



“Working to Keep Texas Red”

June 2021 Newsletter

TFRW Region 17 • Senate District 4

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LETTER FROM OUR *President*

It was so nice to see so many of our members at our May meeting. It is my belief that as the Covid Crisis lessens, more and more of our members will be coming back to our meetings.

At our May meeting, our members did a wonderful job in support of the Pregnancy Assistance Center North! We brought in any amazing amount of baby and toddler items to be used by the new mothers who are assisted by PACN. I want to thank our members for assisting us with this important project.

As we count down to the National Federation of Republican Women Convention in September and the Texas Federation of Republican Women Convention in October, I hope you will give consideration to attending a convention. The conventions provide an opportunity to hear from outstanding speakers and learn more about TFRW and NFRW. We will elect our delegates to the TFRW Convention at our June meeting. We are allowed one delegate for every ten members and one alternate for every ten members. If you wish to be a delegate or alternate to the TFRW convention, please submit your name to me prior to 4 PM on June 23, the day before our June meeting. That will allow me to have ballots ready for us to vote on our delegates and alternates if needed. (Of course, you will also be able to submit your name at our meeting on June 24.)

We will honor 3 special people at our June meeting. Our own Lory Kaye will be honored as our club's Woman of Distinction for her service to our organization and the community. Lory's biographical information can be found in this newsletter. We will also honor our 2 scholarship winners at our June meeting. Each young lady will be presented with a \$1000 scholarship and their information can be found in this newsletter.

Before our club takes a "vacation" break in the month of July, I hope you will join us for our membership social on Tuesday, June 29 at Herrera's Mexican restaurant at Highway 242 and FM 1488. Details are in this newsletter. We will resume our regular monthly meetings on Thursday, August 26. I use the term "vacation" very

loosely, because your MCRW Board of Directors will continue to work. The TFRW Board of Directors meeting is July 16 and 17 and some of us will be attending that meeting.

During the month of August, we will kick off our lead up to our MCRW Fundraiser in October. **Ticket sales will begin in August and auction items will start to be accepted at that time.** The MCRW Board of Directors made a commitment to keep our costs low so that we can keep our ticket prices low. We want as many members to attend as possible as we plan this to be any entertaining event. (For those of you who are wondering about the cost of contracting with a speaker for our fundraiser, most speakers we investigated charge at least \$20,000 plus expenses, with many charging \$30,000 or more. As you can imagine, if we contracted with such a speaker our tickets would cost a great deal more.) I hope you will mark your calendar for Thursday, October 21 and be prepared to enjoy a great Murder Mystery Dinner. More information about our fundraiser can be found in this newsletter.

I am sure you have been following the campaign announcements from candidates who plan to run for office in 2022. This plans to be a very exciting election season. While we want candidates to attend our meetings and to introduce themselves at the beginning of the meeting, please note that we do not allow campaigning or handing out of campaign material in our meeting room. That is in violation of our standing rules. Candidates may stand in the lobby to visit with members before they go into the meeting room. If you are supporting a candidate, please be aware of this rule and keep campaigning outside of our meetings. As we get closer to election 2022, we will have opportunities to hear from the candidates during our Candidates' Forums.

Hopefully, I will see you at our June meeting and at our June social. Enjoy your summer break and I will look forward to seeing you at our August meeting.

Alice Melancon
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June GENERAL MEETING

Join Us June 24th,

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

*Guest Speaker: Capt. Tim Connor
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office*

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

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED including those not eating
\$22 cash or check payable to MCRW
\$23 credit card (now available)

RSVP To: Suzanne Adams

smadams.mcrw@comcast.net

DEADLINE: 6PM FRIDAY, JUNE 18th

Make note of any dietary restrictions when making the reservation.

River Plantation Golf Club preorders food for our meetings on Monday morning.
MCRW must pay for all meals that are ordered.

Please remember:

“A reservation made is a reservation paid!”

To protect our members we ask that you please stay home
if you are feeling unwell with fever, cough, shortness of breath, or fatigue.

