

# OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF TRI-COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

FEBRUARY 2018

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## *Message from the President:*

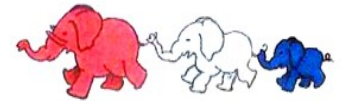
As you know, 2018 is an ELECTION YEAR! We are in a fierce battle to keep Texas RED—and we will need everyone's help in one way or another! Get to know the candidates before the primaries by attending the Senate District 11's Republican Women's Rally Saturday, February 17, at Billy's Hall in Pearland, and bring your friends! There are several other opportunities to learn more about the candidates before the March Primary on March 6, 2018. However, Early Voting begins Tuesday, February 20.

You have now had a chance to review the Tri County Committees as they were published with brief descriptions in the January newsletter. Which committee calls out to you? I ask that you "Step Up and Step Out" to get involved. Don't hesitate to contact the Committee Chair to raise your hand to help! I look forward to working with all of you to make this year a successful year for our communities, our counties, our great state of TEXAS, and our country. May God Bless Us All to lead us down the right path.

*Ann Strouhal*

*"Differences can be a strength  
rather than a handicap."*

Condoleezza Rice



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, 2/6/2018**  
Mardi Gras Party @  
Gayle Chapman's house

**Tuesday, 2/13/2018**  
Regular Meeting  
Speaker: Chris Daniels  
Golfcrest Country Club

**Saturday, 2/17/2018**  
TFRW SD11 Rally  
(see flyer on page 4)

*Remember our online  
presence:*

Website: [www.tcrwtx.org](http://www.tcrwtx.org)  
Facebook: **TCRW**

*Check frequently for up-to-date  
information!*

## **Monthly Meeting Information:**

**Golfcrest Country Club**  
**2509 Country Club Drive**

**Pearland, TX 77581**

**10:30 am Social**

**11:00am Business Meeting**

**12 noon Lunch (if RSVP'd)**

## Our February Speaker - Harris County District Clerk Chris Daniel...

Chris Daniel, a lawyer and engineer, has brought his “can-do” spirit and energy to the Harris County District Clerk's Office, where he often prefers that things were done yesterday rather than today. Elected in 2010 and re-elected in 2014, Daniel heads an office with about 450 employees and oversees a \$32 million budget that has remained lean even as the county has put the recession behind it. His office staffs 76 courts with clerks, maintains records for these courts and runs jury service.

During his first term, Daniel kept the office focused on turning more and more courts into efficient, cost-saving e-courts, modernizing the subpoena process and offering additional services to aid residents, such as a quick, convenient passport operation.

He also has learned that bridge-building and diplomacy are required when he works with scores of judges and county officials to improve court operations.

Raising awareness about the importance of jury service has been a key thrust of the office under Daniel. He oversaw a major, multi-pronged public awareness campaign designed to encourage people to come to jury service. That campaign, called Honor the Call, featured public service announcements on television and radio, posters on more than 700 Metro buses, news interviews on radio and TV and opinion pieces in newspapers.

His efforts paid off. The juror appearance rate exceeded the 2007-2010 level by at least 4 percent in 2012 and 2013.



Daniel was born in Houston and grew up in Jersey Village and other parts of northwest Harris County. He and his family currently live in the Washington Avenue area of Houston.

### Legislative Update (from Chair Kathy Lynch)

- The Federal government remained “open” as a result of the passage of House bills for funding.
- Another House bill proposed criminal penalties for doctors or nurses who fail to provide post-abortion medical treatment for fetuses that survive an attempted abortion.
- A House bill to impeach President Trump failed 355-66.
- In the Senate, the Democrats voted not to fund the government nor the Children’s Health Insurance Program, nor pay our Military unless the “Dreamer” were granted citizenship. This closed down the government for three days.
- On Monday, January 22, they voted to open the government again—with the promise from the Republicans that a bill would come to the floor on immigration soon.

### The story behind the picture...



Please try to understand the weight of this image. This soldier lost both arms. The feeling of a handshake is now lost to him.

Trump realized this, and so touched his face, so he can feel the human connection.

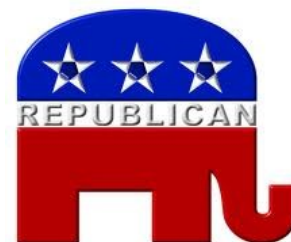
‘nough said.

# Upcoming Political Events in the Area:

## In Date Order:

### Wednesday, February 7, 6:30 pm—8:00 pm

West Pearland Republican Women Meet & Greet  
Grazia's Italian Kitchen  
9415 W. Broadway St.  
Pearland, TX 77584  
Meet WPRW members, conservative elected officials and candidates.



### Tuesday, February 13, 11:00 am—Noon

Tri County Republican Women Regular Meeting  
Golfcrest Country Club  
2509 Country Club Drive  
Pearland, TX 77581  
**Speaker: Harris County Clerk Chris Daniel**

### Saturday, February 17, 11:00 am

PARC (Prld Area Republican Club) Annual "Souper" Saturday Fundraiser  
Church of Christ Annex  
2217 N. Grand Blvd  
Pearland, TX 77581  
Meet our republican candidates and enjoy some delicious homemade soups, cornbread, and desserts, as well as fun silent auction bidding.  
Ticket donation is only \$15. Sponsorships are available. Hope to see you there!  
For more information call Pat Smajstrla at [281-435-3097](tel:281-435-3097) or Cindy Simpson at [713-501-4123](tel:713-501-4123).

