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President's Message-Lisa Townsend

Dear Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women (YRTRW) Members and Friend's,
Spring arrived and Summer is on the way! Easter and Passover have come and gone soon we will remember Americans who died while serving in the armed forces on Memorial Day. YRTRW will honor 9 fallen THS students at the WWII Memorial at the Tomball Museum Center by laying wreaths on Friday, May 27th at 10:00 a.m. Please join us if you can! Our nation has a Christian foundation and our founders fostered the spirit of provision and sacrificed much and we are all recipients! Many a man/woman has given of their life serving our country and enabling Americans to live a life of freedom in the United States of America.

Very important days lie ahead in our country...an election that could mean the continuance or demise of the very fabric and foundation of our country...America where children and adults have liberty, or have a socialist agenda where individual freedoms are choked out. We do have a choice! Conservatives MUST continue the good fight and preserve America's freedoms...help Conservatives get elected, be involved, vote from the top of the ticket all the way down to the bottom, and pass down to our children and grandchildren, nieces and neph-

ews, a free America they will love and will be proud of!

YRTRW helped leading into the Primary Elections in a variety of ways and with TFRW sister clubs. This year we've held forum's where the community could meet and ask questions of all candidates for Texas House State Representative District's 126, 130, and 150, and in addition, candidates for Justice of the Texas Supreme Court and Texas Criminal Court of Appeals. Individual members worked various campaigns of their own choice. 2016 has been busy but we are not done yet!

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In Memory of Diane N. Holland

By Lee Ann Fuselier

Diane N. Holland

September 27, 1939 – April 27, 2016

Diane N. Holland died at her home in Tomball, Texas, surrounded by family and loved ones on April 27, 2016. During her ten-month battle with cancer she displayed the same positive attitude and fun-loving spirit that she had for her entire 76 years of life.

Diane is survived by her son Brett Nicholson, his wife Rebecca, and their children Joseph, John, James, and Julia of Katy, Texas; son Cdr. (USN-Retired) Wes Nicholson, his wife Andrea, and their children Kasey and Joshua of Corinth, Texas; daughter Lee Ann Fuselier, her husband Rob, and their children Madeleine, Olivia, and Jude of Orange, Texas; step-daughter Connie Cuoco and her husband Jim of Dripping Springs, Texas; step-daughter Dawn Greener, her husband Tim of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, and their daughter Tiffany Huet and husband Jared Gillman of Portland, Oregon; brother Dwayne Kunz and his wife Leigh Farmer of Cypress, Texas; and numerous cousins whom she loved very much. She is preceded in death by her parents Margie Nell (Williams) and Louis Kunz.

Diane was born on September 27, 1939 in Austin, Texas. She was raised in Houston and graduated from Milby High School with honors in 1957. She attended the University of Texas in Austin, Texas for one year as a Dance Major before transferring to Sam Houston University in Huntsville, Texas. She was active in many organizations, including a founding member of the Key Club and a cheerleader, and she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education with a Minor in Journalism in 1960.

Upon graduation, Diane returned to Houston where she was employed as a Junior High and Special Education Teacher for Houston ISD for four years. She married Daniel L. Nicholson on July 28, 1962 in Houston. Together they lived in San Francisco, Atlanta, and Houston before moving back to Dan's hometown of Tomball with their children in 1971. They were married for 16 years and the historic Juergens' family farmhouse which they remodeled together remained Diane's beloved home until her final day.

Diane went to work for the Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce in 1973 and poured her heart and soul into her job as President of this non-profit organization for more than 20 years. Diane nurtured Tomball's hometown atmosphere by planning and promoting many community events including 4th of July Festivals and Fireworks Displays, Tomball Night Celebrations, Miss Tomball Pageants and Annual Tomball Holiday Parades, just to name a few. She was instrumental in bringing many new businesses to the community and was recognized across the state as a leader in economic development and chamber of commerce management. She was active in the Gulf Coast Chamber Executives and the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives where she served as the organization's first female President in its 82-year history from 1988-1989. She also served on the Board of Regents and as an instructor for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute. Diane received the TCCE Distinguished Service Award in 1986, was named Tomball Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 1987, and was recognized as Outstanding Business Woman of the Year by the Houston Federation of Women in 1988.

Diane married Wayne Holland on May 24, 1980. They were married for 18 years and together owned and operated Apollo Express, a courier service which served the greater Houston area. They were both active volunteers for Tomball's Little League Association, and were proud to be a part of the team of coaches for Tomball's 1982 Senior

League Softball Texas State Champions.

