



**MCRW**  
MCLENNAN COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN



**Welcome New Members!**  
**We are glad you are here.**



Dear New Member,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the McLennan County Republican Women PAC (MCRW), I welcome you to an organization that has a rich history of fostering women leaders and promoting the Republican Party! We are sure that you will feel the sense of pride we share in belonging to our growing organization. We hope that you will take advantage of the many benefits that come with membership and that you will be able to use the MCRW organization as a forum for the exchange of innovative ideas, a resource for current developments in politics at the local, state, and federal level and as a platform to get involved in furthering our conservative moral, economic and political values that define us as a party, as Texans and as proud Americans.

On the following pages is our MCRW New Member Booklet, which has valuable information about our organization. In it you will be able to get to know MCRW, find information about how you can get involved, learn how to gain access to our website and there find a copy of our organizational bylaws. You'll also find information on the Texas Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women. As a member of MCRW, you are now also a member of both of these organizations.

Our General Membership Luncheon Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Baylor Club in McLane Stadium. We hope you will be able to attend and learn how you can become an integral part in making a difference not only in our local community, but at the State and Federal levels as well. We have many other activities and opportunities beyond the General Meetings for you to get involved in, so check your email and our website to find out!

The United States is the yardstick of freedom by which all other countries are measured. Good government doesn't just happen by accident; good government happens because good people work to make it happen. Thanks for joining the good fight!

Sincerely,

*Patty*

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# Getting to know MCRW

Welcome to McLennan County Republican Women (MCRW), founded in 1955. We encourage our members to become informed about issues and candidates through their participation in General Meetings, listening to informative speakers, attending conferences and Republican Party conventions, working on campaigns, participating in community outreach and undertaking personal research. Cultivating informed, persuasive Republican Women is our primary focus and a formative weapon to electing Republicans to serve our city, county, state, and country!

## OUR MISSION

**To support and elect Republican candidates, preserve conservative values, educate and empower women to become a force for better government.**

### General Meetings

General Membership Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Baylor Club, in McLane Stadium. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting begins promptly at 12:00 p.m. Prepaid reservations are required and can be made online at [www.MCRWPAC.com](http://www.MCRWPAC.com). Reservations must be received by the Friday before the meeting.

### 3-in-1 Membership

By becoming a member of MCRW, you automatically became a member of the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) and the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW). Our membership year is from January – December.

### Republican Women - Federation Structure

The Federation of Republican Women has both a national and state structure. Founded in 1938, the **National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW)** is one of the largest grass roots political organizations in the country with thousands of active members in local clubs across the nation. MCRW is one of these local clubs. NFRW empowers women, from all backgrounds, in the political process and provides a forum for women to serve as leaders in the political, governmental, and civic arenas. The objectives of the NFRW are to:

- inform the public through political and legislative education, training and activity
- recruit, train and elect Republican candidates
- protect the integrity of our electoral process
- promote the principles, objectives and policies of the Republican Party
- unite and facilitate cooperation among the state and club organizations
- increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government

# Getting to know MCRW

State Federations are chartered under the auspices of NFRW. The **Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW)** provides the avenue for women to influence policy, develop candidates, and elect the leaders of Texas. It is a multi-generational, multicultural organization that provides the structure and support for political activists to learn, engage and flourish.

Both NFRW and TFRW provide opportunities for members to attend meetings, conventions and seminars to further knowledge of our efforts and to connect and network with like-minded women. Some of the meetings are:

- NFRW National Convention
- TFRW State Convention
- TFRW Legislative Day at the Capitol in Austin
- TFRW Leadership Day
- Campaign Management School
- TFRW Tribute to Women Banquet

Once you are a member, you will receive emails and information on dates and content of the meetings. It is never too soon to participate in one of these meetings. You will be glad you did.

## Communications

MCRW continually strives to make sure that our members are informed about:

- Legislative issues – local, state and national
- How to make your voice heard
- How to work to elect Republican candidates
- Our monthly meetings and enlightening speakers
- Club and community projects
- Fundraising activities and special events

## How do you stay informed?

First, make sure that you are getting our emails. As a new member, we have subscribed you to our email list. If you are not getting emails, please contact our Membership Chair at [MCRWmembers@gmail.com](mailto:MCRWmembers@gmail.com)

With the email you provided, you will automatically be enrolled in the TFRW and NFRW email lists as well. Names are submitted quarterly, so depending on when you join, it may take some time for you to start receiving these emails.



