

KCRW

newsletter

Note from the President

Dear Friends and Members,

Unfortunately the KCRW file became encrypted enroute to our newsletter chair preventing the timely distribution of our newsletter while I attended the NFRW Convention in Kansas City however there is an upside to this tale! I can inform the membership that the convention offered several workshops with great information that will benefit our club and I am eager to share it with you. Governor Jan Brewer of Arizona spoke at the NFRW meeting, electrifying the room with her wisdom and humor. In addition, we enjoyed addresses by Presidential candidates Mr. Herman Cain, the Honorable Rick Santorum, and the Honorable Newt Gingrich. Please consider attending the TFRW and NFRW Conventions whenever possible as I guarantee you will gather new ideas and inspiration for projects that not only help the Republican cause but also grow our club and benefit our community. The Republican Women's Clubs nationwide enjoyed unprecedented growth including many **new** clubs that were federated. Welcome to the new KCRW members who joined recently. We are getting our message out there!

The year is coming to an end quickly but KCRW still has a lot in store for the remainder of the year. Our back-to-school luncheon was a great success with record attendance, a wonderful address from Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs, special guest Sgt. Nick McCoy, and many of the justices from the Fourth Court of Appeals. The momentum continues in October with our own Representative Doug Miller as special speaker to update us on the 82nd Legislative Session. The proponents and opponents of the BISD School Bond Issue are invited to join us during the social interval of our meeting to answer any questions and provide information that will assist us with decision making on Election Day in November. Our Program Chair and Vice President are unavailable so please contact me for reservations at fran.graves1@gmail.com or 830-230-5220. The luncheon will be held at Ye Kendall Inn on October 11, 2011, 11:30 – 1:00. To assist our Pac Treasurer with TEC reporting, please plan to pay with a check made out to KCRW-PAC (\$15.00). The treasurer's report of September 6, 2011 is attached to the newsletter for review since it was not distributed at the September meeting. An updated report will be distributed at the October meeting. Don't forget that our November meeting/luncheon is moving to November 10th to avoid conflict with Election Day.

Congratulations to two TFRW nominees from our membership! Toni Anne Dashiell has been nominated as one of the "Ten Most Outstanding" women and Besa Martin is the nominee for Texas Federation of Republican Women Legislative Chair. We support their efforts and are proud of their hard work on behalf of the club. Great job ladies!

To update those who were not able to attend the September luncheon, Sally Pryor has accepted the Campaign Activities and Awards Chair. If you did not turn in your third quarter volunteer hours at the September meeting, please do so by October 7th to allow Sally adequate time to compute and report to TFRW. Sally's contact info is sally@17oaks.com or telephone 830-431-0488. My warmest welcome to Sally who is a new member and graciously accepted this position.

The Mamie Eisenhower Literacy Project for KCRW was carried out by me, Sally Pryor and Elaine Cashion in September with the donation of three books commemorating Ronald Reagan's 100th Birthday celebration to each of the following libraries: Patrick Heath Boerne Public Library, Comfort Public Library and Kendalia Public Library. The books are 'Ronald Reagan: 100 Years' from the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and 'Rendezvous with Destiny' by Craig Shirley. The community will certainly enjoy them!

The October TFRW Conference calls are October 3rd, 4th or 5th. Refer to the attached schedule for times and dates. The topics are Voter Registration and Convention updates so I encourage TFRW delegates to participate but all are welcome to join in on the call. Please contact me for telephone numbers and codes.

The delegates to the Texas Federation of Republican Women were elected by the membership, their qualifications were reported to TFRW and we know they will be our voices at the convention. Thanks to those that are participating on our behalf!

Fran Graves

UPDATES

TFRW October Legislative Article

November 8, 2011 Election

Texas Constitutional Amendment

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 14)

SJR 14 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100 % or totally disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried, the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the qualifying veteran died, and the property remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 4)

SJR 4 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for one or more accounts of the Texas Water Development Fund II, with the restriction that the total amount of bonds outstanding at any time does not exceed \$6 billion.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding."