Program

CAPTAIN TIM W. CANNON



Texas resident since 1967, Captain Tim W. Cannon attended the University of Houston, majoring in Criminal Justice. Active in sports, he then pursued his lifelong dreams of a law enforcement career and graduated from the Harris County Sheriff's Academy in June of 1980. After working briefly for the Sheriff's Department, he furthered his career in private industry and then joined the Harris County Pct. 4 Constables department beginning in 1987. Continuing his law enforcement education, he received his Master Peace officer certification and promoted through the ranks to Patrol Corporal in 1990, Patrol Sergeant in 1992, Patrol Lieutenant in 1998, and Patrol Captain in 2005. Various field assignments and specialized training included Investigations, Traffic Division, Field Training, Felony Apprehension, School Resource, Accident Investigation and Marine Rescue. Cannon was responsible for oversight of the Cy-Fair ISD Contract Deputy Program for 10 years. He received the departments

"Officer of the year" award in 1994, "Outstanding Supervisor" award in 2004, "Outstanding Deputy Constable" of the year for Texas awarded by State Association for 2005-2006, "Outstanding Department Supervisor" in 2011 and "Outstanding Department Supervisor" in 2014.

Cannon graduated from Bill Blackwood Constable Command College in 2002, Leadership Command College in 2013 and also graduated from the prestigious 236th session of the FBI National Academy in 2009. Upon his return from the FBI National Academy, he was promoted to the rank of Assistant Chief for Harris County Constable Pct. 4 in 2009. Then, Asst. Chief Cannon received (CLC) Constable Leadership designation by the Bill Blackwood Law enforcement management institute in 2010. After serving over 28 years at the Harris County Pct. 4 Constables Office, he was promoted to the rank of Chief Deputy at the Harris County

Sheriff's office where he oversaw all department operations and functions. Cannon retired from Harris County as Chief Deputy with over 30 plus years of law enforcement experience and was proud to have served the citizens of Harris County Texas for so many years.

On January 1, 2017, Cannon was hired to serve as a lieutenant for the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, overseeing the Organized Crime Unit and MOCOnet (HIDTA) Narcotics group. On March 2, 2019, Cannon accepted a position as Captain over the Administrative Services Division with responsibility over the Media Team, Human Resources, Recruiting, COMP-STAT, Crime Stoppers, Policy Review, Reserves and the Chaplain Corps.

He and his wife currently live in Montgomery County Texas enjoying traveling, golfing and working on their country property. Their son serves as a Crime Scene investigator at the Harris County Sheriff's Office.



Tuesday, June 29, 2021
at 6:00 pm.
Herrerias on 1488

**BRING YOUR AMIGOS TO THE
PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER EVENT!**



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May Meeting



TEXAS FEDERATION
of
Republican Women

TFRW 2021 BIENNIAL CONVENTION
OCTOBER 13-16, 2021



3001 KALAHARI BLVD,
ROUND ROCK, TX 78665

Get ready to come Dazzle at the TFRW 2021 Biennial Convention this fall, October 13-16, 2021 at the African-themed Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center in Round Rock, Texas. The resort features an indoor waterpark, a luxurious spa, world-class dining, arcades, and a state-of-the-art convention center for your enjoyment during your stay.

The Biennial Convention will include educational workshops and speakers, exposure to related organizations and companies in the exhibit area, opportunities for engagement with fellow TFRW members, and so much more.



Texas Federation of Republican Women 33rd BIENNIAL CONVENTION October 13-16, 2021 ★ Round Rock, Texas

MEMBER/GUEST of MEMBER

AT-LARGE DELEGATE

DELEGATE

ALTERNATE

Early Registration
\$190.00
Through June 30, 2021

Registration
\$250.00
July 01-September 30

Late Registration \$335.00
October 1-10

Name to appear on badge _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Occupation (REQUIRED) _____

My TFRW Club is _____

List any dietary restrictions _____

List any other restrictions _____

I am President of my TFRW Club.

You will receive an email from Eventbrite to confirm your registration.

Please check each event that you plan to attend.

