

Did your mom say, “*Never say never?*” I am living proof to not say that. As a teenager, I vowed to never work in the accounting or restaurant industry. Fast forward to adulthood; I have an accounting degree and own a restaurant. So, mom was right.

Another never: I never pictured myself involved in politics, however, when COVID shuttered many small businesses, I felt I had an obligation to become educated and involved. I attended my local Republican women’s club, and as they say, the rest is history.

I am a proud member of the *Republican Women of Kerr County*, where I have served as President and 1st Vice President Programs Chair. Additionally, I have served as the TFRW Courtesy Chair for the past two years.

LET'S GET GOING!

Each biennium we recognize the hard work of our clubs and members, so why worry about awards now? Some awards encompass the duration of two years like the **Newsletter Awards**, while other awards are for specific projects, such as the **Caring for America Awards**. Accumulate points for meeting various deadlines and earn bonus points for accomplishing various milestones, such as

increase in membership, for the **NFRW Club Achievement Award** and the **TFRW John Goodwin Tower Award**.

The **TFRW Club Achievement Award Monthly Planner** serves as a valuable resource for clubs by facilitating the scheduling of programs throughout the year and introducing important considerations that may not have been previously identified. Although awards can inspire pride, they also help steer clubs toward achieving success. Make sure to visit the planner today.

PRESIDENTS: Is there someone on your board who serves as an **Awards Chair**? Having an Awards Chair is an effective way to manage deadlines, track essential milestones, and document both club and member achievements. Consider inviting an enthusiastic new member to take on this important role.

The Republican women clubs throughout Texas are positively impacting campaigns, elections and communities. I hope to see all of you at the upcoming **Leadership Day** as we announce exciting new awards for 2026-2027! It is my hope to see all TFRW clubs showcase their accomplishments and apply for awards come 2027.

See the following page for **Due Dates of Items to Do** to get ready for Awards. Let's get going!

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TFRW AWARDS - Let's Get Going!

DUE DATES of ITEMS TO DO

DECEMBER 31, 2025

- A roster of our Club Officers and required Committee Chairs for 2026 (names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and office held) was submitted to the TFRW office in Austin and to our District Director, using the NOTICE OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS form and emailed/postmarked on or before January 1st.
- Our Treasurer submitted the first installment of dues for 2026 plus service charge to the TFRW Office in Austin, postmarked on or before January 1st. (BONUS points)

JANUARY 2026

- Submit the first installment of dues plus service charge POSTMARKED or with electronic payment to TFRW on or before January 31, 2026.
- Distribute a job description from the TFRW Handbook to each of your Board Members.
- Plan your New Year with the TFRW John Goodwin Tower Award guidelines.
- Club President appoints a Campaign Activities/Political Activities Chair, and a Legislative Chair.
- Add County Republican Headquarters; TFRW President, TFRW Office, Public Relations Chair, Deputy President, and District Director to newsletter distribution list.
- Make a plan to retain and grow membership this year. Remember, you want to reach last year's membership PLUS more!
- Host any quarterly TFRW Board meeting by donating treats or at least \$25 for hospitality.
- Club member, other than TFRW Board member, attends any quarterly TFRW
- Board meeting.
- Attend TFRW Leadership Day.



Public Relations

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The New Public Relations Award

HAPPY NEW YEAR! The year 2026 is here!

It's incredible to think that we are already 26 years into this new century. In these 26 years, technology has advanced tremendously. We kicked off this century with the Y2K scare. Many believed that technology would fail dramatically if this BIG problem wasn't resolved. Yet, as we all know, the results were not as dire as anticipated.

Since then, we've witnessed a plethora of new technologies. The World Wide Web has become a reality for many people in their homes. Sure, we started with dial-up connections back in the day. Can you hear that sound in your mind right now? It didn't take long for technology to evolve all around us.

Of course, we no longer have just one desktop computer at home; now we carry a small computer in our hands every day—the Smartphone. Allowing us to access information in the palm of our hand, anywhere, at any time. Additionally, AI is starting to integrate into our daily lives. As technology has progressed, TFRW has also adapted and our clubs have evolved alongside it.

TFRW is evolving the Newsletter Award into the new **Public Relations (PR) Award** that will be unveiled at the upcoming Leadership Day in Ft. Worth. This new award will assess your

club's **overall PR performance—newsletter, social media presence, and website.** The new PR Award will be determined by points, which include both minimum required items and bonus items.

