

The **Republican Women's** *VOICE*

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President's Message

Hope you all had a great 4th of July celebration with family, friends, neighbors. The festivities seemed especially exuberant this year. My 7 year old neighbor called me and told me to watch their fireworks because "We are Americans!" They were spectacular and safely monitored by a fireman. My prayer is that as we go into the 88th session of the Texas State Legislation we can hold on to the same excitement because we are Americans. We are constitutional, conservative and Republican Americans who can make a difference.

What actions do we need to take? TFRW has plenty of suggestions in the July Newsletter.* However, with any action we should keep in mind the overall goal is to reach out to as many people as possible with the Conservative message. You could offer voter registration application. Give information about the Republican Party in Texas. There are printed cards with the conservative message available in the HQ office to pass out.

Support our Congressman Dr. Michael Burgess, and/or reach out to another district and help support a promising young Republican candidate. There are endless possibilities. We could send supportive comments to the Republican Hispanic candidates from the border running for office. Myra Flores, Monica Dela Cruz and Michelle Vallejo to name a few. Any activity that results in contact with voters or promising candidates is a positive.

The Red Dialer Program is an automated phone banking system that allows you to make calls from home. You can download the app and call from your phone or laptop. It sounds complicated but it is really a simple process. You can find a link

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www.nfrw.org



Next Meeting:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022, 7pm

Our Voices at the Republican Party of Texas

**Speakers: Britton Brooks, SD 30 Committeeman and
Rachel Horton, SD 30 Committeewoman**

*Convention Re-cap, Platform & Legislative Priorities, and first-hand details about the
SREC—State Republican Executive Committee—that governs the RPT*

First Christian Church, 401 N. Dixon St., Gainesville

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President's Message AND Legislatively Speaking . . . --from President Margaret Carter

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to a training video in the July *TFRW Today* under the programs tab. <https://www.tfrw.org/newsletter-archives/> All information is there with points of contact for help any time. This is probably the easiest most effective way to make contact with a large number of potential R voters without ever leaving home. **You can attend a Day of Action at Republican HQ in July to get training in person. See details about August 6th and 20th on Page 4 of this newsletter.**

In January 2023 the 88th session of the Texas Legislature will go into session. The delegates at the Texas Convention in Houston selected eight of fifteen proposed priorities submitted to be 2022 Legislative Priorities. **See County Chair Chris McNamara's report on Page 5 with the Priorities and more Convention News.**

We will have to see what actually gets attention. Regardless, it is important that each one of us write to our representative and senator. Let them know what you think and as a voter and taxpayer what you want for your family and community. Remain in contact: one letter, email or call is not enough. If your issue did not make the top eight Priorities list, write, call, communicate however you can. Senator Brian Hughes and Representative Jacey Jetton have both made comments on Toni Anne Dashiell's Friday morning TAD calls about how communication with constituents has changed minds and votes.**

I was sad to see that the proposed priority, **Securing The Grid**, which should be top priority, did not even make it to the final list of eight. This is something Senator Bob Hall has filed bills about for several sessions, addressing the vulnerability of our grid and the consequences to our way of life if the electrical grid goes down completely. It covers what can be done to protect the grid. Not easy but doable.

If you did not enjoy the freeze February 2021, then it would be helpful to watch Senator Hall's video, "Grid Down, Power Up". Go to Senator Bob Hall's website Scroll down to the until you see access to the video. You can zoom past the initial part. Stop when you hear Dennis Quade speaking. This is where the meat of the information begins. [Grid Down Power Up - Film Screening and Panel Discussion - May 18th, 2022 \(granicus.com\)](https://www.granicus.com/)

Stay out there. Stay strong. Let's bring in more Republican voters and candidates!

Margaret Carter, 2022 Club President

*The July 2022 *TFRW Today* should have hit your Inbox on July 1st, if you've given the Club an email address. If you are not receiving emails from TRFW and/or NFRW, please let me know!

Here's a link that will get you to the July issue, and a complete archive of previous issues *TFRW Today* [Newsletters - TFRW](#)

**Everyone is invited to join in on Toni Anne's Friday morning 7 a.m. Zoom Calls. So informative! Here's a link to her website where you can see recordings of past meetings. Click on "Contact" where you can subscribe to TAD Talks. [Meeting Recordings — Toni Anne Dashiell RNC National Committeewoman for Texas](#)



Bring supplies for BORDER AGENTS, August 4!

