

McLENNAN COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN NEWSLETTER

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DUES*

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP - \$20.00 per year - To be paid each year in Dec.

If you have not paid your dues for 2007, please do so. New members CAN JOIN at any time during the year and dues are paid at that time.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP - \$5.00 per year, per person – Pay anytime

We encourage you to give an associate membership, to your spouse, friends, employees and family members. WHY? All of the dues for associate members stay in our local club treasury. Nothing has to be sent to NFRW or to TFRW.

PERSPECTIVE MEMBERS

If you know of someone who would like to join the McLennan County Republican Women's Club, please bring them, as a guest to our luncheon. Their dues can be sent to Treasurer Nancy Swor, 3512 Greenleaf, Waco, 76710. Make all checks payable to McLennan County Republican Women's Club or MCRWC.

* **NOTE** - All Officers, Committee Chairs and members of TFRW board, MUST have their dues paid, on time or be in violation of NFRW & TFRW by-laws AND can be removed from office or chairmanship, in accordance to those by-laws.

NO CORPORATE CHECKS CAN BE ACCEPTED FOR DUES

LUNCH RESERVATIONS

Our next meeting will be lunch on TUESDAY, 28 August 2007 @ 11:30 A.M. @ RIDGEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN NOON, FRIDAY, 24 AUGUST 2007.

Anita Allen is our Hospitality Chair, but is out of town this month and reservations must be made thru Barbara Kasmiroski. See her contact info above.

**Please pay for your lunch with a check.
Ridgewood will NO LONGER ACCEPT CASH for your meal.**

PROGRAM

Ronita de Cordova Miller will be our speaker and will speak about Texas Museums and their treasures. Ronita can speak with great authority on Texas History and the items pertaining to State history, which is currently housed in museums. She is a Daughter of the Republic of Texas and currently serves on the Daughter's Board. The Daughters own the ALAMO and Ronita is a member of the DRT committee, who administers the ALAMO. Ronita is the granddaughter of Jacob de Cordova, founder of Waco and at one time, the owner of more acreage in Texas, than any other person.

Ronita is a native of Bosque County and if you have not met her, you are missing a treat. She is like a "walking encyclopedia" of Texas lore and history. Our oldest granddaughter and I were the recipients of a guided tour of Waco and its historical places, given to us by Ronita, during Spring Break, several years ago.

Ronita & David Miller are owners of TRIPLE D PUMP and are the parents of Tracy and Lyndon Love and grandparents of Sarah Compton Love and Sally Faye Love. A long time Republican and worker in the Republican Party, Ronita de Cordova Miller will give us a program you will enjoy hearing and one you will never forget!

NEW E-MAILS

We have several new members and current members who have new e-mail addresses. We currently have 83 members and 32 associate members. Please add the following to your listings:

- Kay Zipperlen gigi4Bush2004@msn.com new e-mail
- Grace Ann Crawford toyfoxlady@aol.com new e-mail
- Denise Carver cdmc612@yahoo.com new member
- Ann Staas astaas98@aol.com new member
- Susie Steffek Susie.Steffek@baylor.edu new member
- Erin Benson ebenson@sheehyremax.com new member
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- Leslie Maggard lmaggard@mclennan.edu
- Missy McReynolds missy@dgcholings.com
- Donna Mick dnn_mick@yahoo.com
- Anne Owen admin@jroof.com new member
- Leslie Rose peacebestill30@yahoo.com
- Rachel Hobbs rachel_hobbs@jrbt.com
- Lynnette Muesse msmewz@aol.com new member
- Dawn Maitz
- Suzanne Sibley

If you do not have a current or complete list of MCRW membership for 2007 and would like one, please e-mail lomaxgop@yahoo.com and in the subject line write "REQUEST FOR MCRW MEMBERSHIP LIST". I will send it as an attachment back to you. This list is not for sharing with other groups or organizations, please.

TEXAS STRAW POLL

The Republican Party of Texas is holding the first Straw Poll for a Presidential election in its history. Many of the Presidential candidates will be in attendance, even though Mitt Romney and Rudy Giuliani have not announced they will be in attendance. The Straw Poll will be held in Fort Worth, 31 August and 1 September 2007. Registration can be found at the RPT website.

To be eligible to attend, you must have been a delegate to one of the RPT conventions, since 2000.