USE A CLUB EMAIL

One of the minimum requirements is to have at least one **club email.** Club Presidents should obtain a club email to keep their personal email private. This email should be utilized on the TFRW website, your club's website, and essentially any external communication. For more details on setting up a club email account, refer to the **September 2025 TFRW newsletter.**

Presidents, when you submit your club's **Notice of Elections of Officers for 2026,** make sure to use your new club email. This will mark the beginning of your club earning points for the new PR Award.

I'm excited to share more about this award with you at the TFRW 2026 **Leadership Day!** I will be hosting a breakout session to discuss the award and assist your club in achieving success. Attend my session, mention this article, share your new club email with me, and I'll have a special surprise waiting for you. See you in Ft. Worth!



Training

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Get Your “Trunks Up”

Happy New Year to each of you! I am truly honored and excited to serve as the TFRW District Director/Deputy President Training Coordinator for 2026–2027. I am thrilled to once again work alongside our incredible District Directors and Deputy Presidents as they lead TFRW clubs across Texas during this critically important election cycle.

In my role as DD/DP Training Coordinator, I look forward to working closely with our elected and appointed leaders as they support Club Presidents, help establish new clubs and navigate both the opportunities and challenges that come with today’s political landscape.

This year promises to be fast-paced, energizing, and impactful. While there may be moments of disagreement along the way, let us always return to our **WHY** and the conservative values that unite us and drive our mission forward.

Presidents, please remember to stay in close communication with your District Director and Deputy President throughout the year, especially when questions or concerns arise. Your District Director is your first and best resource, and DDs should be actively connecting with you and attending club meetings making collaboration a natural and productive process.

Our first training will be held on Thursday, **January 8th at 1 p.m.**, followed by TFRW’s **First Quarter Board Meeting and Leadership Day**. I cannot wait to see everyone there. **THIS IS WHERE THE RED BEGINS!**

So, get your “Trunks Up,” spread the excitement, and share the great work Republican women across Texas – and our nation – are doing to support candidates and secure victories in 2026! Let’s make it an incredible year!

Newly-elected District Directors for 2026-2027

SD 1	Rhonda Anderson	SD 17	Tina Gibson
SD 2	Jill Dutton	SD 18	Amy Mundy
SD 3	Karen Morris	SD 20	Shelley Brandt
SD 4	Julie Faubel	SD 21	Ruby Manen
SD 5	Sue De Villez	SD 22	Samantha Buford
SD 6	Melanie Jimmerson	SD 23	Juliana Martinez
SD 7	Donnie Lubeck	SD 24	Janet Brown
SD 8	Corrine Miklosh	SD 25	Yvonne Clouser
SD 9	Valerie Jo Remley	SD 27	Connie Cashen
SD 10	Zan Prince	SD 28	Joni Matthews
SD 11	Deborah Guitian Roan	SD 29	Nelda Salado
SD 12	Kronda Thimesch	SD 30	Deby Geiger
SD 14	Louri Oleary	SD 31	Judy Calloway



Candidate Development

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CD Program Returns This Summer

Happy New Year! We're excited to announce the Candidate Development Program's return this summer for a new cohort of TFRW ladies who want to find out more about running for office, or helping those who are! This is an eight-week program conducted via Zoom, so it's available to TFRW women around the state. It takes place over eight Thursday evenings in the summer, usually one hour with a speaker and one hour with readings and discussion.

We will publish the application and session dates in the TFRW February newsletter. But for now, here's a little more about the Co-coordinators of this Program:

TRASA COBERN

Trasa Cobern's career has been shaped by a lifelong commitment to service, education, and community leadership. She currently serves as **Chief Development Officer** for **6 Stones Mission Network**, a Christian nonprofit serving Tarrant County in DFW, where she builds meaningful relationships that mobilize generosity and strengthen local communities.

Before stepping into the world of nonprofit fundraising, Trasa spent nearly a decade in the classroom as a U.S. History teacher. Her passion for civic education and the Constitution earned her national recognition,

including the *Excellence in Constitutional Teaching Award* and *Texas DAR's 2nd Place Outstanding American History Teacher Award* in 2018. Teaching not only honed her ability to communicate complex ideas with clarity and heart, but also deepened her belief in the power of informed, engaged citizens.

