



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, May 13, 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, May 10, 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*

Northwest Forest Republican Women welcome

Lt. Governor Dan Patrick as speaker for the May 13th meeting. Prior to serving as Lt. Governor, The Honorable Dan Patrick served as State Senator for SD 7. First elected Lt. Governor in 2014, he was re-elected in 2018 and 2022, winning by nearly 800,000 votes.

Known as a preeminent voice for principled conservative policies in Texas and across America, he is a frequent guest on Fox News and is seen as an expert on border issues and a fighter for the Second Amendment. He won the fight and got Texas homeowners and businesses the biggest property tax cut in Texas history, increased funds for mental health, opposed excessive lockdowns and mandated responses to COVID 19 in 2020, and led the way to open Texas before any other state. Under Lt. Governor Dan Patrick's leadership, legislation was passed making it easier to vote and harder to cheat in Texas elections. Following Winter Storm URI in February 2021, he has called for more needed dispatchable power and natural gas to meet the grid needs for the present and future.

Please invite family, friends, and neighbors to hear the election news from the Texas Lt. Governor!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *Nancy Radcliffe*

Looking ahead - **mark your calendars now!** Northwest Forest Republican Women will be having a special 50th Anniversary Celebration at the June 10th General Meeting. Founded June 6, 1974, NWFRW is currently the largest federated women's organization in the State of Texas and operates as part of both the Texas Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women. The club provides many opportunities for women to get to know their elected officials and have a real and immediate input into their government at local, state, and national levels. Over the years, Northwest Forest members have volunteered thousands of hours to the Republican cause. Members of this hard-working group have served as precinct chairs, campaign staff personnel, polltakers, voter registrars, phone bank chairmen, and volunteers. Within the Republican Party, they have been elected to the State Republican Executive Committee and as Senatorial District Chairmen, served on committees, and been delegates and workers at local, State, and National Conventions. Many have served at the pleasure of Republican officials, both as volunteers and paid staffers, along with numerous other accomplishments. NWFRW looks forward to you attending this special celebration of the club contributions made over the years to the community, Harris County, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.



Happy 50th NWFRW!- June 10th

NWFRW members continue to work diligently for Republican candidates heading toward the November 2024 elections. While there are so many critical issues facing our county, state, and nation, the number of illegal immigrants, including children, crossing the border and disappearing into the population is alarming. This situation is not just confined to the southern border, as the northern border is facing a surge of illegal crossings. Not only is this a national security threat, but it is also a humanitarian crisis.

This needs to STOP!

Make plans to join with NWFRW as we UNITE and work to make a difference this election year. See you on May 13th – don't miss it!

UNITE!
Soar in '24!



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MINUTES, April 8, 2024

Merry Keith

President Nancy Radcliffe called the NWFRW meeting to order Monday, April 8th, 2024, at 11:30 am. **Linda LeCroy** filled in for Cindy Eschenburg and gave the invocation.

Texas State Representative, HD 126, Sam Harless led the pledges.

President Nancy Radcliffe welcomed the members to the April Membership Meeting- "Soaring to Victory in '24!" and acknowledged the members who worked so diligently on the decorations. She also recognized the NWFRW members who are going to the RPT Convention in San Antonio as delegates in May. Lastly, she shared information about the special celebration of NWFRW's 50th Anniversary Celebration, which will take place June 10, 2024.

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

1st VP Programs/Tracine Gibson (for Marcia Fitzpatrick) introduced two guest speakers for the meeting. Dan Simons, Candidate for Harris County District Attorney, spoke about current problems with the D.A. Office and his campaign for common sense prosecution, being tough on crime, and a focus on empathy for victims. He then introduced Harris County Commissioner, Precinct 3, Tom Ramsey. He spoke about safe neighborhoods, good infrastructure, and management of taxes. He stated Republicans must get out and vote.

