



NORTHWEST FOREST REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Potpourri

An Award-Winning Federated Club
Houston ~ North Harris County
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NEXT MEETING

Monday, June 13, 2022
Nick Adams, CEO of FLAG

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](#)
by 9:00 AM, Friday, June 10.
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

Foundation for Liberty and American Greatness

Nick Adams is one of the fastest growing and far-reaching social media influencers in conservative politics today. He is a Presidential appointee, four-time best-selling author, motivational speaker, television commentator, and Stage IV cancer survivor. Born and raised in Australia, an immigrant to America, and receiving a rare Extraordinary Ability Green Card, Adams proudly promotes the value and power of the American dream.



Adams is the founder and CEO of the Foundation for Liberty and American Greatness (FLAG.) Founded in 2016, FLAG is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating Americans about the values and principles that make our nation exceptional. To achieve this mission, FLAG promotes and provides high-quality civics education to K-12 students across the country and impacts American culture in a way that preserves our exceptional American value system for generations to come.

FLAG has produced the world's first kid-friendly Constitution, Declaration of Independence, and Federalist Papers. More than one million of these resources are now in the hands of school-aged children in all fifty states. For additional information, donations, and to order books, click on the LINKS below:
<https://www.flagusa.org/> <https://www.nickadamsusa.com/>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sylvia Manley

The \$68,468 for the judicial candidates was a huge success! THANKS TO NWFRW's GENEROSITY, (over \$2700 plus the club donation of \$5k plus online donations) the judicial candidates are off to a good start for campaigning! Please see the boxed in item to make a donation. THANK YOU!!



Club members met to do a Postcard Party for the Gov. Abbott initiative to get area Republican women to join RW clubs and to get them out to the polls to vote. Gov. Abbott gave TFRW a block grant of funds so the postcards and postage was paid. One thousand postcards were done (labeled, stamped, and a short "Join Us" written on the card) in record time. THANK YOU, LADIES! There will be another POSTCARD PARTY scheduled for July to do target marketing (VOTE REPUBLICAN, VOTE JACK CAGLE) for the Cagle campaign. **If you are unable to make that event to help, here's another way to participate: BRING STAMPS to the JUNE MEETING and the AUGUST MEETING. Whatever stamps you can donate will be your personal contribution to get Commissioner Cagle re-elected. There will be a STAMP BASKET at the Campaign table. Please help. Post cards are 40 cents.**

By the time this newsletter is sent, the Republicans will have a full slate of candidates for the November election. Harris County should take at least a majority of the judicial races and fingers crossed, the majority on Commissioner's Court plus other positions on the slate. Time to roll for the R's! Talking points for the R's locally should be personal safety, law enforcement, and practical jurisprudence. The Dems do not have much to run on, so whatever the R's can do to stay on point with logical, practical talking points is a boon!

It's time for an incredible THANK YOU! to the members of Northwest Forest RW. This club is chock full of fantastic members who show up each month, bring new members, and volunteer to help.

YOU COUNT, YOU ARE COMMITTED, YOU ARE DEDICATED, AND YOU ARE SO APPRECIATED!!



NWFRW BOARD 2022

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Rene D'Alessandro

President Sylvia Manley called the meeting to order at 11:31 A.M. on Monday, May 09, 2022, at Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Road, Houston, Texas

Chaplain Jane Easterwood gave the invocation. State Rep Sam Harless led the pledges. President Sylvia Manley brought to our attention the “\$68 4 68” stickers for our Republican Judges. She stated the November ballot will be the longest ballot in Texas history. The club “Vote Republican” signs will be available at our September General meeting.

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

1st VP Programs, Tracine Gibson introduced guest speaker Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar. Facts he shared – Texas is the 9th largest economy in the world, budget is \$126 billion annually, he has 3,000 employees and the last 13 months has been the strongest economy in Texas’ history.

LUNCH

Minutes from the April 11, 2022 General Meeting were approved as printed in the Potpourri.

Treasurer Stephany Jackson gave the Treasurer’s Report and it was filed with the minutes.

Pac Treasurer Gaynell Lira gave the Pac Treasurer’s Report. The report was filed with the minutes. Gaynell Lira PAC Treasurer made the motion: “The PAC Committee and the Board recommends the amount of \$5000 from the PAC funds be given to the HCRP Judicial Candidate Campaign Committee for the election of Republican judges.” The motion was seconded and approved. This motion was in accordance with the club bylaws.

1st VP Programs Tracine Gibson announced Nick Adams will be the speaker for the June 13th General meeting. He is a four-time best-selling author, motivational speaker and television commentator. He is the founder of The Foundation for Liberty and American Greatness (FLAG). Also, mentioned June 16th is Flag Day and the Republican Party of Texas State Convention begins the June 16th through the June 18th .

