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The Biggest Stories of 2016

The historic win of Donald J. Trump as the President of the United States is the top story for all Republicans.



Election Night
Photo cred: NBC News

With an Electoral College win of 304 for Donald Trump and 227 for Hillary Clinton, Republicans prevailed handily.

The second big story is that Republicans have maintained the majority in both Houses of Congress. Presi-

dent Trump will be able to proceed with his agenda and take campaign promises to Washington, D.C. and do the work the American people want him to do. From his Election Night Speech:

"As I've said from the beginning, ours was not a campaign, but rather an incredible and great movement made up of millions of hard-working men and women who love their country and want a better, brighter future for themselves and for their families.

It's a movement comprised of Americans from all races, religions, backgrounds and beliefs who want and expect our government to serve the people, and serve the people it will.

Working together, we will

begin the urgent task of rebuilding our nation and renewing the American Dream. I've spent my entire life and business looking at the untapped potential in projects and in people all over the world. That is now what I want to do for our country."

These big stories could not have happened without the hardworking Republican Women's clubs across the country.

Election night was also an historic night for women in politics. Kellyanne Conway is the first woman to serve as campaign manager for a Republican candidate. Her resume includes a degree from Trinity University and George Washington University Law School.

President's Pen

I am honored to serve as the 2017 President of Coppell Republican Women. We are celebrating a new year, a new President and the fact that we have a chance for real change after the last 8 years of failed policies. As Texas Republican women, we lead the way by making a positive difference in our community, state and country. CRW supports our com-

munity by participating in the Coppell Rotary Flag program, Wreaths Across America, the Barbara Bush Literacy Project, Carry The Load, and through our scholarship program.

We invite you to join us for informative, educational programs and events, Legislative Day on April 6th, the 2017 TFRW Convention in October and lots of fun social events throughout the

year. We will give you the information and education you need to engage in the political process and make your voice heard. Come get engaged and involved and be a part of Making America Great Again! I personally look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events.

Kit Whitehill

Special points of interest:

- Inauguration Highlights
- Legislative Report
- Texas Federation of Republican Women
- Who Represents Me?

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Christine Carroll	Jan 23
Leah Gottlich	Feb 14
Landa Parker	Mar 3
Annette Ratliff	Mar 7
Nancy Estep	Mar 9
Calli Whitehill	Mar 9
Kari Mitchell	Mar 13
Julia Kang	Mar 17

Coppell Republican Women support Republican candidates; inform, educate, and empower women to become part of the political process; provide educational scholarships; and serve veterans and our community.



Calendar of Events

- February 23 - CRW Board Meeting, home of President Kit Whitehill
- March 2 - General Meeting 6:30 pm at Coppell Library
- March 30 - CRW Board Meeting, home of President Kit Whitehill
- April 5 - TFRW Belles and Boots Gala Shultz's Beer Garden, Austin
- April 6 - TFRW Legislative Day in Austin (no general meeting in April)
- April 29 - License to Carry Class, location TBD
- May 21 - Special Event Meeting at American Fallen Soldiers Project
- May 28-29 - Carry the Load, Dallas
- October 18-21 - TFRW Biennial Convention at Omni Hotel, Dallas
- Calendar is subject to change, please check our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) for up to date information.
- New Member Orientation Event will be scheduled soon! Watch your email for invitation

Coppell Republican Women Board 2017-2018

President	Kit Whitehill
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Hospitality	Sue Miller
Website and Publicity	Michelle LaFountain
By-Laws	Sarah LaFountain
Membership	Linda Mays
Awards	Lorraine Carroll
Campaign Activities	Lynell Huffmaster
Caring for America	Sharon Kappers
Scholarship	Lynell Huffmaster

You can contact any board member by emailing us at CoppellRepublicanWomen@gmail.com Call Michelle at 972-304-3983 if you need to speak to someone.

You may send us your contact information by visiting our website at www.coppellrepublicanwomen.com/contact-us-2/ and we will contact you at your email address.



Coppell Republican Women manned a booth at Coppel Oakfest in 2016. Representative Matt Rinaldi was on hand to talk to the community.

Membership in the Coppell Republican Women includes membership in the Texas Federation of Republican Women. See page 5 for more information on TFRW.

Legislative Report from Legislative Chair Terrie Aune

Texas

Governor Abbott has addressed a joint session of the House and Senate to give his State of the State address. During his speech, Gov. Abbott laid out four emergency items for the Legislature to take up. The Texas Constitution does not allow the Legislature to consider any legislation until the 60th day of session, unless the governor declares an emergency item, so this means that legislation pertaining to his

items will be considered as soon as possible.

