



NORTHWEST FOREST REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Potpourri

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NEXT MEETING

Monday, September 12, 2022
Justice Eva Guzman

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, Sept. 9**
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

We invite you to join us as we welcome Justice Eva Guzman. She brings a depth of legal experience, civic service and leadership to the important work of helping shape the future of Texas. Guzman grew up in Houston's East End, the middle of seven children born to hard-working immigrants. Her parents taught her the importance of faith and family and the value of freedom.



Justice Guzman put herself through The University of Houston, earned a law degree from South Texas College of Law, and managed a successful law practice before becoming a judge in 1999. Over the course of the next 22 years, Guzman served at three levels of the Texas judiciary, more than half of that time as a justice on the Supreme Court of Texas. In 2009, they hailed Justice Guzman as a history maker when she became the first Latina to serve on the Supreme Court of Texas and the first to hold statewide office. Through decades of study and judicial service, Justice Guzman has honed her knowledge and understanding of the Texas and United States Constitutions, and that has fueled her passion to protect and defend them.

As the wife of a veteran police officer who served Houston for 37 years, she knows the vital role law enforcement plays in our communities. As a mother, Guzman know the struggles of parents trying to bring up children in a world growing ever more hostile to God-honoring people and principles. It is these life experiences that give Eva Guzman insights and perspectives that will enable her to help lead Texas proudly into the future.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sylvia Manley

RACES TO WATCH! WINS?

It has always been the club plan to achieve a Republican majority on Commissioner's Court. It is the very reason the club is partnering with some of those races: Cagle and the postcards, Morman and phone banking, and of course whatever needs with the Mealer campaign. ANY of these combinations will achieve that majority on Commissioner's Court:



♦ Cagle - Morman ♦ Cagle - Mealer ♦ Morman - Mealer

We MUST have at least one of those combos to gain that Republican majority.

PLEASE GET INVOLVED!
VOLUNTEER WHEN NEEDED! LET'S WIN!

The local Judicial races have also been a part of the club plan. Get our Republican judges BACK in office to lower crime and adjudicate with common sense and a position of strength for the voters! In May, the club donated money to the judicial candidate campaign fund. Some of you did as well. The club supports them. Members supported them by donating. WINS!

The third candidate who needs reelecting is Governor Greg Abbott. The Dems have loaded "Veto Beto's" campaign with out of state millions. We simply cannot contemplate VETO BETO as an elected official! Boggles the mind! That campaign despite media rumblings is doing well, for now. The R's are less than 90 days out from the November election. Let's make every vote count! There is a great Republican slate across the state and locally. All it takes are voters to the polls on November 8th! WINS!

The VOTE REPUBLICAN signs will be available at the September meeting along with Greg Abbott signs. Hopefully other candidates will have signs available as well. DO NOT FORGET TO GET YOURS!

APPLAUSE TO THOSE OF YOU TAKING THE POLL WATCHERS CLASSES AND TRAINING AS ELECTION JUDGES. REPUBLICANS WIN WHEN FULLY STAFFED AT THE POLLS! THANK YOU!!

To sign up for those classes, **CLICK on this link:**
<https://forms.gle/J4K53wYT61EbgMvD8>



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MINUTES, Aug 8, 2022

MaryAnn Vandermark, Secretary

1st VP Tracine Gibson (for President Sylvia Manley), called the NWFRW General Meeting to order on Monday, Aug 08, 11:30 AM at Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Road, Houston, Tx.

LaDonna MacDonald (for Chaplain Jane Easterwood) gave the invocation and led the pledges.

1st VP Tracine announced the club is fully engaged in re-electing Commissioner Cagle, Precinct 4, supporting Jack Morman's campaign for Commissioner, Precinct 2 and Alexandra Mealer's campaign for Harris County Judge. Any two of these candidates elected will be a Republican win!

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

1st VP/Programs Tracine Gibson introduced the speaker, Alan Vera, a man whose job is to assure that your voice is heard, and your vote is counted. Since June of 2014 he has served as the Chairman of the Harris County Republican Party Ballot Security Committee. He stated Deterrence, Prevention and Real Time Intervention are key to having fair elections.

LUNCH

Minutes from the June 13th, 2022, General Meeting were approved as printed in the *Potpourri*.

Treasurer Stephany Jackson gave the 08/08/2022 Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report is filed with the minutes.

PAC Treasurer Gaynell Lira gave the 08/08/2022 PAC Treasurer's Report. The PAC Treasurer's Report is filed with the minutes. She explained the funds are low because we have not had any major fundraisers the past couple years.

1st VP Programs Tracine Gibson announced the speaker for the September 12th, 2022, General meeting will be Justice Eva Guzman. She was the first Latina to serve on the Supreme Court of Texas.

Secretary Mary Ann Vandermark (for 2nd VP Membership Nancy Radcliffe) announced the addendums to the 2022 NWFRW Directory are available and reminded guests to pick up their badges and directories at the Membership Table. Our membership today stands at 256.

