

# President's Letter



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They underestimated us, didn't they? Even the publisher of *The New York Times* has written a letter saying how even they had gotten it wrong and "aim to rededicate ourselves to report America and the world honestly...."

I am truly grateful for the democracy we live in every day of our lives. A nation where even the smallest voices united together can change the direction of a nation. I believe those voices have been heard and the direction of this great nation will change for the betterment of all its citizens.

Thank you, Cooke County Republican Women, for giving me the privilege of serving as President for the last two years. It has been an incredible experience and journey for me.

The wonderful executive board and committee chairmen have worked together to accomplish many of the goals we planned at the beginning of my term. To these women I say "thank you" for contributing your talents and your time to our Club.

Thank you also to each and every member for being a part of Cooke County Republican Women and my life the last two years.

I offer up my prayers for continued support for the incoming president and officers.

*God Bless America,*

*Dorothy Lewis, 2015-2016 CCRW President*

## **2016 CCRW OFFICERS**

### **President**

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[www.tfrw.org](http://www.tfrw.org)  
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## **NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.**

*25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration & Installation of 2017 Officers*

**Special Guest: Marcia Saunders, TFRW Mentor to the CCRW Founders**

**First Christian Church-Christian Life Center, Gainesville, Texas**

## 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!



**Thursday, December 8!**

Christmas Party

Installation of 2017 Officers

First Christian Church – Christian Life Center

**Appetizers**

**Christmas Buffet Dinner sponsored by First State Bank**

Salad, Beef Tenderloin au jus, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans with bacon and cranberries, Rolls and butter

**Dessert**

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## CCRW Know How to Party in the Christmas Parade

--Marci Gilbert, [mqgilbert@ntin.net](mailto:mqgilbert@ntin.net), 940-668-8639

The Cooke County Republican Women are getting in the Christmas spirit this year! We are joining in the festivities for the "All That Glitters" Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade. It is on Thursday evening, December 1st. Look for the women wearing Red and White with GLITTER!!! Because everyone knows that the Republican Women are the....LIFE OF THE PARTY!!!

Contact Marci Gilbert if you would like to ride with us in the parade. If you can't join us in the parade, make sure to come to the parade and cheer for us as we come by!!!

"All That Glitters" parade information is available at <http://www.gainesvillecofc.com/>. Click on Community Calendar tab for details.

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## 2017 Officers elected at November Meeting

The newly elected club officers, who will be installed at the December 8th meeting, are:

President [Sarah Hess](#)

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-Programs [Dianne Helms](#)

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-Membership [Christi Klement](#)

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President-Campaign Activities [Pam Harrison](#)

4<sup>th</sup> Vice President-Fundraising [Tiffany Lester](#)

Secretary [Judy Nehib](#)

Treasurer/PAC Treasurer [Marci Gilbert](#)

Don't wait for a call from Sarah, asking for your help in the coming year! There are lots of committees and projects for you to choose from. Find something in CCRW to contribute your talents to –there's a list on the last page of this newsletter, and email Sarah at [tankhess@hotmail.com](mailto:tankhess@hotmail.com).

## December 8th Helpers Needed

--Nenia Kahl, Hospitality Chairman, [nmk67@hotmail.com](mailto:nmk67@hotmail.com), 940-641-2922

The Hospitality Committee needs members to chip in to make our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on December 8 a success.

Appetizers will be provided by YOU, our members. Please text me what you plan to bring!

**Pam Harrison** is chairing the Table Decorations. She is asking for volunteers to decorate a table. Email her at [pammieharrison@gmail.com](mailto:pammieharrison@gmail.com), or 940-768-9074.

We need 2-3 to help to set up the room earlier in the day. Call or email to let me know you'll be there to help.

I also need 6-8 members to help make sure everything gets cleaned up after the party. Again, please call, text or email if I can count on you for that.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on December 8!

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## Legislatively Speaking

--Sharon McCormack, Legislative Chair, 817-996-3265 [sharonmc@ntin.net](mailto:sharonmc@ntin.net)

On our last Trump Talk conference call Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, from Joshua Jones, Texas Director, Donald J. Trump for President, Inc., he reported:

Our Trump Talk group did over 250,000 calls to swing states in Florida, North Carolina, Georgia, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. Over 7.5 million calls went into Florida, which included callers from other states. The top caller in Texas did 7,948 calls over 43 days. One caller made 1200 calls in one day. Awards were made to the top ten Texas callers of a personally signed "Make America Great Again" hat from President-elect Donald J. Trump.

I did not make the top ten, but made 2506 calls beginning Oct. 18 through Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. Pauline Lesch also made calls from Republican Headquarters, as well as organized "Vote for Trump" post card efforts into North Carolina. Sharron Acker also made Trump Talk Calls from home.

