



NORTHWEST FOREST REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Potpourri

An Award-Winning Federated Club
Houston ~ North Harris County
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NEXT MEETING Monday, August 10, 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. Aug. 7, 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

Tracine Gibson

NWFRW welcomes **Jon Bonck** (Candidate for TX. U.S. House, District 38) as the guest speaker for the August 10th general meeting. In a runoff election following the March primary, Bonck won the Republican nomination and is on track to become the next member of Congress from Texas' 38th District.

Bonck holds a bachelor's degree in biochemistry from Louisiana State University and spent time in quality control roles in the biochemical and petroleum industries before moving into marketing with Nalco Champion in 2015. He later became a mortgage loan officer. Currently, Bonck is a Houston-area mortgage professional as well as a church deacon and financial steward, where he and his wife, Laura, and their two children worship.



Moving rapidly toward the November election, Bonck's campaign has focused on the importance of Republicans "getting-out-the-vote" and encouraging people to be engaged in the election process. He has also highlighted the importance of stricter immigration enforcement, protection for the unborn, and pushback against what he characterizes as "woke" curriculum in schools. Bonck frames himself as a political outsider rather than a career politician, leaning on his business and church background to make that case for voters. He is known as a "servant leader ready to fight for Texas families."

Mark your calendars! Make your reservations, and bring a friend to this important meeting to become better informed about the Republican candidate for Texas' 38th Congressional District, Jon Bonck.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lauren Lothringer Maywald

We hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer and are ready for an exciting and impactful fall season with Northwest Forest Republican Women! Returning from summer break, the club is gearing up for what promises to be one of the busiest and most engaging seasons. An outstanding lineup of dynamic speakers has been planned for the coming months, each bringing unique perspectives on the issues shaping Texas, the Nation, and the future of the Republican Party. NWFRW is especially excited to welcome Republican nominee for Texas' 38th Congressional District, Jon Bonck, to our August meeting as we begin the fall season.



With the Republican primary elections in the past, the nominees are officially set, and the club's focus turns squarely toward the November midterm election. Now is the time for Republicans to unite behind the candidates and work together to elect strong leaders at every level of the ballot. Every election cycle reminds us that victories are built through grassroots involvement, and each individual has an important role to play in the months ahead.

NWFRW will be announcing a variety of volunteer opportunities to support Republican campaigns across the community. Whether your passion is block walking, phone banking, helping at events, writing postcards, or simply encouraging friends and neighbors to vote, there will be opportunities for everyone to get involved. **Together, our efforts can make a meaningful difference in helping Republican candidates succeed this November!**

Attention New Members to NWFRW for 2026!

Mark your calendars for Monday, August 24th, at 7:00 pm, for a special evening meeting to find out more about NWFRW, ways to get involved, and additional information about state and local Republican happenings. The event will be held at Thistle Draftshop, 5210 FM 2920, Suite 100, Spring, TX 77388. Plan to invite a friend who would be interested in joining NWFRW to come with you! More information will be forthcoming!

*Our Momentum Sticks
Stand Strong in '26!*



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Lauren Lothringer Maywald

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3rd Vice President Political Activities

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Newsletter

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Nancy Radcliffe (interim)

Publicity

Sierra Johannessen

Reservations

Judi Thompson

Scholarship

LaDonna MacDonald, Nicole Peters

Voter Registration

Gay Garrett, Barbara Young

Website and Social Media

Heidi Furlong

Yearbook/Directory

Ana Carson

Immediate Past President

Nancy Radcliffe

MINUTES: June 8, 2026

Susan Thompson

Call to Order. President Lauren Lothringer Maywald called the NWFRW General Meeting to order at approximately 11:30 AM on Monday, June 8, 2026.

Invocation was delivered by **Chaplain Tracie Anderson** and the **Pledges to the American and Texas Flags** were led by **Nicole Peters, Klein Independent School District Trustee.**

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

Meeting Program. On behalf of 1st VP Programs Paige Harr, Lauren Maywald introduced Jennifer Holman, the founder of several local groups committed to combatting human trafficking in the greater Houston area. Ms. Holman discussed her business background and ultimate calling as an anti-trafficking advocate, using corporate connections for funding and awareness and political allies to pass state and federal legislation. She also discussed ways to be aware that a child is being groomed.