3rd VP Political Action Marcia Fitzpatrick thanked all those who participated in making the July Postcard Project a success. The message was to vote for Commissioner Jack Cagle for Harris County Commissioner, Precinct 4. She announced the next Postcard Party will be August 18th. They are still in need of postage. "Vote Republican" yard signs will be available at the September meeting (first sign is free, \$5.00 for each additional sign). Marcia requested we record our volunteer/campaign hours on the sheets located at each table. For those who wish to be involved in the Mealer Campaign, see Marcia following the meeting.

Gaynell Lira (liaison for the Jack Morman Campaign) announced Jack Morman is asking for volunteers to work his phonebanks.

Bonnie Foster HCRP Field Coordinator announced she is heading up "Adopt a Precinct". She asked the NWFRW members to consider serving as a Precinct Chair for one of the open precincts in Harris County. Should you be interested in any kind of volunteering, Bonnie can be contacted via e-mail bonniefoster@harriscogop.com. If you wish to be a poll watcher, you will be required to take a training course.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bylaws Jo Konen explained the reasons for the Bylaws changes (find the details of Bylaw changes in the *Potpourri*). Parliamentarian Jo Konen made a MOTION: "By direction of the Board of Directors, I move that the changes in the Northwest Forest Republican Women Bylaws be approved". The Bylaws changes were approved.

Liaison to Greater Houston Council Dana Khan announced the Republican Grand Slam 2022 event, August 23rd. Keynote speakers are Chairman Matt Rinaldi and Vice-Chair Dr. Dana Myers. RSVP is required.

New Business: 2023 Nominating Committee. The Bylaws call for a 7-member Nominating Committee to be elected at the NWFRW August General Meeting. Nominations were open by Parliamentarian Jo Konen. Those nominated were Gaynell Lira, LaDonna MacDonald, Donna Rubli, Nancy Radcliffe, Kay Shillock, Tracie Anderson and Merry Keith. Jo made a MOTION: "There being no more nominations, I move that the 7 ladies nominated be elected to the Nominating Committee." The motion carried; the 7 members were elected.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

August 15th Board meeting, Huntwick Clubhouse, 7:00 PM

August 18th, Cagle Postcard Party, Huntwick Clubhouse, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

August 23rd, "Get Out to Vote", Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

September 12th, NWFRW General Meeting, Shirley Acres, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Tom Nobis, SD-7 reported the TX State Board of Education is removing important history from textbooks, contact your Texas Representative if you disapprove.

Tracine Gibson adjourned the meeting at 12:54 PM.

2ND VP/MEMBERSHIP *Nancy Radcliffe*

As we move into fall and closer to the November elections, it is more important than ever for our membership of 258 to become engaged in getting Republicans elected to office. If you haven't found a candidate to support or critical work to do to help turn Harris County **RED** or keep Texas **RED**, please see one of our board members about the varied opportunities our club has for you to be involved. We need you to make the elections successful for the Republican candidates. That's one of the major benefits of being a club the size of ours.

Addendums to the 2022 directories are still being distributed this month. You will definitely want one because they have information in them about our new members who have joined since February. If you still need one, please come by the membership table before or after the September meeting.

The membership push for 2023 will begin in October. Effective November 1, we can take renewals and accept new members for 2023. This is always a very exciting time of the year. Begin thinking about your friends and acquaintances you can invite to attend meetings and join NWFRW.

In closing, I want to thank each one of you for embracing our membership motto for 2022. "Come a guest; leave a member" has been a successful initiative and you all are the reason why. Thank you!

3RD VP/CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES *Marcia Fitzpatrick*

The November midterms are in less than 90 days. Our goal is to win every race on the ballot. Texas has not always been Republican. In order to keep Texas **RED**, 76.6% of Republicans need to get out and vote.

We must educate voters. Be sure your friends and family are registered to vote. Remember Elections have consequences.

A huge Thank You to all who volunteered for the Postcard Project. There may be an opportunity to do more postcards closer to the election.

VOTE REPUBLICAN yard signs will be available at the September General Meeting. Each member receives one sign. Additional signs will be available for \$5.00 each.

Poll Watchers and Election Judges are still needed; contact nolan.shultz@harriscountygop.com for sign up information.

Gaynell Lira is the liaison for the Jack Morman campaign for Harris County Commissioner Precinct 2 Race and Mary Jane Petrick is the liaison for the Alex Mealer campaign for the Harris County Judge Race. Let's turn the Commissioner's Court **RED**.

Be sure to keep track of your campaign/volunteer hours.

AMERICANISM *Jennie Kahanek*

Items needed for Camp Hope are listed below. Thank you for the many items that have been supplied. In addition to the list below, should you have an abundance of fresh fruits or vegetables, please let me know (713-240-2112) and I will arrange pick up.