# Getting to know MCRW

Next, go to our website [www.MCRWPAC.com](http://www.MCRWPAC.com) where you'll find more information about our club, our events, ways to take action, member tools, resources and so much more! You can also renew your membership online.

Then, attend our monthly General Meetings. In addition to hearing from great speakers like TX Republican Party Chairman Lt.Col. Allen West (Ret.), Abby Johnson from the movie "Unplanned," news personality Nick Adams and local and state legislators, you will find out about MCRW projects and events, and you will be able to get involved in the activities that most interest you.

More information can be found in the "How do I get more information?" section of this booklet.

MCRW is active on Facebook! Look for our posts and invite your friends to "Like" our page.

## Newsletters

As a member, you will receive a quarterly newsletter from MCRW. In it you will find interesting articles written and submitted by some of our members. This newsletter will be emailed to you. If you have an interest in contributing an article to the newsletter, please contact the Communications Chair.

In addition, you will receive the monthly TFRW President's Newsletter, as well as periodic and special email messages from the NFRW. Be sure to read them as they contain valuable and current information on pending legislation, candidates, voter registration and projects in which we, as Republican women, are involved. Many of these communications are time-sensitive and are a call to action – so stay up to date.

## Bylaws

The MCRW club Bylaws are the guidebook for our operations. The Bylaws describe our objectives, policies, membership requirements, board structure, meeting and election guidelines and other procedures of our organization. Our Bylaws are posted on our website: <https://www.mcrwpac.com/members/>

## Board of Directors

For more information on the MCRW Board of Directors and a list of current Board Members, please see the section of this booklet titled "Get to know the Board." Board members are always willing to answer any questions you may have regarding the organization or ways to get involved!

# How Do I Get Involved?

The BEST way to get to know people in MCRW is to volunteer for one of the many activities we are involved in! We encourage the involvement of our members in elections, campaigns, furthering legislation, community and veterans support, and fundraising.

There are many ways to get involved:

- You can sign up for specific activities at the monthly Meetings.
- You can contact a member of the Board of Directors or one of the Committee Chairwomen if you see an area of particular interest to you – just email or phone them. They will be happy to have an enthusiastic new member helping them! Please see the Board roster, included in this packet, for contact information.
- You can fill out the “YES! I want to get involved” form in your New Member Packet and turn it in to ANY Board member, or to the Membership Chair.

Remember – YOU decide how much time you want to devote to each activity. You may want to help with one or several activities throughout the year or you may just be available for a certain period of time, or for a specific event – you are WANTED in any capacity you choose!

And don’t forget, if there is a time when your daily life does not leave time to participate in our activities, you can stay informed through the communications we offer. Your membership dues also help to further our programs, so please stay with us!

## **Campaign Activities**

Once you become involved in MCRW, you will have the ability to help our club work to be recognized for the time you contribute and possibly help us earn an award. The Campaign Activities program honors local clubs and State Federations that spend time volunteering for our Republican Party, our Republican candidates, our Federation of Republican Women, working on events and attending Party meetings and conventions.

How do we keep track of those valuable hours? At the end of each month, please report your hours on our website: <https://www.mcrwpac.com/members>. Often, prizes are given to those who reported the most hours.

# JOB FAIR

## POLITICAL ACTION

In an election year our primary focus is to organize MCRW's activities to elect Republicans including block walking, texting and call teams. During state convention years, we help coordinate MCRW participation in Precinct, County and State Republican Conventions. Every year we train and facilitate voter registration and help increase and track Campaign Hours for the club.

## CARING FOR AMERICA

Help organize and/or work on various community events for schools, veterans, community organizations.

## MCRW EVENTS/FUNDRAISING

Help plan and carry out fun events. Help is needed with Ideas, Decorations, Entertainment, Ticket Sales, Promotion, etc.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Help spread the MCRW word by working on Social Media, Publicity, Email, Website, etc.

## MEMBER RELATIONS

Accommodate guests at luncheons or special events. Be a part of our important call team who make phone calls to members for MCRW events.

## DECORATIONS

Help with table centerpieces at our regular meetings and decorate for special events.