LUNCH

Approval of the Minutes. The minutes of the NWFRW May 11, 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.

On behalf of PAC Treasurer Gaynell Lira, Treasurer Amy Uribe gave the PAC Treasurer's report, and it will be filed with the minutes.

On behalf of 1st VP Programs Paige Harr, Secretary Susan Thompson announced that at the August 10, 2026, general meeting, the club will welcome Jon Bonck, Republican nominee for Texas Congressional District 38. This will be a great opportunity to hear firsthand about the campaign and the district's priorities.

2nd VP Membership Kathy Crosby announced that primary membership is at 180 members and associate membership is at 36 members. Corrections to the 2026 Membership Directory must be provided to Kathy Crosby by July 15, for inclusion in the August directory addendum; the addendum will also include new members' information.

3rd VP Political Activities Marcia Fitzpatrick congratulated primary election winners. As the mid-term election approaches, she asked that members watch their email for details on how the club can best support Republican candidates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scholarship Co-Chair Nicole Peters first thanked the other members of the Scholarship Committee for their time and thoughtfulness in evaluating the candidates. She then introduced Aubrie Austin, valedictorian of Tomball Memorial High School, as the recipient of the \$1,500 Priscilla Petty Scholarship. Aubrie shared her accomplishments, community involvement, and personal values. She thanked NWFRW for the scholarship, which will be used for her attendance at Texas A&M University and participation in the chemical engineering program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

President Lauren Lothringer Maywald reported that the PAC Committee, as per the club bylaws, met shortly after the primary run-off election and determined the recommendations for financially supporting the November 2026 mid-term elections. The Board approved \$10,250 in election campaign contributions, which were presented to the general membership for further approval. Upon motion made, the members unanimously approved the expenditure.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO JUNE BOARD MEETING

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

NO JULY GENERAL MEETING

NWFRW Board Meeting – July 20, 2026; 6:30 PM GHWB Community Center, 6827 Cypresswood Dr, Spring, TX 77379

NWFRW General Meeting – August 10, 2026, 11:30 AM, Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Road, Houston, TX 77090

ADJOURNMENT

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

2ND VP/MEMBERSHIP*Kathy Crosby*

Please stop by the membership table at the August 10th monthly meeting to pick up your 2026 directory AND the addendum.

A new member (primary and associate) meet-and-greet is on the schedule for Monday, August 24th from 7:00-8:30. This is a great opportunity to meet the board members, other new members, and to introduce some of your friends to NWFRW, so feel free to bring a guest! Mix and mingle time will begin at 7:00; snacks provided. After that, the group will move to the Blind Finch (right next door) to hear from a knowledgeable speaker about what is happening in the world of Republican politics. More information will be coming. *Please RSVP to 713.501.1105.*

Attached at the bottom of the Potpourri newsletter is the 2026 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 August 10th meeting. If you have any questions, reach out to 713-501-1105 or kathyvcrosby@gmail.com.

“Come a Guest, Leave a Member!”

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

Welcome back from summer break! Thank you for continuing to generously donate urgently needed items to the veterans at Camp Hope each month. It is a wonderful way to show them gratitude for their selfless service to our country.

Urgently needed items for this month: 5 lb. bags shredded cheese, apple juice (64 oz.), black bean cans, cereal, cranberry juice, strawberry & grape jelly, milk—whole milk only, orange juice, pasta, sugar packets (individual), seafood, tomato paste #10 cans, postage stamps, steno/legal pads, body lotion, body wash, boxer briefs (XL, XXL), mouthwash, Q-Tips, air filters (sizes on Amazon list), disposable plates, Lysol cleaner/Clorox cleaner, storage bins, Windex, 13-gallon trash bags, 55-gallon trash bags, fish oil, Magnesium, Melatonin 10mg, Pepto Bismol Pills, Sennosides, Smooth Move Tea, Super B Complex, Zinc, Zyrtec, Vitamin D3, twin XL sheet sets, gift cards: HEB or Kroger; Home Depot or Lowe's; Target or Walmart.

