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NEXT MEETING

Monday, Jan 9, 2022

Honorable Laryssa Korduba

Place: Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Road, Houston, 77090
Time: 11:30 a.m. Call to Order, Lunch, Business meeting, 1:00 p.m. Adjournment
Reservations: [click here](#) by **9:00 AM, Friday, January 6th.**
Lunch \$25, or \$5 for beverages and meeting only.
Walk-ins \$30. **Make checks payable to "Shirley Acres."**
To pay 2023 dues, see Kathy Mason, 2nd VP/Membership at the membership table.

1ST VP/Programs

Tracine Gibson

Join us as Northwest Forest Republican Women welcomes Judge Laryssa Korduba as our January 2023 speaker. Judge Korduba serves as Justice of the Peace for Harris County Justice Court, Precinct 4, Place 2. After being elected to the position in November 2014, Korduba became Precinct 4's first female Justice of the Peace. Since taking the bench, Korduba has made countless strides to improve customer service, increase and pilot new technology programs, and guarantee efficiency in her courtroom.



The Justice Court is commonly known as the "Peoples Court." For Judge Korduba in Precinct 4, this currently consists of over 1 million citizens.

In this court, she sees criminal misdemeanor class C type cases, including traffic and minor offenses filed by peace officers. She also handles civil cases like small claims, debt claims, and evictions. By far, the most important cases involve our children. Processing everything from truancy cases to traffic tickets.

Judge Korduba received her law degree from the University of Houston in 2003 as a Mixon Scholarship Recipient. She then started her law practice and grew it to an industry-leading statewide firm, after years of working in property management. She is married to her best friend of 14 years, Matt, and they have 4 beautiful children together.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *Nancy Radcliffe*

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. I am looking forward to 2023 as our Northwest Forest Republican Women's organization focuses on the Texas State Legislative session starting January 10 and begins preparing for the 2024 elections. It's going to be an important year to be involved with NWFWR.



Our slogan for this year is **Best We Can Be in '23!** The goal is for NWFWR to be a thriving, robust organization dedicated to education, advocacy, and engagement. We want to educate our current and future members on what is happening in our county government, state legislature, and beyond. By attending Commissioners Court meetings (in person and virtually), going to Legislative Day in Austin on February 3, and monitoring the passage of bills during the legislative session through May, we will be advocating for what is important to Republicans and making our voices heard. Engagement is focused on all of YOU! We want you to be actively involved in what our organization is doing and to be part of making a difference. Together we have a much stronger voice.

In closing, I want to thank you for the honor of serving as the president of NWFWR for 2023. My personal goal is for this year to be one of positivity, unity, and energy for our organization. We as Republicans may not totally agree on every issue, but it's critical to stay united to get Republicans elected. If you ever have questions or suggestions, please let me know. Thank you!

Happy New Year!

BEST WE CAN BE in '23!



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MINUTES, December 12, 2022

MaryAnn Vandermark

President Sylvia Manley called the NWFRW General Meeting to order on Monday, December 12, 2022, 11:30 AM at Shirley Acres.

Chaplain Jane Easterwood gave the invocation. Judge Laryssa Korduba Justice of the Peace, Harris County Precinct 4, Place 2 led the pledges.

President Sylvia Manley welcomed the NWFRW members and guests.

3rd VP/Political Activities Marcia Fitzpatrick introduced and welcomed the elected officials and representatives. February 3rd, 2023 is Legislature Day in Austin. A trip is arranged on the Precinct 3 bus. The cost is \$85.00 and registration is required to take the trip. Volunteer sheets are on each table. We were reminded to record our volunteer hours.

1st VP/Programs Tracine Gibson announced the guest speaker for the NWFRW January meeting is Judge Laryssa Korduba, Justice of the Peace, Harris County Precinct 4, Place 2. She welcomed and introduced the St. Ignatius Children's Choir to kick off the entertainment for our Christmas Extravaganza.

