

“Working to Keep Texas Red”
January 2021 Newsletter
TFRW Region 2

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It is likely that we are all happy to see the year 2020 end. I want to thank Mary Lea Kirk for her leadership of MCRW these past two years. Her dedication to our club was obvious and she led us through our challenges of COVID-19 with such grace.

As we move into 2021, it is evident the we, as Republicans, need to stay focused on the future of our country. We need to be unified in working toward protecting our freedoms and electing Republicans who share our beliefs. One great way to stay informed is to stay involved with your Republican Women's club. We cannot be complacent; we must not feel defeated—we must feel motivated to work toward the future we believe in. Remember, the Democrat party has targeted Texas and wants to turn Texas blue. We cannot let that happen on our watch.

As a member of MCRW, you will find that you are among likeminded Conservatives and will always be able to find someone to listen to your concerns. You will have opportunities to hear from elected officials and your elected officials will hear from us. Please take the time to complete your 2021 Montgomery County Republican Women membership form and mail it in today. Your participation is vital to our success.

Your dedicated Board of Directors of MCRW has been hard at work making plans for the new year. This year will feature some outstanding speakers for our meetings, great projects for Caring for America, and several outstanding TFRW events. You will not want to miss any of them. If you have not already done so, take the time to complete the 2021 membership form and mail it in along with your payment.

This year, we would like every member of our club to be involved with a committee in some way. If you cannot actively participate, contact the committee chair and she might need your help making phone calls or sending reminder emails to committee members. There is something

for everyone to do. By becoming involved with the work of our club, you not only learn more about MCRW, but you also get to meet our other wonderful members. MCRW wins because you are helping us and you win because you have made new friends and learned more about the workings of our organization.

Make plans to go to Austin on February 4 for TFRW's Legislative Day. Legislative Day allows us to visit with our statewide elected officials and to attend informative workshops. While we won't be able to tour the Capitol as a large group this year, TFRW has still made great plans for the day. Many members carpool to Austin and some come in the night before and attend TFRW's social. You can find information about Legislative Day on the TFRW website. You can also contact Julia Morton, our MCRW Legislative chair, for more information at 713-501-5769.

We plan to have a membership social early in 2021. Invite a friend or neighbor to attend with you. We want to grow our membership this year because we will need every person available to help us win in the next election cycle and to make our projects successful. Look for more information to be sent out soon.

But first, there is our January 28 meeting with Republican Party of Texas Vice Chair Cat Parks as our speaker. Join us for our first meeting of the year and help us kick off an exciting year for MCRW. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Our organization is successful if our members make it successful. I ask that you make a commitment to help our club grow and succeed. We need to continue **"Working to Keep Texas Red"**.

Alice Melancon

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January **GENERAL MEETING** **Join Us January 28th,**

**River Plantation Golf Club
550 Country Club Dr, Conroe, TX 77302**

***Guest Speaker: Texas Republican Party Vice Chair
Cat Parks***

**Time: 11:00am Social
11:30am Lunch and meeting**

**Place: River Plantation Golf Club
\$22 cash or check payable to MCRW
\$23 credit card**

**Reservations: RSVP to Suzanne Adams
smadams.mcrw@comcast.net
by 9am Monday, January 25, 2021**

River Plantation must preorder food for our meetings, so we must confirm our number to them on the Monday before our meetings.

MCRW must pay for all meals that we order. So please remember that "A reservation made is a reservation paid".

If you have any dietary restrictions please let Suzanne know when you make your reservation.

****If you are not feeling well (fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue) we ask that you please stay home.**

**Best Regards,
Suzanne**



Republican Party Vice-Chair Cat Parks believes strongly in rugged individualism, the importance of education, and the power of the grassroots. She is passionate about creating cohesive relationships to grow the Party by harnessing the talent and conviction of "We the People" of the Lone Star State.

Small-business owner, former University coach and college adjunct instructor, cancer-survivor, certified Emergency Room nurse — her path has been diverse.

Cat is the 2020 recipient of the Steve Munisteri Award presented by Governor Greg Abbott, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, and former Chairman James Dickey for, "the volunteer who made the greatest impact on the Republican Party of Texas."