After retiring from the Tomball Chamber, Diane later returned to work as Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations for Klein Bank from 2000 to 2004, and then as Project Manager in Community Relations for Lone Star College from 2004 to 2007. She was appointed by Tomball City Council as Chairman of Tomball Centennial Celebration Committee from 2002 to 2007, recruiting and organizing hundreds of volunteers and supporters to plan and execute monthly events and activities during a year-long celebration of Tomball's Centennial Birthday, including a two-day Tomball Heartbeat Music Festival which attracted over 10,000 visitors to the community, and a Grand Finale Birthday Celebration at the Tomball High School Stadium which included musical performances, a historical flashback featuring area students, a fireworks production, and a special keynote address from President George H.W. Bush.

Diane worked as President of the Magnolia Parkway Chamber of Commerce from 2008 to 2012, where she greatly improved the organization's community identity, added and expanded many programs and activities, and increased membership from 70 to 270 members.

Diane served for 8 years as an elected City Councilmember for the City of Tomball and remained extremely active in community and volunteer activities throughout her life. Some of the other entities and organization Diane devoted her time to include:

Tomball Industrial Development Corporation, Tomball PTA, Tomball Little League, Tomball Business & Professional Women, American Business Women's Association, Tomball Study Club, Tomball Cub Scouts, Tomball Boy Scouts, Boy Scouts of America, First Baptist Church of Tomball, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Go Texan Committee and Speakers Bureau, Tomball ISD Volunteer Boards and Committees, Tomball Cancer Society, Tomball Industrial Development Corporation, Tomball Sesquicentennial Committee, Tomball Parks Board, North Houston Economic Development Showcase Steering Committee, Tomball Chamber Ambassador Committee, NHMCCC Foundation Board, Lone Star College Advisory Board, The Regional Arts Council, Tomball Pachyderm Club, Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women, Tomball Museum Center & Spring Creek County Historical Association, TOMAGWA, and Salem Lutheran Church.

Diane was a woman of many talents and abilities. She loved to dance and as a young girl played the piano at a local dance studio in exchange for dance lessons. She continued her study of dance in college and would forever jump at the chance to cut-a-rug, jitter-bug, or two-step the night away. She was a gifted seamstress, like her mother, and made most of her daughter's prom dresses, as well as tailored suits, dresses, and costumes for herself and others. She loved to entertain people and was known for her costumed skits, and for her prose and poetry. She could draw and paint, and could fix, build or create most anything. She enjoyed gardening and reading. She was a licensed pilot, and she was also fluent in Spanish, thanks to community college courses and 17 years of loving tutoring provided by her faithful friend and companion Cecilio Avalos.

Diane loved people and was most happy when she was helping others. She was a loyal friend, and a mentor and second-mother to many. She loved her children and grandchildren with all of her heart. Until her last breath, she was a wonderful example of courage, faith, and strength during adversity, showing others how a bright smile decorated with a stroke of red lipstick could make the world a better, happier place. She will be greatly missed, but her spirit will live on in the people who she inspired and in her hometown of Tomball that she loved so very much.



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Dear Friends,

We rely on donations from individuals like you to continue the community service projects that we work so hard to provide to our community. The efforts of the Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women enhance the presence of all Republicans. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Possessing the ability to read and write is fundamental. It makes learning possible, inevitable and infinite. For this reason, fostering literacy has long been a priority of the National Federation of Republican Women, and several literacy programs have been developed to achieve this goal. The YRTRW has chosen to participate in these programs through our local grassroots efforts by giving to our community in order to promote education and literacy, while passing on the foundational values upon which our country's forefathers built our nation.

Our flagship literacy project is **The Mamie Eisenhower Library Project**, established in 1961 by the National Federation of Republican Women. Our aim is to foster Republican core values by promoting public education and literacy through providing high quality books to local school libraries which contain age-appropriate subject matter and illustrations which are historically and accurately depicted. We also donate children's books to our public libraries as part of the **Barbara Bush Literacy Library Project**. To celebrate and promote literacy on the **Constitution**, we donate a Constitution booklet to 5th grade students in local Tomball schools and homeschools.

Please consider joining us and contributing to help us continue these important projects! Donors will be invited to participate in book presentations.

Literacy Contribution Levels

_____ Patron \$99

_____ Friend \$50

_____ Underwriter \$75

_____ Supporter \$25

We are unable to accept corporate contributions.

Please send your personal check to **Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women** at the address above.