As we return from summer vacation, we'll continue collecting items for our law enforcement heroes working along the border. It's the **Border Care Project**. Check their Facebook page to see what's been done. Items will be distributed to all those working the border, including U.S. Border Patrol, DPS, Texas National Guard, and local Sheriffs' stations.

BASIC ITEMS NEEDED

HAND SANITIZER SUNSCREEN INSECT REPELLENT WIPES

MICROBAN SPRAY POWDERED ELECTROLYTE (*Gatorade, Liquid IV, Propel*)

DISPOSAL GLOVES SNACKS (*things that will not melt: crackers, chips, cookies, etc*)

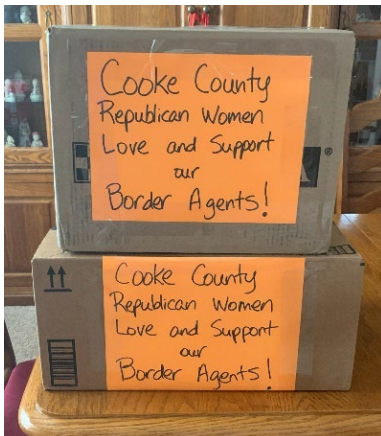
ITEMS FOR FIRST AIDE BAGS: suggestions:
Gauze, tape, eye wash, wound wash, antibiotics, chiggers/ insect medication. These can be individually given or put in a shopping bag. They are taken out to the field stations for agents. The .99 cent shopping bags at Walmart are perfect and easy to transport.



This project is supported by different states, clubs, and County Parties. It is supported entirely by donations, delivered by volunteers from various clubs and organized by Camino Real. We believe everyone can have a part in supporting the men and women that are on the front lines protecting us. Please see photos of our trips to the Rio Grande Valley, Del Rio, and Bracketville on the Border Care Project Facebook Page.

BRING INDIVIDUAL PACKETS THAT AGENTS CAN CARRY EASILY IN THEIR BACKPACKS.

There will be a collection box at each meeting. A table with thank-you cards that you can sign and/or put your sentiment in will also be available. **A jar for monetary donations will be available for us to purchase fast food meal cards to enclose with the thank you notes.**



Morale is low for these hard-working men and women. We want to encourage them and let them know that we're all thinking of and praying for them as they work to keep us safe from this invasion.

If you have any questions about this project, please call **Cathy Hallmark, Americanism Chair, at (661) 477-2822.**

Pictured are the first two boxes I took to my BCP contact in Frisco, ready for shipment to Del Rio. Thanks for your generosity so far! Keep on giving!



Two Saturdays in August **August 6 and August 20** VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT PROJECT "DAY OF ACTION" continues

--Vice President Campaign Activities Pauline Lesch,
plesch@ntin.net, call or text to 214-212-9417

First off, I want to recognize those who joined me at Headquarters for our first two Days of Action, getting introduced to the automated program that VEP is using to register Republican voters. **Susan Schaub, Peggy DeLancy and Kimzie Moss** were there June 4th. **Margaret Carter** and **Cathy Stroud** joined in on June 25. We all were assigned log in credentials and got a start making calls, using prepared scripts. We left with all the tools we needed to continue making calls from home.

On August 6 and 20, we'll meet again at Republican Headquarters from 10am-2pm. By this time, the calls should be swinging into a new phase with new scripts. The whole program is dedicated to one objective: Getting Republicans to REGISTER and turn out to VOTE.

I invite everyone to get involved. The November election is critical, and early voting will start before we know it!

Go to: <https://txvoterengagement.com/events> to sign up for Days of Action. This will enable the VEP team to assign your ID and password prior to the event itself. If August dates are not yet posted for Cooke County, try again in a few days. Text me, too, so I'll know how many to expect. See you then!

Getting to know CCRW

Note: In the April issue we featured President Margaret Carter, VP Membership Pam Dill, Americanism Chair Cathy Hallmark and PR Chair Peggy DeLancy. The May issue featured VP Fundraising Christi Klement and Immediate Past President Kerri Kingsbery. Here is another member of your Executive Committee.

Nenia Kahl – Caring for America Co-Chair



Nenia has been a member of Cooke County Republican Women since 2004, after she and her family moved to Gainesville from Mobile, Alabama.

