



# NEWSLETTER

MCRW: Vol. 01 TFRW Region No. XVII, Senate District No. 4



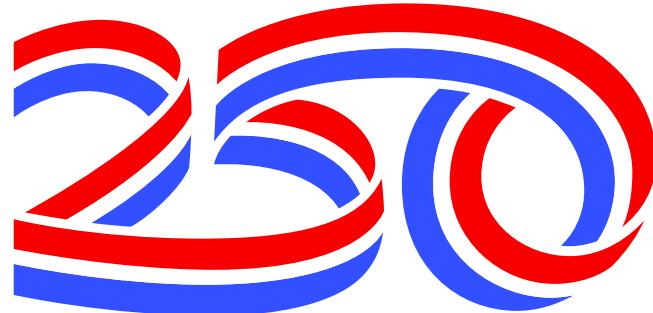
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# AMERICA



**Happy New Year!**

Dear Members,

Happy New Year, and welcome to an exciting election season! As we kick off 2026, it's the perfect time for us to come together, stay informed, and take action to support our values in the upcoming elections.

### **Engage, Educate, Act**

This election is crucial for our future, and your involvement matters. Whether you're volunteering for local campaigns, attending candidate forums, or simply talking to friends and neighbors, every effort counts. Let's make sure we're actively engaging our communities and supporting candidates who align with our principles of freedom, fiscal responsibility, and security.

### **Republican Women Leading the Way**

Republican women, especially MCRW women, have always played a key role in shaping the political landscape, and now more than ever, we need your voice. We have the power to drive change, and I encourage you to get involved in any way you can from canvassing, block walking, telephoning, working the polls, to fundraising, to simply spreading the word.

### **What's Ahead in 2026**

-Monthly Meetings: Stay informed with speakers and discussions on important election issues. Our January meeting will be an evening meeting. Alice has planned a political forum where you can meet the candidates and hear their views. Invite your friends. There is no charge for this event. There will be a meet and greet at 6:00pm with light bites and a cash bar. Then at 6:30, there will be a short meeting and the forum will begin. Don't miss this opportunity!

-Volunteer Opportunities: Help local candidates with canvassing and events.

### **A Call to Action**

I'm excited for what we'll accomplish in 2026. Whether you're a long-time member or new to MCRW, your support is crucial. Be sure to renew your membership to stay involved and continue making an impact in this important year. Let's make 2026 a year of action and victory!

Here's to a successful year ahead!

Keeping Texas Red!

Barbara

**SMS TEXT  
REMINDERS**



**MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWAL**



**Thursday, Jan. 15 at 6:00 PM**

**Forum for state elections and some Montgomery County elections.**

**Thursday, Feb. 26 at 11:00 AM**

**Forum for most Montgomery County Elections.**

**All forums to be held at River Plantation Golf Club.**



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# COMMITTEE UPDATES

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## Caring for America: Rachael Peters

Howdy MCRW Ladies,

I am excited to be serving as the MCRW Caring for America chair for the next year. Our focus for the year will be addressing food insecurity in Texas, the TFRW biennium project. Throughout the year there will be volunteer opportunities with the Montgomery County Food Bank, we will continue to collect donations for the VFW food closet, and more! It is going to be a great year of caring for our community!

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## Membership: Nancy Hicks

**Membership #'s: 46 primary, 27 associates, and 1 junior affiliate.**



### Membership Renewal Prize Winners:

- **Jo Ann Linzer and Betty Moss!**

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## Campaign Activities: Pearl Maggio

**Q4 total hours reported to TFRW: 11,832**

**Remember to track your Q1 hours!**



## Important GOP Site Links:

[NFRW.ORG](http://NFRW.ORG)[TexasGOP.org](http://TexasGOP.org)[TFRW.ORG](http://TFRW.ORG)[MCRW SITE](http://MCRW SITE)[GOP.COM](http://GOP.COM)

# LEGISLATIVE REPORT: KAREN CALLANAN

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## MCRW Legislative Report for January 2026

Texas voters made history this year by approving all 17 constitutional amendments on the November 2025 election ballot — the largest sweep of approved amendments in a single election. Measures ranged from tax exemptions to infrastructure funding, wildfire relief, and support for veterans.

### Key Themes

- Broad Support: Every amendment received at least 54.9% approval statewide.
- Tax Relief: Several propositions restrict new taxes or expand exemptions for homeowners, veterans, and agricultural producers.
- Infrastructure & Research: Voters backed new investments in water projects, technical colleges, and dementia research.
- Property Protections: Amendments address wildfire-damaged homes, border-area property valuations, and estate/inheritance tax prohibitions.