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 50)

SJR 50 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or its successors to issue and sell general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for the purpose of financing educational loans for students, subject to certain constitutional restrictions, including a restriction as to the maximum principal amount of bonds outstanding at any one time.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 63)

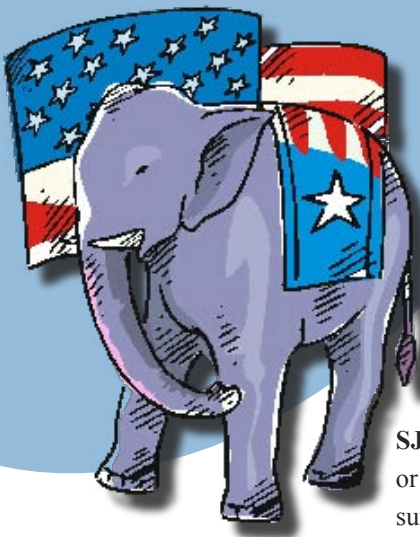
HJR 63 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county, and to pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county for repayment of such bonds or notes. The amendment does not provide independent authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 26)

SJR 26 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow cities and counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities and counties without having to assess an ad valorem tax and set aside a specified amount of funds for the payment of costs under the interlocal contract.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund."



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Proposition Number 6 (HJR 109)

HJR 109 would amend the constitution to increase the amount of principal that is available for withdrawal from the permanent school fund each year and would also clarify certain references to that fund in the constitution. Increased access to the principal of the state public education trust fund would be based upon HJR 109 granting the authority to consider alternative market calculations when determining the amount of principal that is available for distribution to the available school fund. HJR 109 would also provide authority to distribute to the available school fund annual revenue from school fund land or other properties up to \$300 million per year.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund.”

Proposition Number 7 (SJR 28)

SJR 28 would amend the constitution by adding El Paso County to the list of counties authorized to create conservation and reclamation districts to develop parks and recreational facilities financed by taxes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities.”

Proposition Number 8 (SJR 16)

SJR 16 would amend the constitution by requiring the legislature to provide for taxation of open space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.”

Proposition Number 9 (SJR 9)

SJR 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the governor, on the written recommendation and advice of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, to grant a pardon, reprieve, or commutation of punishment to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.”

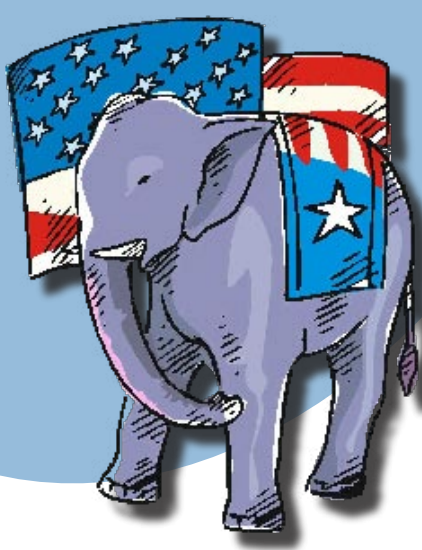
Proposition Number 10 (SJR 37)

SJR 37 would amend the constitution by extending the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain local elected officeholders if they announce candidacy or become candidates for another office from one year to one year and 30 days.

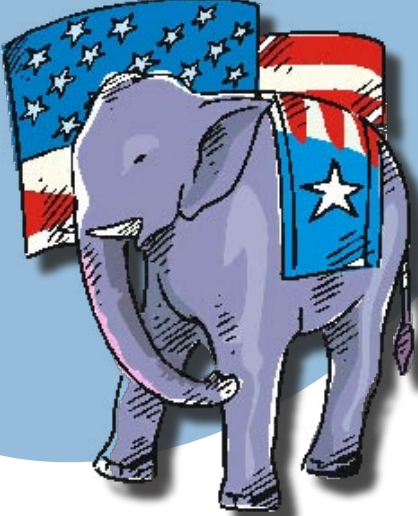
The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office.”