Other parts of the country were also calling into Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Iowa as well.

Toni Anne Dashiell, Texas National Committeewoman to the Republican National Committee, was on many of our morning conference calls giving us encouragement to "make those calls"!! She was an inspiration, and giving us updates on the progress in many of the state's early voting. Rhonda Lacy, Mighty American Strike Force, reported progress on the conference calls as well. An interesting tidbit she told us: The Amish do not normally vote, but in Pennsylvania, the Amish had Trump signs in their areas, were going to vote for him, and called it Trumpsville! Her group was helping with transportation to get to the polls.



## THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!

--Chris McNamara, County  
Chair, and Pauline Lesch,  
Vice Chair

So many Republican Women and Men volunteered on our Strike Force From Home project. It was a great coordinated effort of CCRP and CCRW.

We produced and mailed out 1,000 handwritten postcards to voters in North Carolina, and another 200 to swing voters in Collin County, Texas. Volunteers called 100 Collin County voters. Some made calls through the Talk Trump app via their computers or cell phones. I'm sure many others from Cooke County made calls that I am not aware of as well.

At the risk of missing someone, we want to **THANK**

1. Volunteers (members are in bold) for staffing HQ during the past two months: **Janette Hess, Darla & Brent Hollandsworth**, Fran & George Jones, **Robby Lemons, Pauline Lesch, Sharon McCormack**, and **Sally & Gerald Teel**. We distributed about 250 yard signs, 200 campaign buttons and 200 bumper stickers, as well as fielding calls from voters.
2. Over two dozen volunteers for writing postcards, sometimes paying the postage themselves. Many wrote a card or two at the September Eagle Club and October CCRW meeting, but others wrote so many more. The Champ was **Monica Lamb**, who single-handedly did over 135! **Janette Hess** wrote almost 100. Other RW on the list of writers are **Sharon Acker, Maxine Cole, Sarah Hess, Dianne Helms, Darla Hollandsworth, Phyllis Lawson, Robby Lemons, Tiffany Lester, Sharon McCormack, Kimzie Moss, LaVerna Nasche, Judy Nehib, Sally Teel, Mary Ann Tharpe**, and others who took packets of 20 at the October meeting. Please forgive me if we didn't name you. We so appreciate EVERYONE who pitched in!
3. Callers for making those dreaded political calls! Strike Force at Home gave us 100 Collin County swing voters to call during early voting. **LaVerna Nasche** and **Phyllis Lawson** teamed up to get those calls made. In addition, some members joined [talk.donaldjtrump.com](http://talk.donaldjtrump.com), logged in, and made calls. We know of **Sharon McCormack, Sharron Acker** and **Pauline Lesch**. Anyone else?

**REMEMBER!** All the time you dedicated qualifies as Volunteer Campaign Hours (VCHrs). Be sure to report how much time you spent to VP-Campaign Activities Judy Nehib, [jinehib@yahoo.com](mailto:jinehib@yahoo.com).

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**ELECTION WATCH PARTY:** Immense gratitude to Hospitality Chair **Nenia Kahl** for cooking and coordinating the food for the Election Watch Party, and all of the members who contributed food or donations for the meal, helped set up, and helped clean up. It was an exciting night, for sure!

**THANK YOU, ELECTION WORKERS!** Another list of members and associate members to thank are Pollworkers. They are paid, but nevertheless, November 8<sup>th</sup> was a very long day for these folks, and there was training and preparation involved, especially for those who served as Election Judges. In the order listed on the spreadsheet from the County Clerk's office, they are **Donald Helms, Elaine McHorse, Kim Moss, Sharon McCormack, Dianne Helms, Pauline Lesch, Ellen Samek, Sarah Hess, Janette Hess, LaVerna Nasche, Sharron Acker, Judy Nehib, and Louise Mahnich**.

And finally, **THANK YOU** to Voter Registrar **Billie Jean Knight**, County Clerk **Rebecca Lawson**, and Chief Deputy Clerk **Pam Harrison**, and everyone in those offices for a job well done!

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*From the desk of the County Judge*

## 2016 Year in Review

--Jason Brinkley, Cooke County Judge

As another year draws to a close, I would like to take a moment to reflect back on 2016. In many ways, 2016 was a year of transition for Cooke County. Our Road & Bridge precincts were, and are still, dealing with the after effects of the flooding events from 2015, and with local elections in the Spring, we have several tenured elected officials leaving and new ones taking their place in January. Nevertheless, we have a lot to look forward to in the future.

Cooke County started several new projects in 2016: 1) Two records preservation and digitization projects that will take several years to complete, 2) Funding for a new EMS station in the southern part of the County, which hopefully will begin soon, 3) Much-needed repairs and maintenance to our 10-year-old Justice Center, including a lighting upgrade and roof repair.