DEADLINES FOR TFRW & REPORTING VOLUNTEER HOURS

The postmarked deadline for the following TFRW awards:

7 SEPTEMBER 2007	JOHN GOODWIN TOWER AWARD OF EXCELLANCE
7 SEPTEMBER 2007	TEN OUTSTANDING TFRW
7 SEPTEMBER 2007	BEST NEWSLETTER
7 SEPTEMBER 2007	MOST IMPROVED NEWSLETTER

Go to www.tfrw.org to print out the award applications.

It would also be a good idea for every one of us to look over the requirements of these awards, for you never knows, when you will be the one asked to be the AWARDS CHAIRWOMEN! There are guidelines for our programs, which give us points, on this site.

Also, go to www.nfrw.org to see the National Federation of Republican Women's requirements for their award requirements.

Campaign Activities Reporting of Volunteer Hours (From the TFRW website)

Volunteer hours measure the influence of Republican Women in the election process. TFRW and your club deserve recognition for the tremendous contributions members make toward getting Republicans elected! This measure is demonstrated in the enormous number of hours our members volunteer to the process.

The total volunteer hours for the club should be sent quarterly to the VP - TFRW Campaign Activities. The quarterly reports for 2006-07 will be due March 31, June 30, September 31 and December 31, as shown on the report form.

Organize a system to accurately keep track of the campaign hours that each member has contributed. (Sample form provided on the website and in Forms Section of TFRW Handbook.) Keep a record of each volunteer's member status, Ex. regular member, candidate member, spouse member of candidate, or associate member (male but not candidate). There are separate awards for these categories at Legislative Day to be held spring 2006.

Remember, to receive the award recognition that clubs and individuals deserve, members must report volunteer hours. Don't hide under a bushel! Develop incentives within your club for not only volunteering, but also for reporting those hours. This accounting **DEMONSTRATES NOT ONLY TFRW's, BUT ALSO YOUR CLUB'S, STRENGTH and INFLUENCE IN ELECTING REPUBLICANS!**

I look forward to getting the reports of the tremendous work TFRW women are doing across TEXAS!

POLICY FOR COUNTING CAMPAIGN HOURS

1. **ONLY** count hours pertaining to non-paid political activities. Hours as Election Judge, Clerk, and Poll Watcher count **ONLY** if pay is turned over to a county party, your local Federated Republican Women's Club, a candidate or the TFRW PAC.
2. Include work done at home, such as mailings; preparing campaign posters or signs; telephoning - solicited by a candidate/campaign; baking for a campaign, but not for club meetings.
3. Count hours spent working at a special event or organizing the event. **BUT NOT** if you attend as a guest or if you are compensated for the event.
4. Count hours spent in session at Federation Board of Directors meetings and Federation Conventions also time spent in preparation of convention if on committee. You may include travel time.
5. Count hours spent in session at precinct, county/district or state party conventions. You may include travel time. **NOTE: Please remember to attend your precinct convention!**
6. You may count hours spent as members of county or state party committees - **ONLY** during scheduled meeting times. You may include travel.
7. Count political work done at club meetings, i.e., driving a candidate, working on mailings, getting candidate petitions signed, etc. **DO NOT** count hours in regular meetings.
8. Volunteer hours done at county, state or Federation Headquarters may be counted. **BUT NOT** for paid staff positions.
9. All hours volunteered at campaigns and at headquarters include portal to portal travel. **BUT NOT** stops for personal errands.
10. Count nonpartisan hours for known Republican candidates in city or school board elections.
11. Women candidates who are members of a club may count their campaigning as volunteer hours as long as no salary is accepted. A separate award will be given in this category at award events.
- >12. Male associate members may count volunteer hours and must follow the same rules which apply to regular members. Male candidates cannot count hours working on their campaigns.
13. A dual member's hours are only counted in her primary club.
14. Whenever possible, please have your hours verified and initialed by the campaign or headquarters. This will help determine where our hours are most utilized.
15. **NOTE: Presidents and Campaign Activities Chairmen are not permitted to work in nonpartisan as well as campaigns when there is more than one Republican in the race. Clubs may not endorse in the name of the club. Individual members may work for the Republican of their choice.**

MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING – 24 JULY 2007

42 members in attendance

Ridgewood County Club

Welcome and Social

Invocation -Lucy Ross

Pledges - Charissa Sloan

Call to order - Charissa Sloan

Time: Noon

Recognition of Elected Officials:

Judge Tom Gray, Tenth Court of Appeals

State Representative 'Doc' Anderson

Judge Vicki Menard 414th Court

Program - Accomplishments of the 80th Legislature

Speaker: State Representative Charles 'Doc' Anderson

(GOOD MEETING, thank you Doc)!