The four emergency items are:

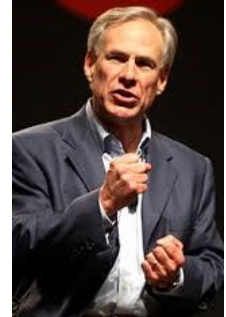
1 - Child Protective Services reform (Education, CPS upgrades, Adoptive/Foster care) (SB 11)

2 - Banning sanctuary cities and strengthening border security (SB 4)

3 - Public Servants Ethics reform (SB 14)

4 - Article V Convention of States (SB 21, HJR 39, SJR 2, HB 506)

The Senate Finance Committee released an initial budget that includes \$103.6 billion in general revenue spending. The House Appropriations Committee's released a \$108.9 billion spending plan, signaling much work to be done. One of the key differences comes from the growth projections in public education. The Senate estimates an 80,000 increase in Texas students over the next two years. The House estimates an increase of 165,000 students over the same period.



Texas Governor Greg Abbott

National

Donald J Trump was inaugurated as the 45th President of the United States on Friday, January 20, 2017. Signs of support from Texas were very evident. After the Lone Star State entertainment at the Texas State Society's Black Tie and Boots Inaugural Ball and the inauguration ceremony put on by the Fort Worth event production company Encore Live, Texas shined in the 58th Inaugural Parade. Performances were by the Texas State University Strutters dance team, riders of Ft Hood's 1st Cavalry Division Horse Detachment, and former San Antonio Symphony percussionist Joseph Gonzalez, now in the U.S. Navy Band. The parade was protected by 45 of San Antonio's and 67 of Austin's finest law enforcement members, who were sworn in as Deputy U.S. Marshalls for the events. Also, marching in the parade was Rooster, one of 8 mustangs from the U.S. Border Patrol's Rio Grande Valley Sector, captured from the wild and trained to aid the Horse Patrol Unit.

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"Standing here in a house of history, and acutely aware of my own imperfections, I pledge that if I am confirmed I will do all my powers permit to be a faithful servant of the Constitution and laws of this great country," said Gorsuch, with his wife Louise at his side.

Local - Coppell

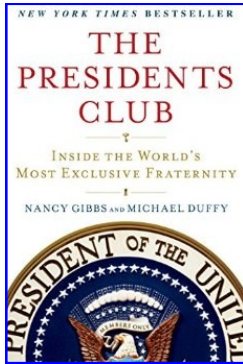
A September lawsuit brought against the Coppell Independent School District alleging violations of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 has been dropped. At the request of Pankaj Jain and

his legal team, the motion to dismiss was accepted the same day it was filed with the court. "I am pleased the lawsuit filed against CISD has been dismissed," said school board President An-

thony Hill. "The board and I will continue to assist the CISD administration in offering an innovative and quality public education for all families in our district."



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NFRW Mamie Eisenhower Library Project recommended reading
www.nfrw.org/melp

Coppell Republican Women March 2 General Meeting

The Coppell Republican Women General Meeting will be held on March 2, 2017 at the Coppell Library.

Social time will begin at 6:30 pm with light snacks and beverages.

We have assembled a panel of individuals with

differing thoughts on school choice and vouchers, which will allow parents to use taxpayer funds to attend private schools.

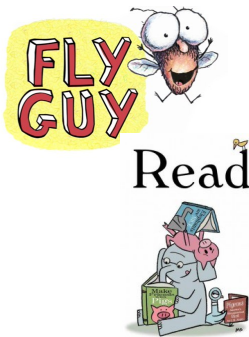
The panel will be moderated to allow each person to express their views, concerns, and ideas.

Panel members will include

a member of the Coppell ISD, a home school parent, and an individual who supports vouchers for private school use.

This will be an excellent opportunity to hear all sides of the this controversial issue.

Barbara Bush Literacy Project



Coppell Republican Women participated in the Texas Federation of Republican Women's Barbara Bush Literacy Project by donating 10 hardcover books in the Fly Guy series and the Elephant and Piggie series to the Tom Landry Elementary School in Valley Ranch, Texas.

TFRW Barbara Bush Literacy Library Project (BLLP)

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy was founded by our former first lady on March 6, 1989. Since that time the foundation has awarded nearly \$20 million to build or expand

over six hundred family literacy programs in forty-seven states. Local clubs are encouraged to donate at least ten (10) books to a local library, school, or shelter in support of the BLLP.

Our club is seeking a Literacy Chair- Please contact us for more information.