Over the years, Nenja has held office and volunteered as Hospitality Chair, Secretary, Ways and Means, Caring for America, Americanism, Voter Registrar, State Delegate, County Delegate and Precinct 6 Chairman.

Nenia has been married for 55 years to her sweetheart Matthew Kahl. They met in Grand Forks, North Dakota where they both served in the US Air Force. They have six children, 24 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

Nenia is a professional seamstress and small party caterer and a Consultant for Pampered Chef.



News from your Republican Party of Texas Convention, June 14-16

--County Chair Chris McNamara, chair@cookegop.com, or call HQ 940-665-8683, leave a message and I'll return your call.

Thank you to the Delegates who represented Cooke County at the Republican Party of Texas Convention! The County Executive Committee (CEC) met on June 30 for its organizational meeting for the two-year term, June 2022-June 2024. Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Jody Henry swore me in, and also administered the oath of office to our precinct chairs. Here's a link to a complete list [Leadership \(cookegop.com\)](http://Leadership(cookegop.com)). We have vacancies in Precinct 17 (south of Muenster) and Precinct 21 (Lindsay area). If you know someone who would be interested in serving as Precinct Chair, give me a call!

Legislative Priorities Delegates from throughout Texas narrowed down a list of 15 proposed priorities to the eight deemed most important for action in the 2023 Legislative Session:

- Protect Our Elections
- Ban Democrat Chairs
- Abolish Abortion in Texas
- Stop Sexualizing Texas Kids
- Ban Gender Modification of Children
- Secure the Border and Protect Texans
- Parental Rights and Educational Freedom
- Defend Our Gun Rights

Here's a link with an explanation of each:

<https://RWGNT.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5feb9c9704d13b1d83f43a5f25&id=07c3a317c0&e=cbf9fff8eb>

2022 Platform Now available! [Platform - Republican Party of Texas](http://Platform-RepublicanPartyofTexasRepublicanPartyofTexas(texasgop.org)) [Republican Party of Texas \(texasgop.org\)](http://texasgop.org).

SREC Elections



Britton Brooks brittonbrookssrec30@gmail.com (Follow on Facebook @britton.brooks.73) was reelected for his third term as SD30 Committeeman by Delegates from the District.



Rachel Horton rachel.horton08@gmail.com (Follow on Facebook @HortonHearsTexasSD30) was elected as SD30 Committeewoman.

They will represent our senate district on the State Republican Executive Committee (SREC).



We thank CCRW Member **Deon Starnes** neon_deon@verizon.net for almost nine years on the SREC and for her dedication to representing SD30 at the RPT. Term limits caught up with her!

Much of the following contact information was compiled by the Republican Women of Greater North Texas and shared by our TFRW Deputy President Kerri Kingsbery.

The Delegates did their jobs. Now What Can I Do?

1. Contact your State Representative and State Senator (incumbent, elect, or November Candidate) and ask them to propose and adopt a rule to end the practice of appointing Democrat Committee Chairs.
2. Contact the Governor and Lt. Governor's offices as well as your State Representative and State Senator and let them know that you expect them to pass and sign into law meaningful legislation that follows the RPT Principles and achieves the goals of the Legislative Priorities and Platform. Tell them that will be the only

acceptable measurement of success for the 88th Legislature when you decide whether to re-hire them at the ballot box in the next election.

STEP 1: Gov. Greg Abbott

Email the Governor's Senior Policy Director: Steve.Munisteri@gov.texas.gov or call him at (512) 463-1830

Email Gov. Abbott: [Contact | Office of the Texas Governor | Greg Abbott](#) & click on "I want to share my opinion."