Name: _____ Spouse's name: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Occupation: _____ DOB: _____

Required information for PAC reporting.

Cell phone: _____ Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Thank you,
Literacy Committee

Readers Become Leaders

By Pat Blair, Literacy Committee Chairwoman

Frederick Douglass said, "Once you learn to read, you will be forever free."

We know freedom is precious. We ensure freedom for the next generation when we teach them to read and share with them the inspiring narrative of our nation's founding. These tools foster political and economic literacy and ensure an educated citizenry of the future.

For this reason, fostering literacy has long been a priority of the Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women. Our goal is to improve education and literacy by taking direct action. Since its founding, the YRTRW and its members have donated dozens of books to Tomball-area school libraries

This month, the YRTRW is donating the following titles to area school libraries. The titles were chosen for their engaging narratives and beautiful illustrations by award-winning authors who give an accurate account of what happened in American history. Sturdy library binding will allow these books to be enjoyed by Tomball students for many years to come.

- Abe Lincoln Goes to Washington by Cheryl Harness
- Abraham Lincoln & Frederick Douglass: The Story Behind an American Friendship by Russell Freedman
- America: A Patriotic Primer by Lynne Cheney
- Frederick Douglass: Young Defender of Human Rights by Elisabeth P. Myers and Cathy Morrison
- Give Me Liberty! The Story of the Declaration of Independence by Russell Freedman
- History of Religious Liberty: From Tyndale to Madison by Michael Farris
- Leading Ladies by Kay Bailey Hutchison
- Lessons on Liberty: A Primer for Young Patriots by Peter A. Lillback
- Malice Toward None: Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address by Jack Levin
- My Grandchildren's America by Don Jans
- Our 50 States by Lynne Cheney
- Remember the Ladies by Cheryl Harness
- The Founders: 39 Stories Behind the US Constitution by Dennis Fradin
- The Journey of the One & Only Declaration of Independence by Judith George
- The Signers: 56 Stories Behind the Declaration of Independence by Dennis Fradin
- The Story of In God We Trust by John Hudson Tiner
- The Story of the Pledge of Allegiance by John Hudson Tiner
- Thomas Jefferson & the Tripoli Pirates by Brian Kilmeade
- We the People: The Story of Our Constitution by Lynne Cheney
- When Washington Crossed the Delaware by Lynne Cheney

A Call to YRTRW for Campaign Hours!

We know many of you have been busy this year campaigning in one form or another! We've seen and heard, and we know you and Texans work hard to elect Republicans! If you have block walked, phone called, any work on a campaign, attended meetings and/or conventions related to RW or Republican Party, campaign trips requiring travel time, you can include your drive-time. If you attend the RPT Convention you can count time spent at convention. The YRTRW submits our hours to Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) who reports the combined TFRW hours to National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW). It is quite amazing to hear the combined total hours reported for campaign activities by our members and associates. We work hard to elect Republicans! We would like to ask you to submit your hours (hours worked with no compensation) by the 5th of each month. When reporting your hours please label hours as to what campaign activity they were donated. If you did not turn hours in for the 1st quarter you can still turn those in. They will count for the 2nd quarter. We thank you for your hard work for our party values!

Thank you,

YRTRW

The Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women Proudly Invite You to Join Us

On Tuesday, May 24th the Yellow Rose of Texas RW will host Theresa Kosmoski from Texas Federation of Republican Women.

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 much 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 4 million hours working on campaigns during recent campaign cycles. TFRW is undeniably the most powerful women's political organization in Texas today. The Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women's Club is a federated TFRW member.

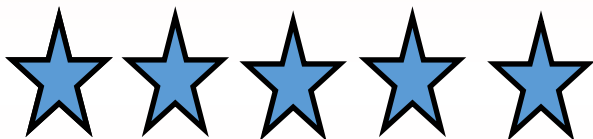
LOCATION -

**Harris County Smokehouse
14243 FM 2920 Rd,
Tomball, TX 77377**

If there is candidate information included, this is not a YRTRWC endorsement, YRTRWC President endorsement, or YRTRWC Campaign Chair endorsement. YRTRWC's involvement is to help you make an informed decision and get involved with the candidate of your choice. Political AD paid for by the Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women, PAC, Donnie Lubeck, Treasurer, P.O. Box 1323 Tomball, TX 77377. Contributions to YRTRW, PAC are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Also, solicitations made by federal candidates and officeholders are limited by Federal law to solicit donations of up to \$2,400 from individuals and up to \$5,000 from multi-candidate political committees. Federal law prohibits their solicitation of donations in any amount from corporations, labor organizations, national banks, federal contractors, or foreign nationals.