TFRW Leadership Training



CRW Board Members
The Future's So Bright We've Got to Wear Shades...
#NFRWBrightFuture

CRW Board Members attended a TFRW Leadership Day on February 11 in Ft. Worth, Texas. Our National Committeewoman, ToniAnne Dashiell was the luncheon keynote speaker. Republican women from many clubs in the area participated in workshops on social media, fundraising, PAC treasurer, membership drives and a workshop for club presidents. Photos were taken of attendees for the National Federation of Republican Women spirit project:

The Future's So Bright We've Got to Wear Shades...

This photo has been sent to the National Federation of Republican Women to join photos from hundreds of other clubs participating in this spirit project and was featured in the NFRW email sent on Tuesday February 14.

Visit the NFRW website for more information about your membership in NFRW.

<https://www.nfrw.org/>

Texas Federation of Republican Women

TFRW is one of the largest women's political organizations in the nation and is a member of the National Federation of Republican Women. TFRW holds fast to the underlying principles of the Republican Party,

government by the people, and the belief that people, such as you, must be part of the process if it is to work effectively. TFRW supports working at the grassroots level and influencing legislation at our state Capitol.

Our TFRW members logged nearly four million hours working on campaigns during recent campaign cycles. TFRW is undeniably the most powerful women's political organization in Texas today.



Texas Federation of Republican Women Legislative Day

TFRW Legislative Day is April 6 in Austin! Pack your favorite red jackets, shirts or dresses and join the hundreds of TFRW women for opportunities to meet and connect with the TFRW leadership women, women from all over the state, and attend committee meetings and attend workshops.
Schedule:

Austin, TX
Thursday, April 6, 2017
8:00am - 5:00pm
Registration 7:30am

Registration Includes:
1. Opportunities to meet and connect with TFRW leadership
2. Continental Breakfast
3. Buses to/from Capitol
4. Committee Hearings, Resolutions in the House

and Senate
5. Luncheon with Guest Speaker
6. Afternoon Workshops:
a. Grassroots Lobbying- From the School Board to the Legislature
b. Federalism and the Tenth Amendment
c. Fighting the Culture of Alarmism
[Click here to register online](#)

LEGISLATIVE DAY ("LEGE DAY") WILL BE HELD ON **APRIL 6, 2017, IN AUSTIN** AT THE SHERATON AUSTIN HOTEL AT THE CAPITOL. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS EVENT, WE ARE ALSO HOLDING OUR BIENNIAL **BELLES AND BOOTS**, ON **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5** AT SCHOLZ GARTEN IN AUSTIN.

Why Join the Coppel Republican Women? ~ ~ Benefits of Membership

- *Make your voice heard on issues important to women*
- *Become an effective leader and volunteer in a variety of areas*
- *Support grassroots efforts in electing Republicans*
- *Your dues help support Republican candidates, fund our annual scholarship and support the day to day expenses of the club*
- *Membership in Coppel Republican Women includes membership in the Texas Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women*
- *Join us today by mailing your check for \$30 to PO Box 2151, Coppel, 75019 or bring your check to our March 2 meeting!*

Our Fourth Annual Scholarship Announced

Scholarship Chair Lynell Huffmaster has announced our fourth annual scholarship. The scholarship is open to a graduating senior woman who is a U.S. Citizen, a resident of Coppel or a student of Coppel ISD. Applications will be

accepted until April 17, 2017. Those students who wish to apply for the scholarship may download the scholarship from Navience, which is available for all CISD students. A copy of the application can be downloaded

from our website at www.coppelrepublicanwomen.com/scholarship/

Previous winners are:
2016-Elizabeth Cook
2015-Christine Carroll
2014-Kristen Shepard



2017 recipient of CRW scholarship

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Senator John Cornyn has represented Texas since 2002



Senator Ted Cruz has represented Texas since 2013

Who Represents Me?

U.S. Senate

[Senator John Cornyn](#)
[Senator Ted Cruz](#)

U.S. House of Representatives

Congressional District 24
[Representative Kenny Marchant](#)

Texas State Senate

Senate District 16
[Senator Don Huffines](#)

Texas State House

House District 115
[Representative Matt Rinaldi](#)

State Board of Education

District 11
[Patricia Hardy](#)

Coppell City Council

- [Karen Hunt, Mayor](#)
- [Cliff Long, PL 1](#)
- [Brianna Hinojosa-Flores, PL 2](#)
- [Wes Mays, Mayor Pro Tem / PL 3](#)
- [Gary Roden, PL 4](#)
- [Nancy Yingling, PL 5](#)
- [Marvin Franklin, PL 6](#)
- [Mark Hill, PL 7](#)

A General Municipal election will be held on May 6, 2017

City Council Places 1, 3, 5, and 7 are on the ballot and are for an unexpired 3 year term.

