



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 12, 2025

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 9, 2025. **Contact Judi Thompson with questions: 832-368-6848**
Lunch \$32.00, or \$5.00 for beverages and meeting only.
Walk-ins and late reservations \$37.00
Make checks payable to "Shirley Acres."
To pay 2025 dues, see Kathy Crosby, 2nd VP/Membership at the membership table.

1ST VP/PROGRAMS

Marcia Fitzpatrick

Mark your calendars NOW for a special meeting on May 12th with a focus on "KEEPING IT LOCAL." There will be a panel discussion moderated by Charles Blain, President and Founder of Urban Reform. The panel will consist of Harris County Precinct 4, Constable Mark Herman; Harris County Precinct 3, Commissioner Tom Ramsey; and Harris County Republican Party Chair, Cindy Siegel. Updates on the State of Harris County and a look ahead to the 2026 election will be shared. **Come prepared to ask questions and leave with important information.**



Be sure to make your reservations for the May meeting... you will not want to miss hearing about local politics. What a great meeting to invite your friends, family, and neighbors to attend! *See you there.*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lauren Lothringer

Keeping it local – we have an exciting panel featuring not *one* of our elected officials, but **THREE! Join NWFRW on May 12th for an important update from Constable Mark Herman, Commissioner Tom Ramsey, and Harris County GOP Chair, Cindy Siegel.**



As we look ahead to the 2026 election, including primary races, it's important to remember Federated clubs are restricted from endorsing candidates in contested primary races. Once the primary is held, the club will support the Republican candidate who has won. However, as challengers begin to declare their candidacy, members are encouraged to actively seek which candidate they feel would best represent them – do your own research and ask questions. The next six months are sure to be filled with information!

As of April 17, the proposed universal school choice legislation for Texas has passed both chambers. Below is what can be anticipated over the next few weeks:

May 12: House bill first reading deadline The House must have reported all bills for their first reading, which means the speaker must refer all bills to committee. Any bill that hasn't been referred will not be addressed and is effectively dead.

May 15: House bill second reading deadline The House must have reported all bills for their second reading, which means it has been scheduled for debate on the House floor. Any bills that have not left committee or have not been placed on the House floor are effectively dead.

May 16: House bill third reading deadline Any House bill that has not reached the third and final reading in the House is effectively dead.

May 23: Senate bill first reading deadline This is the last day for the House to assign bills that passed the Senate to committee. Any bill that hasn't been assigned is effectively dead.

May 27: Senate bill second reading deadline The House must have reported all Senate-passed bills for their second reading. Any bills that have not left committee or have not been placed on the House floor are effectively dead.

May 28: Senate bill third reading deadline Any Senate bill that has not reached the third and final reading is effectively dead.

June 2: Sine Die This is the last day of the legislative session, which is known as "Sine Die" and marks the end of the 2025-26 regular legislative session. Any bill not passed by this deadline is effectively dead, unless Abbott calls a special session.

A printable calendar version may be accessed here: [89th Legislature - Deadline Action Calendar](#)

**Keeping Freedom Alive
THRIVE IN '25!**



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MINUTES, March 10, 2025

Susan Thompson

Call to Order. President Lauren Lothringer called the NWFRW General Meeting to order at approximately 11:30 AM on Monday, April 14, 2025.

Invocation and Pledges Chaplain Tracie Anderson led the pledges to the American and Texas Flags.

Welcome. 3rd VP Political Activities Anna Vierling greeted, then introduced newly elected officials and their representatives, and welcomed all military veterans and members of other clubs.

Meeting Program. 1st VP Programs Marcia Fitzpatrick, after a video introduction, presented the featured speaker Nick Adams, an Australian-born American Republican political commentator. Mr. Adams is also an author and CEO of FLAG, a non-profit dedicated to educating Americans about the values and principles that are foundational to our country. He has appeared on various news outlets and has served as an adviser to President Trump since 2015.

LUNCH

Approval of the Minutes. The minutes of the NWFRW March 10, 2025, 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 announced that the general meeting on May 12, 2025, will feature a panel discussion moderated by Mr. Charles Blain, President and Founder of Urban Reform and will include Harris County Precinct 4 Constable, Mark Herman; Harris County Precinct 3 County Commissioner, Tom Ramsey; and Harris County Republican Party Chair, Cindy Siegel.

2nd VP Membership Kathy Crosby reported on current membership levels and announced the winner of the most members recruited in the last year, as well as the most patriotic or best baseball attire worn by a female member and male associate member.