2nd VP Membership Nancy Radcliffe reported current membership and associate membership is 254. If you ordered a badge and have not picked it up, please come by the Membership table to claim. The 2022 NWFRW’s directory can be picked up. If you have found any errors in the directory, let her know by the June meeting. The corrections will be made in the addendum.

3rd VP Political Activities Marcia Fitzpatrick thanked everyone that voted this past weekend and reports the two Texas Propositions concerning property tax and Homestead exemption passed. Klein ISD Bond Issue - Proposition A and B passed. The two newcomers, Dorothy Dalton and Zach Dunlap, were elected commissioners in ESD11. A group of NWFRW volunteers are meeting May 12th to address campaign postcards in support of electing Republican candidates. In July there will be a second Postcard Party; volunteers are needed.

Americanism/Caring for America Sue Ann Lurcott thanked NWFRW, on the behalf of Camp Hope, for the donations that were brought to the meeting today for Camp Hope. **Bylaws Jo Konen** reported to the Membership they had written notification of the proposed bylaws changes and written copies of those proposals 30 days in advance of the vote, as required by our Bylaws. Today, Jo gave verbal notice that those proposals will be voted upon at the June meeting. Copies of the proposals will also be attached to the meeting notice sent out for the June meeting. Please print the proposals and bring them with you to the June meeting. The proposals will be discussed before the vote. Should you have any questions please call Jo.

Scholarship Susan Langenheim and Donna Rubli announced Madeline Leard (Maddie) is the recipient of the 2022 Pricilla Petty Scholarship. Maddie and her parents will be honored at the June General meeting and she will be presented with the scholarship.

NEW BUSINESS: Judge Michael Landrum represented the Republican Judicial Candidates Committee. The “\$68 4 68” is to raise monies for the 68 Harris County Republican judges running for office. He asked us to consider giving a contribution. A Republican candidate will fill each position on the November 2022 ballot. He reminded us to vote for each Republican on the ballot; the ballot is long! He asked us to contact him if we need support in our communities to get our judges elected. Donations were given to Judge Landrum. Tom Nobis SD 7 SREC Harris County Republican Party gave election information and he asked for members to volunteer for the upcoming election.

President Sylvia mentioned winning combinations for majority rule on Commissioner’s Court.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NWFRW Board meeting – May 16th at Huntwick Clubhouse

Early Voting– May 16th – May 20th

Greater Houston Council – May 17th

Run-offs Election – May 24th

NWFRW General meeting – June 13th Nick Adams of FLAG Foundation and Honoring the Priscilla Petty Scholarship Recipient

President Sylvia Manley adjourned the meeting at 12:40 P.M.

2ND VP/MEMBERSHIP *Nancy Radcliffe*

Happy June! This year is going by so quickly, and there is much work to be done helping Republican candidates get elected in November. A strong and active Northwest Forest Republican Women organization can make a huge difference in the outcomes of these elections. We are so proud to now have 255 members (214 primary and 41 associate) all focused on working together to keep Texas RED and make Harris County safe again. If you are not sure where to get involved, please feel free to contact any of the board members. Our monthly newsletter also includes important details about how you can become more engaged to make a huge difference.

Please be reminded 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, email me at radcliffresources@gmail.com with your corrections no later than June 13. If you have joined since February and are not in the directory, you will be automatically included in the addendum printed this summer. 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 June 13.

AMERICANISM *Sue Ann Lurcott*

Thanks again to all the very generous ladies of our club. This month I took \$325 in cash and a car loaded with bacon, sausage, eggs, bread, and coffee plus cleaning supplies. I'll send a new wish list before our next meeting,

3RD VP/CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES *Marcia Fitzpatrick*

Thank you for voting! Every vote counts. Democracy at work. The candidates have been chosen and the stage has been set for November. Congratulations to all who won. We must get behind the Republican candidates and work to get them elected in November.

We had a "Postcard Party on May 12th. A hardworking group of Republican women addressed 1000 postcards. A huge thank you to all our volunteers. When Republican women work, we win.



The Postcards and postage were donated by Gov. Abbott's office. There will be more "Postcard Parties" later this summer and we will need postage for these. Look for more information in future newsletters. There will be VOTE REPUBLICAN yard signs available in September.

We have a lot of work to do in order to get Republicans elected. We need to keep Texas RED. Do your research. Be sure all your family members, friends and neighbors are registered to vote. The midterms are less than 6 months away. We have much work to do. We are up to the task.



RED, WHITE, and YOU in '22!