<input type="checkbox"/> Meet & Greet Elected Officials / Candidates	Thursday, October 14th	9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> Come & Go Welcome Reception	Thursday, October 14th	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> TFRW Officer Slate Meet & Greet	Thursday, October 14th	8:00 PM - 9:00 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> Buffet Breakfast Hosted By Commissioner Christi Craddick	Friday, October 15th	7:30 AM - 8:45 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> Club Awards Luncheon *	Friday, October 15th	12:30 PM - 2:25 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> 10 Outstanding Awards Banquet Dinner*	Friday, October 15th	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Breakfast Buffet **	Saturday, October 16th	7:30 AM - 8:45 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> TFRW Officer Installation Luncheon *	Saturday, October 16th	1:15 PM - 2:45 PM

* At these events, you will be seated with your club unless you specify otherwise. (Check Below if a Patron)

TFRW 2021 Patron Members I am a TFRW Patron/Associate Patron. My club is a Patron Club. I am the Patron designee
As a Patron for dining events, I wish to be seated At a Patron's Table With my Club

** RESERVATIONS for the MEMORIAL BREAKFAST are REQUIRED due to limited seating.

President's Dinner available online separately at:
www.tfrw.org/events/convention Saturday, October 16th 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

ADDON # ___ @\$12.00 each Dazzle Convention PIN To Be picked up at TFRW Booth

TOTAL DUES

TFRW Patrons & Past 10 Outstanding Award Honoree/10 Outstanding Reunion & TFRW Patrons Reception

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Friday, October 15th: I will attend as a past 10 Outstanding Award Honoree as a 2021 Patron

Mail completed form and a personal or PAC check made payable to: TFRW Convention 2021 PAC, Attn: 2021 Registration, PO BOX 171146, Austin, TX 78717-0041

NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR CANCELLATIONS; HOWEVER, NAME CHANGES WILL BE ALLOWED. ALL NAME CHANGES MUST BE RECEIVED BY TFRW IN WRITING BY MAIL OR EMAIL. NO NAME CHANGES WILL BE HONORED AFTER October 13, 2021. EMAIL NAME CHANGE REQUESTS TO TFRW@TFRW.ORG, OR MAIL THEM TO TFRW, PO BOX 171146, AUSTIN, TX 78717-0041. HOTEL ROOM CHANGES MUST BE HANDLED WITH THE HOTEL DIRECTLY.

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Treasurer's Report

MAY 2021

LORY KAYE, TREASURER



GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance 4/30/2021 \$ 22,282.75

Income

5/11/2021	Membership Dues	\$130.00
5/11/2021	Courtesy Fund Donation	\$80.00
5/28/2021	Lunch Fees	\$1,078.00
5/28/2021	Membership Dues	\$230.00
5/28/2021	Administrative Miscellaneous	\$38.00
5/28/2021	Square, Inc.	\$44.60
5/31/2021		(\$1,600.60)

Expense

5/11/2021	#3053 Speed Printing	\$29.00
5/13/2021	#3054 Republican Women of Greater Fish Creek	\$100.00
5/13/2021	#3055 TFRW Convention 2021 PAC	\$450.00
5/15/2021	#3056 TFRW	\$50.00
5/22/2021	#3057 TFRW	\$100.00
5/24/2021	#3058 Lory K. Kaye	\$33.61
5/27/2021	#3059 River Plantation Golf Club	\$1,165.79
5/31/2021	#3060 TFRW	\$25.00
		(\$1,953.40)

Ending Balance 5/31/2021 \$21,929.95

Petty Cash \$100.00

TOTAL 5/31/2021 \$22,029.95

Caring for America



AMY BYERS

Our May fundraiser was a success!! The outpouring of generosity really shined bright on that Thursday. I want to thank all of you for understanding the importance of PACN and what they

do. Please keep their thrift store in mind if you have any household goods that you're looking to donate, and of course, their ongoing donation closet for needy mothers and babies!



SAVE THE DATE!



MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN PRESENT

Disappearance of Death

MURDER MYSTERY

SILENT AUCTION!
COSTUME CONTEST!
SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!

OCTOBER 21ST, 2021 • RIVER PLANTATION GOLF CLUB
MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

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Americanism

CINDY MILLER

HISTORY OF FLAG DAY



Flag Day is the celebration of the American flag that occurs each year on the anniversary of the flag's official adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Second Continental Congress through the following resolution: "The flag of the United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white on a blue field..."

