



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, June 10, 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, June 7, 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.

**1<sup>ST</sup> VP/PROGRAMS** *Marcia Fitzpatrick*

**You are encouraged to attend the NWFRW's 50th Anniversary Celebration on June 10<sup>th</sup>! Texas Supreme Court Justice Jane Bland will be the speaker.** She has served on the Supreme Court of Texas since 2019 and has won numerous awards. Before her service on the Court, she served 15 years as a justice on the First Court of Appeals and six years as a State District Judge. The Honorable Jane Bland has been the Texas Federation of Republican Women judicial liaison for the last 4 years, and in the 2020 election, she received over 6 million votes, the most votes in Texas history. **Come hear what she has to say about the importance Republican women play in keeping Texas RED!**



Thank you to everyone who attended the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. With 250+ in attendance, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick reminded us that many years ago, Texans fought for freedom at the Alamo and that we continue to fight for freedom and liberty today. "You don't enter a fight knowing you will win; you enter knowing you are willing to lose everything regardless of the outcome. What will people many years from now think about us? Hopefully, they will know we gave it our all to fight for what's right."

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** *Nancy Radcliffe*

As we come together on June 10<sup>th</sup> to celebrate NWFRW's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, it is important to reflect on the numerous contributions members have made over the past half century at the local, State, and National levels. The club has had



several individuals who have served as the President of Greater Houston Council, along with holding other officer and Committee positions. Members have also served as officers of the Texas Federation of Republican Women, Deputy President, District Directors, and Committee Chairs. NWFRW individuals were elected as Committee Chair and Committee members of the National Federation of Republican Women. Two members were elected to the Texas Legislature, and others were elected as SD 7 Chair and to the State Republican Party Executive Committee, along with serving as Chair or members of State Republican Convention Committees. Also, through the years, NWFRW members have been elected Republican Precinct Chairs and served on the Harris County Republican Party Executive Committee. Way to go, ladies!

**Remember to vote for the Republican candidates in the Harris County Appraisal District (HDAD) run-off election on June 15<sup>th</sup>.**

In the May 4<sup>th</sup> election, Place 2, Kyle Scott (R) led with nearly 47 percent and will face Melissa Noriega, who took 25 percent in the five-way contest. In Place 3, Ericka McCrutchion (R) garnered 41 percent with Pelumi Adeleke following at 21 percent; Adeleke just narrowly edged out Amy Lacy by 369 votes. **Tell your family, friends, and network about this important election!** With summer break approaching, please do not lose focus on the critical November elections. There are many ways you can contribute to a Republican victory this year. Simply talking to friends and neighbors to encourage Republicans to get out the vote is one of the most effective ways to reach others. Election integrity has taken massive strides, but we must remain vigilant. Growing the Republican party and protecting our democracy is a continuous effort that must build upon itself every election cycle.

Many thanks and much appreciation is extended to all NWFRW members – past and present. **Please join us as we celebrate the many successes of NWFRW on June 10<sup>th</sup>. It's going to be a spectacular event!**

**UNITE!**  
**Soar in '24!**



**NWFRW BOARD 2024 OFFICERS**

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**MINUTES, May 13, 2024**

*Merry Keith*

**President Nancy Radcliffe** called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM on Monday, May 13, 2024. **Chaplain Cindy Eisenburg** gave the invocation, and Harris County Precinct 4 Constable Mark Herman led the pledges to the flags.

**President Nancy Radcliffe** thanked everyone for their attendance, and mentioned the presentation of the Priscilla Petty Scholarship, and the recognition of Police Officer Memorial Day on May 15<sup>th</sup>. She thanked Mr. Larry Chatman, owner of Sandlewood Manor in Tomball, for allowing Republican women’s groups to use the manor as a headquarters to campaign for Republican candidates. The 12 delegates attending the Republican State Convention were recognized, and a reminder was made about our club’s 50-year celebration in June.

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP Political Activities/Lauren Lothringer** welcomed the elected officials, candidates, and military members, as well as Christian Collins, Youth Summit leader, and the visiting primary members of other Republican Women’s organizations.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs/Marcia Fitzpatrick** introduced the speaker, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick. The Lieutenant Governor spoke about how our country is at risk, and how we need to reach out to the people who don’t usually vote, encouraging them to go to the polls and vote down the ballot one name at a time.

**LUNCH**

**Approval of Minutes** - The minutes from the April 8, 2024, general meeting were approved 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, it will be filed with the minutes.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs/Marcia Fitzpatrick** praised the inspiring speech given by Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick and mentioned that we have much work to do to keep Texas RED. The speaker for our June 10<sup>th</sup> Fiftieth celebration meeting will be the Honorable Jane Bland, Justice on the Supreme Court of Texas.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership/Kathy Mason** reported that NWFRW continues to be the largest Super Jumbo Republican Women’s Club in Texas! There are 228 primary and 50 associate members. Guests were welcomed and encouraged to join. It’s \$45 for a primary membership, and \$30 for associate and men’s memberships. Annual dues include memberships to the state and national organizations as well. 2024 directories (black binder) are available at the membership table if you haven’t picked yours up yet. Addendums to the directory will be available in August. Badges are also at the table in the back if you ordered one. Please pick them up there. Be sure to attend the June meeting celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and bring a guest!