Call Gov. Abbott: (512) 463-2000 | 8 AM - 5 PM & (512) 463-1782 Opinion Hotline

SOCIAL MEDIA--

Post message & tag Abbott on Facebook: @TexansForAbbott: [Greg Abbott | Facebook](#)

Post message & tag Abbott on Twitter: @GregAbbott_TX: [Gov. Greg Abbott \(@GovAbbott\) / Twitter](#)

Post message & tag Abbott on Instagram: @governorabbott

[Greg Abbott \(@governorabbott\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

STEP 2: Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick

Call & email his Chief of Staff, Darrell Davila: (512) 463-0001 | Darrell.Davila@ltgov.texas.gov

Call these numbers! Message Line: (512) 463-5342 & Office Line: (512) 463-0001

Email Lt. Gov. Patrick by going to his website: [Contact - Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick \(texas.gov\)](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Twitter: @DanPatrick< [Dan Patrick \(@DanPatrick\) / Twitter](#)

Facebook: @dan.patrick.texas< [Dan Patrick | Facebook](#)

STEP 3: Call GOP House Speaker Dade Phelan

Call his Austin Office AND District Office! Austin (512) 463-1000 | District (409) 745-2777 (He appoints committee chairmen - his actions as Speaker impact ALL Texans!)

Email Speaker Phelan: dade.phelan@house.texas.gov

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Facebook: Post message & tag the Speaker: @TexansforDade< [Facebook](#)

Twitter: Post message & tag the Speaker: [Dade Phelan \(@DadePhelan\) / Twitter](#)

Instagram: Post message & tag: [Dade Phelan \(@dadephelan\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

STEP 4:

Call your State Representative and State Senator: Tell him/her you want REAL legislation to accomplish the RPT Priorities, AND you want them to PUBLICLY push for ACTION from Abbott, Patrick, and Phelan!

See **Senator Drew Springer** (SD30) and **Representative David Spiller** (HD68) below.

CONTACT YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS!

There is a complete listing of elected public officials--federal, state and local--in your Membership Directory and Yearbook. If you ever want an up-to-date edition, just email Pauline plesch@ntin.net, or call/text 214-212-9417, and she will email the latest digital edition to you. In addition, local elected public officials are listed on the last or next to last page of each newsletter (see next page).

Senator John Cornyn, 517 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510, 202-224-2934, <https://cornyn.senate.gov>

Senator Ted Cruz, 404 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20210, 202-224-5922, <https://cruz.senate.gov>

Congressman Ronny Jackson, 118 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515, 202-225-3706

<https://jackson.house.gov/contact/>

Governor Greg Abbott, P. O. Box 12428, Austin, TX 78711, 512-463-2000 <https://gov.texas.gov/contact>

Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, P. O. Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711, 512-463-0001, <https://www.ltgov.state.tx.us/contact>

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Senate District 30, 512-463-0130, drew.springer@senate.state.tx.us

State Representative David Spiller, House District 68, State Capitol Extension, Room EXT E2.602, P. O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910, 512-463-0526, district68.spiller@house.texas.gov

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Cooke County Republican Women Regular Meeting • May 5, 2022

Location: First Christian Church, Gainesville

President Margaret Carter called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Margaret welcomed members and guests and mentioned that questions for the forum were developed by the forum moderator and committee and that due to time constraints questions from the audience will not be taken.

The Invocation and Pledges were led by Cathy Hallmark, who mentioned that it is National Day of Prayer. Margaret mentioned that it is Military Appreciation Month and asked all Veterans to stand up to be recognized and appreciated.

Margaret then called on all elected officials and candidates to introduce themselves.

Chris McNamara, Cooke County Republican Party Chairman introduced himself and reported that the yearly fundraiser BYOG was very successful this year.

The April Meeting Minutes were approved.

Announcements:

Cathy Hallmark announced the club is collecting for the Border Patrol Project and requested donations.

Pauline Lesch announced all upcoming elections.

Pauline Lesch moved on to the forum for the evening explaining that candidates would make opening statements, followed by questions and closing statements. The first two candidates were for the position of Commissioner Precinct 4 John Metzler and Matt P. Sicking.

Pauline explained that there is no incumbent in this race and the winner will not meet an opponent in the November election. Some of the topics covered were Roads and Bridges, Expected Growth, Budgeting and the possibility of a Bond Election and Tax Abatements.

Margaret announced a five-minute break for the audience and called members to the lectern to vote on a Bylaws change which was announced at the April 7 meeting. Bylaws Chair Dianne Helms explained that changes required by TFRW/NFRW require no vote. She then explained the change on which the members needed to vote, to give the authority to make changes to the regular meeting schedule to the Executive Committee, rather than to the President alone, and to provide a requirement to notify the members of such a change in no less than seven (7) days. Members voted to approve the change.

