



NORTHWEST FOREST REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Potpourri

An Award-Winning Federated Club
Houston ~ North Harris County
Founded June 1974

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TFRW Region 17, Senate District 7

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NEXT MEETING

Monday, April 8, 2024

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, April 5, 2024
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 *Marcia Fitzpatrick*

It's difficult to believe the primaries are over, and now the work really begins! **Our April 8th meeting will feature Harris County Commissioner Tom Ramsey.** Commissioner Ramsey has a long track record of improving the safety, infrastructure, livability, and financial health of the communities he serves. First elected as County Commissioner for Harris County Precinct 3 in November 2020, his office is responsible for maintaining 47% of all unincorporated Harris County including 6,800 lanes of roadway, 70 parks, and 10 Community and Nature Centers. Harris County Precinct 3 boundaries span from Cypress to Baytown with Tomball and Huffman to the north and The Memorial Villages and Spring Branch to the south. Commissioner Ramsey is a native of Crockett, Texas, graduate of Texas A&M University, and has resided in Harris County for over the past 35 years. Be sure to get your reservations in for this exciting meeting and to help support Commissioner Ramsey, the lone Republican on Commissioners Court.



NWFRW is on the move.... Traveling to George Bush Museum and Library April 5th via the Harris County Precinct 3 bus. We will leave from the Barbara Bush Library on Cypresswood Drive at 9:00 AM. The cost for the Museum is \$6.00. Lunch will be at Martha's Bloomers. Cost is \$15.00 (plus tax and gratuity). Please contact Marcia Fitzpatrick at 281-705-9135 to make a reservation! Looking forward to a fun and educational day!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *Nancy Radcliffe*



By the time you receive this April newsletter, the Republican Party Precinct and County/Senate District Conventions will be completed. NWFRW members who attended both of these will be on their way to being delegates or alternates to the Texas Republican Party Convention in San Antonio, May 23 - 25. **Why is it important to attend the Republican Party of Texas Convention?** OUR party needs the voice of Republican women, so NWFRW's participation is critical for platform input, procedural decisions, and state leadership elections. **At last count, there are ten NWFRW members who have worked through all of the steps to become delegates or alternates in May. Way to go, ladies!**

Following the primary elections, according to NWFRW bylaws, the PAC Committee met to determine how much of the PAC funds should be spent to assist candidates in the November general elections. As a federated Republican women's club, the PAC donations must go to state and local candidates. These procedures can be found on pages 50 and 51 of the 2024 NWFRW Directory. The Board of Directors will be bringing a motion to the general membership at the April meeting concerning these expenditures. A special word of appreciation goes out, again, to all who volunteered for, sponsored, and attended the NWFRW "It's a Capitol Idea" fundraiser in September 2023, to make these PAC funds possible. **The main mission of NWFRW is to get Republicans elected to office, and the PAC funds help make that goal possible. We look forward to seeing you on April 8th!**

UNITE!
Soar in
'24!



The 2024 Texas State Republican Convention will be held May 23 - 25, at the Henry B. González Convention Center. We will begin at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 23rd.



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MINUTES, March 11, 2024

Merry Keith

President Nancy Radcliffe called the NWFRW General Meeting to order on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 11:30 AM.

Donnie Lubeck, TFRW District Director, SD 7 (for Cindy Eschenburg) gave the invocation and led the pledges.

President Nancy Radcliffe took a moment to remember longtime NWFRW member and Former Harris County Judge, Tony Lindsay. She shared that Republicans outvoted Democrats by 19% in the recent primary election in Harris County. Precinct conventions were held on March 9th and Senate conventions will be on March 23rd. TFRW will offer a stipend to primary members who attend the state Republican convention as a delegate May 23 – 25.

3rd VP Political Activities/Lauren Lothringer introduced the elected officials, their representatives, and election candidates. Military veterans were asked to stand and be recognized for their service to our country.

1st VP Programs/Marcia Fitzpatrick introduced the two speakers for the meeting. Representing Camp Hope was Steve Barnett, a Navy Veteran, graduate of Camp Hope, and current employee of the PTSD Foundation. Representing Camp SHiEld was Ms. Maggie Peterson, an Air Force Veteran and current Founder and CEO of Camp SHiEld.