Bread, bottled water, eggs, butter, milk, broth, men's running shoes (size 9-13), paper towels, toilet paper, twin sheets, pillows, twin blankets, alarm clocks, clear tape, vitamins – Quercetin, fish oil, and Glucosamine.

Thank you for your support and keeping the needs of these men a priority. GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS!!

LEGISLATIVE *Shirley Kitchens*

Ballot Fraud/Harvesting

Many of us are reeling from the day-to-day onslaught of news where Democrats have taken another step to change the direction of our country. It is up to each of us to stand fast and take hold of the goal – elect Republicans in the upcoming election. But that may be harder than you think! In east Texas, Gregg County Commissioner Shannon Brown, along with three others, was indicted on "targeting young, able-bodied voters to cast mail-in ballots claiming they were disabled."

What exactly is ballot harvesting? According to law, the only person who may touch your absentee ballot is you, the voter, a close family member, or health caregiver. Any other person is considered an illegal link in that process until the ballot is officially mailed. Ballot harvesting is currently under investigation from Georgia to Texas where ballots are mailed in multiples to unqualified voters.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton announced the arrest of Rachel Rodriguez of San Antonio for election fraud, illegal voting, unlawfully assisting people voting by mail, and unlawfully possessing an official ballot. Rodriguez was exposed on video for vote harvesting. In Victoria County, Monica Mendez pleaded guilty to 26 felony counts of voter fraud which included 7 counts of assisting a voter to submit a ballot by mail and 8 counts of unlawful possession of a mail ballot.

"This should be a victory for election integrity and a strong signal that anyone who attempts to defraud the people of Texas, deprive them of their vote, or undermine the integrity of elections laws will be brought to justice," according to Attorney General Paxton. Yes, it should! Looking at our list of twenty-five Democrats in the Texas House of Representatives running unopposed in the next election, we find eight of those Democrats running unopposed in Harris County alone. Hopefully, you read the last article on the illegal activities conducted by the Elections Administrator. History has shown that when Republicans fail to fill positions at the polling places, Democrats will gladly fill in. Get mad! Get even! Get trained to work on election day.

THANK YOU! DICTIONARY PROJECT DONATIONS!

Thanks to the generosity of our members and friends, we delivered dictionaries to 15 Klein and all 25 Spring ISD elementary schools last year. With the beginning of another school year, we have the opportunity to do this again. The goal of *The Dictionary Project* is to assist all students in becoming good writers, active readers, creative thinkers, and resourceful learners by providing each 3rd-grade student with their own dictionary.

Anyone interested in financially sponsoring a school or classroom, please see SUE KIKIS at the September meeting. If you are unable to attend and want to donate (tax deductible) to this very worthy project, please contact Sue at 281.379.6366, suekikis@gmail.com or snail mail Sue Kikis at 20323 Evergreen Springs Lane, Spring TX 77379.

Cost: The books cost \$90 for a case of 24 which is enough for a classroom. It usually takes 5 or 6 cases per school. All checks are payable to "The Dictionary Project" and are tax-deductible. Any amount is appreciated. This dictionary also contains the Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, biographies of all U.S. Presidents, and some third-grade math and science. In Title 1 schools, this dictionary may be the first book owned by the child and the only book in the home. Thank you for your help!

NWFRW ONLINE RESERVATIONS

When making your monthly luncheon reservation, please make sure you receive a confirmation in the pop-up box after clicking your reservation. Once that happens, it goes directly to the reservations Inbox.

If you do not receive a notification after hitting the reservations icon, you probably do not have a reservation. IF you're in doubt when online, use your phone and take a picture of the screen.

The club online reservations system has been working well with only a few minor glitches with reservations (Google has gone off-line/dark, worldwide, twice during the reservations period.) The club thanks you for your patience throughout the process. NWFRW love having your smiling faces at each meeting!

ADOPT A PRECINCT *Bonnie Foster, HCRP*

The Harris County Republican Party (HCRP) has launched an Adopt a Precinct program where you can adopt an open precinct for this election cycle. The HCRP has recognized 200 precincts with swing voters that HCRP would like to turn in the right direction. These are areas where you probably know someone and can help us get volunteers to block walk the areas.

The HCRP could also use your help in being a Poll Watcher or an Election worker. Here is the link to sign up and there is training for both of these positions:

<https://www.harriscountygop.com/take-action/become-a-volunteer/>

We really need your help to turn this election around. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. My email is bonnie.foster@harriscountygop.com or my telephone is 307.262.6898. Let's get Harris County going the *right* direction.



NWFRW Members attend Council GOTV Event



Alan Vera, HCRP Ballot Security Committee Chairman



Tracine Gibson presiding



Tracine Gibson and Alan Vera, Speaker



Bonnie Foster, HCRP Field Director



NWFRW General Meeting at Shirley Acres

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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Sept 9 - 9:00 a.m. meeting reservation due. Lunch reservations [click here](#).
Sept. 19 – 7:00 p.m. NWFRW Board Meeting, Huntwick Clubhouse