That belief naturally carried her into public service. Trasa has served on numerous boards and commissions in her hometown of Hurst and was elected to the Hurst City Council twice—first from 2016 to 2018, and again beginning in 2024. Her civic involvement reflects a steady commitment to local leadership and practical problem-solving.

Her dedication to political engagement is equally longstanding. She served several years with the **Tarrant County GOP** as a Precinct Chair, Committee Chair, and Delegate to multiple senate and state conventions. After joining a TFRW club in 2018, she quickly became active in leadership, joining the **Tarrant Star Republican Women** Board in 2019 and serving as Club President from 2020 through the end of 2025. At the state level, she was appointed to the TFRW Board in 2021 as Military Liaison and later served from 2022 to 2024 as Candidate Development Program Coordinator, helping

equip and encourage future leaders. In 2025, she was joined in that work by Debra Coffey as co-coordinator of the program.

Trasa's contributions have been widely recognized. She was named a **TFRW Woman of Distinction** in July 2024 and honored again as one of TFRW's "**10 Outstanding**" Women in 2025—fitting acknowledgments of a career defined by service, leadership, and a deep commitment to strengthening both community and country. She lives in Hurst, Texas, with her husband, Kyle, with whom she shares four young adult sons.

DEBRA COFFEY

Debra Coffey brings more than three decades of dedicated service to Texas Republican politics and public life. A longtime grassroots leader, she has served as a **Precinct Chair** in Tarrant County, chaired precinct and senate conventions, and represented her district as a **Delegate** to county, state, and TFRW conventions for over 30 years. Her hands-on campaign experience spans local, state, and national races, where she has been deeply involved in voter outreach, fundraising, and hosting candidates and events.

At the state level, Debra has held numerous leadership roles on the TFRW Board, including First Vice President, Patron Co-Chair, Resolutions Co-Chair, District Director Coordinator, and Marketing Director. She is a frequent participant in Republican leadership training as a facilitator, presenter,

and organizer, with a particular passion for encouraging and equipping Republican women to run for office. She is currently active with the **Burnet County Republican Women's** club and has served in many club leadership positions throughout the DFW area.

In 2016, Debra represented Congressional District 12 as a **Presidential Elector** for President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence. Professionally, she is Chief Government Affairs Emeritus for **Smart Start Ignition Interlock**, where she spent nearly 30 years leading legislative and public policy efforts at the state and federal levels. A nationally recognized advocate for impaired driving prevention, she is widely regarded as a pioneer in the ignition interlock industry.

Today, Debra continues her commitment to service as a co-volunteer coordinator for **Wreaths Across America** at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin, as well as coordinating volunteers for Memorial Day and Veterans Day flag placements. She lives in Lampasas, Texas, on the **Coffey Grounds Ranch** with her husband, retired Judge Daryl Coffey, and treasures time spent with their grandson, Oliver.

TFRW Candidate Development Program Co-coordinators **Trasa Cobern** and **Debra Coffey** both wish you the very best for 2026, and hope you will consider applying for this program, or sharing it with a TFRW woman who you think should!

Got photos? Send them here: Photos@TFRW.org

Visit our website here: TFRW.org



Campaign Finance

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TEC Changes and Report Deadline

Hello Ladies! I hope you are all getting ready to ring in the New Year!

My name is **Diane Herrera**, and I am your newly appointed PAC Treasurer, following in the superb footsteps of Susan Friedrich. Since 2022, I have served as Treasurer and PAC Treasurer in my local club, *Leander Area Republican Women*.

I hope to see you all in January at **Leadership Day** in Ft. Worth. Treasurers and PAC Treasurers will want to attend the training to get acquainted with (or refresh yourselves on) the reporting requirements.

The next regular *Texas Ethics Commission* (TEC) filing is the **January 15th semi-annual filing** covering July 1st to December 31st of 2025. **A new change for 2026 is the address redaction policy.** You will see the message in the Public Notices section when you log on to the TEC site.