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP Political Activities/Lauren Lothringer** congratulated Kyle Scott and Ericka McCrutchon for being in the Harris County Appraisal District Run-off Election on June 15, 2024. Kyle Scott is running for Place 2, Ericka McCrutchon is running for Place 3. Early voting is from June 3-June 11. Look for an email with voting locations. There will be an opportunity to PhoneBank for Ted Cruz on May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Sandlewood Manor in Tomball from 10:00-2:00. The Republican Party of Texas Convention will be May 23-25 in San Antonio. Please remember to report your volunteer hours on the papers provided at your tables at each meeting. More opportunities to work for candidates and help with get-out-the-vote plans will be coming.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Priscilla Petty Scholarship/Paula Georgiana, Barbara Young** presented the Priscilla Petty Scholarship to Miss Olivia Winsky, a Senior at Klein Cain High School and #12 in a class of over 900 students. Olivia spoke about the importance of making a positive contribution to society as a young Republican woman.

**Greater Houston Council/Dana Hines** reported that attending the Greater Houston Council meetings is another opportunity to hear great speakers and interface with other club members. The GHC meets on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. On September 7, 2024, the Greater Houston Council will host a “Gala” at the Lone Star Flight Museum at Ellington Field.

**State Republican Executive Committee, SD 7/Tom Nobis** mentioned to the delegates attending the State Convention that temporary committee meetings will begin Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> if you’d like to arrive at the convention early. The SD 7 Caucuses at the State Convention will be held on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. The two candidates running to replace Tom Nobis’ SD 7 position are Mark McKay and Ralph Fite. There will be a Republican Party Chair Candidates Forum on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at Glorious Way Church, 1611 Champion Forest Drive, Houston, from 12:30-2:30 pm. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND NEW BUSINESS:** None

**President Nancy Radcliffe** mentioned that if you’d like to become a voter registrar you should talk to Shirley Kitchens and Donna Rubli, the chairs for Voter Registration.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NWFRW Board Meeting** – Monday, May 20, 2024, 6:30 PM, George H.W. Bush Community Center, Room #141, 6827 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379

**RPT State Convention** – May 23-25, 2024, 9:00 AM. Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, TX

**NWFRW General Meeting** – Monday, June 10, 2024, 11:30 AM, Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Road, Houston, TX 77090 (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**President Nancy Radcliffe** adjourned the meeting at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Merry Keith, NWFRW Secretary

## 2<sup>ND</sup> VP/MEMBERSHIP

*Kathy Mason*

The April report from TFRW Indicated that NWFRW continues to be the largest Federated Republican Women's organization in the great State of Texas for 2024. This is a HUGE accomplishment for our members. Currently we have 235 primary members with 51 associate members. There are still many people you know who would enjoy the opportunity to attend our next meeting; please invite them.

It's time to announce the next "Meet & Greet," a special evening event set for Monday evening, August 26<sup>th</sup> at Thistle Draftshop from 7:00-8:30 PM. This event is focused on giving new primary members in 2024 an opportunity to participate and become actively involved in our amazing organization. They are the future to keeping NWFRW as active and influential as it has been for the last 50 years. Invitations will be sent at the end of July. The addendum to the 2024 Directory will be distributed at the August meeting. If there is an error or change in any of your contact information listed in the main directory, please stop by the membership table in June or send me an email ASAP.

Attached at the bottom of the Potpourri newsletter is the 2023 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 June meeting. Questions? Don't hesitate to call me at 713-502-6194 or email me at [kathleen.mason@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kathleen.mason@sbcglobal.net).

**"Come a Guest, Leave a Member." Imagine the turnout in June if every member brings a guest. You won't want to miss this milestone meeting celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

## AMERICANISM/ CARING FOR AMERICA

*Tracie Anderson  
Ana Carson*

Northwest Forest Republican Women made our annual donation to the Barbara Bush Library. It was an honor to be able to present a check to purchase two books on behalf of our club. A donation label will be placed inside each book. We have chosen the following titles to donate this year: Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass and Titan of the Senate by William Doyle. Thanks to all our members for making this donation possible. Also, remember to bring your Camp Hope donations to the June 10<sup>th</sup> general meeting. Another great way to assist Camp Hope is to go to their website and click the "Amazon Shopping List" under "In-Kind Donations." If you chose to utilize the Amazon Shopping List link to place an order, please be sure to include your email AND note your membership in Northwest Forest Republican Women. **URGENT NEEDS: sandwich bags, dental plackers, athletic shorts/shirts (M, L, XL2XL), running shoes (10,11,12), toilet brushes, trash bags, and twin sheets. Thank you!**



## 3<sup>RD</sup> VP/POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

*Lauren Lothringer*

### IMPORTANT ELECTIONS HAPPENING NOW AND COMING UP SOON!

Early voting is happening now for CD 7 and CD 29 Republican run-off elections. **Early Vote Centers will be open from Monday, May 20, through Friday, May 24 (7AM – 7PM), and Election Day is Tuesday, May 28th, 2024.** While these two races do not represent our area, please phone your friends and family that may live in those districts and encourage them to get out and vote!