3rd VP Political Activities Anna Vierling noted that although the Harris County 180th District Court Judge election has been delayed, a number of important items will be on the ballot for May 3, 2025. She recommended visiting HarrisVotes.com to determine what may be on your individual ballot and pointed out that each vote will be impactful to the final outcome since each election will likely be decided by a handful of votes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scholarship Chairman Paula Georgianna announced that two applications have been received for the Priscilla Petty Scholarship (\$1,500). Following interviews, the scholarship recipient will be presented at the May general meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NWFRW Board Meeting – Monday, April 21, 2025, 6:30 PM, George H.W. Bush Community Center, 6827 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX 77379

The World Affairs Council of Greater Houston Military Appreciation Day - Thursday, May 1, 2025, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, Bayou Place, 500 Texas Avenue, Houston TX 77002

Special Election – May 3, 2025; early voting is April 22-29, 2025

NWFRW General Meeting – Monday, May 12, 2025, 11:30 AM, Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Road, Houston, TX 77090

Greater Houston Council General Meeting – Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 9:30 AM, Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Rd, Houston, TX 77055

ADJOURNMENT

President Lauren Lothringer adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:40 PM.

DICTIONARY PROJECT

Sue Kikis

Thanks to the generosity of our members and friends we gave FOUR THOUSAND AND EIGHTY dictionaries to third grade students in 12 Klein and all 25 Spring ISD Title 1 schools this school year. A big thank you also to our wonderful volunteers who helped distribute the dictionaries and gave presentations to introduce the books to the children. They include Sue Ann Lurcott, Wanda Kannarr, Mary Ann Vandermark, Wanda Bamberg, Gay Garrett, George Peckham, John Cozart, and Tom and Sue Kikis.

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

2ND VP/MEMBERSHIP

Kathy Crosby

Congratulations, NWFRW members, for bringing friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family to meetings and inviting them to join! **Currently, our club has 239 primary members with 38 associate members, for a grand total of 277.** All of your efforts make a difference.

Attached at the bottom of the *Potpourri* newsletter is the 2025 membership form. The cost is \$45 to join for a 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 can also 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 contact me: 713-501-1105 or kathycrosby@gmail.com. Finally, if you have not already done so, **PLEASE** stop by the Membership table in the back of the room at the May meeting and pick up your 2025 directory. Thank you!

AMERICANISM/ CARING FOR AMERICA

*Ana Carson
Merry Keith*

The Camp Hope residents are always so grateful for the donations NWFRW brings them every month. **Thank you for your continued support in giving back to them for their service to our country!** These heroes, who can be up to 120 in number, may stay at Camp Hope for 7-9 months, completely free of charge to them and their families. Your contribution, in any form, is an incredible gift and greatly aids in providing the best care for these deserving individuals. NWFRW also received \$928.20 in contributions for Camp Hope in addition to the \$2,440 reported last month.

Urgently needed items are: sandwich bread, 20-28 oz. disposable bowls, disposable plates, pinto beans (dry), apple juice, 10 oz. canned vegetables – preferably black beans, pinto beans, tomato sauce, tomato paste, tomato puree, crushed tomatoes; twin comforters, twin XL sheet sets, bar soap holders, tennis shoes (size 9-11), bath towels (full size), hand towels, loofahs, bar soap, Swiffer refills (dry or wet), and sponges (for cleaning), storage bins, and Tums. **Thank you for sending new, unopened items.** Checks are also accepted, made out to Camp Hope, and are tax-deductible. Donations may also be made through Amazon - please be sure and include "Northwest Forest Republican Women" on your donation if you go through Amazon. Thank you!

3RD VP/POLITICAL ACTIVITIES *Anna Vierling*

Heading into the heart of 2025, it's more important than ever to stay engaged, informed, and active in the political landscape—especially here in Harris County, which plays a massive role in shaping the future of our state and nation.

Here are a few fun facts that show just how influential Harris County truly is:

- Harris County is the third-largest county in the entire country.
- It's the largest urban area in Texas.
- Covering 1,778 square miles, Harris County is actually larger than Austin, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, New York City, and Seattle—combined!
- Harris County WAS the largest Republican County in the U.S. *Time to take it back!*

NWFRW members have *Voice, Impact, and Talent!* The May program, **KEEPING IT LOCAL**, has all the ingredients to get informed, engaged, and equipped with talking points! What NWFRW does here ripples out far beyond the County. Finding your political voice and using it!

