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Winner of the Patriot Keepers Guild Award for achieving 100% or more membership over 2025.



Winner of the Liberty Builders Brigade Award for at least 10% membership growth.



Winner of the Signers Circle Award for attaining 25% or greater growth.

President's Message



Vaun and I attended the Election Watch Party at the Tyra Ranch. Everyone gathered in spirit and anticipation of a Republican Victory, laughing and smiling and enjoying time together. As the evening unfolded, smiles began to fade and jaws dropped as we watched our country fading to blue. Why? How could this happen? I do not have the answers nor do I understand. But I will say this: I AM PROUD OF ALL YOU PATRIOTS OUT THERE WHO PUT ALL YOUR EFFORT AND ENERGY INTO GETTING OUT THE VOTE AND KEEPING GALVESTON COUNTY RED.

Things don't always turn out as they should or as we want. But we NEVER lose hope or faith or trust in God. This is but a moment in time. We still hold our conservative values close to our hearts and we will push on, push harder to make our voices heard. Here in Texas, particularly in Galveston County, we are blessed with awesome Republican elected officials who will continue spending each day working to protect and voice our conservative values. And we will be here to support them!

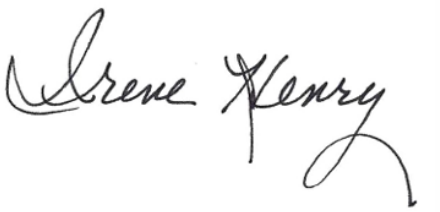
Hold those heads high, smile and let's KEEP INFORMED, INVOLVED AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE! WE WILL PREVAIL!

Our next luncheon meeting is Wednesday, November 18th and I look forward to seeing you there as we:

- Honor our veterans.
- Elect GRW 2027 officers
- Listen to guest speaker Retired Ambassador Yoram Ettinger update us on US/Israel relations.
- Renew dues for 2027 (bring a guest – you may win a prize)
- Sign up to ring the Salvation Army Bell

Keep following our newsletter, Facebook, Instagram and Website for updates and on-going events.

God Bless You - God Bless Texas – God Bless The USA!



November's Luncheon



RSVP Here

Or call Joyce Sears 281-229-8412

$35 pp $38 with credit card. Deadline is November 15. No Walk Ins.
Please state dietary restrictions with RSVP.

Texas Federation Of Republican Women

From TFRW President Jill Tate:

This month we thank our Veterans on November 11th for giving us, and fighting for, the right to vote. I always say I get to "play" politics because someone fought for that right. Consider giving back to our Veterans with a donation to Patriot Paws. TFRW has a fundraising goal of paying for one full dog for a deserving Veteran.

The QR code to donate is below.

PATRIOTPAWS SERVICE DOGS

DONATE HERE

October Luncheon: Dr. Julie Pickren



Each candidate received $1000 towards their campaign from GRW



Sylvia Horne, George & Lizette Gaudin



Congressman Randy Weber, Donna Cusick, DA Ken Cusick



Dr. Levy Warpole, Dr. Julie Pickren and two new members.



Landa Cook, Carol Jean Mulrain and Harry Elmendorf

The GRW October Luncheon held on October 21 at the San Luis Ballroom was a pivotal event for our members, featuring an enlightening presentation by Dr. Julie Pickren on the significant updates and achievements of the State Board of Education, which underscored our commitment to educational excellence. Additionally, our holiday market fundraiser was a popular event as always. With the launch of our 2027 membership renewal registration, we encourage both current and prospective members to seize this opportunity to remain actively engaged in GRW's mission and initiatives. Furthermore, we proudly supported candidates with financial contributions, reinforcing our commitment to advancing Republican values and assisting those who align with our goals. Let us continue to stay involved and make our voices heard as we shape the political landscape in Galveston and beyond!

Congratulations to James Cook. He was our September winner.



We want your feedback regarding what contributed to the Republican Party's losses in the midterms .

Take our survey and you'll be entered into a drawing to win a fun prize.

Take our Survey

Meeting Minutes



GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN
Wednesday, October 21, 2026 luncheon at the San Luis Hotel & Resort – Main Ball Room,
5222 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, TX

President Irene Henry called the meeting to order at 12 noon and welcomed the 125 people in attendance.

