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Voice of the President

We are all trying to adjust to the current reality regarding the havoc COVID-19 is causing our nation. Our prayers are with the families who have suffered the loss of loved ones and those who are PRESENTLY fighting for their lives. President Trump, Vice-President Pence and their team are doing their level best to save lives and get America back to work. Please continue to heed the warnings of the "Stay Home-Work Safe" executive order from our President, Governor, County Judge and Mayor. Thank you to all who are on the frontlines risking their lives for us. It's important that we take care of each other. New York's coronavirus death toll surpasses that of 9/11. And the death toll is rising. I commend Dr. Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for speaking out against unsanitary wet markets that caused this current public health crisis.

Stay informed by going to ReadyHarris.org. Harris County Public Health call bank is open 7 days a week from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. at 832-927-7575. Please note that this tool does not replace the services of healthcare providers. If you DO NOT have healthcare coverage and need access to care related to COVID-19, call County's Ask My Nurse hotline at 713-634-1110. For mental health resources, call the Harris Center COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line at 833-251-7544.

BARW will not have our April "Breakfast Meeting" at the Bay Oaks Country Club due to the COVID-19 guidelines for meeting. We will keep everyone updated as to when we will resume public events. The BARW Executive Board will be brain storming ways to connect with our members alongside our social media during Stay Home-Work Safe.

TFRW has scheduled "Let's Help Republican Candidates" virtual training sessions on phone banking for those of you who are wanting to aid in the fight to keep Texas Red. The TFRW schedule is included in this newsletter.

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Campaign Activities

Hello Fellow BARW Members,

I hope this finds you and your family members safe and healthy. If you are struggling, please remember your BARW family is here for you. Please reach out.

Since the Wuhan (Covid 19) Virus swamped us in more ways than one, it has become increasingly difficult to remember the "before". "Before" was a run off election and a Presidential election!

The primary runoff originally scheduled for May 26 has been postponed until July. The election is now scheduled for July 14 and early voting will begin July 6. <u>Click here for an Election</u> <u>Advisory from the Texas Secretary of State.</u>

Our State Convention has also been postponed until July.

I know that these are stressful times, but if you would like to think of something other than the shutdown and TP look over the opportunities to stay involved (below) sent out by HCRP.

As Paul Simpson stated, "We must remain focused on electing our Republican leaders in November, from the White House to the courthouse. America and Texas need them more than ever!"

With Warmest Regards, Debbie Guitian Roan BARW Campaign Activities Chair

Ways To Stay Involved:

- Check out the Republican Party of Texas Serves Facebook Page for different ways to help out the community! <u>Click here to</u> join the group.
- Register Republicans to vote with RPT'S 10K 4 10R Project. <u>Click here to sign up.</u>
- Sign up for Texas Virtual Trump Victory Leadership Initiative Training! <u>Click here for more</u> <u>information.</u>
- Phone Bank for Congressional District 7 Candidate Wesley Hunt on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00pm-6:00pm! Contact Chris Zook, <u>Chris@WesleyForTexas.com</u>.
- Sign up for a Leadership Skills or Advantage Webinar with Texans for Greg Abbott. <u>Click</u> <u>here to sign up</u> or contact Matt Maley,

mmaley@GregAbbott.com.

- Phone Bank this Saturday for Senator John Cornyn! Contact Robert Mackey, rmackey@texasgon.org
- Apply to work as an Election Worker! <u>Click here to apply</u> or contact Donna Stanart, <u>primary@harriscountygop.com</u> for more information.



"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

Lincoln Day Dinner Save the Date

As most of you know our Annual Lincoln Day Dinner has been postponed to September 19, 2020. Please share the Save the Date document in this Newsletter with your friends while maintaining social distancing.

I am still looking for an Auction Chair. With the help of Fay Picard working the paperwork this job has become much more manageable. You would need to collect the donations and donor info, make sure the items are aesthetically pleasing and bring them to the Club for set up on the morning of the 19th. Easy peasy! Please contact me if you are interested.

