



Spirit of Freedom Republican Women



Lifted Lamp Newsletter

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Spirit of Freedom has a New Location!

Spirit of Freedom Republican Women will be hosting monthly meetings at Spring Creek Barbeque at 4895 Highway 6 in Missouri City! Come by at 11:00 am on January 15th and buy your lunch. The meeting starts at 11:30 am. This month we are hosting a Candidates Forum for the Fort Bend County District Attorney's office. Incumbent District Attorney John Healey and opponents Nina Schaefer and Richard Raymond will speak, with questions from the audience to follow. We look forward to seeing everyone.



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From the President

A Call to Arms!

In the coming months the battle for our country's survival will heat up to a frenzied pace. It is imperative that we as conservative Republican Women and the Republican Party must welcome those who share our beliefs in the formation and traditions of our country. There are groups that are fiscally or socially conservative who share similar views of our Party, but feel that they cannot join us. It is our job to bring them in so that our force is stronger to fight the evil that is clouding the judgment of the elected leaders in Washington. This election time is a turning point for our country. Some small differences in opinions should not deter us from joining forces. We must focus on our core values as a whole and not on individual issues. We should focus on values that we all share and agree with instead of focusing only on those on which we don't agree.

The Republican Party Platform must be our guide right now in our efforts to bring like minded Americans to fight with us. In a nutshell our platform calls for upholding the Constitution as our governing document including the three equal branches of government, limited government, local control of government, getting government out of the private sector, allowing free markets, protection of our sovereignty, control of our borders, protection of life, Federal balanced budget, and more.

As the primary elections quickly approach we need to agree that it is alright to support different candidates in the primary without coercion against an opposing opinion. But there is a greater consequence at stake for our Party. It is up to us to let others know what candidates do agree with the Party platform and will govern within the rules of that platform when elected. Start arming yourself with facts to present to anyone who has questions on the primary election.

If you want to be part of the process of amending the Party platform, be available to go to your precinct convention after the election, go to your district convention and your state convention as a delegate. Everyone has the opportunity to get involved. It's up to you to be informed and involved! It all depends on you!

Tina Gibson

President, Spirit of Freedom Republican Women's Club

Scripture of the month: II

Corinthians 3:17
 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.



Happy December/January

Birthdays to:

Monica Townsend - Dec. 2nd
Lannette Dye - Dec. 7th
The Honorable Pete Olson - Dec. 9th
The Honorable Jeff Council - Dec. 17th
Jo Howard - Dec. 24th
Lisa Rickert - Dec. 25th
Jenny Yu - Dec. 26th
Judy Najarian - Dec. 27th
Valerie Bryan - Dec. 29th
Tina Thompson - Dec. 30th
James Patterson, Jan. 5th
Debbie Francher, Jan 10th
Larry Morrow, Jan 20th
John Healey, Jan 21st
Debby Coffman, Jan. 23rd
Betty Cooke, Jan. 27th
Cliff Adcock, Jan 29th



PRAY for those in our family who are serving...

SSgt. James Bryan, US Army (Valerie and Jerry Bryan)
Rick Gates, US Army (Melissa and Gary Gates)
CPT Raul Medrano, US Army (Tina and Wayne Thompson)
MAJ Trever Nehls, US Army (Mrs. Kerri Nehls)
CDR P. Scott Miller, US Navy-deployed (Babs and Rick Miller)
Bryce Ritzen, US Marine Corps-deployed (Tina and Mike Gibson)
CDR J. Michael Smith, US Navy-deployed (Mary and Carl Favre)
Keep all of our servicemen and women and their families in your prayers. Whether they serve at home or abroad, continue to intercede in their behalf.

Installation of 2010 Officers

The new officers for Spirit of Freedom were installed at our annual Christmas Membership Party at the Fort Bend Chamber by Senator Joan Huffman. Pictured from left are Treasurer Willye White, Recording Secretary Lanette Dye, 1st VP Programs Judy Bayliss, Senator Joan Huffman, President Tina Gibson, 2nd VP Membership Cindy Bond and Corresponding Secretary Jenny Hrbacek. Not pictured: PAC Treasurer Dana Benoit.



Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

Greater Houston Council is an organization covering nine counties and comprised of 39 clubs belonging to the Texas Federation of Republican Women. While the Council is a separate entity it does maintain close ties with TFRW and acts as a liaison between the clubs and TFRW. TFRW board members – District Directors and Deputy Presidents assist clubs during the year in many areas. The Deputy Presidents in this area present the annual “Nuts n Bolts” seminar for the Greater Houston Council. Due to the success of the seminar it will be held on February 16 this year at a new location and include a luncheon with speakers instead of its normal presentation time after the January meeting. “Nuts n Bolts” covers information all new officers and committee chairmen need to know to make their job much easier.

