



Happy New Year!

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President's Letter

“...neither shall any person be eligible to [the office of President] who shall not have attained to the age of **thirty-five years**...” The Constitution of the United States, ARTICLE II, SECTION 1, CLAUSE 5

As I celebrate my 35th birthday this month with the new weight of the mantle of the presidency of our local Republican Women’s club on my shoulders, I am suddenly aware of how incredibly YOUNG 35 really is. How could someone my age be eligible to be president of anything, much less our great country?!?

President Trump will be taking office at the age of 70 – exactly twice my age (plus 6 months, since his birthday is June 14). I truly do recognize the value of age, but I am hoping that my youth will turn out to be a valuable strength in its own right.

Dorothy Lewis has done an outstanding job as President of our club, and she will be missed. I do not know how I can possibly do the job as well as she has done. The great thing about our organization is that I know that I am not alone. We are a group of leaders – in our community, in our families, and wherever we go – as we spread our positive message of conservative values to everyone by our words and by our actions with each other.

I look forward (with no small amount of reverent fear) to serving this club in the role of president this year. My hope is that 2017 will be a time of renewed confidence in our nation’s leaders. Please let me wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New FOUR Years!

Sarah Hess, 2017 President
Cooke County Republican Women

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, January 5, 7:00 p.m.

What To Expect from the 85th Texas Legislature

**Speaker: Representative Drew Springer
Texas House District 68**

**First Christian Church Fellowship Hall
401 North Dixon Street, Gainesville, Texas**

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Come to January 5th Meeting to Learn What We Can Expect from the 85th Texas Legislature

--Dianne Helms, VP-Programs, 817-368-0007, dphelms@ntin.net

Fresh from his reelection as State Representative-District 68, Rep. Drew Springer will give us an advanced look at what we can expect from the 2017 session of the Texas Legislature, convening Jan. 10th.

Jan. 1st Swearing In Ceremony Reception: What Can You Bring?

--Nenia Kahl, 2016 Hospitality Chair, 940-641-2922, nmk67@hotmail.com

It is a CCRW tradition to team up with our County Party to sponsor the January 1st Swearing in Ceremony and Reception. CCRP coordinates with the County to organize the ceremony itself, and CCRW handles the reception.

In 2017, January 1st falls on a Sunday, so we will be doing a luncheon following the 1pm ceremony. The club will provide pulled pork, and I will decorate and bring coffee, tea and water.

We need YOUR HELP with everything else! Heavy appetizers, finger foods and desserts would round out the meal. Perhaps a holiday punch. Remember there's no seating, so people will be milling around and eating while they stand and visit.

Call or text me what you plan to bring, 940-641-2922, so I can coordinate it all. THANK YOU!

Legislatively Speaking

--Sharon McCormack, Legislative Chair, 817-996-3265 sharonmc@ntin.net

Obama Bypasses Congress, Appoints Cop Killer's Attorney

article online at [Obama Bypasses Congress](#)

When Democrats still controlled the Senate, Harry Reid implemented what is known as the "nuclear option." Because Republicans were resisting Obama's appointments and stopping the Democrats from getting the necessary 60 votes for a confirmation, Harry Reid lowered the threshold to 51 votes for non-Supreme Court confirmations.

Their goal was to push more of Obama's nominees through, which is what they did. However, not all the confirmations went so smoothly.

Debo Adegbile was the first Obama nominee to fail to be confirmed in Reid's post-nuclear Senate. His nomination was soundly defeated by a vote of 47-For, 52-Against.

If that name rings a bell, it should. Debo Adegbile was the lawyer behind Mumia Abu-Jamal's appeals. Abu-Jamal was convicted in the now-infamous shooting death of Philadelphia police officer Daniel Faulkner and was sentenced to life in prison.

Officer Faulkner had stopped Jamal's brother in a traffic stop. While making the stop, Mumia Abu-Jamal ran from across the street and shot at Officer Faulker five times, hitting him in the back and then in face. Officer Faulkner died at the scene.

When Adegbile was nominated to lead the Justice Department's Office of Civil Rights, the Senate soundly rejected him.