## MEMBERSHIP

Help recruit new members, and secure renewals, work at the membership table or be a table hostess.



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Help organize efforts which will engage new members with diverse backgrounds and from non-traditional voting blocks.

## RESEARCH & LEGISLATION

Be the source for what is happening in our state and national legislatures and with important Republican issues.

**Do you have special skills? Not sure where you'd like to work?**

**We are always looking for people who know Excel, Graphic Design, computer skills, organizational experience.**

**Please contact [mcrwmembers@gmail.com](mailto:mcrwmembers@gmail.com)**





# How Do I Get Involved?

See a committee you would like to join? Contact the committee chair and let them know you are ready to work:

<b>CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>ANGELIKA HOEHER</b>	<b>propertygirl@icloud.com</b>
<b>CARING FOR AMERICA</b>	<b>CONNIE STAMPS</b>	<b>ccs1949@gmail.com</b>
<b>EVENTS/FUNDRAISING</b>	<b>PATTY CASTILLO (temp)</b>	<b>PresMCRW@gmail.com</b>
<b>RESEARCH &amp; LEGISLATION</b>	<b>DEVVIE DUKE</b>	<b>sd22duke@gmail.com</b>
<b>MEMBER RELATIONS</b>	<b>ELLIE CATES</b>	<b>elliecates302@gmail.com</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>CHERYL LENAMON</b>	<b>Cheryl.lenamon@gmail.com</b>
		<b>Or MCRWmembers@gmail.com</b>

Do you have special skills? We are looking for members who have Excel computer skills, graphic design and/or photography expertise, financial experience or those who like planning events.

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**OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED: INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO A MEETING!**

# Get to Know the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of MCRW is composed of the Officers and the Executive Board. The Board meets once a month on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

## OFFICERS

The Elected Officers of MCRW serve two-year terms. The Officers include:

**President** - The President is the guiding force that makes an organization successful in all its endeavors. The President should:

- know the bylaws of the National Federation, the State Federation and the local club and ensure that the organization functions in accordance with these
- preside at all meetings and ensure that meetings are conducted in accordance with parliamentary procedure
- appoint the chairmen of all standing and special committees, except the nominating committee
- perform any, and all other duties as specified in the club bylaws

**First Vice President** - performs the duties of the President whenever the President is absent or otherwise unable to serve. She is an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. She also performs other duties as the President may designate.

**Second Vice President** performs the duties of the President or First Vice President whenever the President or First Vice President is absent or otherwise unable to serve. She is an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. She also performs other duties as the President may designate.

**Secretary** - is the recording officer and keeps a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the organization and the Executive Board. She has custody of all records pertinent to the organization.

**Treasurer** – is the custodian of all funds of the organization and pays bills upon authorization by the President. The Treasurer keeps an account of all moneys received and disbursed to the membership and gives a report to the membership at each regular meeting. She submits her financial records to the internal review committee for an end-of-year financial review.

# Get to Know the Board of Directors

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board consists of the elected officers, the immediate Past President, and the chairmen of the Standing Committees:

- Bylaws, Campaign Activities, Caring for America, Communications, Events/Fundraising, Research & Legislation, Member Relations, Membership and Programs
- The Parliamentarian serves as an ex officio member without a vote

In addition, the club has special committees which may include Americanism, Community Engagement, Internal Review, Nominations and Finance. Other special committees may be appointed by the President and/or Executive Board, as necessary.

If you would like to learn more about the Board of Directors or any of the committees, please contact one of the officers or one of the Committee Chairwomen. They will be happy to inform you! Please see the Board Roster for contact information.

## How do I serve on the Board of Directors?

- Start small and think big! Start volunteering for club activities and get to know other members and your Board.
- Once you find your areas of interest, talk to the Board members who lead these areas about becoming more involved.
- Talk to the President about Board positions that may be available immediately.