HB551, passed in the 89th regular legislative session, requires that before making a report filed under Section 254.036(b) available on the Internet, the TEC shall remove each portion, other than city, state, and zip code, of the residence address of an individual listed as having received a political expenditure if the individual's address is indicated on that report as being a residence address. This law applies to all campaign finance reports

due in 2026 and beyond. There is a YES/NO radio button on all applicable expenditure schedule data entry pages for you to state that the address is the individual's residence address. When the radio button is set to YES, the street address of that individual will be redacted from the scrubbed report made available to the public through our website search engine. *If you import your expenditures into your report, this residence address radio button defaults to NO.* You will need to go into your report and edit each applicable political expenditure transaction to **set the radio button to YES** to indicate that this address is the residential address of that payee. This applies only to political expenditures paid to individuals for reports due in 2026 and beyond.

We will all have to get used to selecting YES on the new radio button to indicate if an expenditure is listed for an individual's residence address. I am hoping that the TEC eventually adds this field to the Import Template, but in the meantime, it looks like we will have to edit each applicable expenditure and change the value to YES.

We will talk more about this new process at **Leadership Day**, so if you have not already signed up, this is a good reason to do so.



Caring for America



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Combating Food Insecurity

Howdy and Happy New Year, TFRW! I am honored to continue serving as your state-wide *Caring for America* Chair for another biennium.

My heartfelt thanks to each club across our great state who participated, in a mighty and meaningful way, in our biennium project for 2024-2025. Your efforts to increase domestic violence awareness and prevention made an impact in your communities and in Texas, and lives were changed for the better—THANK YOU!

Our 2026-2027 biennium project is tackling food insecurity across Texas. *Feeding America's "Map the Meal Gap"* shows that Texas leads the nation in hunger, with more than five MILLION facing food insecurity—a third of which are children.

TFRW is stepping up to the plate to focus our efforts on combating this issue. All clubs are encouraged to participate in our statewide *Caring for America* project, and there are plenty of ways for clubs to get involved.

Some initial ideas are:

- Volunteer at your local food bank(s). Many can be found on *Feeding America's* website.
- Host a food drive.
- Volunteer with *Meals on Wheels*. Locations and ways to get involved at your local *Meals on Wheels* location can be found on their website.
- Collect non-perishable food items for local *VFW* centers for Veterans in need.
- Host a fundraiser to benefit a local food bank.

I look forward to another great biennium and *Caring for America* with our wonderful TFRW clubs! Here's to a great 2026 and improving food insecurity for our fellow Texans!





Americanism

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“Shivercrats”

I am a proud member of *The Woodlands Republican Women*, where I currently serve as First Vice President of Programs. I have previously served as President, Treasurer, PAC Treasurer, Social Media and Website Chair, and Americanism Chair.

Professionally, I have worked at every level of government, from city to federal, starting as an intern and progressing to District Director. I have since opened my own consulting company, where I work on campaigns and advocacy. A passion for good government and history has guided both my career and volunteer service.

I am honored to have been appointed Americanism Chair for the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) and look

forward to bringing a history-focused perspective to this role statewide.

In honor of Primary season, I recently explored some of the history of Texas elections. In 1952, Texas allowed a practice called **cross-filing**, which permitted candidates to appear on the ballot as nominees of more than one party. That year, Democratic Governor Allan Shivers ran as both the Democratic and Republican nominee and won with 98 percent of the vote. Conservative Democrats, known as “**Shivercrats**,” joined with Republicans to help deliver Texas’s 24 electoral votes to Dwight D. Eisenhower.

So as you cast your ballot this February or March, remember, Texas primaries haven’t always looked the way they do today!

Tribute to TFRW Book Available Here

TFRW proudly debuted our Anniversary Book, *Tribute to Texas Federation of Republican Women, 1955 to 2025, Leading the Way for 70 Years* at our 35th Biennial Convention, October 23-25, 2025, in San Antonio, TX.

The book contains photos and stories highlighting TFRW Presidents and their legacy and what was happening in historical context during their terms. It also provides a window into club accomplishments, projects, awards, and examples of our many outstanding women.

Copies are available for purchase on the TFRW website [HERE](#). **The price from the publisher is \$35 plus shipping and tax.**

The book is available as well on Amazon [HERE](#) at a price of \$49.99 plus tax. The paperback is \$24.99.





Community Engagement

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Developing Strategic Relationships

Happy New Year! Welcome to a new term of TFRW opportunities.