Cat serves as the County Chairman of Hamilton County, a Board Member of the Texas Republican County Chairman's Association,

a Patron of the Texas Federation of Republican Women, and also serves on the Communication Task Force.

In 2019, Cat was named Chair of the Candidate Recruitment Task Force, under which she led the statewide effort to identify all Democrat incumbents for Congressional, Senate, House, Judicial, and local races from County Judge through Constable for 2020 and create a strategic plan to recruit Republican candidates.

Cat organized the Leadership Institute Texas Tour: Campaign Schools put on by a collaborative effort among the RPT, TFRW, TRC-CA, and Texans for Greg Abbott. Taught by the Leadership Institute, the effort coordinated 40+ educators from 17 states with 70+ local hosts in over 30 Texas counties to train over 1,300 conservatives across Texas. Additionally, an online resource was created for the first time for candidates to have access to 8+ hours of educational online campaign instruction, legal advice, and all forms in one place.

Seeing a need to strengthen the judicial benches, she enlisted the help of Supreme Court Justice Jeff Boyd who generously traveled and spoke with over one hundred potential District Court candidates in Dallas,

Houston, San Antonio, El Paso, & Hidalgo. The importance of having qualified judges who do not legislate from the bench cannot be stressed enough.

Prior to her work with the Party, Cat co-founded and organized an 800+ member grassroots organization that fought to protect agricultural property rights (private and commercial) proposed in an urban Land Development Code. After 3 years, serving as President, the group successfully altered the Code, passed resolutions to protect agricultural economy and culture, gained access to a National Preserve for the first time, and received national recognition for advocacy by the American Horse Council.

Educated at the University of Illinois, Cat holds a BA in Spanish with a minor in International Relations/Latin American Students and an RN from Parkland College. Before venturing into small-business ownership, she worked as a trauma nurse and volunteered as a Spanish Medical Interpreter.

Cat has been married to Dr. John Parks a native Texan, for 11 years. Dr. Parks served in the Navy and is a retired anesthesiologist. They share a 10-year-old son, Pierce, 4 grown stepchildren — Lura, Trevor, Hunter, and Clayton, and 12 grandchildren.

**TFRW LEGISLATIVE DAY IS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021.**



**THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO
LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS.**

REGISTER NOW AT [TFRW.ORG](https://www.tfrw.org).

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MEMBERSHIP

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a great holiday season. I am the new 2nd Vice President and want to continue to grow our membership this year. Make one of your New Year's resolutions to renew your membership. With the current political situation in our country, it is more important than ever that we get involved, grow and be visible. One of the ways is to become more active in our club promoting candidates with our values at all levels of government. We have some exciting things planned for this year and hope every club member will sign



up for at least one committee. On the next page you'll find the 2021 membership form. I look forward to seeing each of you at January's meeting.

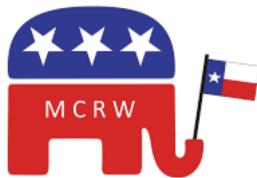
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PARLIAMENTARY POINTER

Pearl Maggio

**MAJORITY RULES, BUT MINORITIES
HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD.**



Montgomery County Republican Women
2021 MEMBERSHIP (JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31)

Please fill out completely both new members and renewals!

DATE _____

Birthdate (Mo. and Day) _____

Membership Status:

Active (full member)

Associate (*only* if male or full member of other RW club)

If full member of other RW club, please list club: _____

Young Affiliate (Under 18 years of age)

Renewal _____

New _____

\$35 _____

\$20 _____

\$15 _____

NAME _____ **SPOUSE** _____

Nametag preference (if different than above) _____

HOME ADDRESS

MAILING ADDRESS

E-MAIL ADDRESS

Telephone: Home _____

Work _____

Mobile _____

OCCUPATION--please provide--must have for PAC report _____

May we publish your contact information in the MCRW directory? Yes _____ No _____

Referred by (new members only) _____

Precinct (voting box) # _____ Congressional District # _____ Senate District # _____

Please indicate any committee on which you would like to serve:

Americanism _____

Campaign Activities _____

Caring for America _____

Email _____

Historian _____

Hospitality _____

Legislation _____

Literacy _____

Membership _____

Newsletter _____

Publicity _____

Telephone _____

Ways & Means _____

Web Site _____

Yearbook _____

Would you be willing to serve on the MCRW Board? Yes _____ No _____

Please make your check payable to MCRW & mail to:

MCRW

P.O. Box 1766

Conroe, TX 77305-1766

Cash _____ Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

For Treasurer's use only: Date Reported to TFRW _____ Submission # _____

*** MCRW is a PAC. A donation is not tax deductible as a charitable contribution***

Caring for America 2021

I would like to address 3 charities for this year. Our main charity will be:

Camp Hope (PTSD Foundation of America)

Mission Statement:

To bring hope and healing to Combat Veterans and their families from the effects of combat related Post Traumatic Stress.

Camp Hope opened in 2012, with 6 veterans in residence and approximately 15 in weekly group meetings. Currently, there are 75 veterans living at Camp Hope and are enrolled in very focused Combat Trauma programs and another 450 coming in weekly for PTSD group meetings that have been established around the country.

Over 1,256 veterans have been enrolled at Camp Hope since 2012. It costs \$128/day to house each veteran. Please check out their website to look for opportunities on how you can help.

Camp Hope is a 501(c)3 Foundation. PTSDUSA.org

2 other charities for this year:

Pregnancy Assistance Center North

PACN is a 501(c)3 Christ-centered, non-profit organization that serves women and men by providing whole person care for sexual health and pregnancy decisions. Their purpose is to share the compassionate love of Christ by meeting physical and spiritual needs, while being a voice for the unborn in our community. PACN does NOT provide abortions and is not affiliated with a provider of abortions.

Support provides no-cost pregnancy medical services, education and counseling options that can remove financial and emotional barriers for a woman considering abortion.

65% of women who choose abortions feel that they have no choice or support.

They do have a wish list on their website: pacncommunity.org.

God's Garage

"God's Garage was born out of

the needs we saw around us, as some of our single ladies, widows, and wives of deployed military are struggling to make ends meet. One of the ways that we can help, is to step in and make necessary repairs to their vehicles. We also have found those who are in need of a vehicle but are not at the place where they can purchase one. Through donated cars and parts, we are able to bridge troubled times in so many people's lives."

They do more than give cars. Each month they conduct a seminar for the ladies that receive vehicle repairs and donated automobiles, to share life skills such as parenting help, ways to save money and vehicle care.

They are a 501(c)3 and also have a wish list on their website: godsgarage.org

Please look for events and fundraisers for these charities throughout the year.

Amy Byers
Caring for America



MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN
GENERAL MEETING
November 19, 2020
River Plantation Country Club
Conroe, Texas

Call to Order, Prayer, Pledges:

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m. by President Mary Lea Kirk. Lana Hazlett gave the opening prayer and led the pledges to the United States and Texas Flags. Ms. Hazlett led the group in singing America the Beautiful.

Minutes: Daphney Skelton

The Minutes for October were approved as published in the November Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Lory Kaye

Treasurer's Report for October was approved as published in November Newsletter.

Recognition of Elected Officials, Candidates and Guests:

President Kirk welcomed and recognized elected officials. Ms. Kirk recognized Dr. Wally Wilkerson and thanked him for his service as County Chair for over 50 years.

Mrs. Kirk wished Happy Birthday to members with November birthdays. Pearl Maggio, Marie Maggio and Marisa Rummel.

Presentation of donation to Montgomery County Veterans Memorial Commission: Ms. Kirk welcomed Judge Jimmie C. Edwards III, Chairman, and Janeen McSwain, Chief of Operations of the Montgomery County Veterans Memorial Commission.

In memory of Liliya Grumulaitis, Ms. Kirk presented a check for \$1100.00 to the Montgomery County Veterans Memorial Park. Ms. Kirk reminded everyone that Liliya and her family wanted freedom. Her father told Liliya that the men in uniforms are American Soldiers and will give us freedom one day. She was so grateful and always thanked veterans for their service. Judge Edwards reported that a bridge to get to the memorial has been completed. He then introduced two programs that have started.

- Honor Our Warriors: For those wishing for their loved one to receive special recognition throughout the year from the MCVMC forms were available.