Online: www.votexas.org

Submitted by Barbara Larson, Legislative Chairman



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September Luncheon & Meeting



VOLUNTEER HOURS

Don't forget to pick up an Individual Report Form and turn in your Volunteer Hours

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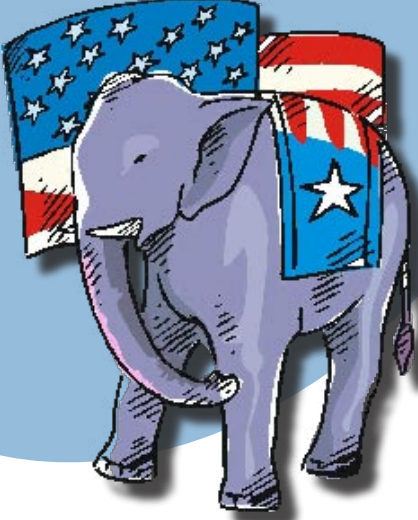
NFRW Website:
<http://www.nfrw.org>



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Upcoming Events:

Oct. 4, 2011

TFRW Conference Call

Topic: Voter Registration, Convention update

Oct. 11, 2011

KCRW Luncheon - Ye Kendall Inn

11:30 social / 12:00 lunch

menu: roasted turkey, cornbread stuffing, sauteed squash, pumpkin pie, salad & bread

Oct. 18, 2011

Kendall County Republican Club

Meeting & Dinner Buffet (\$15)

The Vistro - 6:00 pm

Boerne, TX

Oct. 29, 2011

TFRW Campaign Management School

San Antonio, TX

Nov. 10, 2011

KCRW Luncheon - Ye Kendall Inn

11:30 social / 12:00 lunch

Nov. 17-20, 2011

TFRW Convention

Fort Worth, TX

Dec. 13, 2011

KCRW Luncheon &

Installation of 2012 Officers

Feb. 4, 2011

Leadership Survival Skills Camp

Austin, TX

KCRW - 2011 Officers

President	Fran Graves	830-230-5220
Vice President	Jana Rogers	830-537-4322
Secretary	Susan Dietzmann	210-488-4851
PAC Treasurer	Sheryl D'Spain	830-249-9124



Treasurer's Report

Petty cash of \$225.00

Beginning Balance \$2896.85

Sept 6, 2011

1164	Fran Graves	Copy expense	19.29
1165	Ye Kendall Inn	Luncheon	435.00
1166	Ye Kendall Inn	Luncheon	510.00
1167	TFRW	Membership	90.00

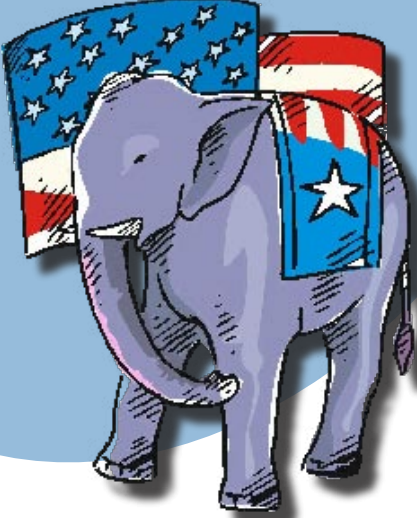
Total Expenses **\$ 1054.29**

05/9/2011	Luncheon	510.00
06/14/2011	Luncheon and dues	535.00
08/19/2011	Dues	65.00

Total Deposits **\$ 1110.00**

Ending Balance **\$ 2952.56**

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REGIONAL PHONE CONFERENCES
CHANGES - NEW DATES
NEW TIMES - NEW REGIONS
PLEASE READ AND PASS ON



Our October Conference Calls start Oct. 3 and end Oct. 5. Check with your President for a phone number and access code. Remember you can join in another call if you can't make your scheduled time.

Here's a helpful hint... the Conference Calls are a toll call unless you have free/unlimited long distance calls with your telephone calling plan. However, many of you have free calling from your cell phone (especially starting at 7:00pm). GREAT NEWS, there is a conference call scheduled every month on Monday's starting at 7:00pm. It may not be your "regions" call but to save your pennies, and as Republicans we are all looking for ways to be fiscally responsible, feel free to participate at this time.

Phone Conferences Rules

1. Be on time – meeting will start 3 minutes after the scheduled time
2. You MUST call the number – you will NOT be called
3. If you speak: identify yourself and what position or club
4. Conferences calls will be mostly presentations on topics
5. Send questions in before the conference to your District Director, Cynthia Smith
6. On your touch tone key pad please **use #6** to mute during the call

Monthly Phone Conference Schedule

Oct	
3	7:00PM
4	8:30AM (Preferred time for KCRW)
5	8:30AM

Monthly Topic(s)

Oct - Voter Registration/TFRW Convention Update/ TFRW Conv Vendor Booth Volunteers

Nov - No Calls

Dec Newly Elected TFRW officers will introduce themselves