Minutes for the NWFRW November 14, 2022 General Meeting were approved as printed in the Potpourri.

Treasurer Stephany Jackson gave the Treasurer's Report and is filed with the minutes.

PAC Treasurer Gaynell Lira gave the PAC Treasurer's Report and is filed with the minutes.

2nd VP/Membership Nancy Radcliffe welcomed the members and guests to the end-of-year celebration and thanked our members for their hard work this past year. Prior to the meeting, we had 151 people either renewed or joined for 2023. Nancy recognized and thanked the Christmas Extravaganza committee – Kathy Crosby, Pat Fass, Sherry Fitzgerald and Rica Simbles for all their efforts in making today a fun event.

President Sylvia reminded the members we are accepting donations for Camp Hope.

LUNCH

CHRISTMAS PARTY EVENTS

Nancy Radcliffe and Tracine Gibson introduced Santa (grand entry at 12:40 PM) They led the awards and photos with Santa. The following were winners of the Holiday Jewelry. Categories:

Most Festive – Merry Keith

Most Vintage – Claudia Gallagher

Gaudiest - Heidi Furlong

Merriest of Gentlemen – Jerry Rubli

Most Unique – Tracine Gibson

RECOGNITION OF LEADERSHIP

Tracine thanked Sylvia on behalf of the NWFRW membership for serving as our President in 2022 and presented her with a token of our appreciation. Sylvia then recognized the past NWFRW Presidents present.

Outgoing President Sylvia Manley made the presentation of gavel and President's pin to Nancy Radcliffe, incoming 2023 President. She then closed the meeting with a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NWFRW General Meeting, January 9th, 2023, Shirley Acres

NWFRW Board Meeting January 16th, 2023, Huntwick Racket Club

Greater Houston Council, January 17th, 2023, Meeting, Mendenhall Center

President Sylvia Manley adjourned the meeting at 12:48 P.M.

AMERICANISM

Jennie Kahanek

The following items are needed for **Camp Hope**:

Sliced Bread, Butter, Eggs, Body wash (full size), T-shirts (S-XL), Trash Bags (50-55 Gallon Only), Bottled Water (16.9 oz), Disposable razors, Socks, Footies - white or black, Running Shoes (sizes 9-13), Towels, Notebook paper, Spiral Notebooks, 1" & 2" Binders, Hoodies/sweatshirts XL, 2XL, 3XL, , Batteries – AAA, C & D.

GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS!

2ND VP/MEMBERSHIP

Kathy Mason

Happy New Year 2023, I'm thrilled and privileged to take over the role of 2nd VP as Nancy Radcliffe moves up to become our fearless leader. We are off to a great start with our membership numbers and I truly appreciate all of you who have already renewed or become first-time members. But it's time for a BIG push to get our membership over 200 to maintain our status as a super jumbo size organization. This assists us in making a difference at our local, state and national levels. Attached at the bottom of the Potpourri newsletter is the membership form. The cost is \$45 to join for primary membership and \$30 for an associate membership which includes women who are primary members in another federated club or an enlightened gentlemen. Name badges are also available to be purchased for \$10. Please complete the entire membership form, attach a signed check and return it in an envelope as soon as possible or bring it to the January meeting. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me at 713-502-6194 or email me at kathleen.mason@sbcglobal.net.

As we begin 2023, I encourage each of you to bring a guest to our January and/or February meeting to introduce them to this wonderful and informative Republican organization. Our membership motto is "Come a Guest, Leave a Member."

Although we were all very disappointed in the majority of the November 2022 election results, it's time to dig in and step up. Each of us can make a difference with perseverance, determination and drive in 2023 working as a team.

3RD VP/CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

Marcia Fitzpatrick

Happy New Year! Hope you are ready for an exciting year. This year we are going to focus on 3 areas. Education, Advocacy, and Engagement. 2023 is an off election year so that will give us an opportunity to educate our members and voters; we have much work to do.

