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Welcome To TRWF News...

Welcome to the eleventh edition of the Tampa Republican Women Federated monthly newsletter. Here, you will find information about meetings, opportunities to volunteer, Bay Area Republican activities, TRWF committee reports, meet new members, and much more. Feel free to share this with those who you think might be interested in joining us.

Women for Trump

On August 22, 2019, there was a large rally held in Tampa, FL to rally support for President Trump and the Republican Party platform and to motivate attendees to volunteer for the upcoming election cycle. Approximately 1,000 people attended the event held in the ballroom of the Tampa Convention Center, including many of our club members.

The event was attended by former Florida State Attorney General, Pam Bondi and White House counselor Kellyanne Conway. Casey DeSantis was scheduled to appear, but was unable



to attend as a matter of state decorum (there was a scheduled execution on that day). Women were encouraged to volunteer to help local, state, and national campaigns, vote Republican, and to speak about the support for President Trump. If more women explain why they support President Trump, it

will encourage others to consider his presidency and platform.

The other message was to celebrate women and the 99th anniversary of the woman's right to vote. Women are increasingly opening small businesses, guiding the economy with discoveries, and working full-time while caring for families. The overall employment rate for women is the lowest that it has even been.

There were 12 of these events held around the country and once again, Tampa showed its value as an important political voice!





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Seen Around Town

by Beth Donnellan-Blidy

At our last TRWF meeting, I spoke about the history of the American Association of Retired People (AARP) and other senior organizations. It is worth knowing about these organizations even if you are not considered a senior because of the political force that they wield nationally and statewide. AARP was initially established as a retired teacher union and soon grew to include retired adults. When they needed more money to support their political lobbying efforts, they decided to represent those who are “50 years and older” in an effort to capture older, working adults.

As AARP grew into a large lobby that purportedly supported “senior interests”. Many people join without thinking about what they are joining because of the millions of dollars used in publicity (e.g. mailers and ad campaigns). They use millions of dollars raised from the 10% residuals from the sale of health care packages to members. For many years, AARP members did not question the organization’s activities until the vote for the Affordable Care Act looked to be in danger.

AARP began to spend millions of dollars on local, state, and national campaigns. They spent millions lobbying politicians and voters to support the Affordable Care Act. If it had not passed, they would have lost billions in future revenues. This was a time when many other senior organizations were created and gained members. If you would like an alternative to AARP that still provides all of the “benefits” that AARP provides, you can find a few. Those with an asterisk lobby for conservative values. The organizations below are listed in alphabetical order. As a note, the Association for Mature American Citizens (AMAC) is the largest of the list.

AMAC*: https://amac.us/join/?campaign=Google+Ad+Search&gclid=EA1aIQobChMI6o3mg6_E5AIVDvbjBx1otg1QEAAAYASAAEgLDmvD_BwE

American Seniors Association*: <https://www.americanseniors.org/>

Christian Seniors Association: <https://csabenefits.site-ym.com/>





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September Meeting 9/9/2019



We had the pleasure of having Florida Representative Jackie Toledo (district 60) as our guest speaker at our September meeting. She listed the wonderful accomplishments of the House from the past legislative year. These include:

- strengthening the State Constitution ensuring that it is not easy to change it
- increasing job opportunities
- made texting unlawful as a primary (not secondary) offense
- helped to decrease the cost of healthcare by making hospital billing more transparent (e.g. listing costs prior to surgery) [this did not pass the Senate though]
- worked to decrease the amount of time it takes to become eligible to take state engineering exam (immediately upon graduation, though 5 years of experience is still required for the full license)

To hear her explanation of these points, please go to our YouTube channel and watch the video of her talk.

TRWF YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzpTgWWzHVgQ4gpl8WRhEVA>

Jackie Toledo: <https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/details.aspx?>

Committee Corner

In future editions, this space will be used to report on the various committee activities, meetings, and announcements. If you are a committee Chair, please be sure to submit your information for the newsletter by Friday, September 20 for publication in the October 2019 edition.

If you have not joined a committee yet, send us an email and we can help you join a committee that matches your interest.