On June 14th, 1877, the first Flag Day observance was held on the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes. As instructed by Congress, the United States flag was flown from all public buildings across the country. It took three Presidents to make Flag Day a national day of observance. Both President Woodrow Wilson in 1916 and President Calvin Coolidge in 1927 issued proclamations asking that June 14th be observed as National Flag Day. Finally, on August 3rd, 1949, Congress designated, and President Harry Truman approved, June 14 as National Flag Day, a national day of observance. When commemorating Flag Day, President Truman said:

"It is our custom to observe June 14th each year with ceremonies designed not only to commemorate the birth of our Flag but also to rededicate ourselves to the ideals for which it stands. This beloved emblem which flies above all our people of whatever creed or race, signalized our respect for human rights and the protection such rights are afforded under our form of government."

History of the Flag

The first American Flag was designed to represent the 13 original colonies with 13 white stars on a blue field and 13 alternating red and white stripes. The first flag design arranged the stars in a circle, based on the idea that all colonies were equal. To the original members of the Continental Congress, red stood for heartiness and courage, white for purity and innocence, and blue for vigilance and justice. In 1818, after a few design changes, the United States Congress decided to retain the flag's original 13 stripes and add new stars to reflect each new state. From 1818 until 1912, the stars were in no particular arrangement, but in 1912, the 48-star flag design was adopted, and was used from 1912 until 1959, when Alaska and Hawaii were officially named states. At that point, the 50-star flag was adopted and remains in use today.

It is not known with absolute certainty who designed the first American flag. Betsy Ross is often credited for sewing the first flag based on direction given by George Washington, but there is no historic evidence supporting this claim. In addition, Francis Hopkinson, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, is often credited as the designer the flag because he submitted a bill to Congress for payment for his work in designing the flag. Congress ultimately denied his petition on the grounds that he was not the only one consulted, but there is no record that Congress in any way disputed that Hopkinson contributed to the design.

Importance of the U.S. Flag

As President Woodrow Wilson famously said:

"This flag, which we honor and under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. The choices are ours. It floats in majestic silence above the hosts that execute those choices, whether in peace or in war. And yet, though silent, it speaks to us — speaks to us of the past, or the men and women who went before us, and of the records they wrote upon it."

General Meeting Minutes

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN RIVER PLANTATION GOLF CLUB MAY 27, 2021



President Alice Melancon called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. with 44 members present. After the prayer led by Chaplain Cindy Miller and the pledges to our flags led by Sarah Kasprzak, Alice welcomed members and guests and recognized elected officials and candidates for office. The April meeting minutes were accepted as printed; the treasurer's report will be filed for financial review.

In the PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS, Alice reported that we are now a TFRW jumbo club with 104 members, including 25 members new to our club. With the regular Texas Legislative Session almost finished,

Senator Brandon Creighton is tentatively scheduled to speak to us at our June meeting. Our Montgomery County Republican Headquarters will be closed during June and July for renovations. Alice recognized that National Poppy Day is the Friday before Memorial Day. The red poppy began as a World War I symbol of remembrance of fallen soldiers, and the purple poppy symbolizes the animals drafted into the war effort.

PROGRAM Chairperson Suzanne Adams introduced our keynote speaker, noted author and popular speaker Loren Spivak, known as "the free market warrior", who talked to us about capitalism, its advantages for our country and why we must avoid socialism and environmentalism. His talk was very enlightening and entertaining.

To begin COMMITTEE REPORTS, Alice reminded us to

turn in our volunteer hours through the end of June with an estimate for June hours to Pearl Maggio (Campaign Hours). Please submit any time (including travel) that is spent on political activities. Amy Byers (Caring for America) thanked everyone for the many baby shower donations brought for the Pregnancy Assistance Center North, one of our club's non-profit organizations that we support. She then introduced Tracy Gillin of PACN who explained that the center provides counseling and assistance for pregnant women in our area. Their counselors help these ladies understand the value of the life of the baby they are carrying. They are supported for three years. She invited us to their August fundraising gala with Trey Gowdy as their special guest. Our Scholarship Committee (Suzanne Adams, Pearl Maggio, Melissa Williams, Alice Melancon) selected two high school ladies

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with outstanding grades and extracurricular activities to receive \$1,000 each from our club at our June meeting. The two winners are Carla Reyes Ortiz of the Woodlands College Park High School and Ashley Gibson of the Woodlands High School. Also In June we will honor our Woman of Distinction (Lory Kaye). Alice reported that our yearbook has been completed by Kim Bailey, Chairperson.

