



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 13, 2026

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, Fri. Apr. 10, 2026

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 2026 dues, see Kathy Crosby, 2nd VP/Membership at the membership table.

1ST VP/PROGRAMS

Paige Harr

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE APTIL 13th MEETING!



NWFRW welcomes Former United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, Ryan Patrick, as the guest speaker. Judge Patrick has also served as a state felony prosecutor and Texas district court judge. His tenure as United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas ran from 2018 to 2021. His confirmation by the United

States Senate occurred in December 2017, and he assumed office early the following year. **Currently, Judge Patrick serves as the Chief Executive Officer for Texans for Lawsuit Reform, where he leads the organization's mission to protect Texas jobs, strengthen economic growth, and defend a fair, efficient, and predictable civil justice system.**

Make your reservation, and find out how Texans for Lawsuit Reform is active in political campaigns, research, legislative advocacy, public relations, judicial selection, and in the development of case law. **Come hear how TLR's work benefits Texans, and join the club in celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States of America!**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lauren Lothringer Maywald

By the time you are reading this, the Republican Party Precinct and 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 Houston, June 11th-13th. Why is it important to attend the Republican Party of Texas Convention? Republican women's voices deserve to be heard! NWFRW's participation is critical for platform input, procedural decisions, and state leadership elections.



Congratulations to the candidates that have made it into the Runoff Elections scheduled for May 26, 2026! **Please remember that, per TFRW and NWFRW bylaws, as a Republican women's club, we may not endorse one Republican over another in a Primary or Runoff Election between two candidates.** For any forum or runoff events that the club may host, it is asked that you refrain from wearing campaign paraphernalia. Of course, what you do as an individual away from NWFRW meetings and events is up to your discretion.

Following the primary, according to NWFRW bylaws, the PAC Committee will meet to determine how much of the PAC funds are to 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. The PAC Committee will be bringing a motion—approved by the Board of Directors—to the general membership at the June meeting concerning these expenditures. A very large "THANK YOU!", to all who volunteered for, sponsored, and attended the NWFRW "The Honorable Roast" fundraiser in February to help make these PAC funds possible. **The main mission of NWFRW is to get Republicans elected to office, and PAC funds help make that happen. Onward to victory!**

Please plan to join NWFRW at the April 13th meeting for member appreciation and to celebrate the 250th birthday of this great country! Proudly wear **Red**, White, and/or **Blue**, and come prepared for the fun and festivities as Judge Ryan Patrick shares about the important work of the Texans for Lawsuit Reform.

*Our Momentum Sticks
Stand Strong in '26!*



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MINUTES, March 9, 2026

Susan Thompson

Call to Order. President Lauren Lothringer Maywald called the NWFRW General Meeting to order at approximately 11:30 AM on Monday, March 9, 2026.

Invocation was led by **Chaplain Tracie Anderson**, and the **Pledges** to the American and Texas Flags were led by **Judge Laryssa Korduba**, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4, Position 2.

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

Meeting Program. 1st VP Programs Paige Harr announced that it was Camp Hope Day, where the club features the work by this organization to support combat veterans and their families. She introduced Dexter B. Davis, Retired U.S. Army officer and current Director of Support and Giving for the PTSD Foundation of America. He discussed Camp Hope's five-year plan for expanding services to women and their families, along with other enhanced programming options. Members were also encouraged to visit Camp Hope representatives in attendance and go to their website or contact the organization for information on opportunities to give, volunteer, and tour the facility. Check the *Potpourri* each month for needed items.

LUNCH

Approval of the Minutes. The minutes of the NWFRW February 10, 2026 General Meeting were approved as printed in the *Potpourri* and will be filed with the secretary.

Treasurer Amy Uribe 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 Paige Harr announced that the general meeting on April 13, 2026, will feature Ryan Patrick. Mr. Patrick is a former U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, from 2017 to 2021, who along with 55 other Trump-era attorneys were asked under the Biden administration to resign.

2nd VP Membership Kathy Crosby noted annual primary membership and associate membership dues are \$45 and \$30, respectively, which also includes membership to the state and national Republican Women's organizations. She encouraged members to pick up the 2026 Directory. Directory. Corrections and additional new members will be included in an August addendum. The April meeting will focus on membership appreciation and a celebration of the country's 250th birthday. **Members are encouraged to come in their best patriotic attire.** Prizes will be awarded for 1) the member who recruited the most members for 2026; 2) best dressed female; and 3) best dressed male.