LUNCH

Minutes from the February 11, 2024 general meeting were approved as printed in the *Potpourri* and will be filed with the secretary. **Treasurer/Lisa Migl** gave the Treasurer's Report, and it will be filed with the minutes. **PAC Treasurer/ Gaynell Lira** gave the PAC Treasurer's Report, and it will be filed with the minutes.

1st VP Programs/Marcia Fitzpatrick reported that The Honorable Tom Ramsey will be the guest speaker for the April 8th General Meeting. He will speak about what is going on in Commissioners Court and the latest happenings in Precinct 3.

2nd VP Membership/Kathy Mason welcomed the twelve guests attending the meeting and invited them to join our club. Annual membership for a primary member is \$45 and \$30 for the gentlemen or anyone that is a member of another federated Republican Women's club. **BIG NEWS!** As of March 1, 2024, in addition to securing Super Jumbo Status for 2024, currently our club is the largest federated Republican Women's club in the Great State of Texas! We currently have 217 primary members and 46 associate members. The 2024 Directories are here. You may pick one up at the membership table at the meetings. An addendum will be available in August. Let Kathy know if there are any corrections needed. April will be our Special Membership Event. The theme is "Soaring to Victory in '24". Dress up in all your patriotic red, white, and blue attire, and show off your bling! Bring a guest to enjoy the fun. There will be 3 prizes awarded: individual member who recruited the most members, most patriotic female, and most patriotic male. If you ordered a badge, please pick it up at the membership table.

3rd VP Political Activities/Lauren Lothringer reported that there will be two runoff elections held in Harris County on May 28, 2024: Congressional District 7 and Congressional District 29. There are 12 GOP judicial candidates on the ballot on November 2nd. Two are criminal court judges, and ten are civil court judges. There are volunteer opportunities for Ted Cruz to phone bank, block walk your precinct, write letters, send out campaign texts, or help at an event. Lauren will link the sign-up sheet in the upcoming newsletter. Guidelines for counting volunteer hours can be found on page 7 of the Directory. Be sure and record your hours.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Greater Houston Council Alternate Tracine Gibson reported that The Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women will be holding their "Original Nuts 'N Bolts" training workshop and recognition on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at the Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road, Houston, TX 77055. Check-in begins at 8:30 AM and the program will begin at 9:15 AM. Coffee, snacks, and lunch are included. Register by March 22nd.

Internal Review Committee Member Susan Thompson reported that as of February 24, 2024, the review of NWFRW club's financial records was complete. All records were correct and in good order for the period of January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023.

Scholarship Chairs Paula Georgiana and Barbara Young reported that the March 31st deadline to receive scholarship applications is fast approaching. If you know any senior high school girls who might want to apply, please encourage them to contact the scholarship committee right away. They currently have three applications.

There was no UNFINISHED BUSINESS or NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 18, 2024 – NWFRW Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, George H. W. Bush Community Center, Room 141, 6827 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379

March 23, 2024 – Senate Conventions, 8:00 AM, assigned locations

March 26, 2024 – Greater Houston Council, "Original Nuts 'N Bolts" Training, 8:30 AM, Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road, Houston, TX 77055

April 8, 2024 – NWFRW General Meeting, 11:30 AM, Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Road, Houston, TX 77090

ADJOURNMENT

President Nancy Radcliffe adjourned the meeting at 12:44 PM.

2ND VP/MEMBERSHIP

Kathy Mason

Don't miss the exciting April Membership Event; the theme is "Soaring to Victory in '24." It's time to dress up in your "Best Patriotic red, white and blue attire with lots of Bling." Shirley Acres will be "soaring with decor" for this festive event.

Three Awards will be given out:

1. Member who recruited the most "new members" for 2024
2. Most Patriotic Dressed Female
3. Most Patriotic Dressed Male

Currently we have 225 primary members with 47 associate members. As a result of these excellent numbers, we have maintained our super jumbo status at the state level. In addition, the 2024 Yearbook Directory is ready; stop by the membership table if you did not get yours at the March meeting. Included with the Potpourri newsletter is the 2024 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 gentleman. 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 April meeting. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call at 713-502-6194 or send an email to: kathleen.mason@sbcglobal.net.