In UNFINISHED BUSINESS, Alice related that our fundraiser will be October 21st at 6:00 p.m. at River Plantation Golf Club. It will be a murder mystery dinner entitled "The Disappearance of Death" (in conjunction with Halloween). Individual tickets will be \$60. Silent auction items may be brought to the August meeting, More information will be forthcoming. To represent MCRW at the NFRW Convention in Orlando, Diane Bass

moved that Alice Melancon and Suzanne Adams be our delegate and alternate delegate. That motion was accepted by acclamation. For the October TFRW Convention in Round Rock, Alice reported that the Board approved a \$450 program ad and a donation of 400 MCRW red pens for the delegate goody bags. Our club delegates (10) and alternates (10) will be selected at the June meeting.

Other ANNOUNCEMENTS included the May 31 Memorial Day Celebration and Veterans Memorial Park Dedication, the June 9 MCRW Board Meeting, the June 24 MCRW General Meeting (with no meeting in July), and the July 16, 17 Texas Youth Summit. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bettie Moss
Recording Secretary



Legislation

LEGISLATION - 87TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE WRAP-UP JULIA MORTON, LEGISLATION CHAIRMAN



The 87th Texas Legislature ended its regular session on May 31, 2021. Here are some of the significant bills passed:

- 1.HB 1900 - large cities cannot defund their police departments.
- 2.HB 1423 - annual inspections of long-term car facilities is required.
- 3.HB 1927 - allows anyone over 21 to carry handguns, whether openly or concealed, without needing a state license (unless excluded from possessing a firearm by another federal or state law).
- 4.SB 8 - bans abortion once a

heartbeat is detected ("Heartbeat Bill"). Also bans abortion in cases of rape or incest.

5.SB 3 - requires power plants and gas suppliers to winterize equipment ahead of winter. Also establishes a statewide emergency alert system and better communication from power generators and distributors.

6.HB 3979 - teachers cannot be made to discuss current events. If they choose to do so, various viewpoints must be given without favoring any one viewpoint.

7.SB 827 - caps the cost of prescription insulin at \$25.

8.HB 1925 - prohibits camping in public spaces. Makes this a Class C misdemeanor with a fine up to \$500.

Some issues for which no legislation was passed during the 87th

Legislature include:

- 1.SB 7 - election integrity bill.
- 2.HB 20 - bail reform.
- 3.SB 29 - transgender sports bill.
- 4.Protection of children from "sex changes" via various methods.

These unresolved issues could be taken up if the Governor calls for a special session. If a special session is called, I will monitor what issues are taken up and any new legislation concerning them.

Sources:

- 1.<https://www.kvue.com/article/news/politics/texas>
- 2.<https://www.ksat.com/news/local/2021/06/02/major-bills-that-passed-died-in-the-87th-texas-legislature/>
- 3.srec@texasgop.org (The Republican Party of Texas) - Legislative Priorities Report for 6/6/21



PARLIAMENTARY POINTER

Pearl Maggio

Floor

The right of a person to speak to people at a meeting and have their undivided attention. A member or delegate recognized by the chair is regarded as “having the floor.”

Find us on



Do you know that MCRW has a Facebook page? You can find us listed as **Montgomery County Republican Women (MCRW)-Texas**. People are added to our page upon request. There is a small form that we ask you to fill out—it seems that we get confused with the Montgomery County Republican Women in Maryland and this is one way to avoid adding them. Once you join our page, please share some of our posts with your friends. That is how we can get the word out about our club and some of the political events that we are following.

www.facebook.com/groups/www.mcrepublicanwomen.org

MCRW's Honoree

FOR "WOMAN OF DISTINCTION" FOR 2021



Montgomery County Women's Council of Organizations (MCWCO) has been honoring extraordinary volunteers in the community for 31 years. The Honorees are recognized for their many hours, loyal dedication, and Commitment to their non-profit organization. Until Covid-19, the Honorees were recognized at the yearly "Women of Distinction" luncheon at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel. This year, the 2021 Honorees are honored through video. The ceremony of the Honorees may be viewed at www.mcwod.org.