3rd VP Political Activities Marcia Fitzpatrick provided the following election dates: Runoff Election Early Voting: May 18-22; Runoff Election Day: May 26; General Election Day: November 3. She congratulated primary winners and encouraged members to vote in the runoff election to select the best Republican candidates for the November general election. Ms. Fitzpatrick noted that the Precinct Conventions were held on March 7; in order to be a delegate at the State Republican Convention, attendance at the Senate Convention is required (see Announcements). She also announced that the Candidate Meet and Greet held in February was a huge success, and the candidates appreciated the opportunity to meet with constituents one-on-one. She reminded members to record volunteer hours on the forms provided at each table.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Liaison to Council Alternate Tracine Gibson reminded membership of the upcoming Nuts 'n Bolts training offered by the Greater Houston Council. She discussed the format and programs offered at the training (see Announcements).

Secretary Susan Thompson, on behalf of herself, Dana Hines and Sue Stewart (collectively, the "Internal Review Committee") reported that the Internal Review Committee for NWFRW met on February 23, 2026, to review the 2025 financial records of the organization. The required annual financial review form was completed and submitted stating that all records were found to be correct and in good order. The Internal Review Committee verified that no member of such committee was directly involved with the Club's finances for the period being reviewed of Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2025.

Scholarship Co-chair Nicole Peters announced that the application deadline for the \$1,500 Priscilla Petty Scholarship is March 31. To be eligible, the candidate must be a 2026 graduating Texas high school senior with plans to attend a four-year accredited university and nominated by a primary member.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NWFRW Board Meeting – March 16, 2026; 6:30 PM GHWB Community Center, 6827 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX 77379

Greater Houston Council Nuts 'N Bolts Training – March 17, 2026; 8:30 AM, Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Rd., Houston, TX 77055 (Visit: ghcfrwpac.org/wp-content/download/2026-Nuts-N-Bolts-Flyer-Registration.pdf)

Texas SD Conventions – March 28, 2026, 8:00-5:00 PM (Visit: harriscountygop.com/conventions)

Priscilla Petty Scholarship Deadline – March 31, 2026

NWFRW General Meeting – April 13, 2026, 11:30 AM, Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Rd., Houston, TX 77090

Republication Party of Texas State Convention – June 11-13, 2026, George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX 77002

ADJOURNMENT

President Lauren Lothringer Maywald adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:00 PM.

2ND VP/MEMBERSHIP*Kathy Crosby*

“Hot-off-the-press” 2026 directories are here! If you are a member, please stop by the membership table and pick up your copy. Please review your listing to ensure that all of your information is correct. The club will publish an addendum in August, so if you notice any corrections or updates needed, notify me via email. On April 13th, the club will be celebrating America’s 250th birthday while honoring the incredible members of NWFRW. Come dressed in your best birthday-themed patriotic attire, and be ready to celebrate our club and our country. Three awards will be presented:

- Member who recruited the most new members for 2026
- Best Dressed Female
- Best Dressed Male

Don’t miss this exciting April Membership Event — a Happy 250th Birthday to America party!

Club membership continues to grow with 173 primary members and 35 associate members. You are encouraged to continue inviting guests and prospective members. Also, remember that as members of NWFRW, you are automatically members of the Texas Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women. Please be sure to visit both websites (tfrw.org and nfrw.org) to create your login accounts, so you can receive valuable information and updates each month.

Attached at the bottom of the Potpourri newsletter is the 2026 membership form. Membership dues are \$45 for primary members and \$30 for associate members, which include women who are primary members in another federated club or an enlightened gentleman. Name badges are also available 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 with you to the April meeting. If you have any questions, contact me at (713) 501-1105 or kathyvcrosby@gmail.com. Bring a guest and make your reservations for the April 13th birthday celebration!

“Come a Guest, Leave a Member!”

**AMERICANISM /
CARING FOR AMERICA**
*Sarah Disbro
Merry Keith*

NWFRW’s Camp Hope Day in March was a great success! The veterans at Camp Hope received \$2,000 worth of in-kind donations and \$1,000 in monetary donations! The members of NWFRW truly have hearts for giving and caring for those in need. Thank you for your kind generosity to these men who bravely served to protect our freedom. The speaker at the meeting, Dexter Davis, provided interesting information about how Camp Hope began, expanded, and became what it is today. Thirty-minute tours of the camp are available and well worth the time to take them. They can be scheduled at the Camp Hope website, ptsdusa.org.

Urgently needed this month: sandwich bread, cranberry and apple juice (64 oz.), black beans, cereal, nuts, body lotion, mouthwash, toothpaste, bathroom tissue, Clorox bleach (large bottle), pop-up laundry basket (collapsible), bulk bag candy (Jolly Rancher, Haribo, Twizzlers), one-subject college ruled notebooks (70 sheets), and small digital clocks for bedrooms. Clean, used clothing in really good condition is also accepted.

The Amazon list is updated daily to donate directly from there: ptsdusa.org. Amazon will deliver the items directly to Camp Hope. **Be sure to include your email address and note that you are a member of Northwest Forest Republican Women.**

Thank you, and let’s make April a great month of giving as well!

3RD VP/POLITICAL ACTIVITIES*Marcia Fitzpatrick*

Part 1 is done; now on to Part 2...the RUNOFF ELECTION! Don’t stop now!

