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OKLAHOMA FEDERATION
OF
REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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THE PRESIDENT'S TRUNK by Lorie Legere

President's message,

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I hope each of you had a very blessed Christmas, and wonderful New Year's!

We have had a very eventful and busy 2022. As I look back on last year, I cannot help but feel pride for our Federation, and the work we have accomplished! I know we all are looking forward to the National Convention in Oklahoma City and are excited to help welcome all our NFRW sisters to our beautiful state!

I want to thank each of our members for all the work they have done for candidates, during this very important 2022 mid-term election year. Considering all the dark money that was pumped into our state to take away are red state status, I know that it was the hard work of our ladies that helped keep every State-wide office, and our entire Federal delegation solid Republican. Thank you to each of you for always being there and stepping up to the plate to get the job done!

As we look forward to the 2023 Convention, and then the very important Presidential election next year, I take comfort in knowing our ladies will once again be a vital force in campaigning, once our Republican nominee is selected. I have heard many times in the last few months... every time we face a Presidential year, you always hear "this is the MOST important Presidential election of our time". Well, I know you will join me in saying the 2024 Presidential election truly will be THE MOST important election of our time. The stakes are incredibly high, and our freedoms are at risk more than ever before. Please join me in being a prayer warrior, for our State, our Country, our primary system, and then, our REPUBLICAN nominee for President! Our future is depending on it!

In closing, I again want to thank each of our new and renewing members. Thank you for always being there and working to support our Federation. You are appreciated!

Thank you, and God Bless America!

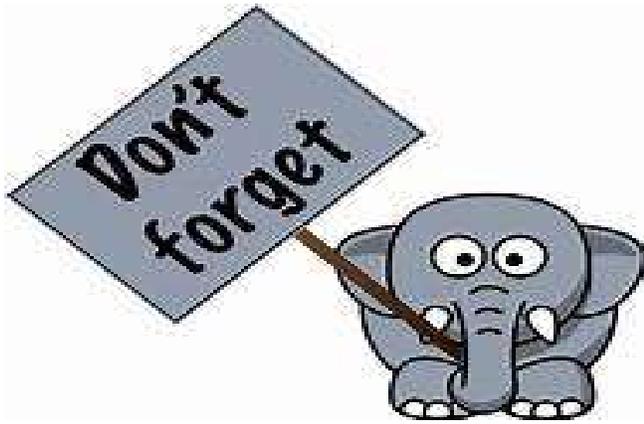
Lorie Legere, President



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PRESIDENT, TREASURERS, AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS

NFRW now accepts dues payments monthly to allow members to have "immediate" access to their members' site (must have email submitted with roster to be able to access). Just a reminder that the dues grace period ends 28 February. All Board of Directors and Executive Committee must have dues paid to vote at the February Board meeting. There may be another dues deadline added to meet the NFRW cut-off for delegates.

2023 Dates: Jan – 31st
Feb 24th
Mar 28th
Apr 25th



Lonnie Lu Anderson and Ann Dassler at the 2022 OKFRW Christmas Party

FUNDRAISER FOR THE SYLIA GILMOUR SCHOLARSHIP 50/50 RAFFLE

\$1.00 PER TICKET \$5.00 FOR 10 \$20.00 FOR 25

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE GOING TO THE SYLVIA GILMOUR SCHOLARSHIP SO WE THAT WE CAN RAISE FUNDS TO HELP OUR LADIES GO TO OUR **NFRW CONVENTION IN OKLAHOMA CITY** - THE MORE WE RAISE THE MORE THE RECIPIENT RECIEVES!!!!
BRING YOUR CASH OR CHECK.
FUNDRAISING WILL BE HELD AT QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS!