### Summary of the 17 Amendments

- Prop 1: Creates a fund to support Texas technical colleges.
- Prop 2: Bans the creation of a state capital gains tax.
- Prop 3: Allows judges to deny bail for certain violent felony offenses.
- Prop 4: Establishes the Texas Water Fund for statewide water infrastructure.
- Prop 5: Expands tax exemptions for agricultural feed and related inventory.
- Prop 6: Prohibits new taxes on securities transactions (e.g., stock trades).
- Prop 7: Extends homestead exemptions to surviving spouses of disabled veterans.
- Prop 8: Prohibits estate and inheritance taxes in Texas.
- Prop 9: Provides cost-of-living adjustments for retired teachers.
- Prop 10: Offers temporary property tax relief for homes destroyed by wildfire.
- Prop 11: Allows El Paso County to issue bonds for parks and recreation.
- Prop 12: Abolishes the Galveston County treasurer's office.
- Prop 13: Raises the mandatory retirement age for state judges.
- Prop 14: Creates the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund.
- Prop 15: Establishes the Texas University Fund for research institutions.
- Prop 16: Authorizes a special district in Harris County for flood mitigation.
- Prop 17: Allows the state to prevent market value increases for properties affected by border security infrastructure.

### What This Means for Texans

These amendments collectively signal a voter preference for tax stability, infrastructure investment, and targeted relief for homeowners, veterans, and rural communities. Texans can expect:

- More predictable tax policy with new limits on capital gains, estate, and securities-transaction taxes.
- Improved water reliability as the state begins long-term infrastructure upgrades.
- Support for wildfire-affected homeowners through temporary property tax reductions.
- Strengthened higher education and research, especially in technical fields and canvas university-level innovation.
- Enhanced protections for property owners in border-infrastructure zones.

*Source: Texas Secretary of State has not been published but reflects confirmed that all 17 propositions passed.*

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
GENERAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 4, 2025**

President Barbara Eddleman called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m. Kaye Stone gave the opening prayer and led the pledges to the American and Texas flags. President Eddleman introduced the elected officials, candidates, and guests. She thanked everyone for a successful year and wished all a Merry Christmas. The minutes of the October 30, 2025, were approved; the Treasurer's Reports as of 10/31/25 and 11/30/25 were also approved. Copies were provided for each table.

**Committee Reports:**

- Suzanne Adams, Membership Chair, reported that MCRW's first submission has been sent to TFRW with 35 primary members. Everyone was urged to pay their dues as soon as possible. There will be a drawing for those sumitting memberships as of today. Winners will receive a free name tag or free lunch in 2026.
- Pearl Maggio announced that campaign hours are due December 31, 2025. Remember to count meetings and events you attend.
- Nominating Chair Pearl Maggio introduced the 2026 Executive Board: President, Barbara Eddleman; First VP, Alice Melancon; Second VP of Membership, Nancy Hicks; Recording Secretary, Jill Stucker; Corresponding Secretary, Sabrina Amell; and Treasurer Virginia Miller. Karen Newton, NFRW First VP, swore in the new Board.
- Alice Melancon presented information about the Political Forum to be held January 15, 2026, 6:00 pm. At this forum candidates for Texas House District 3, District 15, and District 16, as well as candidates for County Judge, Commissioner Precinct 3 and Candidates for Montgomery County Party Chair will participate. At our February meeting, there will be another forum with judicial candidates, justice of the peace, precinct 3 candidates, candidates for District Attorney and candidates for State Senator SD 4.
- Program Chair Alice Melancon introduced representatives from the Fisher House Houston, Jermaine Britt and Passion Sullivan. They spoke of purpose of the Fisher House and what services they provide.
- Members filled welcoming bags for residents of the Fisher House after the meeting.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pearl Maggio, Recording Secretary

**Upcoming Events:**

January 8, 2026, MCRW Board Meeting—Brady Community Center  
January 8-10, 2026, TFRW Board Meeting—Hilton Fort Worth, Fort Worth, TX  
January 10, 2026, Leadership Day, Hilton Fort Worth, Fort Worth, TX  
January 15, 2026, MCRW Political Forum—River Plantation Golf Club, 6:00 p.m.  
February 2, 2026, ABC's Leadership—River Plantation Golf Club



