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WPRW Newsletter Quarter 1, 2015

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

President

Sherry Peterson

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as President of WPRW, being a part of this group of outstanding members is very energizing. WPRW is now celebrating our 5th anniversary. It has been a dynamic and successful Republican Club the last 5 years. Who knew when 10 of us met at the Bass Pro Shop Restaurant in January, 2010 that we would grow and make such an impact in West Pearland. We can thank all of those who have served on the board and committees, under Presidents Mopsie Thornborrow and Linda Culbreth for that success. They were both tremendous leaders! Thanks also to all the members who support the efforts of the club, you make it happen.

We will celebrate all year and look forward to the next 5 years. 2015 is going to be dedicated to the role of WPRW as a part of local, state and national Republican efforts. To educate our membership on ways to work with these levels of the party. We want to continue to grow and prosper, in order to support our candidates and elected officials.

Cathy Hughes, 1st VP of Programs had the foresight to plan education programs based on county government in the first quarter of 2015, I know you have enjoyed hearing about what is going on in Brazoria County and what our county government does to make our county the greatest in Texas. We have a strong Republican leadership and, thanks to them, that makes our job a little easier. However, that could quickly change if we don't stay diligent in our

efforts to keep the county "Red"!! We have a challenge ahead of us to maintain a presence in the West Pearland area and reach out to those who are moving to Pearland and Brazoria County from other areas. Republicans need to show them that conservative government works and not let them change our politics and subsequently our county.

WPRW has a lot of opportunities and great meetings planned for 2015. Remember that we are a member of the Pearland Chamber of Commerce, attending their events is a great opportunity to mix and mingle with members of our community. We will be planning some community activities to participate in this year. Mark your calendars now for August 8, 2015 which is the date of our annual "Proudly Red", let's make it another successful year. We need to start preparing ourselves for a very active 2016 Presidential election. I don't know about you but I am looking forward to that!!

Stay tuned and stay active,
Thanks for all you do,
Sherry Peterson

1ST VP/Programs:

Cathy Hughes

- We have some exciting speakers for the second quarter of 2015. Our April speaker will be Judge Matt Sebesta. Judge Sebesta is in his first term as Brazoria County Judge. He will update us on what is going on in Brazoria County. The Judge has always been a supporter of WPRW and we look forward to hearing from him.
- In May, we will hear from Eric Golub. Mr. Golub is a neoconservative blogger, author, and public speaker. He was born in Brooklyn and raised on Long Island. He travels extensively in the US speaking to many groups and is always quite entertaining.
- Our June speaker is Debbie Roan TFRW District Director. Ms. Roan will speak to us about TFRW and the convention process. She does an excellent job for us and let's show her how much we appreciate her dedication by our attendance.

2nd VP/Membership:

Sarah Von Dran

TFRW? WPRW? NFRW? GHCFRW? RNC? TEC?

What are these letters? What do they stand for? Are they important to us?

TFRW: Texas Federation of Republican Women and its purpose is to:

- Actively support Republican candidates.
- Provide strength and unity for political action.
- Encourage Republican Women to run for office.
- Train Women to become effective Republican Party workers.
- Inform our members and the electorate through political education.
- Publish TFRW quarterly publication and other political action material.
- Cooperate with the Republican Party organization by undertaking special assignments and campaign projects.
- Offers a source of year-round service by Republican Women Volunteers.
- Plan local and statewide meetings to broaden and unify the interest and education to its members.

TFRW is the backbone of our organization and helps us to achieve our potential of getting conservative REPUBLICANS both men and women elected to state offices. The valuable resources which are available from them are endless. TFRW has seminars throughout the year to enhance the clubs with information necessary to run campaigns. Each Republican club in the state of Texas belongs to this organization.

WPRW: West Pearland Republican Women and is part of TFRW (Texas Federation of Republican Women).

NFRW: National Federation of Republican Women; it strives to elect candidates on the National level.