AROUND THE STATE IN 2023

Election Date	Election Type	Resolution Due	Statutory Filing Period	Last Day to Begin* Special Filing Period
January 10 (2nd Tuesday)	Special Elections Propositions Only	November 10, 2022 (60 days before election)		
February 14 (2nd Tuesday)	Board of Education Primary Elections	November 18, 2022 (15 days before filing)	December 5 – 7, 2022	
	Special Elections Candidates Propositions	December 15, 2022 (60 days before election)		20 th Day: January 5
March 7 (1st Tuesday)	Special Elections Propositions Only	December 21 (75 days before election)		
April 4 (1st Tuesday)	Board of Education General Election			
	Statutory Municipal General Elections	January 20 (15 days before filing)	February 6 – 8	
	Special Elections Candidates Propositions	February 2 (60 days before election)		20 th Day: February 23
May 9 (2 nd Tuesday)	Special Elections Propositions Only	March 9 (60 days before election)		



Left to right:
Zully Duarte,
Lorie Legere
and Tonya
Coffman
signing cards
for soldiers



Group at the OKFRW Christmas Tea 2022



Swearing in of the Edmond Republican Women's 2023 Officers

OKLAHOMA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S

Heritage Society

Since joining the National Federation of Republican Women in 1941 the Oklahoma Federation of Republican Women has championed the cause of engaging, educating and empowering women in the political process and providing a forum for women to serve as leaders in the political, government, and civic arenas.

In 2016 we initiated the *Heritage Society* as a donor program to play a role in helping the OKFRW fulfill its primary mission of bringing more women to the table. The generous contributions of our

Heritage Society help us accomplish this mission by:

Providing operating capital which allows the OK FRW to maintain a low general membership rate, making membership affordable to women of all ages and economic backgrounds

Financially supporting a wide range of OK FRW education and training programs, special projects, networking events and other activities that help Republican women stay informed, develop skills and achieve their goals at the grassroots, state and national levels.

Heritage Society Members are those OKFRW members who have made an additional contribution of \$20.00 a year into our General Fund to help support the efforts of OFRW in promoting its conservative message.

Become a *Heritage Society* member now. All federated members, associates and other supporters are invited.

Heritage Society Contributor's Statement

Name _____

Occupation _____

Employer _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

I'm a member of the _____ Republican Women's Club.

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Employer _____ E-mail Address _____

Check NO. _____ Amount \$ _____

WE CANNOT ACCEPT CORPORATE CHECKS.

I freely and voluntarily gave this contribution from my personal property. I have not directly or indirectly been compensated or reimbursed for this contribution.

Signature of Contributor (Required) _____ Date _____

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS CONTRIBUTOR'S STATEMENT, SIGN AND MAIL IT ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK to Kyletta Ray, OKFRW Treasurer, 1509 N. Main #136, Altus, Ok 73521 or bring it to the Winter Board Meeting.

ESTHER REPORTS

President Lorie Legere was quite busy in December and January traveling around the state to install the new leaderships for our clubs. She says one of her favorite parts of her job as president is coming to club events around the state and meeting all the wonderful sisters of OKFRW!



Brenda Tiemann with Lorie Legere and Jan Bennett Bell at the Republican Women's Club of Tulsa County



Lorie Legere at the Kingfisher County Republican Women's Club's officers elect: Tammy Hopkins, Denise Boots, Barbara McCune, Shilah Jerkins and Toni Pickle



Sara Jo Odom, Valorie Filippo, Lorie Legere and Beth Cupp of the Republican Women of Central Oklahoma



Margaret Jones, Cheryl Sheve, Sheri Monsees, Carolyn Sanford, Lorie Legere, DeAnn Hale, Debbie Mueller and Lois Clausing from Garfield County Republican Women

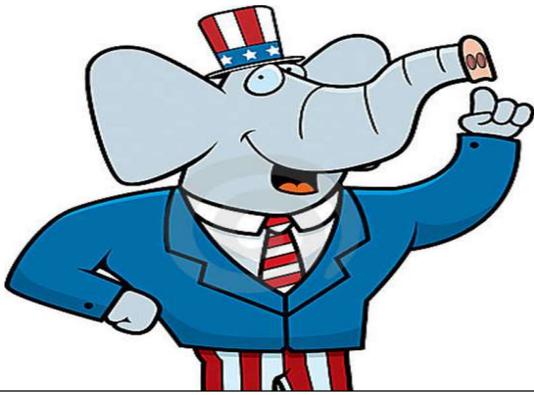


Lorie Legere, Sherry Mollick, Claudette Robertson, Deborah Morris and Jane Lewis



I look forward to seeing everyone in Enid on February 18th!!