LEGISLATIVE *Shirley Kitchens*

Abbott is a clear leader for Texas! Over the past weeks, Harris County residents have been focused on primaries with a few run-offs still pending. Few of us may have had time to notice Governor Abbott's leadership on several key issues.

- Operation Lone Star – Governor Greg Abbott along with the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the Texas National Guard are continuing to work to secure our southern border, stop the smuggling of drugs, weapons, and people into Texas.

Since the launch of Operation Lone Star, multi-agency efforts have led to more than 242,000 migrant apprehensions, along with more than 14,000 criminal arrests. Over \$38 million in currency and 4,700 weapons have been seized. Over 344 million lethal doses of fentanyl (enough to kill every American) have been confiscated throughout the state. Fentanyl overdose deaths have spiked 23%.

- Over 900 migrants have been transported to the nation's Capital. Texas National Guard troops, alongside partner agencies, helped apprehend or detain over 200 illegal immigrants crossing the Texas-Mexico border near Laredo. Many of the crossing points in this 15-mile stretch lead directly into backyards, playgrounds, and busy storefronts.

- Governor Abbott issued a proclamation officially designating May 9th-13th as 2022 Economic Development Week in Texas.

According to Governor Abbott, "The Texas economy is the economic engine of America and we take pride in our diverse, highly skilled workforce and the endless business opportunities that exist right here in the Lone Star State." The Governor's Office of Economic Development and Tourism is charged with marketing and promoting the state of Texas which has attracted more capital investments, new jobs, and corporate headquarter relocations last year than ever before in the state's history. As a result, Texas continues to set new records for total employment and jobs.

Texas voters approve property tax relief measures. In a booming housing market, Texas homeowners will get a slight break on their property tax bills. Voters overwhelmingly approved two propositions intended to lower property taxes for homeowners across the board. Since home values in the state's major metropolitan areas have surged by double digits, prompting homeowners to be concerned seeing a rise in property tax bills.

Proposition 1, a measure to cut school district property taxes for homeowners who are 65 and older or disabled, passed by a wide margin. Proposition 2, which raised the state's homestead exemption from \$25,000 to \$40,000, passed with 84.89% approval. State lawmakers are trying to find other ways to lower property taxes, or at least slow down their growth, according to Lt. Governor Dan Patrick. He has asked Senate committee chair, Paul Bettencourt of Houston, to look into property tax reform measures or cuts ahead of the Texas Legislature's next session in January.



**Bad officials are elected by
good people who don't vote.**

SCHOLARSHIP

Susan Langenheim, Donna Rubli

Donna and I want to thank you for the pleasure of serving as co-chairs of the Scholarship Program for 2022. A special note of thanks goes to Kimberly Young, Amy Uribe, Suzanne Bathe, Barbara Hine, and Dana Hines for serving on this year's Scholarship committee.

Our new recipient for the honor of the Pricilla Petty Scholarship is Madeline Leard. Maddie is graduating from Northland Christian School in May, and will be going to Baylor University with a major in Business. She was elected into the Business Fellows program. Out of a class of 4,000, only 60 are chosen for this program. Her major in Business correlates with the much desired STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) courses for success. She also plans to spend a semester

studying abroad while at Baylor.

Maddie wrote, "The Constitution does not stand alone, but is upheld every single day by not only our elected officials, but by everyday Americans doing their best to care for others. I am proud to be a citizen of a nation which has valued the "life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness" for all individuals since its original revolution through its present day constitution, and I will do my best as a college student and beyond to uphold these values in all aspects of life."

Madeline and her parents, Rev. David and Kristin Leard will be honored at the June meeting of NWFRW where she will be presented with the scholarship.

\$68 4 68 judicial candidate donations may be sent directly to:

HCRP JOINT JUDICIAL CAMPAIGN

8588 Katy Freeway STE 455 • Houston TX 77024

Memo line should read: Northwest Forest RW

NWFRW including the club donation, individual donations and online donations gave close to \$8000.00 to that fund to get Republican judges elected!

To re-elect Commissioner Cagle. Please bring stamps to the June meeting and the August meeting. There will be a STAMP BASKET at the Campaign table. The club will be sending out 5000 VOTE REPUBLICAN/VOTE CAGLE postcards to areas in his district. We NEED Commissioner Cagle on Commissioner's Court!

STAMPS, please! Let's make it happen!



Visit www.northwestforestrepublicanwomen.org for useful information and informative articles

This is not an endorsement by the President, the Campaign Chair, or the Club. It is information for members to be engaged and stay informed.

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June 13 NWFRW General Meeting Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Road,

June 10, 9:00 a.m. meeting reservation. Lunch reservations [click here](#).

No Board Meeting in June