



NORTHWEST FOREST REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Potpourri

An Award-Winning Federated Club
Houston ~ North Harris County
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TFRW Region 17, Senate District 7

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NEXT MEETING

Monday, August 8, 2022

Alan Vera

Director of Training "True the Vote"

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, August 5th.

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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sylvia Manley

Welcome back to the wonderful world of REPUBLICAN POLITICS! NWFRW have been working this summer on the Commissioner Jack Cagle campaign with postcards target-marketed to a segment of his voters. Another group of NWFRW ladies are involved with the Precinct 2 Jack Morman campaign. Please see 3rd VP Campaign Marcia Fitzpatrick or Gaynell Lira to volunteer.



REPUBLICAN WOMEN are the heart and soul of the grassroots. These ladies have been working all summer all over the state of Texas to get local and statewide candidates elected come November 8th. As a part of the NWFRW community, YOU are a part of all that political excitement! From now until November 8th, there will be candidates, yard signs, campaign workers for polls, and the list goes on. VOLUNTEER! There's plenty of fun and excitement to go around.

Have you been worried about your vote counting come November 8th? Alan Vera will be the speaker at the August meeting. He has a wealth of election integrity information along with current scoops on what's happening with the opposition. **DO NOT MISS THE MEETING!**

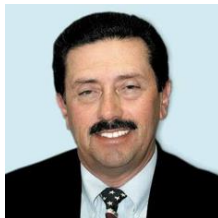
Northwest Forest RW continues to grow. The general populace is concerned for the future of our great country. I am optimistic. This country has suffered through world wars, the Korean War, the Vietnam conflict, plus the country's stints in Iraq and Afghanistan. We've lost good men and women in those arenas. The very worst our country has seen has been the Civil War. It was fought here in our country and it tore families apart and we lost so many fine young men. It was a very heart-wrenching and turbulent time. Probably the worst Uncle Sam has seen. The country has the ability to pull this country back to the right of center and get it going in a direction that benefits most. NOVEMBER 8th should be that defining moment by electing good R's to office. Solid R leadership is needed. Party unity is needed.

AMERICA IS GREAT! WE JUST NEED GOOD LEADERSHIP and majorities in both the House and the Senate as well as on the local level. **DO NOT FORGET TO VOTE!** Time to rock 'n roll.

1ST VP/Programs

Tracine Gibson

Alan Vera is a man whose job it is to assure that your voice is heard, and your vote is counted. He is one of the original founders of "True the Vote" and serves as the Director of Training and Curriculum. For his service, he was honored with the "True the Vote Bayonet Award" in 2012.



This organization was created to keep our elections free and fair and to restore America's confidence in our electoral process.

Vera is currently serving as the Chairman of the Harris County Republican Party Ballot Security Committee, a position he has held since June of 2014. In 2017, he was named "Volunteer of the Year for SD 7" by the State Republican Executive Committee for his work on election integrity.

Alan and his wife Colleen have earned much recognition and several awards for their work against voter fraud, detection, and education.

Northwest Forest Republican Women are pleased to have Alan Vera share his valuable insight and understanding of the election process and show us how we can get involved and strengthen the Republican vote in Harris County.



NWFRW BOARD 2022

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Sylvia Manley

1st Vice President Programs

Tracine Gibson

2nd Vice President Membership

Nancy Radcliffe

3rd Vice President Campaign

Marcia Fitzpatrick

Secretary

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PAC Treasurer

Gaynell Lira

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Dana Khan

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Publicity

Barbara Young

Reservations

Sulane Roesler

Scholarship

Susan Langenheim

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Yearbook/Directory

Rene D'Alessandro

2nd VP Membership Nancy Radcliffe (for Sylvia Manley President), called the NWFRW General Meeting to order on Monday, June 13, 11:30 A.M. at Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Road, Houston, Texas

Cindy Eschenburg (for Chaplain Jane Easterwood) gave the invocation and led the pledges. Nancy thanked the Club and members for donating nearly \$8,000.00 to the Republican Judicial Candidates Fund at the May General Meeting. \$68 4 68 contributions are still being accepted.

3rd VP/Political Activities Marcia Fitzpatrick introduced and welcomed the elected officials and candidates.

1st VP/Programs Tracine Gibson introduced the speaker, Nick Adams, Founder and CEO of the Foundation for Liberty and American Greatness (FLAG Foundation).