Cooke County, as a whole, continues to prosper. We have had a lot of new activity across the county, from the wind farm in Muenster, to the new restaurants and apartments in Gainesville, to the growing businesses on the square in Valley View, to dozens of new homes being built all across the county.

With a new President taking office in January, I know many are hopeful of what that means for our

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country's future. Still, in many ways, we as individuals can have a far greater impact on improving our community than whomever is sitting in the oval office over a 1,000 miles away. With Thanksgiving and Christmas fast approaching, we should all take a few moments to reflect on what we are thankful for and how great of a community we have here in Cooke County.

So, Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas! And working together, let's make 2017 another great year for Cooke County.

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## **A "Save the Date" message from the Texas Federation of Republican Women**

**Legislative Day 2017** is scheduled for **April 6th** in Austin! Registration will open online on January 11, 2017, to coincide with the start of the 85th Texas Legislature. INTERESTED IN MAKING A DONATION TO OUR BASKET AUCTION? Watch for information to follow at [www.tfrw.org](http://www.tfrw.org).

### **The Texas Legislature's 85<sup>th</sup> Session**

- ✓ Prefiling bills started November 14
- ✓ Session convenes January 10, 2017
- ✓ Adjourns May 29, 2017

## **LT. GOVERNOR PATRICK ANNOUNCES TOP TEN LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

AUSTIN, TEXAS –On the first day of bill filing, November 14, 2016, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick released his list of top 10 legislative priorities for the 2017 Legislative Session. The lieutenant governor has reserved a total of thirty low bill numbers for high-priority bills that he is committed to fighting for when the 85th Legislative Session begins in January.

"Starting in 2017, we will have a friend in the White House who was clearly elected because the people of this country believe in the conservative principles that have guided the way we govern in Texas — life, liberty and lean government that promotes prosperity. I remain committed to those principles and the legislative priorities I am announcing today all reflect that commitment."

1. **2017 Budget Proposal** – the FY 18-19 Budget Estimate is not yet available, but we will pass a balanced budget that will strengthen the Texas economy and assure that it retains its global competitiveness.

2. **Property Tax Reform** – Texans pay the sixth highest property taxes in the nation and the high rates are taxing people out of their homes and hampering business growth. This must change.

3. **School Choice** – There is broad support for legislation to ensure that every parent has the option to send their child to the school they believe is best for them.

4. **Sanctuary Cities** – No city in Texas should be allowed to ignore the law. We will end this practice once and for all this session

5. **Photo Voter ID** – Nothing is more critical to our democracy than the integrity of the voting process. Photo Voter ID is essential.

6. **Women's Privacy Act** – A majority of Texans in both political parties and in every ethnic and demographic group believe that women and girls should have privacy and safety in their restrooms, showers and locker rooms. Unfortunately, legislation is necessary to assure that they do.

7. **Inappropriate Teacher-Student Relationships** – "Pass the Trash" – With the rapid increase in the number of inappropriate teacher-student relationships, legislation is needed to strengthen the reporting and training requirements, and establish appropriate penalties. Priority must be given to protecting our students at every level of the school system.

8. **Fetal Tissue/Partial Birth Abortion** – We will continue to fight to protect the dignity and sanctity of life by increasing criminal penalties for buying or selling human fetal tissue, among other protections, and we will ban partial birth abortion in Texas.

9. **Spending Cap** – We will continue to fight to strengthen the state spending limit so our government lives within its means.

10. **Hailstorm Lawsuit Reform** – We will rein in the hailstorm lawsuit abuse that is damaging local economies around our state.

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## **2017 Membership Drive and Renewals Start Now**

--Vice President-Membership Jamie Orsburn, 940-597-4720

It is time to fill out your 2017 Membership form and pay 2017 dues, which are still only \$25 for the ladies, \$15 for the men (and women who are members of other clubs).

**There is a 2017 Membership form in this newsletter.** Please complete and mail it to Christi Klement at the address on the form.

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# Cooke County Republican Women

## 2017 Membership Application & Yearbook Information

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check if New Member \_\_\_\_\_ or Renewing Member \_\_\_\_\_

(Renewals are due by March 1, 2017, per Bylaws.)

**Republican Women:** Check if \_\_\_ Active Member or \_\_\_ Active/Supporting Member

**2017 Dues: \$25.00** Cash: \_\_\_ or Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (personal checks only)

\$25 includes membership in CCRW (\$10); Texas Federation of Republican Women (\$5); National Federation of Republican Women (\$10)

**PLEASE PRINT & COMPLETE ALL ITEMS:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Ph# \_\_\_\_\_ H W C Alternate Ph# (if any) \_\_\_\_\_ H W C

Circle letters to identify type of phone: H = Home; W = Work; C = Cellular

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ (required for PAC reporting to Texas Ethics Commission)

Optional: Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

**Associate Members:** *Republican men, and women who are members of other TFRW clubs, are eligible to join CCRW as Associate Members.*

**Associate Dues: \$15.00** Cash: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out the above contact information, including occupation.