Montgomery County Republican Women is proud to honor Lory Kaye as our "Woman of Distinction" for 2021.

Lory is proud to be a native Texan and grew up in a Republican home in Beaumont. She and husband, Don, were married for 60 years and parents of 3 children. She is proud to be a grandmother to five (5) loving grandchildren.

Lory is quick to give thanks to Pearl Maggio for her being a member of MCRW. Lory has served as MCRW's Recording Secretary and currently Pac Treasurer. Being a member of MCRW, Lory has enjoyed learning about the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through active political participation. Also, Lory enjoys attending the club meetings, meeting other club members, attending a TFRW

meeting, and a GHC meeting. Lory is always ready to help where ever help is needed.

MCRW is honored to present Lory with an award of remembrance, award of Commendation from U.S. Congressman Kevin Brady and award of recognition from State Senator Brandon Creighton, District 4.

Lory, we are proud to have you as MCRW's Honoree and as a member.

Mary Lea Kirk

Delegates

TO THE TFRW CONVENTION TO BE ELECTED AT JUNE MEETING

The Texas Federation of Republican Women Biennial Convention will be held in Round Rock, Texas on October 13-16. Montgomery County Republican Women will be allowed to send one delegate and one alternate for every 10 members. President Alice Melancon will not count in the delegate count because she is a TFRW officer and is therefore a Delegate at Large. Pearl Maggio as District Di-

rector is also a Delegate at Large.

In accordance with our MCRW Bylaws, we will be electing our delegates and alternates at our June meeting. If you wish to be nominated, please let President Alice Melancon know by 5 PM on Wednesday, June 23 so ballots can be printed if needed. (We will still take nominations at the meeting on Thursday.)

Article XI

REPRESENTATION

Section 1. Biennial State Convention Representation

One delegate and one alternate may represent MCRW at the Biennial State Convention in the fall of odd numbered years for each ten members or major fraction thereof. Delegates and alternates of the State Convention shall be elected at the June meeting.

Nominating Committee

TO BE ELECTED AT JUNE MEETING

In accordance with our By-laws, the Nominating Committee will be elected at our June Meeting.

Article IX

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee of seven (7) members, two (2) of which shall be alternates, shall be elected at a regular meeting in June. Of the nominees to the Nominating Committee, those five (5) nominees receiving the most votes will serve on the committee. The next two (2) nominees receiving the most votes will serve as alternates. No member may serve

on the Nominating Committee in two (2) consecutive years. The Nominating Committee shall elect its Chairman from one of its own number and shall report one nominee for each office at the September meeting including a brief biographical sketch of the nominee. All nominees to the Committee must be MCRW members for a minimum of six months prior.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE OCTOBER 21 FUNDRAISER!!

The Fundraising Committee has contracted with a new murder mystery dinner theater company to provide the program for the event. We attended one of their productions in March and we found it to be fun, fast paced and very entertaining. Also, we will have a Silent Auction, so be thinking about what you might donate and/or consider a business contact you have that might donate goods or services.

The success of the fundraiser is dependent on many elements, but the most important is YOU, the volunteers. Please consider lending your talents to one (or more!) subcommittees.

Co-Chair: Alice Melancon/Suzanne Adams

Finance: Lory Kaye

Decorations: Mary Lea Kirk

Graphics: Lindsey Kasprzak

Tickets and Sponsorships: Alice Melancon

Silent Auction Donations: Pearl Maggio

Contact information can be found in the MCRW Member Directory. For more information contact Suzanne at smadams.mcrw@comcast.net or Alice at alice.mcrw@gmail.com.

GET ON BOARD – MCRW NEEDS YOU!

Community Engagement

MARISA RUMMELL

WHAT IS JUNETEENTH?



We have many newcomers to this area, and for those who did not grow up here, I thought I would present this limited report on the Holiday known as Juneteenth.