Lunch

Secretary/Nicole Peters (for Merry Keith) the minutes from the March 11, 2024 meeting were approved as printed 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/Tracine Gibson (for Marcia Fitzpatrick) reported that The Honorable Texas Lt. Governor Dan Patrick will be the guest speaker for the May 13th NWFRW general meeting.

2nd VP Membership/ Paula Georgiana (for Kathy Mason) welcomed guests and reminded them of the motto "Come a guest; leave a member." Annual membership for a primary member is \$45 and \$30 for the gentlemen or anyone that is a primary member of another federated Republican Women's club. The club has 45 new primary members and 14 new associate members for 2024. Currently, the club has 225 primary members and 48 associate members for a total of 273. The 2024 Directories are ready. If you have not already picked yours up, please stop by the membership table. Three prizes were awarded for the member who recruited the most members for 2024, the most patriotic dressed female, and the most patriotic dressed male.

3rd VP Political Activities/Lauren Lothringer gave some important dates and information: May 4th election

HCAD election- there are three positions. The Republicans running in positions 1 and 2 are: 1. Bill Frazer and 2. Kyle Scott. Position 3 has two Republican candidates: Mark Goloby and Ericka McCutcheon. Sample ballots are available online. ESD 11 election- 3 open positions

Saturday, April 13th, Senator Ted Cruz needs volunteers for his campaign, beginning at 9:00 am. Training is April 11th, but even if you can't make the training, they still want your help on the 13th. Be sure to record and turn in your volunteer hours. Remember those hours include attending meetings.

Committee Reports

Dictionary Project/Sue Kikis shared that NWFRW supplied dictionaries to 10 Klein ISD elementary schools and all of the Spring ISD elementary schools.

Greater Houston Council Alternate/Tracine Gibson reported that 9 members attended the "Nuts 'N Bolts" training, and there were informative and useful breakout sessions. She also reminded members that the GHC fundraiser will be on September 7. More information will be coming.

State Republican Executive Committee SD7/ Tom Nobis reported that he will not return to the committee position and urged a woman to step up and demand the same quality and effort that he has worked toward during his tenure.

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business: PAC Treasurer Gaynell Lira made a motion to approve PAC funds for 2024 Republican Candidates. "Following the primary elections, according to our bylaws found on pages 50 & 51 of the directory, the PAC committee and the NWFRW Board of Directors have approved \$12,000.00 of the PAC funds to be spent to help Republican candidates in the November 2024 general elections. As a federated Republican women's club, our PAC donations must go to state and local candidates. I move that \$12,000 of the NWFRW PAC funds be spent (including mailing expenses) for the November 2024 general elections." No second was needed as the motion had been previously approved by the Board of Directors. The motion passed with no objections.

Announcements

Campaign Volunteer Training, Senator Ted Cruz Campaign Headquarters, April 11, 2:00 pm, 4801 Woodway Dr., Suite 255E, Houston, TX 77056; Volunteer Opportunity, Senator Ted Cruz Campaign Headquarters, April 13, 9:00 am, 4801 Woodway Dr., Suite 255E, Houston, TX 77056; NWFRW Board Meeting, April 15, 6:30 PM, George H.W. Bush Community Center, Room #141, 6827 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379; NWFRW General Meeting, May 13, 11:30 AM, Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Road, Houston, TX 77090

Adjournment: President Nancy Radcliffe adjourned the meeting at 1:02 pm. Respectfully submitted, Nicole Peters (for Merry Keith).

2ND VP/MEMBERSHIP

Kathy Mason

The most exciting news from the membership world is that the April Report from TFRW showed that NWFRW continues to have the largest membership in the great State of Texas for 2024! Let's keep the membership numbers growing to maintain that status for the entire year. Currently, we have 228 primary members with 50 associate members. We appreciate all of you who continue to bring a guest to the monthly meetings. The April "Soaring to Victory in '24" membership event was a hit. Everyone looked spectacular in patriotic attire! usus Thank you for participating! Included at the end of 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 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 May meeting. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me at 713-502-6194 or email me at kathleen.mason@sbcglobal.net. Stop by the membership table at the May meeting if you have not already picked up your 2024 Directory. They were first available at the March meeting.