- Nominate a Veteran, to honor a Veteran by having their name engraved on "The Line" in the Montgomery County

Veterans Memorial Park. Janeen McSwain explained how to complete and submit the forms and application.

Program:

1st VP of Programs: Kim Bailey

Kim Bailey introduced Debra Coffey who shared her tender and amazing story of her 50-year journey to have the remains of her father, Captain Robert Russell "Bear" Barnett, brought home and give him a proper burial. Captain Barnett USAF was killed in 1966 during the Vietnam War. Ms. Coffey said her family was contacted by the U.S. Mortuary Services that his remains were located, and they were bringing her father home. A Marine and friend of Captain Barnett flew the American Airlines plane to the states from Honolulu in honor of his friend. Captain Barnett is buried in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin, Texas. Ms. Coffey said she and her family are so grateful to No Service Member left behind. Ms. Coffey shared a video of her father that included photos of their family. Ms. Coffey was only 9 years old in the video and this was the last time she saw her father.

Pearl Maggio and Alice Melancon, friends of Debra, announced that they would have Captain Barnett's name placed on the Montgomery County Veterans Wall.

Committee Reports:

Kim Bailey reminded members there will not be a General Meeting in December. The next General Meeting is January 28, 2021.

She reported that MCRW will donate to Wreaths Across America. Wreaths will be placed on each veteran's grave at all Veterans Memorial Cemeteries. Members were encouraged to go online to donate.

Members were reminded that it is time to renew their membership, Forms were on the table and in the last newsletter. Please complete it and include your birthdate.

Kim Bailey then presented President Mary Lea Kirk with a bouquet of flowers on be-

half of the 2020 board and thanked Ms. Kirk for serving the last two years.

Installation of Officers

Ms. Kirk introduced new Board of Directors for 2021,

President - Alice Melancon

1st Vice President - Suzanne Adams

2nd Vice President - Barbara Eddleman

Recording Secretary - Bettie Moss

Corresponding Secretary- Lindsey Kasprzak

Treasurer- Lory Kaye

Debra Coffey installed the officers and Ms. Kirk presented each of them with a plant.

Hospitality: Mary Lea Kirk for Gloria Jones The desert today was provided by Lana Hazlett, Mary Lea Kirk, Pearl Maggio, Daphney Skelton.

Door prizes:

Door prizes were provided by Mary Lea Kirk, Suzanne Adams, Alice Melancon, Daphney Skelton, Barbara Eddleman, Pearl Maggio, Julia Morton, and Marisa Rummel.

Door prize winners: Linda Woods, Leanne Jagers, Daphney Skelton, Pearl Maggio, Julia Morton, Alice Melancon, Lory Kaye, Theresa Wagaman, Lindsey Kasprzak, Amy Byers, Judge Scott Golemon, Bettie Moss, Lana Hazlett, Debra Coffey, Janie Boone, and Barbara Eddelman,

Announcements:

MCRW Board Meeting January 14, 2021

MCRW General Meeting January 28, 2021

ADJOURNMENT:

Prior to dismissal, Kim Bailey read a closing poem, "Honor our Military."

President Kirk thanked everyone for coming and wished all a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

There being no further business, Ms. Kirk adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Daphney Skelton, Recording Secretary

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	NOTE
Jan. 12	Greater Houston Council Meeting	Mendenhall Center Houston
Jan. 14	MCRW Board Meeting	
Jan. 28	MCRW General Meeting	
Feb. 3	TFRW Belles and Boots	Austin, TX
Feb. 4	TFRW Legislative Day	Austin, TX
Feb. 5	TFRW Board of Directors Meeting	Austin, TX
Feb. 11	MCRW Board Meeting	
Feb. 16	Greater Houston Council Board Meeting	Mendenhall Center Houston

AMERICANISM ONE NATION UNDER GOD

The late Borah Van Dormolen, our former Republican National Committeewoman for Texas, used to emphasize to us the proper recitation of the Pledge of 'Allegiance. Borah, who had served in the United States Army, liked to point out that in our Pledge of Allegiance, there is no comma between one nation under God—so we should not pause between the words nation and under. We should say, "One nation under God". If say it that way at our meetings, eventually it will become more comfortable to us.



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