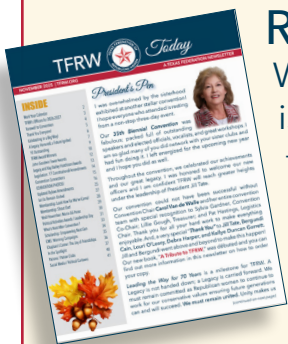
I am honored to serve as your new TFRW **Community Engagement Chair**. In this role, I am responsible for fostering an environment that encourages TFRW clubs to grow membership by building relationships with Republican-oriented groups and non-traditional voting blocs to work toward accomplishing these **common goals**:

- Establish meaningful relationships with each Republican women’s club throughout Texas.
- Provide specific ways to recruit new members and grow membership reflecting the demographics of Texas.
- Create and implement annual TFRW engagement goals to expand engagements and create future opportunities.

In the spirit of unity among Republicans, and finding new Republicans, TFRW encourages each club to start the new year by appointing a **Community Engagement Chair** and to identify a group of potential new Republicans in your community. Develop a strategy for establishing a relationship with them and find the commonalities on political perspectives.

If there is a match, encourage them to join your club, to register to vote, and to vote Republican. We will support club efforts by revamping the Community Engagement section of the John Goodwin Tower Award and provide ideas for developing a strategy.

Please send the name of your Community Engagement Chair to me at debra.harper.tx@gmail.com.



Read TFRW Today Online

Would you like to read a past edition of *TFRW Today*? If you missed out on an issue or you are a new member and would like to read about what we’ve done in the past or view photos of an event, all of the newsletters from 2016-present are available for you to download from our website! Just click [HERE](#) and read away!

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Chaplain's Corner

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To Everything, Turn, Turn, Turn

'To everything, turn, turn, turn; There is a season, turn, turn, turn; and a time to every purpose under heaven.'

You are my kind of person if you are humming the tune to the 1965 hit song by The Byrds. You are definitely my kind of person, if you know that these words are taken directly from Ecclesiastes Chapter 3.

God has established seasons in nature and in our lives. This ebb and flow is a rhythmic pattern that allows for rest and growth. We humans are not built to run at full speed, constantly without stopping. Like any sophisticated machine, we simply will begin to malfunction. The time-honored truth of this cycle plays out in every aspect of your life—personal, professional, and even in your work with your local club and TFRW. You cannot depend upon the same women to serve as leaders without end.

There are seasons for you to step up and lead from the front, but others where you will step back and contribute from the middle or the back of the room. During this time, you are recharging, caring for the mundane, and

resting to prepare for your next season of front assignment.

Real life includes times of mourning and times of dancing; times to speak and times to keep silent. Sometimes you are being mentored, and other times you are mentoring. Your commitment to your principles does not waver with your role. Each role is vital as we work together toward our common goals.

Is this an excuse not to lead? Oh no! In fact, it's a plan to lead wisely. Many times, the best place to learn to lead is by assisting leadership. Look around your club and see who has been leading for a while. They could probably use a season of recharging. Maybe come alongside them and prepare to lead. If you have been recharging or waiting to lead, this may be your season to step up.

God has ordained seasons in our lives and in our world. This rhythm of life is healthy and not a sign of weakness. I encourage each of you to sing the song *"Turn! Turn! Turn!"* again or read **Ecclesiastes chapter 3:1-8**. God has offered His wisdom. I hope it's the season for us all to gain wisdom.



In the SPOTLIGHT

Austin Republican Women held its Officer Installation Luncheon at the Headliners Club. Judge Kevin Yeary, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, administered the oath of office to ARW's incoming board. President Robbi Hull acknowledged Past Presidents and reported on the accomplishments of the past year including celebrating the club's 70th Anniversary.



Magic Circle Republican Women had their swearing in ceremony for the incoming 2026 Officers. Harris County Republican Party Chairwoman, Cindy Seigel, presided over the ceremony.

Georgetown Area Republican Women's Officers for 2026 were sworn in by Williamson County Sheriff Matt Lindemann. Congratulations to President Terri Rodriguez, 1st VP Programs Samantha Williams, 2nd VP Membership Karen Smith, 3rd VP Communications Cat Totty, 4th VP Political Activities Stacey Robinson, Secretary Audrey Templeton and Treasurer/PAC Treasurer Gigi Wilkie.



