



NORTHWEST FOREST REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Potpourri

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TFRW Region 17, Senate District 7

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NEXT MEETING

Monday, September 11, 2023
Constable Mark Herman

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, September 8th**

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

Walk-ins and late reservations \$30

Make checks payable to "Shirley Acres."

To pay 2024 dues, see Kathy Mason, 2nd VP/Membership
at the membership table.

1ST VP/PROGRAMS

Tracine Gibson



Constable Mark Herman will be the speaker at the September 11th meeting. He will highlight what is going on in Precinct 4, the impact on our community, and how we can participate in making things better.

Mark Herman was unanimously appointed Constable of Harris County Precinct 4 on May 19, 2015, and became the duly elected Constable of the Precinct on November 8, 2016, after winning the general election. In

2020, Constable Herman was elected to a second 4-year term winning over 90% of the popular vote in his primary election.

He has served over 38 years at the Precinct 4 Constable's Office, joining the department as a patrol deputy in 1985, and rising through the ranks within the department. His vast management experience in Harris County law enforcement provides him with the qualifications to run and lead the Harris County Precinct 4 Constable's Office.

His duties include managing and leading the largest constable's office in the United States with an annual budget of more than \$70 million dollars and a staff of over 600 sworn deputies and dozens of civilian employees. Constable Herman is a staunch supporter of community-based policing and force multipliers, all to strategically reduce crime. Make your reservation and join us as we welcome Constable Mark Herman.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *Nancy Radcliffe*

According to the National Institute for Civil Discourse, there are over 330 million Americans. Less than 30% of Americans consider themselves Republicans, and less than 30% consider themselves Democrats. Over 40% of Americans consider themselves Independent. So, what does this tell us? In order for Republicans to win elections in the future, Independent voters are vital.



This entire year of 2023, we have been espousing the need to "Grow the Herd" and to begin dialogue with our everyday networks about what it means to be Republican. We can no longer continue just reaching out to "our own." Also, we have to make certain people are registered to vote and that we get people to the polls. It's critical for the November 7th election on the horizon and for 2024.

That's a major reason why the "It's a Capitol Idea" fundraiser is so crucial to the mission of Northwest Forest Republican Women. The monies we raise go directly into the PAC fund for helping Republicans get elected through purchasing campaign signs, sponsoring Get-Out-the Vote initiatives, sending out postcards and other literature for candidates, and holding candidate forums. If you have not purchased your ticket for the September 25th event, not only are you missing out on a lovely evening, but you are missing out on helping Republicans get elected. Also, if you are an elected official (past or present), a past President of NWFRW or a current or former President of any RW organization, please know you will be recognized at the fundraiser. We look forward to honoring you for your service. Don't miss it! **It's A Capitol Idea, Monday, September 25th!**

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MINUTES, August 13, 2023

Secretary Merry Keith

President Nancy Radcliffe called the August 13, 2023, meeting of NWFRW, Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Rd, Houston, TX 77090 to order at 11:30 AM. and welcomed the membership.

President's Report: The untimely death of Associate Member Steve Huston and the hospitalization of Board Member, Jo Konen.

Chaplain Cindy Eschenberg gave the invocation. Judge Lincoln Goodwin led the pledges.

President Nancy Radcliffe reminded members to purchase their tickets for the fundraiser, "It's a Capitol Idea," and talked about the importance of NWFRW raising money for PAC funds to get Republicans elected to office.

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

1st VP Programs Tracine Gibson introduced the speaker, Antonio "Tony" Leal, PPI Security. Mr. Leal gave a brief history of the Texas Rangers. He then spoke on the problems due to the lack of control of the border. If there is a market...the cartel will sell. The open border is dangerous, and people from many nations are crossing. He was very informative and took questions from the members.

LUNCH

Minutes from the June 12, 2023 meeting were approved as printed in the *Potpourri*.

Treasurer's Report was given by **Gaynell Lira** in Stephany Jackson's absence. The Treasurer's Report is filed with the Minutes.

PAC Treasurer Gaynell Lira gave the PAC Treasurer's Report. The PAC Treasurer's Report is filed with the Minutes.

1st VP Program Tracine Gibson announced the Speaker for September will be Constable Mark Herman.