Make check payable to: Cooke County Republican Women

Mail to: Christi Klement  
2762 FM 2739  
Muenster, TX 76252

For additional information,  
contact Christi Klement, 940-736-9574, lk@ntin.net



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**Personal checks only: Corporate contributions are prohibited.**

## STANDING COMMITTEES/2016 Committee Chairmen

Awards (VP-Programs) . . . . .	Dianne Helms	940-368-0007
Americanism . . . . .	Susan Hughes	940-727-4468
Bylaws . . . . .	Rebecca Lawson	940-665-1889
Chaplain . . . . .	Sharron Acker	940-612-0073
Caring for America . . . . .	Christi Klement	940-759-2937
Historian . . . . .	Tiffany Lester	940-641-1107
Hospitality . . . . .	Nenia Kahl	940-641-2922
Legislative . . . . .	Sharon McCormack	940-668-6762
Literacy . . . . .	Debi Zielinski	940-727-9617
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Ways & Means (VP Fundraising) . . . . .	Rosina Salsman	940-727-8885
SPECIAL COMMITTEES:		
Finance/Budget (Treasurer) . . . . .	Marci Gilbert	940-634-3733
2015 Financial Review	TBD	
2016 Nominations. . . . .		

**Help Wanted:**

**Don't just join:  
GET INVOLVED!**

Interested in working on a CCRW project, or serving on a Committee? Put your talents to work! Call the Committee Chairman, or contact 2017 President Sarah Hess 940-736-0503  
[tankhess@hotmail.com](mailto:tankhess@hotmail.com)

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### December 2016

- 1—Thursday, 6 pm, Ride in and/or cheer CCRW's entry in the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade, Downtown Gainesville
- 8 – Thursday, 7 pm CCRW 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Christmas Party, Installation of 2017 Officers, First Christian Church
- 25 - Merry Christmas!

#### January 2017

- 1 – Sunday, Happy New Year!
- 1 – Sunday, 1 pm, Swearing in Ceremony, Cooke County Courthouse
- 5 – Thursday, 5pm CCRW Board Meeting
- 5 – Thursday, 7pm CCRW Monthly Membership Meeting First Christian Church Fellowship Hall

#### February 2017

- 2 – Thursday, 5pm CCRW Board Meeting
- 2 – Thursday, 7pm CCRW Monthly Membership Meeting First Christian Church Fellowship Hall

#### March 2017

- 2 – Thursday, 5pm CCRW Board Meeting
- 2 – Thursday, 7pm CCRW Monthly Membership Meeting First Christian Church Fellowship Hall

#### April 2017

- 6 –TFRW Legislative Day, Austin

Find CCRW on the County Party website--

[www.cookegop.com/ccrw](http://www.cookegop.com/ccrw).

If you want to receive the newsletter via email instead of U.S. mail, please contact Rosina Salsman at [rosina@kiowaonline.net](mailto:rosina@kiowaonline.net)

### Cooke County Elected Officials

- County Judge Jason Brinkley (R) 668-5435
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- Commissioner Precinct 2 B. C. Lemons (R) [bc.lemons@co.cooke.tx.us](mailto:bc.lemons@co.cooke.tx.us) 668-5482
- Commissioner Precinct 3 Al Smith (R) [alan.smith@co.cooke.tx.us](mailto:alan.smith@co.cooke.tx.us) 668-5483
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- County Court at Law Judge John Morris (R) 668-5461
- County Attorney Ed Zielinski (R) 668-5459
- County Treasurer Patty Brennan (R) 668-5424
- County Clerk Rebecca Lawson (R) 668-5420
- Tax Assessor-Collector Billie Jean Knight (R) 668-5425
- County Sheriff Terry Gilbert (R) 665-3471
- Justice of the Peace:
- JP Precinct #1 Dorothy Lewis (R) 668-5463
- JP Precinct #4 Carroll Johnson (R) 726-3539
- Constable:
- JP Precinct #1 Chris Watson (R) 736-0934
- JP Precinct #4 Russ Harper (R) 231-7662

#### *235<sup>th</sup> Judicial District:*

- District Judge Janelle Haverkamp (R) 668-5401
- District Attorney Janice Warder (R) 668-5466
- District Clerk Susan Hughes (R) 668-5450

CCRP Headquarters:

*Answering Machine:* 665-8683