Congratulations to the **Republican Women of Smith County** 2026 Executive Officers who were sworn in by Chief Justice Worthen at their December meeting and Cookie Auction. President Rose Murill, 1st VP Programs Beth Counts, 2nd VP Membership Margie Cleere, PAC Treasurer Stacey Hirt, and Secretary Sara Maynard.



Red Stiletto Republican Women had 60 attendees at their Christmas Party and welcomed six new members, three renewals, and raised \$1,000 through their silent auction. State Senator Donna Campbell swore in the new Executive Officers.



Central Texas Republican Women is caring for America. In November and December, club members supported the local children's nonprofit **Jeffrey's Tree** through volunteer work and donations of funds, toys, and necessities.



Concho Valley Republican Women recently hosted their Jingle Mingle Christmas Party.



Bexar County Republican Women enjoyed an "Ugly Sweater Contest" at their Christmas luncheon where 2026 Officers were sworn in by Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick, and there was a special appearance by "The Grinch."





Patron Program

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Patron Program Kicks Off

As we welcome the new year, 2026, we are thrilled to reflect on the accomplishments of the 89th Legislative Session and look forward to continuing our efforts in keeping Texas **RED** this campaign season. With much work ahead, TFRW Patrons are eager to unite the "PARTY."

We are privileged to serve as your TFRW Patron Program Co-chairs. The upcoming year promises to be filled with fantastic Patron events, activities, networking opportunities, and outstanding speakers. Renew your club or individual membership now below for the TFRW Patron's Program to secure your place. Fasten your seatbelts for an incredible journey in 2026!

Don't miss the **January 10th Patron kick-off party!** We're excited to host our event at the famous *Petroleum Club of Fort Worth*.

We are looking forward to seeing you in January and at all the upcoming Patron events in 2026. To maintain access to these events, please ensure your club or individual membership for the TFRW Patron Program is current by renewing online today (link below). Paid membership is required for attendance at Patron events. You can collect your **2026 Patron Ribbons** at the Patron table starting in January.

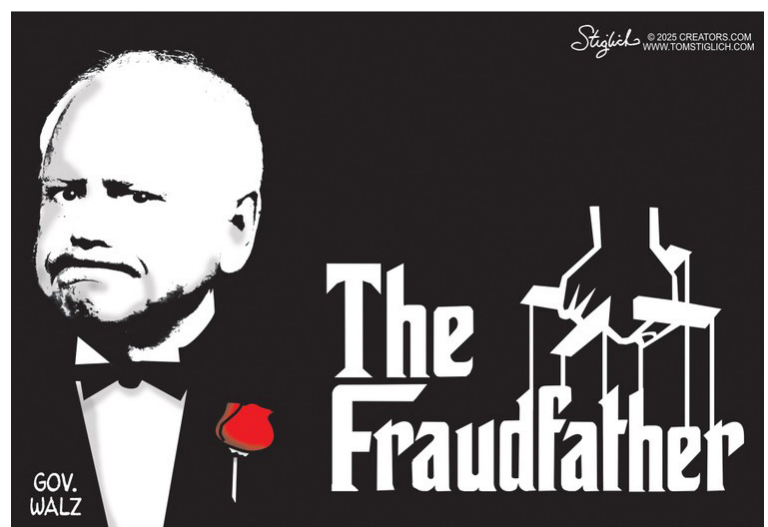
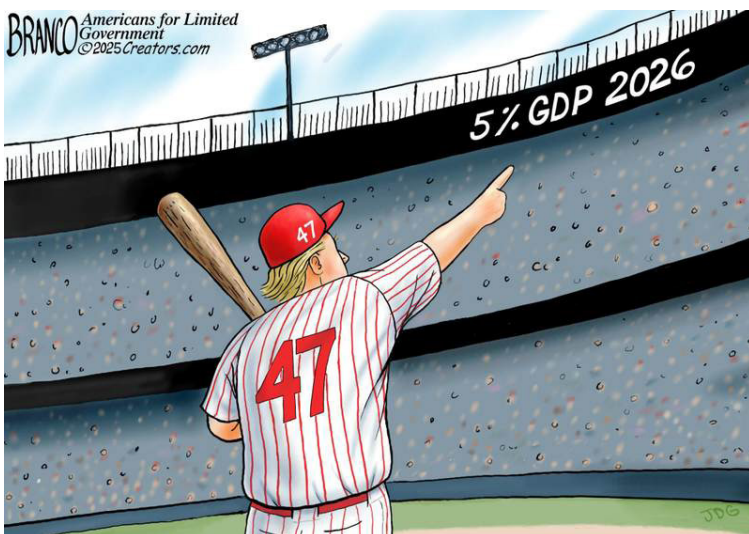
Barsa Harclerode (left above) serves as President of *Leander Area Republican Women*. She also has previously served Leander Area RW as VP Finance, 1st Vice President, and Awards Chair. She has used her expertise to bring organization and software to her club to help manage auctions, their membership, and their meeting registrations. She is a TFRW Patron and has actively attended the TFRW Board Meetings for several years. She looks forward to serving as one of your TFRW Patron Co-chairs and is passionate about uniting the Republican Party so we can KEEP TEXAS RED! Barsa and her husband, Marty, have three grown children and are the proud grandparents of three granddaughters.