~ Esther Rose



Just a reminder since we have won the NFRW National Convention, we as a federation must work together to fundraise for that huge honor. With that, we will need to limit fundraising at our OKFRW meetings and events to projects that benefit the OKFRW and National Convention.



NFRW Guidelines for Political and Campaign Awards

Significant changes have been made to the guidelines for the categories that can be reported for the political and campaign awards. Awards will be presented at the end of each 6 months in two categories:

1. Top political and campaign hours logged and **2.** Top number of calls logged. Award will be announced in the Capital Connection to the Member, Club based on size and State based on size. Final cumulative awards spanning the two years will be given at the NFRW Biennial Convention. The process for collecting hours begins with the individual member submitting their hours and or call total to the club on a best estimate basis.

Hours and number of calls are to be turned in to your club's chairman and she is to report them every 6 months. That way we get good strokes for working hard more often and that in turn encourages us to continue working for the Republican cause. Last reporting period OKFRW won the first prize for number of calls within the states with 20-29 clubs with 35,538 total calls made. AWESOME! I think this reporting period we should knock it out of the park. But that only happens if you turn in the number of calls you made and the volunteer hours you worked. January 15th is the deadline for this 6 month reporting period. So, get those hours and calls estimated and turn it in to your club's campaign and volunteer chairman now.

Political and Campaign Award Guidelines.

Political Campaign Calling: Include all call for any political activities, such as initiatives or ballot questions. Dialing apps will record the number of call you have made or use your best estimate.

Political Hours: Include 1. Travel time to and from activity 2. Research and development of the activity, 3. Preparation and breakdown of activity. Hours are on a best estimate. Primary and Associate members count. All volunteer political activities, whether paid or unpaid, are eligible. (poll workers hours count)

Examples of Activities:

- All time spent at Club, Region, State and National Federation Meetings or conventions including virtual.
- All campaign activities benefiting the Federation, the GOP or Republican Candidates.
- Attendance at all Republican events including Lincoln Day Dinners, even if tickets were purchase for attendance.
- Running for office (partisan or non-partisan) as a Republican Candidate
- Walking precincts, preparing letters to the editor or elected officials, any phone calls radio, TV and social media appearances, posting on social media, voter registration, writing or editing a digital or hardcopy newsletter, attendance at rallies.
- Working on any aspect of a Republican campaign, (partisan or non-partisan)
- Serving as an elected member of your Local, County, State or National Party Committee
- Attending, preparing for, or volunteering at Club, Region, State and National Federation meeting or conventions
Attending, preparing for, or volunteering at meeting or conventions of the Local, County, State and National Republican Party or local meetings or conventions
- Working at a Local, County, State, National Republican office
- Working at a Local, County, State, National Republican candidate or elected official's office.
- Working as an Election Officer, Poll Watcher, Challenger or Election Integrity worker
- Organizing or teaching a Campaign Management School
- All Campaign activities benefiting our Republican Party, candidates, and or the Federation
- Time spent making political and campaign calls
- Any other political or campaign activities

NFRW Club Achievement Awards for 2022-2023!!!

The Club Achievement Awards are designed to assist clubs in planning well-balanced club activities. The Achievement program creates standards for club performance in membership development, programs, leadership development, campaign activities and community relations.

Registered members can print the NFRW Achievement Awards 2022-2023 form on the NFRW web page. From the Main page click on "Programs", then "Awards", under the Diamond pin photo click on "Member Resource Page." Listed first will be the fillable excel spreadsheet for the Club Achievement Awards. Also available are the Armed Services, Caring for America, Political and Campaign Awards forms. Here's a listing of the awards.