Thank you, Debbie Roan BARW LDD Chair



Volunteer Hours

Some Things to Keep in Mind when Counting Hours:

1. Club officers, committee chairs and members of the committees count time spent on required duties

2. Count time attending a club board meeting, but not the hours spent in a regular monthly meeting.

3. Count hours spent at your Precinct/County/Senatorial District/State Conventions

4. Preparing to attend your Precinct/County/Senatorial District/State Conventions including driving to and from

5. Women candidates who are members of a club may count their campaigning as volunteer hours

6. Female associate members' hours are only counted/reported in their primary club

7. Only count hours pertaining to non-paid political activities

8. Count hours spent working on political special events or organizing the event

9. Count hours spent with involvement with county or state party committees including driving to and from the meeting

10. Count hours spent working at home – emailing – telephoning – preparing club or campaign material

11. Count hours for working for known Republicans in nonpartisan elections – city – school board, etc. (A "known Republican" is someone who voted in the most recent GOP primary election - the club President and the Campaign Activity Chair cannot endorse a candidate in a nonpartisan race when there is more than one "known Republican" in the race)

12. Male associate members may count volunteer hours and follow the same rules that apply to regular members (If he is a member of multiple clubs, he can only report the hours to one club) Although the time has come again to report our volunteer hours, never would we have thought at our January meeting that our daily lives would be so different now. We have more time on our hands to do those things which we have left undone for who knows how long, and one of those is our volunteer hours.

Just think back since October of last year of the candidates you have helped, the non-paid Republican Party activities and events you have helped with, and jot down the hours, whether it be one hour or one hundred hours. It is not only so that BARW can be recognized, but we need to continue to be involved as best we can, within the confines of the Executive Orders, as the General Election in November will be here soon and there is much work to be done and there is too much at stake.

The volunteer hours report for the first quarter will be due April 15. Some members have already submitted their hours, but if for some reason you cannot get your hours to me by April 14, continue to keep track of them and submit them for the July 15 reporting deadline.

BARW has many dedicated members who work tirelessly for candidates and in Republican Party activities, but the many hours devoted are not reported, so let us get all our hours in, and do not forget that many of you attended the Greater Houston Council Nuts N Bolts seminar. All the hours in attendance plus travel time to and from count toward volunteer hours.

God bless our Country. Edie Holland



Communicating Important RPT Updates at this Critical Time

Good afternoon,

I hope this update finds you and your family in continued good health.

There are three matters about which I wanted to update you today:

- •Today's Emergency SREC Meeting
- •Waiver Requests to the Republican National Committee

•New Working Group to Study Potential Alternatives, if Necessary, for Senate and County Conventions This morning the State Republican Executive Committee (SREC) met electronically to address two key issues that directly affect our grassroots - the State Convention and National Convention delegate allocation:

The SREC voted this morning to move the State Convention in Houston from May 14-16 to July 16-18.
The SREC voted to allocate our 44 at-large delegates using the statewide allocation method under RPT Rules, so as not to jeopardize our delegation strength to the National Convention. With this change, all Texas delegates were secured for President Trump.

Both of these votes will need to be ratified at an in-person meeting of the SREC as soon as it is feasible, but the SREC took the necessary steps to keep the business of the Republican Party of Texas (RPT) moving forward during this pandemic.

It is an incredible feat that we have been able to move the dates of our State Convention - plans which began over three years ago - with no loss of space to hold our Convention and with no additional cost to RPT or the delegates. This is a major accomplishment and I applaud RPT Executive Director Kyle Whatley for his deft handling of the move with the George R. Brown Convention Center and our Convention hotels. They have proven to be good partners as RPT does our part to #stopthespread and flatten the curve of this virus.

Both the vote of the move of our Convention date and the vote for delegate allocation now puts the Republican Party of Texas in the position to request the necessary waivers from the Republican National Committee (RNC), so that our delegation to National Convention - the second largest delegation in the country - is not penalized because of the impact of Coronavirus on our Convention process.

RPT General Counsel Wade Emmert has been working closely with the RNC legal team and is preparing the necessary waiver requests for submission early next week. We expect the waivers to be considered at the next RNC Executive Committee meeting.

