



NORTHWEST FOREST REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Potpourri

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NEXT MEETING

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sylvia Manley

Monday, May 9, 2022 **Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar**

Place: Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Road, Houston, 77090

Time: 11:30 a.m. Call to Order, Program, Lunch, Business meeting 1:00 p.m. Adjournment

Reservations: Click [HERE](#) for Reservations

by **9:00 AM, Friday, May 6.**

Lunch \$25, or \$5 for beverages and meeting only.

Walk-ins \$40. **Make checks payable to "Shirley Acres."**

To pay 2022 dues, see Nancy Radcliffe, 2nd VP/Membership at the membership table.

1ST VP/Programs

Tracine Gibson

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is a sixth generation Texan, who grew up farming land that has been in his family since the mid-1800s. His upbringing taught him the core values of character, honesty, integrity, and hard work. As a former member of the Texas House of Representatives and the Texas Senate, Hegar worked on a wide range of common-sense solutions that impact everyday citizens, such as public education, transportation, tax cuts, property tax reform, water issues and tort reform.



Elected in November 2014, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is a strong advocate for job growth and greater diversification of the Texas economy. A staunch supporter of government transparency, Hegar believes all levels of government should be open and accountable to those who pay the bills — Texas taxpayers. Hegar serves as Texas' chief financial officer, treasurer, check writer, tax collector, procurement officer and revenue estimator. You can find out more at www.glennhegar.com and on his Facebook page.

The April meeting had a bit of everything! Great speaker, balloons, prizes, hats, parasols, candidates, energy, and action! A LOT of information was given. At the May meeting, the club is honored to have a state-wide elected official as speaker, Texas State Comptroller Glenn Hegar. MONEY is not boring! He'll give you chapter and verse on Dollars and Sense. \$\$\$ Do not miss it. It may make a difference in how you vote.



GET THE FACTS! There is always a lot of campaign rhetoric in hotly contested races. If you are supporting a candidate, DO NOT JUST REPEAT SOMETHING SOMEONE HAS TOLD YOU, get a fact or two from each campaign or research it on the internet/campaign websites. Generally, there is enough information available, but you may have to dig a little to get a fact. It's one thing to make a statement about a candidate based on campaign rhetoric and quite another to make a statement based on fact. Make those votes count! At 12:00 a.m. on May 25th, the Republicans will have a full slate and they need to be elected in November. Keep your eye on the end game.

KEEP TEXAS RED!

The club is working behind the scenes to get committees in place to help get Commissioner Cagle elected. There is another group being organized to do postcards within the membership area to do two things: ensure Republicans are registered to vote and to increase their awareness of Northwest Forest RW. NWFWRW 3rd VP Political Activities Marcia Fitzpatrick will be contacting people who signed up to work. A monumental task but with everyone working together, it becomes do-able. Thank You! From now through election day in November, take a moment to read the emails that are sent out by the club. It is the best way to disseminate information to club members. After you read it, THEN hit the Delete icon. Don't miss something important!

VOTE on MAY 24TH! The R's need the best candidates on the Republican ballot. If you do not VOTE, it is a vote for the opposition. **KEEP TEXAS RED!**

RED, WHITE, and YOU in '22!



Mark your calendar!

We are excited to have Nick Adams as our guest speaker on June 13. Adams runs the Foundation for Liberty and American Greatness (FLAG), a non-profit organization that teaches civics and informs parents and students on the power of the American Dream.



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President Sylvia Manley called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M. on Monday, April 11, 2022, at Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Road, Houston, Texas

LaDonna MacDonald gave the invocation. The Honorable Jon Lindsay led the pledges. **President Sylvia Manley** introduced former TFRW Deputy President Jan Ott, former TFRW District Director Barbara Buxton and the current TFRW District Director Ronnye Cowell. Also, she acknowledged Cy-Fair President Bonnie Foster. Sylvia asked the former club presidents to stand and be acknowledged; "If it were not for past leadership, NWF Republican Women would not be the club it is today".

3rd VP Political Activities Marcia Fitzpatrick welcomed and introduced the elected officials, candidates, and retired judges.

1st VP Programs Tracine Gibson introduced guest speaker State Representative Sam Harless H.D.126. The Representative stressed the importance of voting in the Run-off and the ESD upcoming elections.

LUNCH

Minutes from the NWFRW March 14, 2022, General Meeting were approved as printed in the *Potpourri*.