2nd VP Membership Kathy Mason welcomed guests. She reported the current membership is 221 Primary Members and 41 Associate Members. She reminded members to pick up their directories and name badges. There will be a Meet-and-Greet for new members on August 28th at Thistle Draftshop; 7:00-8:30. *Tickets are on sale for the September 25th "It's a Capitol Idea."*

3rd VP Political Activities Marcia Fitzpatrick reported dates to remember: Oct 10 is the last day to register to vote; Early Voting begins Oct 23-Nov 3; the last day to request a mail-in ballot is Oct 27. We must get out the vote early, Democrats do a better job at this; we must do better. Go to Vote411.org for ballot information. There are currently 14 Propositions on the November ballot.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations were made from the floor for seven individuals to serve on the nominating committee for 2024.

MOTION was made by Sherry Fitzgerald to accept the seven names listed below as the Nominating Committee. **MOTION PASSED** Nominating Committee:

Elaine Kisseberth, Kathy Mason, LaDonna MacDonald, Gaynell Lira, Tracie Anderson, Jan Pacey, and Linda LeCroy. This committee will elect a chairman and report the slate of officers at the October General Meeting with the election and installation to take place at the November General Meeting.

MOTION made by Marti Schwind to accept the following members as delegates to the TFRW Convention in Irving TX in October. **MOTION PASSED**

Kathy Crosby, Marcia Fitzpatrick, Tracine Gibson, Stephany Jackson, Merry Keith, Shirley Kitchens, Susan Langenheim, Linda LeCroy, Lisa Migl, Nancy Radcliffe, Sulane Roesler, Donna Rubli, Barbara Young, MaryAnn Vandermark.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NWFRW Board Meeting, Aug. 21, at the Huntwick Clubhouse, 7:00 PM; NWFRW Meet-and-Greet for new members, Aug. 28, Thistle Draftshop, 7:00-8:30 PM; GHC "Hats off to Republican Women," Aug. 30, Junior League of Houston, 11:00 AM; NWFRW General Meeting, Sept. 11, 11:30 AM, Shirley Acres; NWFRW Board Meeting, Sept. 18, Huntwick Clubhouse, 7:00PM; "It's a Capitol Idea" Fundraiser Gala, Sept. 25, Houston CityPlace Marriott at Springwoods Village, 6:00 PM VIP Reception, 7:00 PM Dinner. **President Nancy Radcliffe** adjourned the meeting at 12:58 PM.

Respectively submitted, Marcia Fitzpatrick for Merry Keith, Secretary

2ND VP/MEMBERSHIP

Kathy Mason

Tickets for the September 25th fundraiser “It’s a Capitol Idea” are going quickly. You do not want to miss out on this exciting event, please call or email LaDonna MacDonald at 713-598-4240 or ladonnagmac@gmail.com as soon as possible to purchase your tickets. If we still have any tickets available mid-September, we will be selling them at the September 11th meeting.

Thank you to all of you for inviting so many guests to our meetings in 2023. As a result, we have continued to grow and maintained Super Jumbo status with the Texas Federation of Republican Women organization. Currently, we have 224 primary members with 41 associate members. Keep the membership growing and bring a guest to the September meeting. Remember our membership motto is “Come a Guest, Leave a Member.”

According to TFRW rules, in **October** we may start taking **renewals** for **2024**; checks need to be dated November 1, 2023. We may also take **new members** for **2024** in October, but those checks must be dated January 1, 2024. As a result of this information, we encourage any September guests interested in becoming a member, to come back in October as a guest and join at that time. The cost is \$45 for primary membership and \$30 for an associate membership, which includes women who are primary members in another federated club or an enlightened gentleman. Name badges are also available to be purchased for \$10. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to call me at 713-502-6194 or email me at kathleen.mason@sbcglobal.net. Come by the membership table to pick up your addendum to the 2023 Directory.

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3RD VP/POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Marcia Fitzpatrick

Summer is over and the kids are back in school. It’s time to start getting ready for the November election. This is an off-year election, but there are **14 Propositions**, school board elections, and MUD directors on the ballot. It is still important to vote. Go to Vote411.org for voting information.

Dates to remember:

October 10 is the last day to register to vote.

Early voting is October 23 - November 3.

The last day to request a mail-in ballot is October 27.

Election Day is November 7.

Be sure to vote early. This will be most important in 2024. Democrats do a great job of getting their voters out early. We Republicans need to do a better job of this!

Next year is going to be an exciting year; buckle up for a wild ride.

Stay informed.....**Best We Can Be in ‘23!**

DICTIONARY PROJECT

Sue Kikis

Thanks to the generosity of our members and friends, we delivered dictionaries to third grade students in 11 Klein and 15 Spring ISD Title 1 schools the last school 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 third-grade student with their own personal dictionary.