Amanda Gray (right above) is a wife, mother, and event planner. She serves as President of the *Republican Women of Van Zandt*. Amanda's skills in social media and event planning have been instrumental in driving community involvement and growth for the club. Amanda has attended TFRW conventions, board meetings, Legislative Day and Leadership Day. Eager to build on this momentum, she looks forward to serving as a TFRW Patron Co-chair, driving program growth and unity within the Republican Party to **KEEP TEXAS RED**.

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

TFRW's Schedule for 2026

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
JANUARY 7, 2026	BUDGET MEETING	Fort Worth Hilton
JANUARY 8-10, 2026	1 ST QUARTER BOARD MEETING/ PATRON/LEADERSHIP DAY	Fort Worth Hilton
JANUARY 8, 2026	DD/DP TRAINING 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM (Only DD's & DP's)	Fort Worth Hilton
JANUARY 8, 2026	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 3:45 PM to 5:00 PM	Fort Worth Hilton
JANUARY 8, 2026	PATRONS EVENT 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM	TBA
JANUARY 9, 2026	BOARD MEETING 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Fort Worth Hilton
JANUARY 9, 2026	LEADERSHIP DAY WELCOME RECEPTION 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Fort Worth Hilton
JANUARY 10, 2026	MEET AND GREET 8:00 AM to 8:45 AM	Fort Worth Hilton
JANUARY 10, 2026	LEADERSHIP DAY 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Fort Worth Hilton
FEBRUARY 17-27, 2026	PRIMARY ELECTION EARLY VOTING	
MARCH 3, 2026	PRIMARY ELECTION	
MARCH 12-14, 2026	NFRW SPRING BOARD MEETING	Alexandria, VA
MARCH 28, 2026	COUNTY/SD CONVENTIONS	
APRIL 10-11, 2026	2 ND QUARTER BOARD MEETING	Zoom
Time and Date TBA	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING/BOARD MEETING	
MAY 18-22, 2026	RUNOFF PRIMARY ELECTION EARLY VOTING	
MAY 26, 2026	RUNOFF PRIMARY ELECTION	
JUNE 11-13, 2026 Temporary Committee Meetings: JUNE 8-10, 2026	RPT CONVENTION GEORGE R. BROWN CONVENTION CENTER, HOUSTON, TX	
JULY 10-11, 2026	3 RD QUARTER BOARD MEETING/PATRON	Sheraton Georgetown
JULY 10, 2026	DD/DP TRAINING 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM	Sheraton Georgetown
JULY 10, 2026	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 3:45 to 5:00 PM	Sheraton Georgetown
JULY 10, 2026	PATRONS EVENT	Sheraton Georgetown
JULY 11, 2026	BOARD MEETING 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Sheraton Georgetown
SEPTEMBER 17 -19, 2026	4 TH QUARTER BOARD MEETING/PATRON/TRIBUTE	Embassy Suite Round Rock
SEPTEMBER 17, 2026	DD/DP TRAINING 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM	Embassy Suite Round Rock
SEPTEMBER 17, 2026	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 3:45 to 5:00 PM	Embassy Suite Round Rock
SEPTEMBER 18, 2026	BOARD MEETING 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Embassy Suite Round Rock
SEPTEMBER 18, 2026	PATRONS'S EVENT	Embassy Suite Round Rock
SEPTEMBER 19, 2026	TRIBUTE TO WOMEN 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM	Embassy Suite Round Rock





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