The forum continued with the race for the position of County Judge and the two candidates Leon Klement and John O. Roane. Pauline announced that there is also no incumbent for this race but that the winner of this election will meet an opponent in the November election.

The same format was followed and some of the topics covered included The Candidates Top Priorities & Expected Biggest Challenges, Tax Rates, Emergency Management, and the Candidates Confidence in Cooke County Elections.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kerri Kingsbery, Acting Secretary

Cooke County Republican Women information is always available at www.cookegop.com/ccrw, including upcoming meetings, listing of officers, current newsletter, previous newsletters, membership form and club bylaws.

STANDING COMMITTEES/2022 Committee Chairmen

Awards (VP-Programs)	Jennifer Jonas	940-391-9991
Americanism	Cathy Hallmark	661-477-2822
Bylaws	Dianne Helms	940-368-0007
Campaign Activities (VP- Campaign Activities)	Pauline Lesch	214-212-9417
Caring for America	Nenia Kahl and Nancy Willingham	940-641-2922 and 940-231-0725
Chaplain	Opportunity!	803-522-1775
Historian	Sharon McCormack	817-996-3265
Hospitality	Darla Hollandsworth	940-902-3295
Legislative	Elsa Young	214-535-8433
Literacy	Janice Stalling	972-948-9033
Membership (VP-Membership) . . .	Pam Dill	469-381-0097
Newsletter (The "VOICE")	Pauline Lesch	214-212-9417
Parliamentarian	Opportunity!	803-522-1775
Political Action (PAC Treasurer) . .	Marci Gilbert	940-634-3733
Public Relations	Peggy DeLancy	940-443-3775
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Ways & Means (VP Fundraising) . .	Christi Klement	940-736-9574



**What project and priority
would YOU like to work on
in 2022?**

Call me to talk about what
interests you!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August

- 4 – Thurs, 5:30pm Executive Committee Meeting
7pm **General Membership Meeting**
- 6 – Sat, 10am-2pm VEP Day of Action phonebank.
See page 3 for details.
- 20 – Sat, 10am-2pm VEP Day of Action phonebank.

September

- 1 – Thurs, 5:30pm Executive Committee Meeting
7pm **General Membership Meeting**
- 17 – **TFRW Tribute to Women Luncheon**,
Georgetown, Texas

October

- 6 – Thurs, 5:30pm Executive Committee Meeting
7pm **General Membership Meeting**
- 24 – Mon, First day of Early Voting in Person

November

- 4 – Fri, Last day of Early Voting in Person
- 8 – Tues, **ELECTION DAY**

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Find **CCRW** on the County Party website
www.cookegop.com/ccrw.

If you get the VOICE by U.S. mail,
and would prefer to receive it in color via email,
please contact Pauline Lesch, call/text 214-212-9417

Cooke County Elected Officials

–effective 01-01-2021

- County Judge Steve Starnes (*eff. 1/25/2021*)
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- Commissioner Precinct 1 Gary Hollowell (R)
gary.hollowell@co.cooke.tx.us 668-5481
- Commissioner Precinct 2 Jason M. Snuggs (R)
jason.snuggs@co.cooke.tx.us 668-5482
- Commissioner Precinct 3 Adam P. Arendt (R)
adam.arendt@co.cooke.tx.us 668-5483
- Commissioner Precinct 4 Leon Klement (R)
leon.klement@co.cooke.tx.us 668-5484
- County Court at Law Judge John Morris (R) 668-5461
- County Attorney Ed Zielinski (R) 668-5459
- County Treasurer Patty Brennan (R) 668-5424
- County Clerk Pam Harrison (R) 668-5420
- Tax Assessor-Collector Brandy Ann Carr (R) 668-5425
- County Sheriff Ray Sappington (R) 665-3471
- Justice of the Peace:*
 - JP Precinct #1 John J. "Jody" Henry (R) 668-5463
 - JP Precinct #2 Carroll Johnson (R) 668-5510
- Constable:*
 - JP Precinct #1 Mark Westbrook(R) 668-5523
 - JP Precinct #2 Chuck Owen (R) 668-5523
- 235th Judicial District:*
 - District Judge Janelle Haverkamp (R) 668-5401
 - District Attorney John Warren (R) 668-5466
 - District Clerk Marci Gilbert (R) 668-5450

CCRP Headquarters: *Answering Machine:* 665-8683