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Legislative Corner

District 14: D-Rep. Kathy Castor's office
Tampa: (813) 871-2817
Washington DC: (202) 225-3376

US Senate Legislative: https://www.senate.gov/legislative/legislative_home.htm

US House of Representatives: <https://www.house.gov/the-house-explained/the-legislative-process/bills-resolutions>

Individual legislation tracker: https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/subjects/house_of_representatives/5947



Did you know that you can easily track Florida state legislation? Bookmark these websites and check it often. You can track Gov. DeSantis' vetoes/approvals, introduced Bills, and much more. This will give you an opportunity to speak out BEFORE legislation progresses too far. Click on the link to go the page directly.

FL State Senate: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bills/2020>

FL State House: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bills/2020?chamber=house&searchOnlyCurrentVersion=True&isIncludeAmendments=False&isFirstReference=True&citationType=FL%20Statutes&pageNumber=1>



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Join Us For Our October Meeting and Bring A Friend!



Tampa Republican Women Federated

Monthly Meeting

Jamie Grant
Florida State Representative

Monday, October 7, 2019
5:30pm Social Hour - 6:30pm Dinner & Program

Besito's Mexican Restaurant
205 Westshore Plaza
Tampa FL 33609

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Tampa Republican Women
Empowering Women in the Political Process

Do you have friends, family members, or co-workers who you have wanted to bring to a meeting? Sometimes, the best way to entice someone to come to...one...more...meeting is to share something about the guest speaker that might be of interest to your guest. Here are some potentially interesting points to help you make that invitation:

Jamie Grant (R) Florida House of Representatives District 64

<https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/details.aspx?MemberId=4504>

*Chair: Criminal Justice subcommittee:

*Vice Chair Higher Education Appropriations subcommittee

*Member Health Care Appropriations subcommittee

*Member Judiciary committee

*Tampa native, entrepreneur, lawyer, NRA member



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Social Media/Contact

We have been working to increase presence in the community and on social media. There are ways that you can help with this effort including asking a friend or family member to attend one of our meetings, volunteering to work on campaigns, and participating in our social media discussions.

Many of you have joined and continue to share information on our Facebook page and we encourage you to post/share as often as you can. If you volunteer, take pictures and share them on our page. Suggest that others join our page too!

If you do not have a Twitter account, consider creating one. This is a good place to read the news as it is happening. We have a very active account that only posts tasteful, conservative, and accurate news. You can find educational links (e.g. Constitution), current news (White House, Congress, and local Republican events), and more. It only takes a few moments to join and can provide information in real time, when you need it! Once you create an account, search for @TFederated and “follow” us. We are building an active following and want you to be a part!

Recruiting Tools

We need your help in recruiting new members. Please consider doing one of the following:

1. **Send out a pre-printed postcard.** We have postcards that you can send to your co-workers, neighbor, and friends to invite them to a meeting. Meeting information is on the postcard, so there is not much for you to write besides “Hope that you can join us!”
2. **Hand out palm cards/flyers.** These are great to hand out while networking, chatting with a friend/neighbor, or visiting with family members.
3. **Set a goal.** If we each set a goal of inviting 3 people to each meeting, we will soon increase our membership.

*You can pick up these materials at the sign-in table during general meetings. Let’s get the word out!



Have an announcement, story, or picture to share for the next newsletter? Please send your information to our email address. We are always excited for help!



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TRWF Millennial Scholarship

Did you know that we have a scholarship for young women to age 30? If you have a daughter, grand-daughter, niece, or daughter-in-law who might be interested in joining us for a year (no membership fee), please contact Susie at tamparwf@gmail.com. The club will pay for the one-year annual membership fee. Millennials are important to the continued vibrancy of our party—do your part, recruit a millennial!

TRWF YouTube Channel

Speaking of millennials... did you know that according to Pew (2018) report of millennial news watching habits, nearly 65% report that they get their news from watching YouTube. So, we are now there too! Please be sure to spread the word about our new site. We will be posting recordings from each of our monthly meetings, interviews with local politicians and community leaders, and other fun events. Miss a meeting? Watch the video of it here.

You can share our link with the younger members of your family to encourage them to watch and join us. A part of our mission is to reach out and motivate women to run for local office— a first step is learning about us.

You can find our channel opening YouTube and searching for Tampa RWF (we had to use our email address). Once you find us, follow us. You can do this by clicking the “follow” button at the top. This is only possible if you have your own YouTube account or have a gmail account. You can access it without it though.

Direct link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzpTgWWzHVgQ4gpl8WRhEVA/featured>



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