Now, Obama has circumvented the United States Congress to appoint Debo Adegbile to a 6-year term on US Commission on Civil Rights!

This is unprecedented in modern history. First of all, we've never had a cop killer's defense attorney nominated to work in the DOJ. But we have also never had a lame-duck President bypass Congress to put that same person into a 6-year governmental position. It's just madness...

The Fraternal Order of Police sees this as Obama sending a clear message to police officers who helped to elect Donald Trump. John McNesby, the President of the Philadelphia FOP chapter, described this as a "kick in the teeth to the cops."

This is his parting gift to the American law enforcement officer. Instead of giving police the tools to do their jobs, he has appointed a cop killer's attorney to the governmental body that will judge police officers' actions for the next six years...

For decades, Adegbile has held that his client's conviction was unjust because the jury was racially biased. His client killed a police officer in cold blood, was convicted, and was sentenced for his crime. But he has fought tirelessly to get that conviction overturned.

American law enforcement officers need a champion, not someone who will criticize their every single move. Think of all the tragedy we've had this year where police officers were ambushed during traffic stops. Now, a lawyer who defended these types of ambush killings will be judging police actions.

Congress rejected Adegbile. Now, with just days left in office, President Obama has snuck him into an even higher position and completely bypassed Congress.

This is unacceptable!

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Where there is racial bias in law enforcement, we will fight to stomp it out and hold those people accountable. But this is just going too far.

Hillary Clinton ran on a message that law enforcement officers were racists. Actually, in one of the debates, she argued that not only were police officers racists, but that we all were racists...

"Implicit bias is a problem for everyone. Not just police," Clinton said in the first debate, "I think unfortunately too many of us in our great country jump to conclusions about each other."

She was soundly defeated. The "racism is everywhere" argument of Barack Obama and Debo Adebile was soundly defeated.

So what does the President do? Does he accept defeat? No. He just shoved this appointment down our throats.

Congress has the power to intervene and fight this, but only if you rise up and DEMAND that they make it a priority!

The Texas Legislature's 85th Session

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

TFRW's website includes links to help us become more aware of legislative issues. Check it out--
<http://www.tfrw.org/programs/legislative/>

Founders Attend 25th Anniversary



CCRW Founders, L-R, Rita McCreary, Maxine Cole, Shirley Newton, Monica Lamb and Ann Scivally.

Members AND Associate Members . . .

Campaign Activities—Report your hours now!

--Judy Nehib, 2016 VP-Campaign Activities and Pam Harrison, 2017 VP-Campaign Activities

We know many of you worked to get President-Elect Trump and other Republicans elected. Now you need to tell us how many hours you worked!

You helped CCRP and CCRW mail 1,200 handwritten "Texans for Trump" postcards to swing voters in North Carolina and Collin County. You made phone calls. You helped staff Headquarters during the weeks prior to the election. You prepared food for the Election Watch party. You served as Election Judges and Clerks.

Some members spent considerable time on the CCRW float in the Chamber Christmas Parade. Did you? If you are on the Board, your time fulfilling your duties as an officer or committee chairman can be counted. Deliver Dictionaries or Constitutions? Write an article for the VOICE? Help set up and decorate for the 25th anniversary party?

Did you or your spouse run for office? Your time on the campaign, and his if he is an Associate Member, can be counted.

All things that promote our club, Republican candidates and the GOP can be counted. Toot your horn! Let us know what you've done and how much time you contributed, so we can report to TFRW.

Deadline: January 10, 2017. Email us at jinehib@yahoo.com (VP-Campaign Activities 2016) and pammieharrison@gmail.com (VP-CA 2017).

CCRW Board Position Available: HOSPITALITY CHAIR

Have you been looking for a way to serve CCRW and get more involved? Please consider being our 2017 Hospitality Chair.

The Hospitality Chair makes sure that everyone feels welcome and comfortable at meetings. Duties include attendance at board meetings, communicating with members to coordinate edibles and drinks, and set-up and clean-up for each meeting.

If you are interested, please call or text Sarah Hess at 940-736-0503.