### Saturday, February 17, 1:00 pm—4:00 pm (See separate story for more exciting details!)

Senate District 11 Republican Women's Rally  
Billy's Hall  
4070 Wells Drive  
Pearland, TX 77581

## Reminder of Election Information: MARCH 6, 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION

The Primary Election will take place on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.  
Early voting takes place from Tuesday, February 20, 2018 – Friday, March 02, 2018.

Check your county elections website for voting information and locations:

### County websites:

Brazoria County: <http://www.brazoriacountyclerk.net/recorder/content/Elections/PollingPlaces.htm>  
Galveston County: [http://www.galvestonvotes.org/2018\\_Elections/Primaries/index.html](http://www.galvestonvotes.org/2018_Elections/Primaries/index.html)  
Harris County: <http://www.harrisvotes.org/Default.aspx>



### 2018 March Primary Election Candidate Filings by County:

<https://webservices.sos.state.tx.us/candidate-filing/cf-report.aspx>

Once on the page above, select the applicable county.

## Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women:

Nuts N' Bolts training was **RESCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 6**  
(it was originally scheduled for Feb. 20)



Next GHC general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2018

9:30 am, and all members are welcome

Sosa Center

1414 Wirt Road

Houston

### GHC 2018/19 Board

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## Our National Federation of Republican Women Executive Committee:



FRONT ROW (l-r): Julie Harris, 3rd VP, Arkansas; Eileen Sobjack, 2nd VP, Washington; **Jody Rushton, president, Texas**; Michelle Buckwalter-Schurman, 1st VP, Illinois; Ann Schockett, 4th VP, New York.

BACK ROW (l-r): Carol Hadley, member-at-large, California; Lynne Hartung, member-at-large, Nevada; Vanessa LaFranco, treasurer, New Jersey; Frances Taylor, secretary, Alabama; Kim Reem, member-at-large, Iowa; and, Carrie Almond, immediate past president, Missouri.

Go to [www.nfrw.org](http://www.nfrw.org) for all your NFRW news and information.

*Don't forget Gayle Chapman's Mardi Gras party—it is also a Membership Drive for Tri County Republican Women, so bring a friend!*

**When:** February 6, 2018  
**Time:** 11:30 am—3:00 pm  
**Where:** 3903 Hanberry, Pearland, TX 77584

**What to bring?** *Your appetite!*



***Dues are due no later than February 15, 2018, in order to be printed in the GHC Directory.***

Member dues are \$25 per year. Associate member dues are \$15. Make checks payable to TCRW PAC.

If you cannot make it to the meeting, dues can be mailed to:

TCRW  
P.O. Box 1021  
Pearland, TX 77588

***Friendly Reminder about our regular Tri County Republican Women's meetings:***

If you plan on eating lunch after our monthly meetings, please RSVP by Noon on the Friday before our Tuesday meeting. ***So, the Lunch RSVP deadline for our February meeting is Feb.9.*** You can RSVP at [www.tcrwtx.org](http://www.tcrwtx.org), or call Laura Morgan at 281-484-8083.

The cost for lunch is \$15.00. If you RSVP for lunch and are a "no-show", you are still responsible for payment of the \$15 lunch fee. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

*Our Birthday Lunch will be Monday, Feb 19, 11:00 am, at Pappas Seafood, 19991 Gulf Freeway, Webster. We will celebrate those with birthdays in January, February, and March. And those members are...*

Feb. 1 Amy Hill	Feb. 25 Ann Craig-Simpson
Feb. 7 Madeline Andrews	Mar. 1 Gayle Chapman
Feb. 19 Tabu Winslow-Morris	Mar. 3 Laura Morgan
Feb. 23 Carole Wells	Mar. 28 Gloria Dearth
Feb. 24 Judy Landis	



**The SD11 Rally on February 17 will have some phenomenal speakers!** You don't want to miss it. Tri County will have a table there along with the RW clubs in SD11. **We will need volunteers (2 at a time) to be at our table.** See the schedule and time slots available below. Please contact our Campaign Chair Carri David at 713-825-8400 to fill a time. Thank you!

1:30—2:00	3:00—3:30
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***Some of the speakers who are to be at the Rally:***

**Emcee** - Toni Anne Dashiell, RNC Nat'l Committeewoman

**Introduction** by State Senator Larry Taylor SD-11

**Keynote Speaker** - Honorable Judge Eva Guzman

**"Learn how to be a Convention Delegatee"** - Theresa Kosmoski

**AND...** the Ted Cruz bus (The Cruiser) will be there!

# *Our Tri County Republican Women in Action*

## Silver Bells Fundraiser November 2017



TCRW members



TCRW 2017 President Susan Hooper (L) with Keynote Speaker Texas Supreme Court Justice Eva Guzman (R)

## At TFRW State Convention 2017



Carol Goff, Pat Eubanks, Susan Hooper



Carol and Pat with Senator Ted Cruz



Members with Sen. Donna Campbell

**And at TFRW Leadership Day in Austin 2018 with Kim McConaughey and sons!**