But our work is not complete. I have appointed a working group to evaluate options and alternatives for our Senate District and County Conventions, with focus on suggested systems to use in place of in-person meetings - if that becomes necessary - and how those systems might scale to our State Convention as well. This group will be led by SREC Member for Senate District 30 and Chair of RPT Convention Arrangements Deon Starnes. Members include RPT Executive Director Kyle Whatley, RPT Parliamentarian Chris Howe, SREC Member for Senate District 7 Mark Ramsey and software developer Dave Gephart. We will keep you apprised of the group's progress.

I close this update reflecting on another very productive day at RPT. My thanks to the SREC for a successful and historic electronic meeting today and for their leadership in this moment. My thanks to the wonderful team at RPT who never stop working for you, keeping our Party running smoothly as we navigate this challenging time.

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James Dickey Chairman, Republican Party of Texas

Volunteers Needed info for RPT/ TRUMP VICTORY

As everyone is aware the COVID-19 shutdowns have wreaked havoc on the campaign and have shut down our field operations. Many of you may or may not know this, but the Democrats have built a digital operation as well that is sweeping the states to try and generate massive support for their candidates both down-ballot and presidential. They are in fact succeeding. This email is a call to action that we need phone bankers that will help us as we combat the democrats and keep the campaign gears turning. If anyone has volunteers, retirees, or teams that are willing to make calls with us please contact me and welcome to the fight as we fight to keep Texas Red.

Here are the links for opportunities this week! if anyone is interested please RSVP to the link and if anyone has any questions, comments, or concerns feel free to contact me!

04/07/2020:

https://trumpvictory.com/tx/texas-virtual-trump-victoryleadership-inititative-training-47quade/

04/09/2020:

https://trumpvictory.com/tx/texas-virtual-trump-victoryleadership-inititative-training-47quade/

Respectfully, B.Quade Lancaster Field Organizer



GOT MEMBERSHIP?

Have you paid your Bay Area Republican Women membership dues for 2020?

Full annual membership for women is \$25 and for Associate Women and Men is \$15.

If you are not sure if you've paid for 2020 please contact me by home phone at 281-461-6898 or by email at susanf0129@gmail.com.

A 2020 membership application is on page 7 if needed, to be mailed to the address in the lower right corner.

Your membership and participation in BARW will KEEP TEXAS RED!

Susan Franklin Membership Chair

BAY AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION					
Membership Dues for Current Year November 1, 2019 through October 31, 2020					
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Inspector General Warns About New Social Security Benefit Suspension Scam

Today, I am warning the public about fraudulent letters threatening suspension of Social Security benefits due to COVID-19 or coronavirus-related office closures. Social Security will not suspend or discontinue benefits because their offices are closed.

The Social Security Office of the Inspector General has received reports that Social Security beneficiaries have received letters through the U.S. Mail stating their payments will be suspended or discontinued unless they call a phone number referenced in the letter. Scammers may then mislead beneficiaries into providing personal information or payment via retail gift cards, wire transfers, internet currency, or by mailing cash, to maintain regular benefit payments during this period of COVID-19 office closures.

As of Tuesday, March 17, 2020, local Social Security offices are closed to the public due to COVID-19 concerns. However, Social Security employees continue to work. Social Security will not suspend or decrease Social Security benefit payments or Supplemental Security Income payments due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Any communication you receive that says Social Security will do so is a scam, whether you receive it by letter, text, email, or phone call. Social Security will <u>never</u>:

- Threaten you with benefit suspension, arrest, or other legal action unless you pay a fine or fee.
- Promise a benefit increase or other assistance in exchange for payment.
- Require payment by retail gift card, cash, wire transfer, internet currency, or prepaid debit card.
- Demand secrecy from you in handling a Social Security-related problem.
- Send official letters or reports containing personally identifiable information via email.

If you receive a letter, text, call or email that you believe to be suspicious, about an alleged problem with your Social Security number, account, or payments, hang up or do not respond. We encourage you to report Social Security scams using our dedicated <u>online form</u>.

Please share this information with your friends and family, to help spread awareness about Social Security scams.

Learn about Social Security services during the COVID-19 pandemic, by visiting our <u>Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) page</u>.



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