Treasurer Stephany Jackson gave the Treasurer's Report. The report was filed with the minutes.

Pac Treasurer Gaynell Lira gave the Pac Treasurer's Report. The report was filed with the minutes.

1st VP Programs Tracine Gibson announced the speaker for the May 9th NWFRW General meeting is Glenn Hegar, Comptroller of Public Accounts. Nick Adams, founder of Foundation for Liberty and American Greatness (FLAG) will be the speaker in June.

2nd VP Membership Nancy Radcliffe welcomed members and guests to our Spring Promenade Membership Event. As of today, NWFRW has 241 primary and associate members. She recognized the guests attending and encouraged them to become members. Special "Elephant" awards for various categories were presented. First - **Sulane Roesler** for the prettiest parasol. Second - **Claudia Gallagher** for the most glamorous hat. **Sue Kikis** - most Patriotic Hat and **Judge H N McElroy** - gentleman's hat with extra panache. The most significant "Elephant" award goes to **Heidi Furlong**, who brought in the greatest number of new members since mid-February.

We are reminded to pick up our **2022 NWFRW** Directory and name badges.

3rd VP Political Activities Marcia Fitzpatrick announced it is most important to get Republicans elected in November; she will lead the NWFRW member's Postcard Campaign to remind voters to get out and vote. May 7th is election day for several school districts (Klein, Montgomery, Willis, Humble & Spring Branch) and the ESD No. 11 Commissioners with some water districts included on the ballot. We are reminded to turn in our volunteer hours on the sheets located at the tables.

Americanism/Caring for America Sue Ann Lurcott thanked the membership for their generosity; \$7000.00 was raised for Camp Hope at the March NWFRW meeting. Today another \$500.00 was received. Next month a list of Camp Hope's needs will be announced before our general meeting, items can be brought to the meeting and Sue Ann will deliver the items collected to Camp Hope.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tom Nobis SREC District 7 gave information on the EDS elections and will email information to the club president along with information on how to volunteer for the upcoming Republican Convention to be held in Houston in June.

April 18th - NWFRW Board meeting

May 7th - Vote on Constitutional Amendments

May 9th - General Meeting with Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar. All about the money!

May 24th - Run-off with early voting starting on May 16th

President Sylvia Manley adjourned the meeting at 12:44 P.M.

EARLY VOTING: April 25th through May 3rd

2ND VP/MEMBERSHIP *Nancy Radcliffe*

What a wonderful Spring Promenade membership event we had on April 11! Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered to help, and participated by wearing a hat/bonnet or bringing a parasol. NWFRW ladies and gentlemen looked truly fabulous that day. We were also able to present some fun “elephant” awards to several members. Sulane Roesler won for having the prettiest parasol, which she decorated with amazing red Republican elephants and raindrops. Claudia Gallagher outdid herself with a festive spring bird nest bonnet to secure the win for being the most flamboyant/glamorous. The next award went to Sue Kikis for sporting the most patriotic bonnet or hat loaded with amazing Republican campaign buttons and pins. Judge H.N. McElroy exemplified impressive style winning for the gentlemen’s hat with extra panache. It was truly a day of fun festivities.

The most significant “elephant” award went to Heidi Furlong for bringing in the greatest number of new members to NWFRW between February and April. We now have 209 primary members and 40 associate members for a GRAND TOTAL of 249! What an amazing job all of you have done recruiting NWFRW members for 2022. “Come a Guest; Leave a Member!” continues to be a success.

Please remember that the 2022 directories are available to be picked up at the membership table before or after our monthly meetings. If you discover any errors in your information printed in the directory, please email me with your corrections at radcliffresources@gmail.com. This summer we will print an addendum with revisions and information on new members who have joined since the directories were printed.

Also, if you have ordered a badge and not retrieved it, you may pick those up from membership as well. Hope to see you all on May 9. Thank you.

AMERICANISM *Sue Ann Lurcott*

Once again, the ladies of NWFRW have proved they truly care about our veterans. We delivered \$510 in cash and bags of assorted canned goods after our last meeting. Next month I will be asking for items from the Camp Hope Urgent Needs list. Thanks for your continued generosity.

VOTER REGISTRATION *Ana Carson*

On May 7, Texas voters will head to the polls for another round of elections. These are not the primary runoff elections (those will be held on May 24.) Instead, voters will have the opportunity to approve two proposed constitutional amendments, in addition to local races in many parts of the state. These local races are for city council, school board, and utility districts, and can include city charter changes, bond (debt) levies, and even direct tax increases.