**If you would like to volunteer to serve on one of our many committees, please reach out to the committee chair, we'd love to chat!**

**MCRW Treasurer's Report**  
**December 31, 2025**  
**General Fund**

Beginning Book Account Balance per Book (November 30, 2025)

\$ 66921.06

**Income/Deposits**

12/01/25	Square	Membership - 2026, A	\$ 25.92
12/02/25	Square	Membership -- 2026, Luncheon - Dec	\$ 444.54
12/02/25	DEPOSIT	Check Lost/Redeposit	\$ 96.16
12/02/25	DEPOSIT	Membership - 2026, Luncheon - Dec	\$ 225.00
12/04/25	Square	Membership - 2026, M	\$ 40.48
12/05/25	Square	Membership -- 2026, Luncheon - Dec, ABC	\$ 729.98
12/05/25	DEPOSIT	Membership - 2026, Luncheon - Dec	\$ 460.00
12/10/25	Square	ABC of Leadership	\$ 57.62
12/11/25	Square	ABC of Leadership	\$ 28.81
12/12/25	Square	ABC of Leadership	\$ 57.62
12/15/25	Square	Membership - 2026, A, ABC of Leadership	\$ 54.73
12/17/25	Square	Newspaper Ad - 2026	\$ 243.99
12/19/25	Square	Newspaper Ad - 2026	\$ 252.68
12/23/25	Square	Membership - 2026, M	\$ 40.48
12/26/25	Square	Membership - 2026, C	\$ 119.80
12/29/25	Square	ABC of Leadership	\$ 57.62
12/30/25	Square	Newspaper Ad - 2026	\$ 250.75
12/31/25	Square	ABC of Leadership	<u>\$ 28.81</u>

Total Income/Deposit \$ 3214.99

**Expenses – Charges & Checks**

12/01/25	2763	K. Byrd - Dessert	\$ 180.00
12/01/25	2764	Speed Printing & Office Supply-Nwsltr/Forms	\$ 54.00
12/02/25	2765	S. Adams -- Office Depot - Membership	\$ 44.37
12/02/25	2766	A. Melancon – Speaker gifts, Caring for Amer.	\$ 209.28
12/02/25	2767	V. Miller – Caring for America - Fisher House	\$ 408.26
12/02/25	2768	Speed Printing & Office Supply – Newsletter	\$ 22.00
12/03/25	DEBIT	TFRW – Membership Submission 3	\$ 328.90
12/04/25	2769	Preisler Golf Properties – December Lunch	\$ 1500.00
12/08/25	DEBIT	Membership Correction	\$ 2.32
12/13/25	DEBIT	CONSTANT CONTACT – Text Fee	\$ 23.46
12/17/25	DEBIT	Bling Nametags – Order Advance Payment	<u>\$ 155.00</u>

Total Checks and Bank Charges \$ 2927.59

Ending Bank Account Balance per Books \$

67208.46 \$

Petty Cash \$ 100.00

Total Cash Available (December 31, 2025) \$ 67308.46

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## 2026 Budget

### MCRW 2026 Proposed Budget Budget

#### Revenue & Carryover Funds

Funds Carried Over from 2025  
67,208.46

#### Revenues

Full Membership Dues (125 X \$40)	5,000.00
Associate Membership Dues (60 X \$25)	1,500.00
Couple Memberships Dues (15 X \$60)	900.00
Yearbook Sales	150.00
Donations - General	200.00
Newsletter/Candidate Ads	<u>2,000.00</u>
	9,750.00
9,750.00	

#### Total Available Funds

**76,958.46**

#### Expenses

##### Administrative

Financial Review	50.00
PO Box Renewal	250.00
Website & Communication Services	1,200.00
Equipment Purchase & Repair	200.00
Miscellaneous	500.00
Treasurer Software & Supplies	300.00
President's Expenses	<u>500.00</u>
<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
3,000.00	

##### Membership

TFRW Membership Dues (140 X \$25)	3,500.00
Membership Social	2,300.00
Printing & Supplies	600.00
TFRW Annual Service Fee	<u>25.00</u>