Please join fellow citizens, and the friends and family of our newly-elected public officials as they take their oaths of office

Janelle M. Haverkamp, District Judge

John Warren, District Attorney

Ed Zielinski, County Attorney

Terry Gilbert, County Sheriff

Brandy Ann Carr, County Tax Assessor-Collector

Gary Hollowell, County Commissioner, Precinct 1

John Klement, County Commissioner, Precinct 3

Olivia Neu, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1

Chris Watson, Constable, Precinct 1

Russ Harper, Constable, Precinct 4

Sunday, January 1, 2017, at 1:00 P.M.

District Courtroom, Cooke County Courthouse,

100 South Dixon Street, Gainesville, Texas

Reception in the Grand Jury Room following the ceremony,

sponsored by Cooke County Republican Women

Alert! Save the Dates!

**TFRW Legislative Day—
Thursday, April 6, 2017
Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol
701 East 11th St, Austin**

Plan to travel to Austin with our Cooke County group to visit the Capitol, sit in the Senate and House galleries, meet our legislators and state elected public officials, and visit with Republican Women from throughout Texas. What an educational program, and fun to boot!

Registration will open online on January 10, 2017, to coincide with the start of the 85th Texas Legislature. Check for information at www.tfrw.org, and follow *Texas Federation of Republican Women* on Facebook.

INTERESTED IN MAKING A DONATION TO THE TFRW BASKET AUCTION? Legislative Day also includes a fundraising component. TFRW asks each club to donate a basket for a silent auction. If you are interested in helping put together a basket from CCRW, please contact President Sarah Hess.



GO TO AUSTIN A DAY EARLY FOR THE BELLES & BOOTS EVENT! This event will be held on **Wednesday, April 5, 6:30 p.m. at**

Scholtz Beer Garden, the oldest bar in Austin and in walking distance to the Capital. Tickets will go on sale the beginning of February.



Also from TFRW:

What is the Patron Program?

The TFRW Patron Program provides an opportunity to take your TFRW membership to the next level. The program helps TFRW complete its mission by giving direct financial support to the organization year-round. An individual sponsorship costs \$250 annually. Go to <http://www.tfrw.org/about/patrons/> for more information, or contact Pauline Lesch, plesch@ntin.net, 214-212-9417.

2017 Renewals due by March 1; Looking for NEW MEMBERS!

--VP-Membership Christi Klement, 940-736-9574c, lk@ntin.net

Membership is a two-pronged project: Retention and Recruitment. Keeping our existing members and getting new ones. I want to say "Thank you!" to everyone who has already renewed and/or joined. We are off to a great start!

If you haven't yet, fill out the Membership form included in this newsletter, and bring it along to the January 5 meeting, or mail it to me with your dues, still only \$25 for Republican Women, \$15 for Associate Members, (men; women who are members of other clubs). My address is right there on the form.

Membership is also a COMMITTEE! That means it's an opportunity for you to get involved, by helping me collect dues, come up with ideas for recruiting new members, and perhaps doing some special events, such as New Member Orientations and/or Membership Happy Hours. Let's make it fun! These are exciting times to be Republicans and to get involved.

We finished 2016 with 105 Active Members and 53 Associate Members. Let's take it up a notch: Everyone renew and invite your friends to join, too!

2017 Officers Installed at 25th Anniversary Celebration



R-L: Installing Officer/TFRW Past President Marcia Saunders, President Sarah Hess, VP-Programs Dianne Helms, VP-Membership Christi Klement, VP-Campaign Activities Pam Harrison, VP-Fundraising Tiffany Lester, Secretary Judy Nehib and Treasurer/PAC Treasurer Marci Gilbert.