Both proposed amendments seek to lower property taxes for some Texans. Over the past two decades, property tax rates across the state have increased by 101% according to Texas Public Policy foundation. We have a 25 billion surplus. Will they return that money to the taxpayers by working to lower property taxes or will they use the surplus to continue to grow government?

PLEASE VOTE!!

3RD VP/CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES *Marcia Fitzpatrick*

Still busy with elections.....Just a reminder there are (2) elections in May. On the May 7th ballot, there are school bond issues for Klein, Montgomery, Willis, Humble, and Spring Branch; as well as Constitutional Amendments, Proposition 1 and 2 concerning Homestead exemptions on property taxes, and various water district directors.

At separate locations ESD 9 and ESD 11 (Ambulance Service) and ESD 16 (Fire Department) will hold elections for commissioners. Please check their websites for locations and times.

Early voting begins April 25th-May 3rd.

The Run-off Election is May 24th.

We need to finish the job we started at the March Primary. We must elect the best Republicans in order to win in November. Need to keep Texas RED. Early voting begins May 16th-May 20th. Go to www.harrisvotes.com for polling locations and times. Please do your research and **VOTE**.

Stay tuned for future information concerning a Postcard project.

They are looking for volunteers to help with the State Republican Convention June 13-18 to be held at the GRB Convention Center in Houston. Here is the website for more information and to register as a volunteer.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc5fCwMoMNJO08XVzQ1g6_LIDhXsZzIddM5eQUSAYqSo4hhDA/viewform.

If you have other questions, here is the link to RPT website <https://texasgop.org/2022-state-convention/>

Step Up, Get Informed, Get Involved and VOTE!

Remember **RED, WHITE, and YOU** in '22!

Make your voices heard and make sure your family and friends are registered to vote.

www.VoteTexas.gov

Interested in working at the polls?

The website for training is:

Pollworkertraining.sos.texas.gov/registration

We need Republicans at the polls!

SCHOLARSHIP *Susan Langenheim Donna Rubli*

The scholarship committee has made the recipient for the honor of the Pricilla Petty scholarship award to Miss Madeline Leard. She will be graduating from the Northland Christian School in May. Her sponsor is Sue Mason.

We will be presenting Madeline to our membership meeting in June along with her family,

Governor Abbott Takes Protective Measures

Governor Abbott reaffirmed his support for the enforcement of the laws to the Texas Border Sheriffs when he

- Signed laws which provided \$3 billion in state funds to Texas border security,
- Launched Operation Lone Star which deployed thousands of National Guard soldiers and Texas Department of Public Safety troopers,
- Encouraged the arrest and jailing of illegal migrants trespassing or committing other state crimes in Texas,
- Allocated resources to purchase an additional 1,700 steel panels for the border wall,
- Signed laws to make prosecution of human traffickers easier,
- Signed fifteen laws which will crack down on human trafficking in Texas (see article on a Texas-contracted facility meant to care for female foster children who are victims of sex trafficking were discovered to be trafficking the same children according to the authorities - 3/10/22),
- Signed a law which enhances the penalties for the manufacture and distribution of fentanyl,
- Issued a disaster declaration for the border crisis,
- Issued orders to prevent non-governmental entities from transporting illegal immigrants,
- Took legal action to enforce the Remain in Mexico for Texans, and
- Took aggressive action to secure the border through river blockades.

As of this week (April 18th) Governor Abbott has signed the Border Security Memorandum of Understanding with Nuevo Leon, Chihuahua, Coahuila, and Tamaulipas to strengthen the Texas-Mexico relationship, which is crucial to Texas. The economic balance is maintained by the flow of goods that crosses the border from Mexico yearly and is estimated to be around \$442 billion dollars.

This agreement was a response to the President's decision to end Title 42 protocols. Originally, the protocols to inspect vehicles crossing at international ports of entry into Texas were necessary due to concerns of increased cartel-facilitated smuggling. As a result, long delays created by long lines of incoming traffic affected the trade and commerce which, in turn, affected the agriculture, produce, manufacturing, and trucking industries. Legitimate security concerns are still in place as Title 42 protocols are lifted.



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May 6, 9:00 a.m. lunch/meeting reservation. Click [HERE](#) for Reservations

May 16 NWFRW Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Huntwick Clubhouse, Glen Erica and FM 1960