GHCFRW: Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women. Their objectives are:

- To coordinate the activities of the member clubs;
- To promote political education of Republican Women through assistance in program building;
- To facilitate cooperation between Council, Federation of Republican Women and organizations of the Republican party;
- To foster loyalty to the Republican Party and to work for the election of the Party's nominees; and
- To increase the effectiveness of Republican Women in the cause of

good government.

TEC: Texas Ethics Commission makes sure we follow all the rules and regulation (watch dog).

RNC: Republican National Committee handles the National policies which are sent down to the state and local levels.

**2nd VP/Membership:
Sarah Von Dran**

Ladies I need your help in recruiting new members for West Pearland Republican Women. As we all know the election in 2016 is probably the most important election in our history. Our Conservatives leaders can not do the task without our help. Republican Women are natural leaders and we are strong in our voice.

Do you know ladies that you go to church with, meet at the gym, know as neighbors or otherwise belong in association with them? Let them know how important it is to be involved with the process. Invite them to a meeting, talk to them about our objectives and have them join our group to help keep Republican in office.

At the present time we have twenty-five (25) full members and thirty (30) Associate members. Our goal was thirty five, please help me achieve that goal

Please visit the following link for membership application. If you

**Treasurer/PAC Treasurer:
Mopsie Thornborrow**

When I first took on the job of Treasurer I was scared to death. I always heard, if the Treasurer makes a mistake, she is on the line, not the club. Well, that may be true, but that is why it is great to be part of a state and national organization. The first thing I did was call the TFRW treasurer, who happens to be here in Houston. She showed me the few things I needed to do to satisfy the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC), and the State Comptroller's office. Now, it probably takes less an hour a week to keep the books up to date.

This year will be easier, not just since Cynthia has given me full instruction, but because there are fewer TEC reports to do. During an election year there can be several, but I input the information as soon as we receive money or spend money; therefore when the time comes all I have to do is press send. The one in January is obviously done, and there is another due in

have not renewed your membership, please do so at this time. [WPRW: Membership Form](#)

Your support is greatly appreciated!

**Publicity:
Melody Briggs, Chair**

A mixer is being planned for late April 2015. Watch your emails for more detail on this fun event.

**Caring for America:
Cheryl Hutson, Chair**

In the first quarter of 2015 WPRW collected items for "Christian Helping Hands". Thank you to all of you who contributed to this very important community service. It was greatly appreciated.

In the second quarter we will be collecting for "Military Mom's and Wives". This is also a very important service to our military serving in the Middle East. Bring your donations to the April and May meeting. Watch for emails regarding the type of items that have been requested. They prefer small, individual sizes so they can package for each of our military men and women. We have heard reports of how grateful our military men and women are to receive these packages, which are a reminder

June. Our sales tax report and fee will not come until December, and Cynthia England and I are working on getting rid of the need for a franchise tax report.

It's really not a scary job. If you can keep a checkbook, you can be a treasurer. Think about it. You might like to try it.

Legislation Update:

Please click the following link to view the Legislative Update of February 2015

- [February 2015 Legislative Update](#)

**Website / Newsletter:
Adam Cunningham
Associate Member**

As you may or may not know, the West Pearland Republican Women website, <http://wprw.org>, was redesigned and launched in December 2014. Since then, the website have been maintained and updated on a regular basis.

You can stay up-to-date with the "upcoming events" feature on the left hand side of the page. This will let you know when and where upcoming meetings takes places or any other events that you may want to get involved with. Another key feature I want to

of home for them.

Campaign Hours
Rozalynn Clyde Hughes, Chair

WPRW reported 500 hours for quarter 4, 2014. The first quarter hours are due April 7, 2015 and must be turned in on that date. Please send your hours to Rozalyn at rozclydehughes@kw.com by March 31, 2015 so she can compile them and report them to TFRW.

You may find what qualifies for hours on the website by visiting the following link: [Counting Campaign Hours](#)

mention is the blog feature. The blog is where you can get the latest news from WPRW, Capitol Hill in Austin, and any other news that is vital information to the club.

I urge everyone to visit the website, <http://wprw.org>, and look around. If you have any site suggestions such as a new feature, please send your request to Sherry Peterson so that she can forward them to me.

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