SCHOLARSHIP

*Paula Georgina
Judy Gordon*

The Priscilla Petty Scholarship Committee (Paula Georgiana, Judy Gordon, and Kelly Bonin) received applications from two very qualified young ladies. Along with the written applications, personal interviews were conducted, and both candidates presented themselves in a very professional manner, making the selection even more challenging.

Congratulations to Raegan Broussard, a senior at Klein Oak High School! Raegan is a delightful young woman, and she will be attending our May meeting and speaking briefly to the membership. After hearing her, it will be evident that she is a worthy recipient and an exemplary representative for the NWFRW Priscilla Petty \$1,500 Scholarship.



Northwest Forest Republican Women were well represented when eight members attended the TFRW Legislative Day in Austin in March. More than 50 legislators attended the TFRW dinner, and several also presented topics related to their priorities during the workshops the following day. Workshops were led by the Leadership Institute and Texas Election Network. Following the workshops, NWFRW members met with Representative Sam Harless' Chief of Staff, James Cook, at the Capitol, who gave them a tour of the historical office.

The 89th legislative session concludes on June 2nd, and lawmakers continue to work long hours—on the floor, in committee hearings, and meetings—to pass legislation important to Texans. The Texas House approved a \$377 billion two-year budget, allocating billions toward teacher pay, border security and property tax cuts.

The proposal, approved in a 118 to 26 vote, would spend about \$154 billion in general revenue with the bulk going toward education, and large amounts also dedicated to health and human services and public safety agencies. The spending plans leave about \$40 billion in general revenue on the table.

If you have a question about the session or a specific bill, the Legislative Reference Library is an excellent resource.

Their librarians can help find the status of a bill or answer questions – the toll-free number is (877) 824-7038. Additionally, throughout the session, the status of bills can be followed, and committee information is available at these links:

<https://legiscan.com/TX/legislation/2025>

<https://capitol.texas.gov/>

Pictures from April Meeting



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

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May 1: The World Affairs Council of Greater Houston Military Appreciation Day, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, Bayou Place, 500 Texas Avenue, Houston, TX 77002

May 3: Special Local Elections, 7:00 Am – 7:00 PM, Early Voting, April 22 – 29, www.harrisvotes.com

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

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May 19: NWFRW Board Meeting, 6:30PM, George H.W. Bush Community Center, 6827 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379

May 20: Greater Houston Council General Meeting, 9:30 AM, 1414 Wirt Road, Houston, TX 77055

**NORTHWEST FOREST REPUBLICAN WOMEN
2025 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 Crosby, 2nd Vice President Membership
2 Oak Hollow Circle, Cypress, TX 77429**

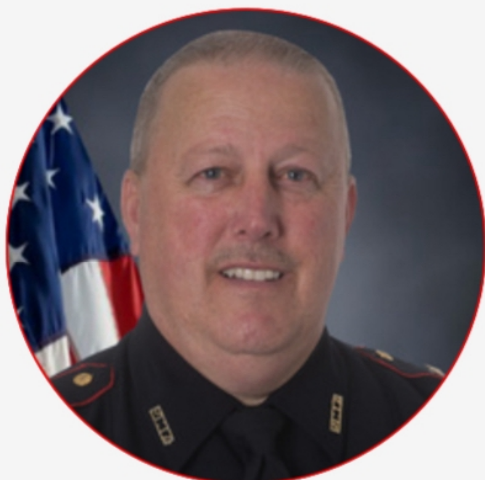
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Keeping it Local

AN UPDATE FROM OUR LOCAL ELECTED GOP LEADERS ON THE
STATE OF OUR COUNTY & LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2026 ELECTION

PANELISTS



**HARRIS COUNTY
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**HARRIS COUNTY
REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIR**
CINDY SIEGEL

LUNCH: \$32.00
BEVERAGE ONLY: \$5.00
LATE RESERVATIONS OR
WALK-INS: \$37.00
RESERVATIONS DUE BY
9:00AM ON MAY 9TH



MODERATED BY
PRESIDENT & FOUNDER
OF URBAN REFORM
CHARLES BLAIN

MONDAY, MAY 12

11:30 AM - PROGRAM BEGINS
LUNCH SERVED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SPEAKERS

SHIRLEY ACRES

217 WOERNER RD, HOUSTON, TX 77090



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Chairman Cindy Siegel invites you to

LINCOLN REAGAN

2025 Annual Dinner

Friday, June 13, 2025
Royal Sonesta Hotel

6:00 PM - VIP Reception
7:00 PM - Program Begins



Honored Speakers

CONGRESSMAN
BYRON DONALDS

&

RILEY GAINES



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