Our membership motto is "Come a Guest; Leave a Member!" **It is crucial in this major election year, that all members reach out to Republican and Independent friends and invite them to attend a meeting to learn about NWFRW. I encourage all of you to bring a guest to the May meeting.**

Unite!

Soar in '24!

AMERICANISM/

Tracie Anderson

CARING FOR AMERICA

Ana Carson

The generosity of our membership continues to be displayed each month with both monetary and in-kind donations to Camp Hope. It's a joy to have the privilege of dropping off what has been collected after each general meeting. When the veterans see the donations, they see much more than paper towels, cleaning supplies, and hygiene products. **They see they are appreciated and valued!** Please continue to come alongside this essential organization and make bringing donations a monthly routine. Also, consider donating to Camp SHiEld, supporting women veterans and their needs (campshield.org). You can give to Camp Hope with monetary donations, in-kind donations, and by using the **Camp Hope Amazon Shopping List** which ships items directly to Camp Hope. You can find the Amazon link on the Camp Hope website (ptsdusa.org). **When using the Amazon link, be sure to include your email address AND note you are a member of Northwest Forest Republican Women.** Please make sure items are new and in unopened packaging when bringing to the meetings. **URGENT NEEDS: sandwich bags, athletic shirts/shorts (M, L, XL, 2XL), dental plackers, running shoes (10,11,12), 13-gallon trash bags, twin sheets/blankets/comforters. ONGOING NEEDS: candy, stamps, coffee, bleach, laundry detergent. Thank you!**

3RD VP/POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Lauren Lothringer

IMPORTANT ELECTION HAPPENING NOW! Early voting began on April 22nd and will run through April 30th. May 4, 2024, will be your last opportunity to vote for *each* of the three newly established HCAD board member positions. Sample ballots are available [here](#) if you would like to see all candidates. Reminder that this is a non-partisan election, however the following Republican candidates are running:

- Place 1: [Bill Frazer](#)
- Place 2: [Kyle Scott](#)
- Place 3: [Mark Goloby](#) and [Ericka McCrutchon](#)

If you are interested in making phone calls for any of these candidates, please go to their websites listed above.

Also happening on May 4th is the ESD 11 election for three at-large board positions. ESD 11 provides emergency medical services for 177 square miles across north Harris County, including portions of Spring, Klein, The Woodlands, Cypress, Tomball and Humble. [Candidates include:](#)

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| Steve Williams* <i>Incumbent</i> | Jared W Adams |
| Brian Gillman | Kofi Barkoh |
| Karen Plummer* <i>Incumbent</i> | Kevin Brost |
| Robert Pinard* <i>Incumbent</i> | |

There are two runoffs happening in Harris County on Tuesday, May 28th, 2024. While these two races do not represent our area, please phone your friends and family that may live in their districts and encourage them to get out and vote!

*Caroline Kane and Kenneth Omoruyi for CD 7, which is currently represented by Lizzie Fletcher (Incumbent – D).

*Christian Garcia and Alan Garza for CD 29, which is currently represented by Sylvia Garcia (Incumbent - D).

The 2024 Republican Party of Texas (RPT) will be held May 23 – 25, at the Henry B. González Convention Center in San Antonio and will begin at 9 AM on Thursday, May 23rd. You may register now as a delegate, alternate or guest by clicking [this](#) link.

As we head toward the November elections, it is vital that we do ALL we can as Republicans to engage people and get them to the polls. Now is the time to UNITE as a party and get behind the R candidates. Begin NOW to talk to friends, family, and people in your circle of influence about how critical this general election is. Our greatest hope for winning is to get out the vote (GOTV) utilizing the Republican base and Independent voters.

Lastly, please be sure to turn in your volunteer hours. The guidelines for counting hours can be found on Page 7 in the Directory.