STANDING COMMITTEES/2016 Committee Chairmen

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Awards (VP-Programs) | Dianne Helms | 940-368-0007 |
| Americanism | Nenia Kahl | 940-641-2922 |
| Bylaws | Janette Hess | 940-736-3023 |
| Chaplain | Opportunity! | TBD |
| Caring for America | LaVerna Nasche | 940-736-1954 |
| Historian | Debi Zielinski | 940-727-9617 |
| Hospitality | Opportunity! | See Page 4! |
| Legislative | Sharon McCormack | 940-668-6762 |
| Literacy | Darla Hollandsworth | 940-665-5676 |
| Membership (VP-Membership) . . . | Christi Klement | 940-759-2937 |
| Parliamentarian | Rosina Salsman | 940-736-1954 |
| Political Action (PAC Treasurer) . . | Marci Gilbert | 940-634-3733 |
| Public Relations/Newsletter | Pauline Lesch | 214-212-9417c |
| Telephone/Hotline/Network. | Kimzie Moss | 940-242-3083 |
| Ways & Means (VP Fundraising) . . | Tiffany Lester | 940-641-1107 |
| 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 appropriate Committee Chairman, or contact 2017 President Sarah Hess 940-736-0503
tankhess@hotmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 2017
 1 – Sunday, Happy New Year!
 1 – Sunday, 1 pm, Swearing in Ceremony & Reception, Cooke County Courthouse
 5 – Thursday, 5pm CCRW Board Meeting
 5 – Thursday, 7pm CCRW Monthly Membership Meeting
 First Christian Church Fellowship Hall
 10 – Tuesday: Deadline to report Volunteer Campaign Hours
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 30 – Monday, 7pm Eagle Club Meeting at the Wolf Den

February 2017
 2 – Thursday, 5pm CCRW Board Meeting
 2 – Thursday, 7pm CCRW Monthly Membership Meeting
 First Christian Church Fellowship Hall
 27 – Monday, 7pm Eagle Club Meeting at the Wolf Den

March 2017
 2 – Thursday, 5pm CCRW Board Meeting
 2 – Thursday, 7pm CCRW Monthly Membership Meeting
 First Christian Church Fellowship Hall
 27 – Monday, 7pm Eagle Club Meeting at the Wolf Den
 27 – Monday, 8pm CCRP Quarterly Executive Meeting

April 2017
 6 – TFRW Legislative Day, Austin
 8 – Saturday, 10am Medal of Honor Parade

May 2017
 13 – CCRP BYOG Fundraiser at Fossil Pointe, Decatur

October 2017
 18-21 TFRW Biennial Convention, Dallas

Find CCRW on the County Party website
www.cookegop.com/ccrw.

If you get The VOICE by U. S. mail, and would prefer to receive it **in color** via email, please contact Pauline Lesch, plesch@ntin.net.

Cooke County Elected Officials-2017

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| County Judge Jason Brinkley (R) | 668-5435 |
| Commissioner Precinct 1 Gary Hollowell (R) | |
| gary.hollowell@co.cooke.tx.us | 668-5481 |
| Commissioner Precinct 2 B. C. Lemons (R) | |
| bc.lemons@co.cooke.tx.us | 668-5482 |
| Commissioner Precinct 3 John Klement (R) | |
| john.klement@co.cooke.tx.us | 668-5483 |
| Commissioner Precinct 4 Leon Klement (R) | |
| leon.klement@co.cooke.tx.us | 668-5484 |
| 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 Brandy Ann Carr (R) | 668-5425 |
| County Sheriff Terry Gilbert (R) | 665-3471 |
| Justice of the Peace: | |
| JP Precinct #1 Olivia Neu (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 |
| <i>235th Judicial District:</i> | |
| District Judge Janelle Haverkamp (R) | 668-5401 |
| District Attorney John Warren (R) | 668-5466 |
| District Clerk Susan Hughes (R) | 668-5450 |
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| CCRP Headquarters: | |
| Answering Machine: | 665-8683 |

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 _____

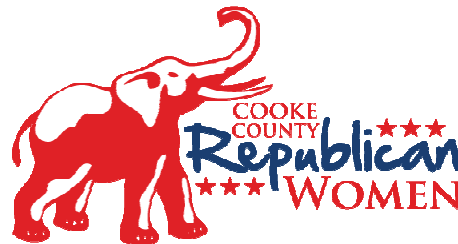
Associate Members: *Republican men, and women who are members of other TFRW clubs, are eligible to join CCRW as Associate Members.*

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
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Muenster, TX 76252



For additional information,
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