230+ points = Diamond Award
205-229 points = Gold Award
180-204 points = Silver Award
150-179 points = Bronze Award

Each club will need to complete the fillable excel form and email to 2ndVP@okfrw.org by JUNE 1, 2023. The period for tracking points began on January 1, 2022, and will conclude on December 31, 2023. Programs and activities planned & executed after June 1, 2023, are still counted in the calculation. This is another important reason to have your club's programs and activities planned in advance. I must receive the club achievement excel form by June 1, 2023, for reviewing and then on to NFRW. Thank you in advance for your timely submissions. Please contact me with any questions. I am looking forward to congratulating each club and celebrating their achievements over the past two years.

Best Wishes,
Debbie Parks
OKFRW Club Achievement Chair



Installed First Ladies for 2022 with Co-Chairs
Kayla Blount and Debbie Parks



2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

3	REVENUES	come Amount
4	Dues & Service Fees - 1200 Members (\$20 NFRW; \$5 OKFRW; Annual \$15 fee)	\$30,330.00
5	Club President, Treasurer and District Director Training Registration	\$540.00
6	Board Meetings Registration Fees (2 Meetings)	\$3,000.00
7	Heritage Society Dues (50 Members)	\$1,000.00
8	OKFRW Day at the Capitol	\$500.00
9	Sylvia Gilmour Fund	\$300.00
10	Fundraisers	\$500.00
11	NFRW Convention Fundraisers and Donations (Boutique)	\$1,500.00
12	Donations and Contributions	\$3,000.00
13	First Ladies Dues (120 Members)	\$9,000.00
14	First Ladies Luncheon	\$1,500.00
15	First Ladies Auction	\$1,200.00
16	Misc Income	\$500.00
17	OKFRW Convention Early Registration - 30 to 23 Days Prior to Convention (56 Members)	\$2,800.00
18	OKFRW Convention Full Registration - 7 days prior or at the door (20 Members) \$75/ea	\$1,500.00
19	OKFRW Convention Saturday Luncheon Only (10 members/guests) \$30/ea	\$300.00
20	OKFRW Friday Workshop Only (10 members) \$10/ea	\$100.00
21	OKFRW Sponsor Donations	\$7,000.00
22	TOTAL REVENUES	\$64,570.00
23		
24	EXPENSES	Expense Amount
25	Training Meeting Expenses	\$300.00
26	NFRW Dues and Service Fees	\$24,330.00
27	NFRW Postage Expense	\$120.00
28	Board of Director Meeting Venue	\$1,250.00
29	Board Meeting Breakfast/Luncheon	\$1,700.00
30	Board Meetings Printing Expense	\$100.00
31	OKFRW Day at the Capitol	\$150.00
32	OKFRW Email (@OKFRW.org for Officers, DD and PAL)	\$1,300.00
33	Fidelity Bond for 3 Officers (on Bank Account)	\$475.00
34	Ethics Registration Fee	\$100.00
35	Ethics Attorney Filing	\$3,000.00
36	President Out-of-State Expenses (3 Meetings)	\$3,000.00
37	President In-State Expenses	\$1,000.00
38	President NFRW Regent Dues	\$1,000.00
39	District Director Travel Expenses (\$.50/mile)	\$625.00
40	Bank Adjustments, Credit Card and Transfer Fees	\$100.00
41	Quickbooks Software Renewal	\$375.00
42	Website Renewal, ICAAN, MX and Updating	\$395.00
43	Fundraiser and Boutique Expenses	\$100.00
44	NFRW Convention Fundraising Expenses	\$4,000.00
45	Office Expenses (Ink, Credentials, Paper, etc.)	\$150.00
46	Publicity (Business Cards, Flyers, etc.)	\$200.00
47	First Ladies Venue	\$5,000.00
48	First Ladies Luncheon	\$4,000.00
49	First Ladies Printing	\$1,000.00
50	First Ladies Postage	\$250.00
51	OKFRW Convention Venue	\$3,000.00
52	OKFRW Convention Food	\$4,800.00
53	OKFRW Convention Printing	\$300.00
54	OKFRW Convention - Awards, Door Prizes, Convention Favors, Decorations, Misc	\$1,875.00
55	Bank Checks	\$75.00
56	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$500.00
57	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$64,570.00
58		
59	<i>Submitted by:</i>	
60	OKFRW Budget Committee	
61	Katie Hendrickson - Chair	
62	Lorie Legere - President	
63	Kyletta Ray - Treasurer	