- Caroline Kane (R) and Kenneth Omoruyi (R) for CD 7, which is currently represented by Incumbent Lizzie Fletcher (D).
- Christian Garcia (R) and Alan Garza (R) for CD 29, which is currently represented by Incumbent Sylvia Garcia (D).

A very big congratulations to two of the three HCAD board candidates who are headed for a runoff happening on June 15<sup>th</sup>! Early voting will begin June 3rd and run through June 11th.

- Place 2: [Kyle Scott](#) (R) who received 46.6% of the vote is facing Melissa Noriega. Vote for Kyle!
- Place 3: [Ericka McCrutcheon](#) (R) who received 41.3% of the vote is facing Pelumi Adeleke. Vote for Ericka!

Voting locations are available on [www.harrisvotes.com](http://www.harrisvotes.com). More specific opportunities for working on campaigns will be sent out in the near future.

**We win elections when we show up – bring a friend with you to vote, make a goal of calling 10 of your closest friends to make sure they vote, and hold others in your network accountable to vote. We CAN do this!**

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*

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the winner of Northwest Forest Republican Women's Priscilla Petty \$1,500 Scholarship for 2024 is Olivia Winsky. Olivia is



graduating from Klein Cain High school and will be attending Texas A&M University in the fall, where she will be majoring in finance. The club had three very qualified applicants this year, and your nominations were greatly appreciated. There was an added dimension to the decision making, which

included a personal interview with each applicant as well as a rubric for scoring. The committee was headed by Paula Georgiana and Barbara Young and included Judy Gordon and Kimberley Young.



## LEGISLATIVE

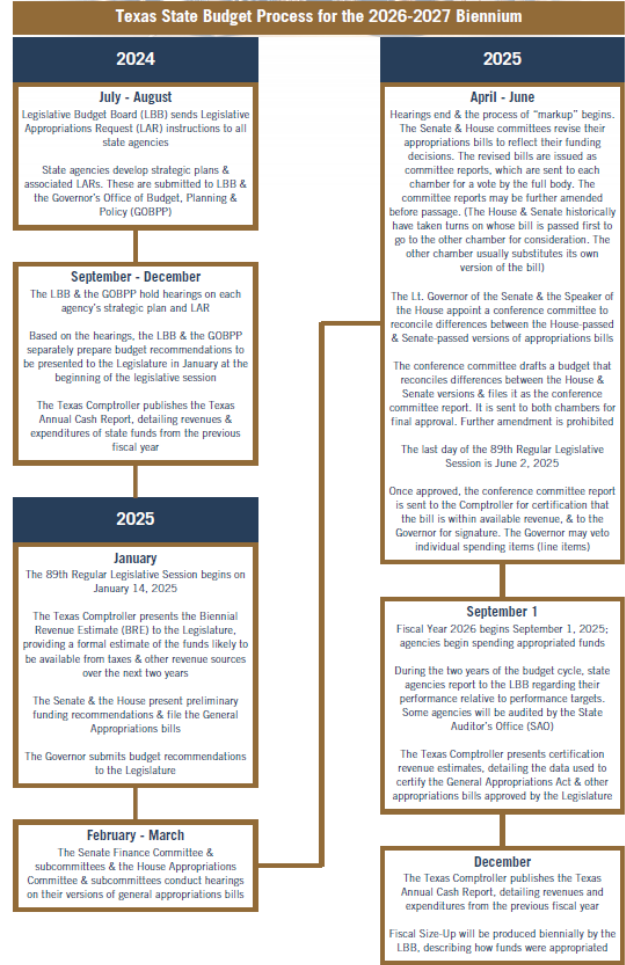
*Dana Khan*

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Republican Party of Texas Convention will be ending. The delegates attending the convention will have decided the state platform and legislative priorities, and the Republican Executive Committee will have been selected as well as election of the State Chair, Vice Chair and National Committeeman and Committeewoman. Thank you to all the candidates!

Although the 89<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session doesn't begin until mid-January, your legislators continue to work behind the scenes all summer and fall, with the Legislative Budget Board beginning in July. This Texas state budget process chart details the hearings and planning that goes into preparing the budget for the next Session and the budget process throughout the Session.

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## Photos from the May General Meeting



\*Additional resources: Legislative Reference Library: <https://lrl.texas.gov/>



Visit [www.northwestforestrepublicanwomen.org](http://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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June 7, Reservation Deadline, 9:00 AM, Lunch reservations link [HERE](#)

June 10, NWFRW General Meeting, 11:30 AM, Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Road, Houston, TX 77090 - **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

NO JUNE BOARD MEETING

**NO JULY GENERAL MEETING**

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

August 12, NWFRW General Meeting, 11:30 AM, Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Road, Houston, TX 77090

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/>

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Membership 8807**

**Kennet Valley Road, Spring, TX 77379**

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