LUNCH

Minutes from the NWFRW May 09, 2022, General Meeting were approved as printed in the Potpourri.

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

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

1st VP Programs Tracine Gibson announced the speaker for the August 08, 2022, meeting will be Alan Vera. He is one of the original founders of True the Vote.

2nd VP/Membership Nancy Radcliffe announced that we currently have 256 primary and associate members. She recognized and welcomed the guests visiting today. The deadline for submitting corrections to the 2022 Directory is today. New member's information and corrections will be in the addendum that will be distributed at the August General meeting. If you have ordered a badge or have not yet picked up your 2022 NWFRW Directory, you can pick these items up at the Membership table today.

3rd VP/Political Action Marcia Fitzpatrick announced "Postcard Parties" are coming up this summer to help Commissioner Jack Cagle get re-elected as Harris County Commissioner Precinct 4. She thanked the members for bringing stamps for the postcards and stamps can be brought to the August meeting, too. "Vote Republican" yard signs will be available at the September and October meetings. The members are reminded to log in our campaign hours today.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism/Caring for America Sue Ann Lurcott thanked the members for their generous support to Camp Hope and that their needs continue. Anyone wanting to contribute today can see Sue Ann.

Scholarship Susan Langenheim presented the 2022 Priscilla Petty Scholarship for \$1000.00 to Madeline Leard. She was Valedictorian of her class. Her mother Kristin and her sponsor Sue Mason shared the moment with Maddie.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No June NWFRW Board Meeting

No July NWFRW General Meeting

June 16-18th Republican Party Texas (RPT) Convention

July 18th NWFRW Board meeting

August 8th NWFRW General Meeting

August 15th NWFRW Board Meeting

Nancy Radcliffe adjourned the meeting at 12:51 P.M.



Your voice is your vote!

Vote for America - Vote Republican!



2ND VP/MEMBERSHIP *Nancy Radcliffe*

Happy August! It seems like it has been a long time since we were together. I hope you have all been staying as cool as possible and enjoying your summer. Our NWFRW organization is one of the few SUPER JUMBO size Republican Women's groups in Harris County. Our total membership of 256 (primary and associate members together) has the opportunity to make a huge difference in the November elections. Please join with us as we work to get R's elected across our county and state. This is a wonderful time to invite your friends to attend meetings and to become involved with a wonderful group of people who are making a difference in our communities and country.

The 2022 directory addendums will be available to be picked up at the membership desk or as you enter the room for the August 8 meeting. These addendums are important, because they include information on all of our new members who have joined since the directories were printed in February. Directory corrections are noted in the addendums as well. If you have yet to receive a 2022 directory or have a name badge you haven't picked up, please stop by the membership table. We want to know who you are and want you to have the badge you have purchased.

When I think of the mission of NWFRW and its membership as we work together for a common cause, I am reminded how important and essential teamwork is to accomplishing overall objectives and goals of an organization. Teamwork motivates unity! Because individuals possess diverse talents, weaknesses, strengths, communication talents, and skill sets, the organization is bolstered by everyone being engaged and contributing. Please know how much your involvement and efforts are appreciated.

"Come as a guest; leave as a member!"

AMERICANISM *Jennie Kahanek*

Urgently needed items for Camp Hope are listed below. Please contribute so that our military can receive the help they so deserve.

Bottled water, eggs, butter, syrup, milk, orange juice, broths, mouthwash (non-alcoholic), paper towels, disinfectant wipes, toilet paper, trash bags (50-55 gallon ONLY), twin sheets, twin blankets/comforters, pillows and pillowcases (standard size), alarm clocks, clear tape, postage stamps, vacuum cleaners. Running shoes – Men's sizes 9-13

Vitamins: Quercetin w/ Bromelain, Fish oil, Glucosamine (Chondroitin)

Thank you for our support and GOD BLESS AMERICA AND OUR VETERANS!!

3RD VP/CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES *Marcia Fitzpatrick*

Hope everyone is having a great summer and staying cool. We are getting ready for an exciting fall and election cycle.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped address postcards. We need to get Commissioner Jack Cagle re-elected to Harris County Commissioner's Court Precinct 4. We are still in need of postage for more postcards. There will be a basket at the next general meeting. Please bring stamps (postage for postcards is \$.44) or bring cash. The next Postcard Party is scheduled for August 18th.