Our membership motto is "Come a Guest, Leave a Member." We can't wait to see all of you dressed up in your "patriotic best" at the April meeting, and don't forget to bring a guest (make sure you give them a heads up on the patriotic attire.) Let's continue growing our membership numbers!

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IMPORTANT: RESERVATIONS

REMINDER: The delicious luncheon meals served at NWFRW meetings are prepared by Shirley Acres and served buffet-style. It is critical that the staff at Shirley Acres knows how much food to buy and how many meals to prepare. **Reservations for lunch are due by 9:00 am on the Friday before the Monday meeting.** Links for lunch reservations are in the monthly *Potpourri* newsletter and in reminders that are sent beginning a week prior to the monthly meeting. **Lunch currently costs \$25 with on-time reservations, \$30 for walk-ins and late reservations, and \$5 for beverages only.**

While it's understandable that unexpected life events occur, if members are unable to attend after making reservations, NWFRW is still required to pay for those meals. That is why it is necessary to send invoices for missed reservations. **Please feel free to contact Reservations Chair, Elaine Kisseberth, if you have any questions.**

Phone: (832) 264-9611

Email: erkisseberth@gmail.com

Thank you so much!

3RD VP/POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Lauren Lothringer

What a moving March meeting we had with our guest speakers from Camp Hope and Camp SHiEld! Their stories were so powerful and served as a great reminder of how important it is to recognize and help our service men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

Congratulations to all our Republican candidates who won their primary race. You will find a list of them [here](#). There are two runoffs happening in Harris County on **Tuesday, May 28th, 2024**: Caroline Kane and Kenneth Omoruyi for **CD 7**, which is currently represented by Lizzie Fletcher, as well as Christian Garcia and Alan Garza for **CD 29**, which is currently represented by Sylvia Garcia.

We have another important election happening on **May 4, 2024**, for three newly elected HCAD board member positions. In [this](#) Texas Scorecard article, Charles Blain writes "last November's election brought changes to the makeup of the Harris County Appraisal District board, finally giving voters an opportunity to weigh in. Voter-approved Proposition 4 included a provision allowing for the election of appraisal district board members in counties with a population of 75,000 or more. HCAD's board, which, until now, consisted of the county tax assessor-collector and appointed members of the various governing bodies of the county, city, school districts, and community colleges, will add three new elected members to its ranks."

Those running in this non-partisan race are:

Place 1: Ramsey Isa Ankar and William "Bill" Reinhardt Frazer

Place 2: Kyle Anthony Scott and Janice W. Hines

Place 3: James L. Bill and Amy Ngo Lacy

It is vital we show Senator Ted Cruz support in his bid for re-election, and he needs volunteers for a variety of things in the upcoming months. Please visit [Ted Cruz for Senate](#) and fill out the form to be contacted by one of his team members for training. Lastly, please be sure to turn in your volunteer hours. **The guidelines for counting hours can be found on Page 7 in the Directory. On to victory in November!**

AMERICANISM/

Tracie Anderson

CARING FOR AMERICA

Ana Carson

Many thanks to our outstanding guest speakers, Steve Barnett from Camp Hope and Maggie Peterson from Camp SHiEld. It was an exciting meeting as our membership learned more about the life-saving and transformative programs provided at Camp Hope. We were also introduced to Camp SHiEld and the programs they offer to serve women veterans to address their emotional, social, and physical wounds.

In-kind donations filled the Camp Hope table to overflowing, while monetary donations totaled \$2,680! This further demonstrates the generosity of our club members and will certainly go far in meeting the needs of Camp Hope. Let's keep the giving going with more donations at our April meeting. **Urgent needs include the following: sandwich bags, athletic gym shorts and shirts (m, l, xl, 2xl), dental plackers, running shoes (men's 10, 11, 12), toilet brush, 13-gallon trash bags, twin sheets, blankets, and comforters, backpacks, batteries (9-volt, AAA), Spartan mosquito repellent, glucosamine, fish oil, stamps, and candy.** Remember you can also donate through Amazon.com. Thank you!