The Texas Legislators meet every year 2 years in odd years, this session starts in January and goes through the end of May. They are already crafting bills for this session. There will be many items of legislation that we will be following.

Legislative Day is Feb 3, 2023. We will travel to the State Capitol in Austin, have seats in the Gallery, visit with our State Representatives and Senator and attend a Luncheon. The cost is \$85.00. Please see Marcia Fitzpatrick for more details. Be sure to turn in your volunteer hours.

- Please mark your calendar for the following dates:

Nuts and Bolts Workshop March 28, 2023

NFRW Convention in Oklahoma City, OK Sept 28-Oct 1, 2023

TFRW Convention in Irving, TX Oct 12-Oct 14, 2023

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SCHOLARSHIP

*Susan Langenheim
Barbara Young*

The Priscilla Petty Scholarship program was started in 2003 in memory of Priscilla Petty, the founder and first President of NWFRW. The \$1000 scholarship is *awarded to a female* graduating from a Texas high school who has been recommended by a primary member of NWFRW. The applicant

must be accepted into an accredited Bachelor's Degree program at a college or university in the United States. The application package must be filled out by the applicant and returned to Susan Langenheim or Barbara Young no later than March 31, 2023. All the information you will need is on the form. If you know of a young lady who would be eligible such as your daughter, granddaughter, or friend, please pick up the application for her. The application can also be found on our website which is NWFRW.ORG. We will also have the applications available at our monthly meetings. The winner will be honored at our main meeting on Monday, May 8, 2023.

LEGISLATIVE

Shirley Kitchens

There "Oughta" Be a Law! Depending on which side of the issue you're on, Biden has accommodated some Americans. House speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer celebrated with Biden in passing legislation for the Same-Sex Marriage. With some reports stating that Americans are split with 70% in support of same-sex marriage, twelve Republicans backed the passed measure. Those Republicans in leadership who voted for the bill on Tuesday were retiring Senator Roy Blunt of Missouri, retiring Senator Richard Burr who also chaired the controversial Senate Intelligence Committee during Trump's administration, Senator Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia who supported the bill after religious protections were added (?????), Senator Susan Collins of Maine, who became the lead negotiator on the marriage bill and promised backers a "political edge," Senator Joni Ernst of Iowa who felt the bill "simply maintains the status quo in Iowa," Senator Cynthia Lummis of Wyoming, Senator Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, a moderate who often veers from her party's line, Senator Rob Portman of Ohio, who had a change of heart from the position of a "father," Senator Mitt Romney of Utah, Senator Thom Tillis of North Carolina, Senator Dan Sullivan of Alaska, and Senator Todd Young of Indiana.

In an earlier meeting, Biden was asked about his views on same-sex unions. "I am absolutely comfortable with the fact that men marrying men and women marrying women" "are entitled to the same exact rights." This interview was a turning point for Biden who, 20 years earlier, voted for the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act which defined marriage as a union only between a man and a woman. He warned the audience that more challenges lay ahead.

Never Say "Never!" According to Senator Paul Bettencourt (R-Houston) and Representative Valorie Swanson, Senate Bill 220 was filed with the Secretary of State John Scott in response to the egregious improprieties in connection with the November 8th election. In addition, Republican judicial candidate Erin Lunceford filed a petition Wednesday seeking a new election in Harris County's 189th judicial district court race after losing by a slim margin of 2,743 votes cast out of over one million votes. Texas House of Representatives Mike May filed the first suit in a loss to Democrat Jon Rosenthal alleging Tatum's mismanagement and shortages of ballots in strong Republican areas. According to Senator Paul Bettencourt, "This is about thousands of real voter irregularities in this county, and this should have NEVER happened." It appears it will happen if Republicans don't control the "out of control" vote count election that may potentially include criminal conduct.

Pictures from December's Christmas Extravaganza



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**Jan 9 - NWFRW General Meeting Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Road,
Jan 6 - 9:00 a.m. meeting reservation due. Lunch reservations [click here](#).**