Anyone interested in financially sponsoring a school or classroom, please see Sue Kikis at our September meeting. If you are unable to attend and want to donate to this very worthy project, please call or email **Sue Kikis at 281-379-6366** or suekikis@gmail.com or mail your check to **Sue Kikis, 20323 Evergreen Springs Lane, Spring, TX 77379**. The books cost \$90 for a box of 24 which is enough for a classroom, and it usually takes 5 or 6 boxes per school. All checks should be made payable to “The Dictionary Project” and are tax-deductible. Any amount is appreciated.

This dictionary also contains the Declaration of Independence, US Constitution, biographies of all US Presidents, some third-grade math and science. In Title 1 schools, this may be the first book owned by the child and may be the only book in the home.



AMERICANISM

Jennie Kahanek

Camp Hope continues to need items and support from NWFRW. Please bring the following items and place them on the Camp Hope table by the entrance to Shirley Acres:

Sandwich bags, assorted candy, athletic gym shorts (M-L-XL-2XL), Plackers Dental Flossers, trash bags (13 gallon), distilled water, fish oil, backpacks, postage stamps, toilet brushes, batteries (9V and AAA), and twin sheets.

Checks made payable to Camp Hope, which are tax deductible, are welcome as well.

Thank you!



YOU GET A HOUSE AND YOU GET A HOUSE! No, this is not the Oprah Show! It is time to shed some light on the housing units exploding on, what seems to be, every large vacant area in Spring, The Woodlands, Katy, and other outlying suburbs in Harris County and across the state. During 2015 of the Obama Administration, the AFH (Assessment of Fair Housing) was passed into law. Chosen areas, resource-rich neighborhoods, were ASKED to commit to specific steps to remedy or “overcome patterns of segregation, promote fair housing choice, eliminate disparities in opportunities, and foster inclusive communities free from discrimination.” This low rent housing, which would be paid for with community funds, brought other issues. Income laws prohibited the property owner from refusing to rent to anyone with a voucher and guaranteed legal assistance to anyone who felt discriminated against. The results saw a major shift in violent crime to more affluent neighborhoods and a drop in the housing market of those areas. Dallas was a prime example.

The Trump administration revoked the Obama-era housing regulation which housing advocates felt was a manipulation of the Republican voter areas. Under the Biden-Harris Administration, the Obama-era fair housing rule was reinstated to “reduce racial segregation.” When you look around your neighborhood, ask yourself, “aren’t my neighbors (which could include anyone of any race or ethnicity) here because they qualified for a home loan that was not based on their race?”

Biden’s current plan of action aligns with a new *Blueprint for a Renters’ Bill of Rights*. According to this announcement from the federal housing authority, renters deserve “safe, quality, accessible, and affordable housing.” Let’s not leave out the part about the “right to organize without obstruction or harassment from their property manager, avoid eviction, and ensure legal process in order to avoid future housing instability”. This will all make more sense when you see in the GREAT RESET where we must all live “equally” with the exceptions of those making the rules.

Pictures from August’s General Meeting



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September 11, NWFRW General Meeting 11:30 AM Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Road, Houston, TX 77090

September 8, Reservation Deadline 9:00 AM: Lunch reservation link [HERE](#)

September 18, Board Meeting, 7:00 PM Huntwick Clubhouse, 5300 Coral Gables Dr, Houston, TX 77069

September 25, “It’s a Capitol Idea” Fundraiser Gala, Houston Marriott CityPlace at Springwoods Village, 6:00 PM VIP reception, 7:00 PM Dinner



NWFRW

presents

It's a Capitol Idea!

Monday ★ September 25, 2023 ★ 7:00 p.m.

VIP Reception ★ 6:00 p.m.

special guest

**TEXAS LAND COMMISSIONER
DR. DAWN BUCKINGHAM**

honorary chairmen

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE SAM HARLESS
& THE HONORABLE PATRICIA HARLESS**

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**NORTHWEST FOREST REPUBLICAN WOMEN
2024 MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL DUES FORM**

MUST BE A REGISTERED VOTER*

OCCUPATION REQUIRED*

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____ Date _____

Home Address: _____

City/Zip: _____ Subdivision: _____

Registered Voter?* Yes _____ Your Senate District # _____ 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
- Political Activities – Assist with getting Republicans elected to office and informing membership
- 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.*

Please mail this form with your check, payable to "NWFRW PAC" to:

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