<b>Total Membership Expenses</b>	<b>6,425.00</b>
<b>6,425.00</b>	

## **TFRW/NFRW Expenses**

TFRW Officer Reimbursements	700.00
TFRW Beryl Dowd Scholarship	25.00
TFRW State Scholarship	150.00
TFRW Patron Club Membership	350.00
TFRW Club Achievement Award	25.00
TFRW Board Meeting Support	100.00
NFRW Kathy Brugger Residential Fund	25.00
NFRW Marianne Martin Building Fund	25.00
NFRW Federation Fund	25.00
NFRW Donations & Ads	200.00
Area Council Dues	50.00
Club Achievement Awards	50.00
TFRW Tribute to Women	<u>1,200.00</u>
<b>Total TFRW/NFRW Expenses</b>	<b>2,925.00</b>
<b>2,925.00</b>	

## **Meeting & Program Expenses**

Newsletter Printing	500.00
Stationary Supplies	200.00
Program Luncheon Guests	500.00
Program Speaker Fees & Expenses	2,000.00
MC Women's Council of Organizations	250.00
Yearbook Printing & Supplies	250.00
Courtesy Fund	600.00
Dining Reservations	400.00
Hospitality/Welcoming	200.00
Candidate Forum Expenses	<u>3,000.00</u>
<b>Total Meeting &amp; Program Expenses</b>	<b>7,600.00</b>
<b>7,900.00</b>	

## **Caring for America**

Caring for America (School)	1,000.00
First Responders-MC Sheriff Office	1,000.00
God's Garage	1,500.00
Fisher House	600.00
Wreaths Across America	250.00

General	<u>500.00</u>
<b>Total Caring for America Expenses</b>	<b>4,850.00</b>
<b>4,850.00</b>	

## Literacy

General Scholarship Fund	2,000.00
Wally Wilkerson Scholarship Fund	1,000.00
Scholarship Gift Bags	500.00
Literacy Projects	500.00
Book Donation-MC Public Library	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total Literacy Expenses</b>	<b>4,100.00</b>
<b>4,100.00</b>	

## Community Engagement

Hispanic Community Outreach	500.00
Young Republican Outreach	100.00
America 250	500.00
Candidate Donations	<u>10,000.00</u>
<b>Total Community Engagement Expenses</b>	<b>11,100.00</b>
<b>11,100.00</b>	

<b>Discretionary Spending</b>	<b><u>2,500.00</u></b>
<b>2,500.00</b>	

<b>Carryover per Bylaws</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
<b>10,000.00</b>	

## Total Expenses

**52,800.00**

<b>Carryover to 2027</b>	
<b>24,158.46</b>	

<b>January 15, 2026</b>	<b>SAVE THE DATE:</b> MCRW POLITICAL FORUM More Details to Follow.	River Plantation Golf Club 6:00 PM Meet & Greet Meeting/Forum begin at 6:30PM
<b>February 2, 2026</b>	<b>REGISTER BY JAN. 22!</b> ABCs LEADERSHIP TRAINING TFRW and Board Members	River Plantation Golf Club 550 Country Club Dr., Conroe, TX 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
<b>February 12, 2026</b>	MCRW BOARD MEETING	More details to follow.
<b>February 26, 2026</b>	<b>SAVE THE DATE:</b> MCRW POLITICAL FORUM More Details to Follow.	River Plantation Golf Club 11:00 AM Meet & Greet Meeting/ Forum begin at 11:30 AM

## Newsletter Ads:

MCRW sells business card ads for \$100 per year. Newsletter campaign advertisements are also available for purchase. Ads are published monthly in the MCRW newsletter, except for July & November. These ads should not be considered endorsements by MCRW.

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# Christi Craddick

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of the Texas Federation of Republican  
Women for all you do!*

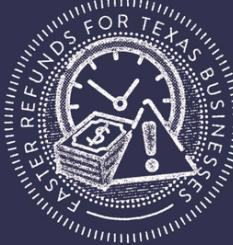
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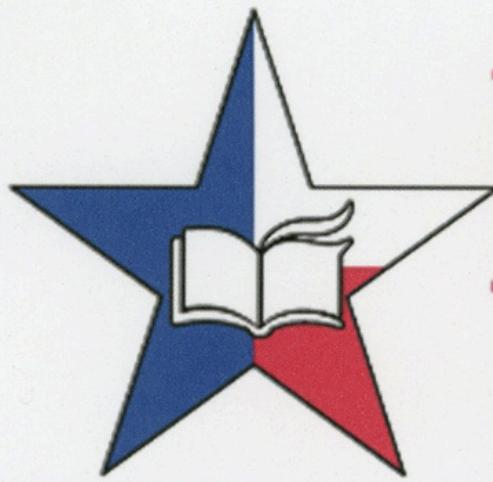
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