Early Voting for the Runoff Election will be May 18th -May 22nd, with Election Day on Tuesday, May 26th. Be sure to get out the vote. Encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to vote. The Democrats got their voters out in the Primary Election. Republican must do better! It’s important to support Republican candidates to get the best Republicans elected in order to win in November. If your candidate didn’t win in the Primary Election, take a deep breath, regroup, and redirect your efforts to get the Republican who won in the Primary elected in November. Also, the Republican candidates running for judgeships need support. It’s so important to vote all the way down the ballot!

The Precinct Conventions were held on March 7th...now on to the Senate Conventions on March 28th...the SD 7 Convention will be held at Glorious Way Church, 11611 Champion Forest Drive, Houston, TX 77066. Individuals must attend in order to become a delegate or alternate to the Republican Party of Texas (RPT) Convention held in Houston June 11th-13th.

Also, remember the Joint & Special Election Day on Saturday, May 2nd! These local elections are critical as races for city council, school boards, and other municipal representatives will be held. Early Voting will begin on April 20th and end on April 28th.

There is much work to do in order to keep Texas **Red** and help turn Harris County **Red**. After the nominees are set, NWFRW will go to work for the candidate(s) who need our support. Get ready to work!

“When Republican women work together, we win!”

SCHOLARSHIP*LaDonna MacDonald | Nicole Peters*

LAST CALL: APPLICATION DEADLINE ENDS MARCH 31ST!

Established in 2005 in honor of NWFRW’s founding member and first president, Priscilla Petty, the current amount of the scholarship is \$1,500. An applicant must be a graduating senior female from a Texas high school who will be attending a 4-year accredited university in the fall of 2026, and she must be nominated by a primary member of NWFRW.

If you know someone who would be a good candidate, please reach out to her, and if she is interested in applying, you will need to provide your nominee with an application. Since a portion of the application is your recommendation, please complete that portion before giving the application to the student. **The deadline is March 31, 2026, so all forms should be received by either LaDonna MacDonald or Nicole Peters on or before that date.** The link to the application is below and can be found on the NWFRW website. If you have any questions concerning the application process, reach out to LaDonna (713-598-4240) or Nicole (281-844-6116).

“Thank You”

DOWNLOAD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Texas voters participated in the March 3, 2026, primary elections with a record turnout of nearly 4.5 million ballots, the highest for any midterm primary in state history. This strong participation underscores voter engagement ahead of the November general election. In Republican contests, the U.S. Senate primary advanced incumbent Senator John Cornyn and Attorney General Ken Paxton to a May 26th runoff. Cornyn received approximately 41.9 percent of the vote compared to Paxton's 40.7 percent, with U.S. Representative Wesley Hunt placing third. Governor Greg Abbott and Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick won their renominations outright. The open Attorney General race moves to a runoff between State Senator Mayes Middleton and U.S. Representative Chip Roy. Middleton led with 39.1 percent, while Roy secured 31.6 percent. These outcomes highlight the importance of party unity following competitive primaries, especially after recent special election results that raised concerns regarding suburban and Latino voter turnout.

All 150 Texas House seats and multiple Senate seats will be contested in November 2026, with Republicans holding the current 88-62 House majority.

The recent Republican primary ballot featured 10 non-binding propositions, all of which passed. Proposition 1, aimed at phasing out property taxes over six years, received 64% approval, while Proposition 2, requiring voter approval for budget increases that raise property taxes, got 71%. Other measures, including restrictions on reproductive services in schools, protections for women's sports, limits on primaries to registered Republicans, term limits for officials, and bans on healthcare denial based on vaccination status, each received strong support—often above 70%. The propositions will help to determine the Republican agenda for 2027. Hearings on these issues will gain momentum from April through July 2026. Opportunities exist for public input, including from Republican women's organizations focused on family, education, and economic issues. These activities build upon recent conservative achievements, such as the implementation of the Texas Education Freedom Accounts school choice program and new tax relief measures. Sustained engagement through the May runoff and into the general election will support continued advancement of Republican priorities in Texas state politics.

PICTURE GALLERY

March Meeting



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

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- April 10: Reservation Deadline, 9:00 AM, Lunch Reservations link [HERE](#)
- April 13: NWFRW General Meeting, 11:30 AM, Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Road, Houston, TX 77090
- April 20: NWFRW Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, GHWB Community Center, 6827 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379
- May 2: Joint & Special Election Day (city council members, school board trustees, and other municipal representatives)
- May 15: Mail-in ballot application deadline for statewide runoff election
- May 19-22: Early voting for runoff election
- May 26: Runoff election day
- June 11-13: Republican Party of Texas Convention, George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Houston, TX 77010

**NORTHWEST FOREST REPUBLICAN WOMEN
2026 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 _____ Notary Public _____

Computer Skills: (Please list specifics) _____

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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