Hopefully, you all voted in the primary election. While the precinct conventions and county/senate district conventions will be over by the time you receive this newsletter, it's onward to the state convention! This is a good time to review the process from the primary election to the state convention.

Primary Election. Republican Party Primary voters elect their Republican precinct chairman and county chairman, select the Republican candidates who will appear on the General Election ballot, and vote on ballot propositions to register their opinion on various issues. **Thus, primary voters have a greater influence on the final outcome of the general election than those who only vote in the general election.** Anyone who has voted in the Republican primary may participate as a delegate in their Republican precinct convention. One may also participate as a delegate by signing an oath of affiliation.

Delegates/Alternates. Delegates are grassroots Republicans who participate in the shaping of the Republican Party, its role, and its direction regarding public policy. They volunteer and are chosen by their districts to attend the party's conventions in each even-numbered year. Delegates will have an instrumental role in shaping the beliefs of the Party and determining the methods of implementation in public policy. Alternates are elected to serve if a delegate cannot or does not serve. **In order to be elected a delegate or alternate to a Republican convention, the person must be a registered voter in the represented area and have voted in the most recent Republican primary election.**

Resolutions. A resolution is a formal statement or expression of an opinion put before or adopted by an assembly. Resolutions are offered by delegates for discussion and may address any topic. Resolutions passed by delegates at a convention are sent to the next convention level for consideration. Resolutions may eventually become part of the Party's platform, Rules, or Legislative Priorities.

The Republican Party of Texas provides this useful training guide, *Road to Convention*: <https://www.texasgop.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Road-to-Convention-Training.pdf>

Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) also shared the following very informative steps about the convention process:

STEP 1: Precinct Conventions. Precinct Conventions are held sometime after the polls close on Primary Election Day and before the start of the County/Senate District Conventions. A registered voter and person affiliated with the Republican Party can participate in this convention, introduce resolutions, and vote on them. These individuals also elect delegates and alternates to the next convention level.

STEP 2: County / Senate District Conventions. In the days or weeks before the convention, delegates can visit committee meetings and let them know what issues are important to them. At the convention, these delegates set the rules by which the convention can operate and vote on resolutions the committees have processed. Delegates and alternates to the state convention level are then elected.

STEP 3: State Convention. The state convention will be held in San Antonio from May 23-25. Please check www.texasgop.org for convention details. Delegates will be able to testify before the committees on issues, vote on the platform that will state the beliefs of the Party, vote on the rules that will steer the Party, elect the State Chair, State Vice-chair, and the State Republican Committeeman and Committeewoman that will serve the next two years. The National Committeeman and National Committeewoman, National Delegates, and Electors will also be chosen.

TFRW hosted three **Road to Convention ZOOM** training sessions. The most recent one – **The Ins and Outs of State Convention** video may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p7GzZWh9soo>. You may also find more information on their website at <https://www.tfrw.org/>.

*Resources used for this article: <https://texasgop.org/2024-state-convention/>, <https://www.tfrw.org/>

Photos from the March General Meeting



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

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April 5, Reservation Deadline, 9:00 AM, Lunch reservations link [HERE](#)

April 5, MWFRW Road Trip to George H.W. Bush Library, 9:00 AM, Meet at Barbara Bush Library, 6815 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379

April 8, NWFRW General Meeting, 11:30 AM, Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Road, Houston, TX 77090

April 15, NWFRW Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, George H.W. Bush Community Center, 6827 Cypresswood Drive, Room #141, Spring, TX 77379

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Join us
in your
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APRIL MEMBERSHIP EVENT Northwest Forest Republican Women

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11:30 @ Shirley Acres

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Most Patriotic Dressed Female
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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 _____ Credit _____ Badge \$10 _____

Associate \$30 New _____ Renew _____ Check# _____ Cash _____ Credit _____ 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 \$1,500 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:

Kathy Mason, 2nd Vice President Membership 8807

Kennet Valley Road, Spring, TX 77379

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