Treasurers Report - Nancy Swor

Adjournment by Charissa Sloan - 1:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bradley 8/13/07

MINUTES – BOARD MEETING – 13 AUGUST 2007

A) LOCATION & TIME: Uncle Dan's

B) Meeting began at 11:45 AM and adjourned at 1:00 PM

C) ATTENDING: The President & 9 board members in attendance:

President (and Chair) - Charissa Sloan

Vice-President - Robyn Howard

Secretary - Nancy Bradley

Treasurer & PAC Treasurer - Nancy Swor

Programs - Bobbie Bills

Research & Legislative - Peggy Mallick

Hospitality - Tammy Hector

Immediate Past President/Advisor - Barbara Kasmiroski

Newsletter - Carolyn Lomax

Research - Rachel Woods

D) AGENDA:

1) Charissa called the Meeting to Order at Noon

2) Sam and Dawn Maitz spoke about the web page for our club.

3) Individual Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report - Nancy Swor, presented the Treasurer's

Program Report - Bobbie Bills, Ronita Miller, Republican

Women of the Texas Revolution

*Research & Legislative Report - Rachel Woods, Sam & Dawn Maitz discussed the club web page.

*Entertainment: Bobbie Bills, Nancy Bradley will be reporting to Tammy Hector when October Event Speaker has confirmed appearance.

*Newsletter: Carolyn Lomax reminded the board about Awards due the end of this month on the club Newsletter

Charissa Sloan adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm.

* Unfinished duties with a due date.
Respectfully submitted, Nancy Bradley 8/13/07

FROM THE DESK OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE DOC ANDERSON

Be sure and read Doc's most interesting report mailed from his office. Congratulations to Valerie Duty on getting Doc's help for the bill to REQUIRE seat belts on all school buses. Because of the lack of seat belts on school buses, our children were NEVER allowed to ride on the school buses. Yes, it required lots of driving on the part of mom and dad!

FROM THE DESK OF SENATOR KIP AVERITT

Nothing submitted

CONVENTION CALLS

The Official Call for the NFRW Biennial Convention, in Palm Springs, California, September 26-30, 2007, has been received. Delegates will be selected during our General meeting.

Ladies there is a day trip to the Ronald Reagan Library scheduled as one of the pre-convention events. Representative Mary Bono will be our hostess for this convention. Early Registration Cost is \$345.00

"A Campaign School will also be held in conjunction with this convention. It will be held on September 27 & 28, 2007. It is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of campaigns; the school is two days in length and features top-notch political professionals who have a wide range of expertise and experience." **

Cost is \$175.00

** from THE REPUBLICAN WOMAN – Spring-Summer 2007 issue.

The Pre-call has been sent for the Biennial TFRW Convention to be held in El Paso, TX, November 9-11, 2007.

Each club is entitled to one voting delegate for each ten members in a club and one additional delegate shall be allowed for a remainder of six to nine members. The same number of alternates is allowed, per club.

To be a delegate, one's dues must be paid to TFRW no less than sixty (60) days prior to the convention

Our club will be eligible for several State Awards. Chairwomen DO NOT forget your deadlines.

CONGRATULATIONS

Linda & John Hatchel will be celebrating their wedding anniversary, the day of our next meeting, 28 August 2007. May you have many, many more together!

TFRW DISTRICT DIRECTOR CAMPAIGN

Carolyn Payne Lomax candidate for TFRW District Director, SD 22 will begin attending the club meetings of all of the clubs in SD 22, the beginning of September.

If anyone would like to attend these meetings, with her, please call or e-mail Carolyn. She would enjoy the companionship as she campaigns for this office. It will usually take a morning or afternoon to drive to, attend the meeting and drive home. What better way to see Central Texas in the fall?

For those who may not remember or know, Carolyn will be trying to follow in the footsteps of several MCRW who have held this office – Bobbie Bills, Valerie Duty and Helen Quiram are a few.