



Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>,

**FROM THE PRESIDENT: Sherry Peterson**

2014 has been an exciting year for West Pearland Republican Women. We started the year with speakers on various issues that concern everyone in our country right now. Then we went into the Primary Races and picked candidates to run on the Republican Ticket in November. WPRW again spent the summer working in one fashion or another, attending Summerfest, and preparing for Proudly Red.

August 9, 2014 we held the most successful Proudly Red ever. All of the WPRW members and the Republican Community were extremely supportive in many ways. As soon as Proudly Red was behind us we started working on Campaign Headquarters. Headquarters opened September 15 and closed the day after the Election. Thanks to all of you who volunteered at headquarters. We were disappointed to not get much traffic this election year but the entire state experienced the same low turnout. The important thing is that we WON!!

As we enter the fall/winter months we are thankful for all of the hard work all of you have put into our club and want all of you to help us celebrate such a successful year at our Christmas Party on December 4, 2014. More information will be sent out about the party in separate communication.

Thanks again, it has been a pleasure serving as you President in 2014, We look forward to an even more successful 2015!

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**1ST VP/PROGRAMS:**  
Cathy Hughes

**CARING FOR AMERICA:**  
Lee Jones

- November 6, 2014- speaker Gary Moore, Pearland City Council Member
- December 4, 2014 - Christmas Party
- For the first quarter in 2015 our speakers will be County Officials that will educate and update us on various aspects of County government. The speaker for January will be Ro'Vin Garrett, Tax Assessor/Collector, updating us on what is going on in Brazoria County.

## **2ND VP/MEMBERSHIP:**

### **Sarah Von Dran**

- The final membership count for 2014 was 29 Regular Members and 28 Associate members.
- The 2015 Membership Drive is currently underway. Look for your membership renewal at the meetings and invite a friend to join us.
- Membership forms can be found at [www.wprw.org](http://www.wprw.org). Did you know that when you are a member of WPRW you are also a member of the Texas Federation of RW and the National Federation of RW? Great information from them to you on a regular basis!
- Also, a Directory was designed and produced in 2014, first ever for WPRW. If you did not receive one please contact me.

**Treasurer/PAC Treasurer:**  
**Mopsie Thornborrow**

- In 2014 WPRW collected and made donations to Helping Hands, Fisher House and Military Moms and Wives. Thanks to all of you who took the time to gather and donate so many items to these deserving groups.

We will continue to conduct Caring for America drives and will post them on our website and with our meeting notices in 2015.

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT:** **Rozalynn Clyde Hughes**

- 2014 was a quiet year as the Texas Legislature was in session. This will pick up again when they convene in January 2015. Many big issues challenge our legislators this year, as always. Some of them being transportation, securing our borders, education, windstorm insurance and water issues, particularly in West Texas.
- Watch for updates on these issues as we receive updates from our Representatives.
- Additionally, 2015 is going to be an interesting year at the Federal level!! Stay tuned.

## **LITERACY:** **Nicole Tonini**

- Two books were purchased to be donated to a school or library in 2014. One was purchased from the TFRW Barbara Bush Literacy List and one from the Mamie Eisenhower List.

- Keeping up with the books is a challenge even in an organization as small as WPRW. The Texas Ethics Commission(TEC) has many specific rules to follow concerning donations, contributions, fundraising and many other transactions.
- 2014 was a great year and all Political Action Committee (PAC) Reports were submitted as requested by the TEC in 2014. It was an election year and there are extra reports to be made.
- I will attempt to feature some more specifics regarding the rules as referenced above in 2015 to help educate and keep all of you informed.

#### **BYLAWS/PARLIAMENTARIAN:**

##### **Jana Shaffer**

- In 2014 the WPRW Membership reviewed and revised the bylaws for the organization. The Texas Federation of RW also reviewed them and approved them. We are currently working on a review and revision of the Standing Rules and will present them to the membership in early 2015.

#### **CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES:**

##### **Jana Shaffer**

- One of the challenges facing the Campaign Activities Chair is to get members and associate members to turn in their hours on a quarterly basis. We reported

“Henry Knox: Bookseller, Soldier, Patriot” by Anita Siivey- donated to the Challenger Elementary in the club’s name.

- “The Murder of the Middle Class: How to Save Yourself and Your Family from the Criminal Conspiracy of the Country” by Wayne Allyn Root- donated in the club’s name to the Pearland Westside Library.

#### **PUBLICITY:**

##### **Joy Pruett**

- The meeting announcements have been featured in 3 different local newspapers and newsletters in 2014 on a monthly basis. Additionally, as WPRW is a member of the Pearland Chamber of Commerce we are able to post meeting notices on their website, and they also send out a reminder calendar. Our meeting notices reach many people in our community.
- Proudly Red was featured in Living Magazine, that was very exciting for our club! Also, ads were purchased in both the Journal and Reporter News advertising headquarters.
- We would like to feature more information to the community through these venues in 2015. Let us know if you have an idea to help accomplish this task.

2328.5 hours so far in 2014 but I know there were many left unreported.

I would like to encourage all of you to develop a method to easily record your hours routinely so that it is easy for you to send them in to the Chair when it is called for each quarter. The reference of what is counted as hours is on the WPRW Website.

## **WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER: Melody Briggs**

- The WPRW website has been redone. WPRW hired a webmaster to be responsible for the website and the new Website should be ready for viewing very soon. As before the website will feature the newsletter, which we will attempt to accomplish on a quarterly basis in 2015. If you see any interesting articles that would be good to share please let us know.

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