Official Call

DATE E-MAILED: January 18, 2023

TO: OKFRW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MEMBERS AND GUESTS

FROM: LORIE LEGERE, OKFRW PRESIDENT

This is the OFFICIAL CALL for the Winter Meeting of the OKFRW Executive Committee and Board of Directors to be held on Saturday, February 18, 2023 at the Ivan Keatley Family Chapel at The Common's, 201 S. Oakwood Road, Enid, OK 73703.

(LOOK FOR THE FLAGS AND OKFRW SIGNS TO TURN INTO DRIVEWAY OF THE CHAPEL FROM OAKWOOD ROAD)

Thank you to the Garfield County Republican Women for being our hosts for the Winter Board Meeting!

Saturday, February 18, 2023 Agenda

8:30 AM	Registration begins
9:00 AM	Executive Committee Meeting
10:00 AM	Board of Directors Meeting
12:00 AM	Lunch
1:00 PM.	Presentations TBA
1:45 PM	President's Meeting
2:30 p.m.	Adjourn

Friday, February 17, 2023

The Friday night social will be held FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2023 beginning at 6:30PM at LANDRUN STEAKHOUSE located at 3710 W. Owen K. Garriott, Enid, OK 73703.

Phone: (580) 925-0880.

Visit their website at www.landrunsteakhouseofenid.com to see their complete menu.

Lodging

Holiday Inn & Suites (580) 237-7722, 4702 W. Owen K. Garriott, Enid, OK 73703

Reservation block of 10 rooms is under "OKFRW Conference".

Cost: \$99.00 + tax

(hot/cold breakfast buffet and free wifi included for hotel guests)

Saturday, February 18, 2023

AGENDA: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – 9:00 AM

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Invocation and Flag Salute
Introductions
Credentials Report
Approval of 2023 Budget
Approval of Minutes and Treasurer’s Report
Approval of President’s Expenses
Other business deemed necessary
Adjournment

AGENDA: BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING – 10:00 AM

10:00 a.m. Call to order
Invocation and Flag Salute
Introductions
Credentials Report
Approval of Minutes and Treasurer’s Report
Report of Executive Committee
Unfinished business
New Business
 Approval of expenses for President, and DD’s
 Approval of next Board of Director’s Meeting
Other business deemed necessary
Adjournment

PRESIDENT’S MEETING – 1:45 PM

******* Any business items to be considered “other business deemed necessary” for the Executive or Board of Director meetings **MUST** be submitted in writing by email to pres.okfrw@OKFRW.org no later than Feb 8, 2022 at 5 PM to be considered for the February meetings. *******

There will be no submissions allowed from the floor

OKFRW FALL WINTER BOARD MEETING REGISTRATION

_____ Enclosed is my \$25 Registration (lunch included)
_____ Will attend luncheon only - \$25
_____ Will attend FRIDAY at Landrun Steakhouse (head count for restaurant reservation)

OKFRW Board Member: _____
Club Name: _____
Non-Board Member: _____
Club Name: _____
Guest: _____
Guest: _____

Send check payable to "OKFRW" with registration form by WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 8, 2023
TO: Alice Boydston, Credentials Chair
14915 W. 56th
Mulhall, OK 73063

OR

Email Registration to: OKFRWCredentials@gmail.com

(You must register to attend this meeting by either sending your registration by mail or emailing and getting a reply from the Credentials Chair)

NOTICE: To vote, all Board Members must have paid their Annual Dues and the Clubs must have paid their Service Charge.

OFFICIAL PROXY-OKFRW LOCAL CLUB PRESIDENT

This certifies the following person is a member in good standing of my local club and is my official proxy for the Board of Directors meeting of the Oklahoma Federation of Republican Women to be held Sat., February 18, 2023 in Enid, Ok,

Local President (printed)

Club Name

Local President (signature)

Name of Proxy Holder (printed)