Gaynell Lira will be the contact person for the Jack Morman's campaign. He is running in the Precinct 2 race. We must get Republicans elected to Commissioners Court.

"Vote Republican" Yard signs will be available at the September and October meetings.

We need to get behind the Republican candidates and do what we can to get them elected. This election in November is most important, we need to keep Texas Red. 2022 is a pivotal year! Republican women must get involved in protecting the integrity of elections and campaigning to elect Republicans. There are many issues facing our state.

Please make sure your friends and family are registered to vote. November will be here before we know it.

RED, WHITE, and YOU in '22!

LEGISLATIVE *Shirley Kitchens*

Do our state laws provide voting "integrity" at the ballot box? The difficult answer to this question is NOT "yes" or "no." We all should be looking at the administration and enforcement of current voting laws with intense scrutiny. We know that former Harris County Elections Administrator Isabel Longoria, was asked to submit her resignation on March 11th after approximately 6,000 Democratic and 4,000 Republican ballots were scanned into a computer but not transferred and counted. According to Paul Bettencourt, "In my opinion, they simply have no intention of following the election code or any legislative changes to improve voter integrity because they file suit or join up in nearly every possible litigation in the state."

Proof of this lies in the chicanery that took place hours before the election reporting deadline. Outgoing Elections Administrator Isabel Longoria devised a plan to deploy "deputized" county employees to pick up completed (voted) ballots and equipment from the polls at the close of voting on May 24th and then transport the materials to the central counting station. According to the Texas Election Code, the presiding election judge at each polling place, or a clerk appointed by the election judge, is assigned that duty. Longoria's plan violated state election laws and chain-of-custody protocols for returning voted ballots, voting equipment, and other election records. Despite Longoria's claim the deputies were an "optional" means of transportation, her deputies arrived before polling places closed requiring judges to "hand over" ballots and voting equipment. What was the last drop-off – a Democrat poll?

For those Republican judges dropping off their ballots and equipment, their vehicles were directed through a series of tents set up in the NRG parking lot where workers unloaded bags of ballots without benefit of any documented inventory. The results of Longoria's mismanagement showed when mismatches between the number of voters and the number of ballots counted or pending were revealed.

Are we helpless? No! First, attend a training session to become a poll watch, poll judge, poll clerk, or other poll worker. Second, vote and encourage others to vote REPUBLICAN!

Coming next month: Ballot Harvesting!

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

SCHOLARSHIP

*Susan Langenheim,
Donna Rubli*

General meeting with Nick Adams

At the May general meeting, the 2022 winner of the Priscilla Petty Scholarship was introduced to our members.

Madeline Leard graduated from Northland Christian School and was valedictorian of the senior class. She was a leader in her school in both the Speech and Debate classes, in the National Honor Society, and president of the Student Council in her senior year.

Madeline has selected Baylor University to continue her education. She has been chosen as “Baylor Business Fellow”, competing with 4000 students. There were only 60 students receiving that honor.

Madeline was with her mother, Kristin Leard and her sponsor, Sue Mason who were introduced to the members also. Madeline gave a great speech on her future plans.

After her speech, Susie Langenheim presented Madeline a check for \$1000 and a dozen yellow roses. We wish Madeline much success for a bright future.

Priscilla Petty Scholarship Recipient Kristin Leard



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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**August 8, NWFRW General Meeting Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Road,
August 5, 9:00 a.m., meeting reservation due. Lunch reservations [click here](#).
August 15, 7:00 p.m., NWFRW Board of Directors, Huntwick Clubhouse, Glen Erica @ FM1960**

We will be voting on the Bylaw Changes at the August meeting. **Please print them out and bring them with you to the meeting** in case you have any questions.

Most of the changes are mandated by TFRW, therefore not really discussable. However, I will be happy to answer questions about them.

With your cooperation, we'll get through them quickly. Thanks!

NORTHWEST FOREST REPUBLICAN WOMEN BYLAWS

[Proposed Revisions, April 2022]

Proposed changes are in *red*.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

ADD new Sections 6. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE OR MEMBERSHIP

- a. An officer may be sanctioned or removed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee for any of the following reasons below after investigation by the Executive Committee. Special meeting and quorum rules apply.
 - i. Non-payment of dues.
 - ii. Advocating for an opposition party candidate in any race, including non-partisan races.
 - iii. Supporting an opposition party ticket.
 - iv. Failure to uphold the policies and objectives of this club as stated in these bylaws.
- b. A member of the club may be removed from membership by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership by any of the following reasons after investigation by the Executive Committee. Special meeting and quorum rules apply.
 - i. Non-payment of dues.
 - ii. Advocating for an opposition party candidate in any race, including non-partisan races.
 - iii. Supporting an opposition party ticket.
 - iv. Failure to uphold the policies and objectives of this club as stated in these bylaws.