These items may be purchased on the Amazon website under the “Give Help tab; In-Kind Donation tab; Urgent Needs List” and will be sent directly to Camp Hope by Amazon. When purchasing on the Amazon website, be sure to include your email address and note that you are a member of Northwest Forest Republican Women.

Thank you!

3rd VP/POLITICAL ACTIVITIES*Marcia Fitzpatrick*

Welcome back...hope everyone has been having a wonderful summer with their family and friends! **It is time to get back to work. The upcoming midterm elections on November 3, 2026, are very important, especially with a progressive Democrat (Socialist?) vying for the U.S. Senate from Texas.** It is critical to get Republicans elected at all levels - Federal, State, and Local. Texas must remain **RED**, and much work needs to be accomplished to turn Harris County **RED**. **Every VOTE counts!** Please make sure everyone in your family has their Voter Registration up to date...people moving and college-bound students need to have the correct address.

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 5th – last day to register to vote

October 19th – first day of early voting

**October 23rd – last day to apply for ballot by mail
(received, not postmarked)**

October 30th – last day of early voting

November 3rd – MIDTERM ELECTION DAY

The Northwest Harris County Grassroots Republican headquarters will open early August. It will be located at 13100 Wortham Center Drive, Suite 245, Houston, TX 77065. It will serve as a hub where voters can receive campaign material, yard signs, push cards and learn more about Republican candidates. **NWFRW will have “VOTE REPUBLICAN” yard signs available at the September 14th general meeting. Be sure and plan to get yours!**

NWFRW Voter Registration Chairs, Gay Garrett and Barbara Young, have been working hard scheduling numerous voter registration events, prior to October 5th, the last day to register to vote before the midterm election. Please let family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers know about these opportunities to get registered and/or change addressees. The first two will be held at the following locations:

Thursday, July 30, 2026, 11:00 am - 1:00 p.m.

The Village at Gleannloch Farms

Senior Living Community

9505 Northpoint Blvd.

Spring, TX 77379

281-766-8148

Thursday, August 13, 2026, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Conservatory at Champion Forest

8215 Cypresswood Drive

Spring, TX 77379

281-370-3102

Additional voter registration dates will be announced soon... *Voting is your Super Power!*

Texas state leaders advance preparations for the 90th Regular Legislative Session as interim committee hearings intensify through the summer. Recent developments from legislative activities and the Texas Republican Party Convention in Houston reinforce conservative priorities heading into the November general election and the January 2027 session.

The Texas Republican Party State Convention, held June 11-13 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, united over 4,000 delegates under the theme "Strong Roots, Bold Future." Delegates elected D'Rinda Randall as the new Party Chair and adopted legislative priorities and a platform emphasizing election integrity, property tax elimination, border enforcement, protection of Texas kids, grid and water security, and stopping Sharia law influences. **Key priorities include banning taxpayer-funded lobbying and advancing education reform.** Messages of unity from leaders, including Governor Greg Abbott, underscored focus on November victories.

Interim committee work continues to shape 2027 policy. Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick and Speaker Dustin Burrows' charges guide studies on electric grid reliability amid large-load demands such as data centers, property tax relief strategies, border security, economic development, government fraud prevention, and gambling loopholes. Recent July hearings addressed surrogacy exploitation, THC impacts on mental health and homelessness, veteran mental health programs, and implementation of prior legislation. House select committees examine governmental oversight, health care affordability, and general aviation, alongside data center water impacts and local government preemption.

These efforts build on accomplishments from the 89th Legislature, including the Texas Education Freedom Accounts program and significant tax relief measures. **Public input opportunities through hearings remain vital for advancing priorities.** Sustained engagement in the general election process supports continued conservative momentum in Texas state politics.

RPT CONVENTION PHOTOS



PICTURE GALLERY

JUNE Meeting



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

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August 7: Meeting Reservation Deadline, 9:00 AM, Lunch Reservations link [HERE](#)

August 10: NWFRW General Meeting, 11:30 AM, Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Road, Houston, TX 77090

August 17: NWFRW Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, George H.W. Bush Community Center, 6827 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379

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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