SCHOLARSHIP *Paula Georgiana/ Barbara Young*

Northwest Forest Republican Women awards the Priscilla Petty Scholarship to a deserving young woman graduate on an annual basis. This year the scholarship amount increased to \$1,500. Members were given the opportunity to nominate a senior, and three strong applicants are under consideration.

Thank you to those of you who went through the nomination process. The recipient will be announced at the May 13th general meeting. Come help us celebrate this special individual!



Did you know that your membership with Northwest Forest Republican Women includes membership with Texas Federation of Republican Women and National Federation of Republican Women? These organizations provide additional avenues for Republican women to influence policy, develop candidates, and elect leaders across the state of Texas and across the nation.

Specific bills advocated for by TFRW and NFRW:

ECONOMY:

H.R. 7024. The Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024. This bill provides positive business and tax provisions that promote growth.

H.R. 277 (S. 184). Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act of 2023. This bill would reassert Congress' legislative authority and prevent excessive overreach by the executive branch in the federal rule-making process.

BORDER SECURITY:

S. 333. Keep Our Communities Safe Act of 2023. This bill would close the Obama-Biden catch and release policy.

H.R. 6976. Protect Our Communities from DUI's Act. This bill would force the deportation of illegal immigrants who have been convicted or committed the offense of driving impaired.

PARENTAL RIGHTS:

S. 3571. Families' Rights and Responsibilities Act. NFRW and TFRW support this bill because it prevents the federal government from infringing on the fundamental rights of parents.

KEEP NINE AMENDMENT:

NFRW and TFRW remain steadfast in their commitment to protect the U.S. Supreme Court from court packing.

If you would like to learn more about the process of introducing and passing bills in Congress, this video is a great overview of the legislative process: <https://www.congress.gov/legislative-process#:~:text=Article%20I%20of%20the%20U.S.,the%20interests%20of%20the%20states>

Article I of the U.S. Constitution grants all legislative powers to a bicameral Congress: a House of Representatives and a Senate that are the result of a "Great Compromise" seeking to balance the effects of popular majorities with the interests of the states.

Contact your congressman with questions and concerns – and your thanks and support are always appreciated!

Dan Crenshaw, CD 2: <https://crenshaw.house.gov/>
Wesley Hunt, CD 38: <https://hunt.house.gov/>

Photos from the April General Meeting



Photos from the Senator Ted Cruz Campaign



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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Contributions are not federal tax deductible as charitable contributions. Corporate contributions are not permitted. Solicitations made by federal candidates and officeholders are limited by federal law. The federal candidates and officeholders are soliciting only donations of up to \$2800 from individuals and up to \$5000 from multi-candidate political committees. They are not soliciting donations in any amount from corporations, labor organizations, national banks, federal contractors, or foreign nationals.

May 10, Reservation Deadline, 9:00 AM, Lunch reservations link [HERE](#)

May 13, NWFRW General Meeting, 11:30 AM, Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Road, Houston, TX 77090

May 14, Greater Houston Council, 9:30 AM, Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road, Houston, TX 77055

May 16, 10:00 AM, Harris County Commissioners Court, 1001 Preston Street, 1st Floor, Houston, TX 77002

May 20, NWFRW Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, George H.W. Bush Community Center, 6827 Cypresswood Drive, Room #141, Spring, TX 77379

May 23-25, Republican Party of Texas Convention, 9:00 AM, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, 900 E. Market Street, San Antonio, TX 78206

YOU ARE INVITED TO
The 50th Anniversary
of Northwest Forest
Republican Women

1974-2024

WE ARE HONORED TO ANNOUNCE
TEXAS SUPREME COURT JUSTICE
JANE BLAND WILL BE THE
SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER.

JUNE **10** 2024

11:30 AM

SHIRLEY ACRES
217 WOERNER RD
HOUSTON, TX 77090

R. S. V. P.

<https://www.northwestforestrepublicanwomen.org/luncheon/>

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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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