



# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message



One of the advantages of being a member of a Republican Women's Club is "being in the know". All of us follow the news carefully and are riveted by the Presidential debates. We like to think that we are informed on all the issues. Isn't it nice to be a member of our Club and to be able to attend our meetings and to get factual, detailed information from people who are in the trenches? It is a true privilege to hear from our outstanding speakers.

"Leadership" is the buzz word of the day. And, not just in reference to the political candidates. Leadership is also vitally important to our Club. A good, strong Board of Directors makes all the difference in the quality and vitality of a club. Our Nominating Committee has been hard at work putting together a slate of officers for the 2016 Board. Good Board members are still needed. If you would be willing to serve in any position, large or small, please let Mary McElvany know. Serving on the Board is an excellent way to get to know other members and we have a lot of fun. No job is too demanding.

Stay informed and stay involved. See you on the 28th.

Pam Meyercord

Mark your calendar now for the following fall NRW programs:

- October 26 -- Toni Ann Dashiell,  
National Committeewoman for Texas
- November 23 – Congressman Pete Sessions



### NRW GENERAL MEETING Monday, September 28, 2015

**Time: 9:30 a.m. Coffee and Social  
10:00 a.m. Program**

**Place: Fretz Park Recreation Center  
Corner of Belt Line & Hillcrest**

**Speakers: Sgt. Patrick Sowers  
and Deborah Guerriero, TFRW Senatorial  
Director District 16**

## Deborah Guerriero

- Past President – DCCRW
- Current President, First Republican Women's Club Dallas County, for the second time
- Texas Federation of Republican Women District Director for Senatorial District 16
- Associate Member of NRW

**Next NRW Board Meeting:**  
Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM  
Home of Pam Meyercord, 5831 Meletio Lane  
Dallas 75230

## September Speaker – Sgt. Patrick Sowers



**Veteran makes wishes come true for service men and women**

**Sgt. Patrick Sowers was selected to open the bell for Nasdaq in NY for the support Operation Once in a Lifetime gives to our military.**

**SGT Patrick Sowers is an Army Veteran** and the Founder and President of a Dallas-based military 501 (c)(3) nonprofit called Operation Once in a Lifetime; a make-a-wish foundation for our troops and their families. Since its existence from 2007, Operation Once in a Lifetime has helped over 150,000 Active Duty Service Members, Veterans and their families. SGT Sowers is now an entrepreneur who owns multiple businesses, many of which support Veteran Employment.

**Operation Once in a Lifetime** was created by Sgt. Sowers to help other soldiers; a soldier knows what a soldier needs and a soldier knows what a soldier does not need. A soldier does not need to worry about providing beds for his kids, worrying if his electricity will still be on when he goes home or if his house will be foreclosed on when serving his/her country. A soldier needs a program that will provide free financial assistance regardless of his rank, race, branch of service, physical condition or his deployment status. A soldier needs a program that can help make a life altering contribution when he is in his/her greatest need; Operation Once in a Lifetime is that program.

**Operation Once in a Lifetime** helps every soldier for every cause; wounded, unwounded, deployed,

non-deployed, all ranks and all branches of the United States Armed Forces, you serve, you qualify. Every contribution will go to helping a soldier and their families, whether paying soldiers' electric bill, Car payment or flying a soldier home, we will be there when soldiers need us most because they are there when we need them most.

**Operation Once in a Lifetime** is not a war time organization; we are a soldier's organization. An organization created to last, as long as soldiers are in need. Our promise to our soldiers, is regardless of wartime or peacetime we will be here fighting for you as you fight for us.

**Winner of the "Call of Duty"**



### NRW Board 2015

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1 <sup>st</sup> VP, Programs	Janet Clesi
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Telephone	Nelda Neale
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Yearbook	Jean Furman
Awards/Webmaster	Carolee Blumin



*Strength in Unity*

TEXAS FEDERATION  
OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

2015 CONVENTION  
NOVEMBER 5 - 7 ★ LUBBOCK, TEXAS

**Check the TFRW computer website for  
information and to register.  
We hope to have NRW members attend.**

## **REPUBLICAN PRINCIPALS**

I am a Republican because:

I believe the strength of our nation lies with the individual and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility must be honored.

I believe in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex, age or disability.

I believe that free enterprise and the encouragement of individual initiative have brought this nation opportunity, economic growth and prosperity.

I believe government must practice fiscal responsibility and allow individuals to keep more of the money they earn.