President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1862, but it took close to three more years before the full emancipation of America's slaves was completed. This

historic moment came on June 19, 1865, when General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, to issue General Order No. 3, officially freeing America's final slaves. This date, known as Juneteenth, has since been celebrated as Black Independence Day by African Americans across the nation.

According to Juneteenth.com, it is not known exactly why it took two and a half years for slaves in Texas to learn that they had been freed. Some accounts claim that a messenger was killed while heading for Texas to deliver the news; others say that slave's owners purposely withheld the information from them.

In decades following Juneteenth, several former slaves would travel back to Galveston to celebrate their Independence Day. The day would include entertainment activities such as rodeos, baseball and barbecuing. Guest speakers and prayer services would also be featured. Strawberry soda pop and barbecuing have become closely associated with Juneteenth celebrations.

Juneteenth became an official state holiday in Texas on Jan 1, 1980. The effort was led by Al Edwards, a black legislator. It was the first Juneteenth celebration given state recognition.

Source: Treye Green

Hospitality

LEANNE JAGGERS



We wish to thank our members who have been donating door prizes and providing desserts for our meetings. If you wish to sign up to bring door prizes or desserts for future meetings, please contact Leanne Jagers at ljagers@consolidated.net

MCRW Scholarship



ALICE MELANCON

Montgomery County Republican Women's club is honored to be able to present scholarships in the amount of \$1000.00 to 2 outstanding young women who are recent graduates in the Conroe Independent School District.

This year's MCRW Scholarship Committee consisted of Suzanne Adams, Pearl Maggio, Alice Melancon, and Melissa Williams. The scholarship committee evaluated applications based on grade point average, extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation, and the student's essays.

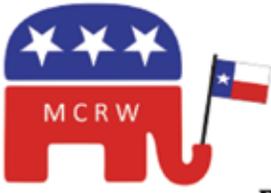
Ashley Gibson, the daughter of Mark and Michelle Gibson will be attending Texas A & M

University and majoring in Business. Ashley was a member of The Woodlands High School Varsity Golf Team. She competed in the Science Fair at the district, regional, and state levels earning one state level award and 3 district/regional awards. Ashley also played the violin in the orchestra. As a Girl Scout, Ashley was elected to nationally represent her Council as a National Delegate and led a volunteer safety service project to earn her Girl Scout Gold Award.

In addition to her educational and extracurricular activities, Ashley has held down a full-time job to help prepare for her college expenses. Her employer states that Ashley possesses the ultimate "can do" attitude. He states that on the days she does not have transportation to work, even if it is raining, she will walk or bike there. He also states that Ashley has proven to be the

best employee that he has ever hired.

Carla Reyes Ortiz, the daughter of Marie Delize Ortiz-Emmanueli, will be attending Texas A&M University and pursuing a Biomedical Degree to be followed by medical school. She hopes to continue to serve with a Surgical Career in the United States Navy. Carla moved to Montgomery County from Puerto Rico when she was in eighth grade. With her first language being Spanish, she quickly overcame the language barrier. As a student at The Woodlands College Park High School, Carla was the Commanding Officer of the Junior ROTC program. She was a member of the National Honor Society, the Science National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, the English National Honor Society, as well as the Health Occupations Students of America-Future Health Professionals Organization.



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:

Renewal _____ New _____

Active (full member) \$35 _____

Associate (*only* if male or full member of other RW club) \$20 _____

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

Young Affiliate (Under 18 years of age) \$15 _____

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

Nametag preference (if different than above) _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

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Telephone: Home _____

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

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

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

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

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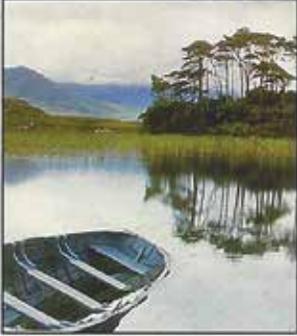
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	NOTE
June 24	MCRW Meeting • 11:30AM	River Plantation Golf Club
June 20	Happy Fathers Day	
June 29	MCRW Membership Social • 6pm	Herras on 1488
July 4	Forth of July	Happy Birthday American

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 we say it that way at our meetings, eventually it will become more comfortable to us.



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