GHC meets five times a year – January, March, May, September and November at Compass Bank at San Felipe and Kirby. At the January 19 meeting the Presidents of the clubs will be honored and receive their GHC pins. The other meetings offer speakers covering a wide range of subjects. While the President and a delegate are urged to attend and are voting members, all club members are welcome to attend the meetings. GHC participation is a wonderful way to become active in TFRW and network with other Republican women from this area and around the state. As the new year begins, add GHC meetings to your calendar – the third Tuesday – and be ready to make new friends and renew old acquaintances.

Pat Hebert

Immediate Past President

Greater Houston Council

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY: January 29th: The 2010 Lincoln-Reagan Dinner, featuring **Laura Ingraham** as the keynote speaker.

Sponsorships and tickets sales are now available at: www.lincoln-reagan-dinner.com and coming in.

We expect a sold-out gathering of Republicans at the Texas Safari for this grand annual event, **so make your reservations today**. We also expect to have many of our State officials and ALL of our local officials and candidates.

Suggested readings for informed conservatives on how to fight the progressive reform thinkers and communicate to those who are uninformed without scaring them away.

Confrontational Politics by H.L. “Bill” Richardson
Order on Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble and Borders

Slightly to the Right by H.L. “Bill” Richardson
Download at <http://senhrl.blogspot.com>

Conservatives grab for tea party cash



Conservative leaders are eager to turn Tea Party anger into election-year cash – and to do that, they’re launching a flurry of new political action committees aimed at collecting small-dollar donations from newly engaged anti-tax, anti-spending activists. Photo: AP

Conservatives are drawn to the TEA Party more than the Republican Party but the Tea Party is still at odds as to how to influence new candidates to defeat incumbents. The organizers must decide whether to raise small dollar donations from activists to help fund good candidates or just to keep on having rallies and protests. The latter would result in failure of the movement.

Take Back America PAC, launched by FreedomWorks, the conservative group and Tea Party leader run by former House Republican leader Dick Armey.

Armey said the goal of the new PAC is “to show that if Republicans pick their candidates with a message of restraint of big government and respect for individual liberty, it will translate into electoral success. If they don’t do that, they will probably get what I will call ‘gentle reminders’ from all of the grassroots activists in their districts that they need to be a lot more like Reagan Republicans or they can expect that they might lose their own primary.”

Sources:

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Legislative Tidbits

by Marilyn Davis, TFRW Vice President Legislation

A year’s planning paid off for the TFRW convention committee in Galveston this past November with a smoothly run, near perfect convention. If you were there, you heard the speakers and these quotes will bring back fond memories. If not, you will get a taste of what you missed.

“The President talks of change. We just hope he changes.” “Cap and Trade means: Cap our economy and trade our jobs to China.” **Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams**

“Paint me red with a big stick.” “Roosters crow. Hens deliver.” **Texas Controller Susan Combs**

“Government can talk about lowering taxes, but if you don’t stop spending, taxes can’t be lowered enough.”

Railroad Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones

“From the first George (Washington) to the last George (W) we accumulated \$6 trillion of debt. Obama has brought it up to \$15 trillion.” **Lt. Governor David Dewhurst**

“I can count the best days of my life on one hand, and this is one of them.” **World War II vet** on day he visited WWII memorial in Washington D.C. with group led by **Brenda Beaven, Texas My Favorite Teacher Award Recipient**

“When you support candidates, I ask you to select candidates that will do what they have said they would do.”

State Senator Joan Huffman, SD 17

“A government bureau is the nearest thing to eternal life you will ever see. Government is not the solution. Government is the problem. Government always finds a need for any money it gets.” **President Ronald Reagan** quotes used in various speeches.

“The democrats are going to pull out all the stops to socialize medicine, and we will fight it every step of the way.” **U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison**

“I will not rest until we take back the House and kick Nancy Pelosi out.”

Congressman Michael McCaul, CD 10

“Texans don’t know the meaning of the word ‘can’t’. Texans are ‘can do’ people.”

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott



Upcoming Events

Commissioner James Patterson Campaign Fundraiser, Thursday, January 14, 5:30pm, Sugar Land community Center

Sugar Land State of the City Breakfast, Friday, January 15, 7:30 am, Sugar Land Marriott

Commissioner Andy Meyers Annual Breakfast, Thursday, January 21, 7:30 am., Safari Texas

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Spirit of Freedom Republican Women's PAC 2010

2010 Registration Form

Spirit of Freedom Republican Women's PAC membership.

Please complete form and return with your dues.

Please mail to:

Cindy Bond
 2010 Membership VP
 1743 Carriage Way
 Sugar Land, TX 77478

(Please print)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

(Required)

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Fax Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Birthday (Month/Day) _____ Voting Precinct _____

Spouse Name: _____

___ Full Membership - \$30.00

___ Associate Membership - \$15.00 **(Men or members of other *TFRW clubs)**
 *Texas Federation of Republican Women

**Please make checks payable to "Spirit of Freedom Republican Women's PAC."
 Corporate checks disallowed by McCain-Feingold.**

Our monthly newsletters will be sent by email this year. Please indicate if you would prefer that your newsletters be mailed to you.

___ I would like for my newsletters to be mailed.