A Memorial Day Tradition

Many people in the Tomball area are not aware that during WWII there were many under age young men and local high school students left to serve our country and nine of them sacrificially gave their lives for the country they so loved. It has become an annual tradition for YRTRW to honor these young men Memorial Day by laying wreaths at the Tomball Museum Center WWII Memorial. The wreaths will be laid on Friday, May 27th at 10:00 a.m. The wreaths will be assembled on Sunday, May 22nd at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Lisa Townsend. If you would like directions please email [in-fo@yellowroserw.net](mailto:info@yellowroserw.net) or call 281-357-1561.



SPEAKERS

June 28th: Senator Paul Bettencourt will share "Historical Statistics Indicate a 2016 Republican Win."

July 26th: Judge Ed Emmett and Commissioner "Cactus" Jack Cagle "Why 2016 is so critical for Republicans to Win and How Elections Affect the Citizens of Harris County."

Membership Report

The Texas Federation of Republican Women is encouraging each member of our club to think of just one more friend, one more relative, one more co-worker who needs the Republican message and information that our club is so successfully sharing. Besides, it's just downright FUN to be a Republican Woman.

Ladies, lest you think that 'just bringing in the masses' is a bad thing, I want you to think about all the information, education, fun, friendliness and opportunity that you get when you become a member of the Yellow Rose Republican Women. YES, we DO need the masses! The masses are a good thing. We will need everyone on board to provide the largest Strike Force effort this fall that the state of Texas has ever witnessed. And YES, we WILL support the Republican nominee for our party, we WILL UNIFY because it's not only the Presidency that we need to take back, but we need to also ensure that a Republican President has a Republican House and Senate to make those massive changes in Congress for the security and well-being of our Nation. **BRING IN THOSE LADIES!!! Just ONE MORE!!!** Membership in the Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women's Club includes membership in the Texas Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women.

Primary Members \$35.00

Primary membership is available to any Republican woman not already associated with another Republican Women's Club. Members must be registered voters.

Associate Members \$25.00

Associate membership is available to any Republican woman that is a member of another Republican Women's Club and to all Republican men. Members must be registered voters.

Please see our website yellowroserw.net for membership application.

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We have the Primary Run-off Election May 24th (early voting May 16-20), and the General Election November 8th.

YRTRW was represented at the recently conducted Harris County Republican Party Senatorial District 7 Convention. Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) encouraged members to become elected as delegates to exercise voting privileges at the Republican Party of Texas (RPT) Convention in May and, so, YRTRW members attended the convention and were elected as delegates! While at the RPT Convention in Dallas members attended the TFRW Tribute to Women Honoree Luncheon where member Donnie Lubeck was YRTRW Honoree. Congratulations to Donnie for your campaigning this year and running for office! YRTRW members, on the road again, attended Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) 2nd Quarter Board Meeting in Austin where we heard great speakers, Professor Jeffrey F. Addicott, Director at Center for Terrorism at St. Mary's and Senator Donna Campbell, M.D.

I would like to thank Karen Walker, for her hard work in lining up speakers for the year. A big thank you to our March speaker, State Rep. Cecil Bell and our April Speaker, Theresa Strack, Director - Montgomery Co. Right to Life. We have great guest speakers scheduled to speak, so, mark your calendars on the 4th Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m. and join us! Thank you to Grace Handley, for organizing the 2016 Concealed Handgun License (CHL) Class, sponsored again by Candidate for Texas House, Dr. Tom Oliverson, District 150. ***Please let us know if you would like to sign-up at grace-handley@hotmail.com. We will announce a class soon!*** Keep current with YRTRW at www.yellowroserw.net. ***I hope to see you soon!***

Let Freedom Ring,
Lisa Townsend, YRTRW President

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281-610-2334

Hospitality Donation

Thank you Karen Walker (YRTRW member) for your donation to YRTRW to benefit TFRW's Board Meeting Hospitality.

Subject: Yellow Rose of Texas RW donation to TFRW

Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women thank you for donating to our Hospitality Committee on the TFRW. Your generosity helps our members – and guests - to be able to enjoy a cup of coffee or a late afternoon snack during the long meetings. This also assures your club's bonus points in the John Tower Award on Hospitality. We thank you so much and hope you will attend one of our meetings so we can thank you personally.

We will send confirmation of your donation to the Awards Committee prior to the Convention next year to confirm your donation.

Patti Johnson and Belinda Frisk
Hospitality TFRW