Last day to register to vote in this election is April 6, 2017. If you are not sure if you are registered to vote, please click on this link:

www.dallascountyvotes.org/voter-lookup/#VoterEligibilitySearch

Click on the elected officials name (hyperlink) for their website & contact information



Jacob Schick of 22Kill

Caring for America - Our Guest Jacob Schick of 22Kill

Our December 2016 meeting featured Coppell High School graduate and Operation Iraqi Freedom II wounded Marine Jacob Schick. Jacob has served as Executive Director for 22Kill since September 2015 and currently serves as an Ambassador for Carry the Load.

22Kill is a global movement that is bridging the gap between veterans and civilians to build a community of support. They work to raise awareness to the sui-

cide epidemic that is plaguing our country, and educate the public on mental health issues such as PTSD. CRW members were proud to have donated over \$3000 to [22Kill](#).

---Sharon Kappers Caring for America Chair



Membership Report

Our membership goal for 2017 is 59 active members. Active, voting members are those women for whom our club is their primary TFRW club. As of publication of this newslet-

ter we have 27 active members.

We have a New Member Orientation in the planning stages! Please watch your

email for an invitation! It will be a fun event, with plenty of time to meet the board and other members.

-- Linda Mays, Membership Chair

We Welcome Our New Members!

Pamela Copeland
Maureen Corcoran
Yaani-Mai Gaddy
Marla Gaffner
Julia Kang
Anne Puente
Gary Roden

85th Texas Legislature Regular Session ~~ How to Follow a Bill Online

The Texas Legislature has convened for its 85th Regular Session. The 150 members of the House of Representatives and 31 Senators were sworn in at noon at January 10, 2017.

The Legislature has a web site that makes it possible for us to track bills online, for the entire session. The web site gives us the ability to search for bills we want to track, look at the entire list of committees, who sits on each committee, and to view when committees will meet.

The web site also gives us the ability to create a list of bills instead of searching for each bill individually when you log on. At the top of the Texas Legislature Online web site you can click on 'My TLO', then click on 'Bills Lists' and set up your login by submitting your email address and a password. Each user can also set up 'Alerts' to be notified of committee and calendar postings, when bills are assigned and when the House or Senate adjourn.

The picture to the right is a screen shot of the home page of the 85th Legislature Regular Session.

Click on this link to be directed to the home page.

www.capitol.state.tx.us

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Texas Legislature Online. At the top, there is a banner with the text "85th Legislature Regular Session Texas Legislature Online" and a navigation menu with links for Home, My TLO, House, Senate, Legislation, Search, Committees, and Calendars. Below the banner, there are two main columns. The left column is titled "Texas House" and contains a list of links: Home, Speaker of the House, Members, Committees, Committee Meetings, Committee Witnesses, Calendars, Current Amendment, Journals, News, House Research Organization, and Kids' House. Below this is a section for "Texas Senate" with links: Home, Lieutenant Governor, Members, Committees, Committee Meetings, Calendars, Journals, News, Senate Research Center, and Senate Kids. At the bottom of the left column is a "Related Links" section with links to Legislative Reference Library, County, State, Federal, and Awards. The right column features a "Search Legislation" section with a dropdown menu for "Legislature: 85(R) - 2017", radio buttons for "Word/Phrase" and "Bill Number", a search input field, and a "Go" button. Below this is an "Additional Searches" section with links for Text Search, Statutes, Bill Lookup, Constitution, Bill Search, Reports, Amendments, View Votes, Sections Affected, Administrative Code, and Legislative Archive System. Further down is a "How Do I ..." section with links for finding bills, tracking bill status, contacting legislators, finding votes, scheduling hearings, viewing bill text, and testifying. At the bottom of the right column is a "My TLO" section with links for tracking legislation, receiving alerts, subscribing to RSS feeds, and viewing content on mobile devices.



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We're on the web!

www.CoppellRepublicanWomen.com

Our Mission Is To:

- Increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through active political participation
- Promote an informed electorate through political education
- Facilitate cooperation among Republican Women's clubs
- Foster loyalty to the Republican Party and promote its principles and candidates in all elections including non-partisan elections
- Work for the election of Republican Party nominees

Presidential Inauguration



Several of our members were privileged to attend the inauguration of President Donald J. Trump. In spite of the media hype about the protests, the inauguration was a beautiful event, unmarred by troublemakers. A slight rain did not dampen the spirits of the thousands who gathered for this historic event. President George H. W. Bush was the only living former president who could not attend due to health issues.

Our members were also able to enjoy the Black Tie and Boots Gala, sponsored by the Texas State Society, the night before the inauguration.