RATIONALE:

TFRW suggests that all clubs have tools to manage disciplinary actions at the local level in the most extreme circumstances involving reprimand or removal of an officer or member. This language is constant with NFRW Bylaws.

ADD new Section 7. A guest who has attended three (3) meetings must join before attending another meeting.

Section 6 becomes 8

Section 8 becomes 9

RATIONALE:

Those who enjoy the privileges of the club should pay dues.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS, **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**, AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2. Duties of Officers:

- a. The President shall preside at all meetings of this organization, **of the Executive Committee**, and the Board of Directors and shall have ...
- d. The Third Vice President shall be ~~Campaign~~ **Political** Activities Chairman and shall perform other such duties as the President may designate.

RATIONALE:

TFRW mandated the change in title for Campaign Activities, saying it more accurately describes the role.

This position in our club is assigned to our Third Vice President.

ADD Section 3: Duties of the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers and the Parliamentarian. Meetings will be called at the discretion of the President. Its duties are to advise the President when needed and recommend policies as asked for.

Section 3 becomes 4

Section 4 becomes 5

Section 5 becomes 6

Section 6 becomes 7

RATIONALE:

TFRW suggests that we need to include this additional committee in our Bylaws to assist the President in some of her duties.

Article VII – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 3. Officers shall be installed at the ~~December~~ **November** meeting after they have been elected. They will assume their duties January 1st.

RATIONALE:

Being installed earlier enables the President and Executive Committee to fill Committee Chairmanships, to form and meet with the new Board of Directors, consider projects for the next year, and meet with the out- going Board.

**NORTHWEST FOREST REPUBLICAN WOMEN
2022 MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL DUES FORM**

MUST BE A REGISTERED VOTER*

OCCUPATION REQUIRED*

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____ Date _____

Home Address: _____

City/Zip: _____ Subdivision: _____

Registered Voter?* Yes _____ Your Voter Precinct # _____ Birthday (Month & Day) _____
*(Must be Registered Voter to join)**

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Occupation:* _____

Email Address:* _____ Spouse's Name: _____
(NWFRW Newsletter and information, including National and State Federations, news is sent to you by email.)

Membership Fees:

Primary \$45 New _____ Renew _____ Check# _____ Cash _____ Badge \$10 _____

Associate \$30 New _____ Renew _____ Check# _____ Cash _____ Badge \$10 _____
(Available to men and to women who are primary members of another Federated Republican Women's club)

NWFRW offers many opportunities to volunteer. Please let us know your interests and your skills:

Please check the following committee(s) on which you may wish to serve:

- Americanism – Promote Patriotism
- Historian – Compile a scrapbook for the President's term of office.
- Hospitality – Meet and greet members and/or collect money for luncheon.
- Legislative – Track pending Bills in the Texas Legislature and Congress.
- Membership – Record membership and plan occasional events.
- Phone – Relay information to members
- Publicity – Disseminate NWFRW information to the community.
- Scholarship – Annual NWFRW Priscilla Petty \$1,000 Scholarship.
- Voter Registration – Be deputized voter registrar.
- Ways & Means – Help plan and execute a biennial fundraiser.

Skills:

Attention to Details _____ Bookkeeping _____ Computer Work _____ *(Please detail programs & proficiency):*

Marketing _____ Organizational Skills _____ Planning _____ Public Speaking _____ Other _____

Signature:* _____ **Member who referred you:** _____

**Required to comply with the Texas Ethics Commission and publication of our members' info in our Directory.*

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Nancy Radcliffe, VP Membership
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REPUBLICAN GRAND SLAM 2022



Get Out The Vote

Celebrating 60 years 1962-2022

GHCFRW INVITES YOU TO MEET THE NOVEMBER CANDIDATES AND
CELEBRATE OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022

9:30AM - 12:30 PM ** Lunch will be provided**

LOCATION: TRINI MENDENHALL COMMUNITY CENTER

1414 Wirt Road, Houston, Texas 77055

PLEASE RSVP ASAP

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