## Board Roster 2022-2023

### Officers:

<b>President</b>	<b>Patty Castillo</b>	<b>PresMCRW@gmail.com</b>	904.629.8292
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>	<b>Stephanie West</b>	<b>stephjwest5@hotmail.com</b>	254.744.0924
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>	<b>Deborah Focarile</b>	<b>DeborahGOP@hotmail.com</b>	254.644.3318
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Judith Staples</b>	<b>judy@judystaples.com</b>	716.361.6354
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Kathy Endres</b>	<b>kdepol18@gmail.com</b>	254.230.6891

### Standing Committees:

<b>By-Laws</b>	Angela Granger	<b>angela.granger@hotmail.com</b>	254.420.4121
<b>Political Action</b>	Angelika Hoehner	<b>propertygirl@icloud.com</b>	254.297.9552
<b>Caring for America</b>	Connie Stamps	<b>cstamps1210@gmail.com</b>	254.709.5881
<b>Communications</b>	Terry McDonald	<b>Danasmom1@1791.com</b>	254.981.4297
<b>Events/Fundraising</b>			
<b>Membership</b>	Cheryl Lenamon	<b>cheryl.lenamon@gmail.com</b>	254.717.5926
<b>Member Relations (Hospitality)</b>	Ellie Cates	<b>elliecates302@gmail.com</b>	214.597.8540
<b>Programs</b>	Stephanie West	<b>stephjwest5@hotmail.com</b>	254.744.0924
<b>Research &amp; Legislature</b>	Debbie Duke	<b>sd22duke@gmail.com</b>	254.652.3067
<b>Past President*</b>	Debbie Duke	<b>sd22duke@gmail.com</b>	254.652.3067

### Special Committees:

<b>Americanism</b>	Sara Jones	<b>Prsara21@gmail.com</b>	254.715.7265
<b>Awards</b>	Kathy Endres	<b>Kdepol18@gmail.com</b>	254.230.6891
<b>Chaplain</b>			
<b>Community Engagement</b>			
<b>Parliamentarian</b>	Judy Staples	<b>judy@judystaples.com</b>	716.361.6354
<b>Finance</b>			
<b>Board Advisor</b>	Helen Quiram	<b>hrquiram@aol.com</b>	254.722.2242
<b>Ex Officio Member</b>	Dianne Hensley	<b>Dlhensley45@gmail.com</b>	254.644.5413

\* Not a Standing Committee but voting Board position



# How do I get more information?

**MCRW Website** [www.MCRWPAC.com](http://www.MCRWPAC.com)

Check our website FIRST! There you will find information about our club, our events, ways to take action, member tools, member documents like our bylaws and many other resources!

**TFRW Website** [www.TFRW.org](http://www.TFRW.org)

There are many club resources available on-line to all TFRW members. On the TFRW website you may find club business forms, applications, calendars and the TFRW Leadership Handbook. While many resources are available to any website visitor, some items require a password for access.

To access the “Members Only” section of the TFRW website: On the top right-hand corner of the website, enter the email that you used for your MCRW membership. If you need to set up your account, follow directions provided. If you need help, please email: [TFRW@tfrw.org](mailto:TFRW@tfrw.org)

**NFRW Website** [www.NFRW.org](http://www.NFRW.org)

The NFRW website also provides ample resources for members. Again, for some items you will need to log in to access the ‘Member Center’ of the website. If you need to set up an account, please follow the directions on the homepage. First click the Login button on the top right and then click on [Activate your website account in a few simple steps](#). If you need help, please click [contact us for assistance](#) and fill out the form on the page.

## **Additional Resources:**

**Watching the legislature** <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>

**Researching a Bill** <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/Search/BillSearch.aspx>

**Secretary of State** <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/about/index.shtml>

**Who are my Elected Officials?** <http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/Home.aspx>

**Office of Governor Greg Abbott** <https://gov.texas.gov/contact/>

**Office of Appointments** <http://gov.texas.gov/appointments>

**McLennan County Elections Office - Website and Phone Number:**  
[www.mclennanvotes.com](http://www.mclennanvotes.com) 254-757-5043

**Republican Party of Texas** <https://www.texasgop.org/>

**Republican Party of McLennan County** <https://mclennanrepublicans.org/>

**Conservative websites for concerned Texans (email signup available on each site):**  
<http://texaseagle.org/> <https://texasscorecard.com/>

# YES! I'd like to get involved.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to work on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Activity, Event or Area)

Or

I'd like to work ANYWHERE you need me

Please tell us your availability:

I'd like to work about \_\_\_\_ hours per month

I'd like to work AS MUCH as I'm needed! (time permitting)

**Please turn this form in to any Board member, or to the Membership Chair.**