Irene gave a special thank you to the following people and asked them to remain standing: Betty Henry for taking care of Facebook and Instagram accounts; Landa Cook for the beautiful flyer and newsletter; Sigrun Burke for organizing the calling committee which increases our attendance by 50%; Tess Stone and Fran Card for taking care of our website, Linda Buckley for organizing the holiday market and all the ladies at the registration desk. She also welcomed all the vendors.

Irene asked Marcy Hanson, Chaplain, to lead us in the opening prayer.

Irene asked Sheriff Jimmy Fullen to lead us in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America and Commissioner Joe Giusti to lead us in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the State of Texas.

Irene asked all the important attendees to stand and remain standing. All who volunteered in the following: election judges; poll workers; block walkers; postcard campaign workers; Abbott impact callers/texters; those putting out signs; workers at GOP headquarters; those helping candidates; those attending campaign events. A Special recognition went out to Patti Lemon who block-walked 500 homes and to Karen Hollahan who texted 8,000 people via the Abbott app.

Irene asked if there was anyone left sitting and has everyone voted. Encouraging people to get out the vote makes a significant impact.
Irene; first asked all the Elected Officials to stand and introduce themselves; then asked all the Candidates to stand and introduce themselves.

NEWSLETTER: Irene asked, with a show of hands, how many people read our newsletter. Our editor, Landa Cook takes special effort to make sure it is complete with all the information of which you would like to be informed.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES RUNNING IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS: Irene stated that last month GRW presented a check of $1,000.00 to each of our Galveston County candidates running in the November election, who were present. For those who were unable to attend last month, we promised to present them with a check this month. She asked Tina Kirbie, treasurer, and the following people to come up to the podium: Dr. Greg Bonnen, Jack Ewing, Kerri Foley, Joe Giusti, Jeth Jones and Dennis Paul to receive their checks.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The nominating committee members are: Tina Kirbie, Linda Buckley, Marcy Hanson, Sylvia Horne and Jeannie Koenig.

Chair, Tina Kirbie, announced the slate of officers for the following GRW Board positions available for 2027 along with their responsibilities:

2nd Vice President Legislation Jan Broussard: Inform the Club of pending legislation, legislative acts and any legislation affecting the interest of the Club, NFRW and TFRW. Write articles regarding legislation for the Newsletter.

3rd Vice President Public Relations Landa Cook: Publish newsletters, flyers, and other organizations' flyers on the website: as well as website maintenance and upgrades. Attend events in the community including Pachyderm meetings.

Recording Secretary Stephanie Laws: Attend all the meetings. Keep the minutes of all meetings of the Club and Executive Board. Keep a current inventory of Club property. Maintain all Club records.

After announcing each name and their responsibilities, Tina asked if there were any nominations from the floor.

The vote will take place at the November luncheon, and the installation of officers will be in December.

SPEAKER: Irene asked Dr. Levinda Walpole to introduce Julie Pickren:
Honorable Dr. Julie Pickren, D.P.S.
Email: jmpickren@gmail.com Contact: 1-832-725-1046.

Dr. Julie Pickren is a Christian, wife, mother, and dedicated public servant who serves as a Representative on the Texas State Board of Education, where she has the privilege of leading the educational future of more than six million students. Guided by an unwavering commitment to faith, family, freedom, and opportunity, Julie's leadership reflects more than a decade of public service, as well as extensive work on charitable, educational, and public policy boards. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business International Executive Leadership Program and earning a Doctorate in Public Service, International Policy, from River University in Florida, Julie brings both strategic insight and moral conviction to her work as a business owner, policy advisor, and Christian mother and wife. Her approach to leadership emphasizes not only academic excellence, but also the essential role of workforce development—ensuring that students are prepared with the skills, values, and character needed to thrive in a rapidly changing global economy. Julie currently serves as Chairwoman of the Committee on International Relations for the National Association of Christian Lawmakers, Chairwoman of the Committee on Advancement of National Policy for Moms for America, and Chairwoman of the Committee on Advancement of International Policy for Moms for Freedom. She also serves on the boards of the Helping A Hero Foundation, the .National Association of School Chaplains, and The Tucker Project, extending her impact across faith-based, patriotic, and international initiatives. Her steadfast defense of traditional values, educational excellence, and individual liberty has earned her widespread recognition, including being named Public School Champion of the Year (2025) and receiving the Texas Education Agency's Excellence in School Finance Award from 2016 to 2020. Julie has been featured on major global platforms such as Fox News, CPAC, Voice of America, and Voice of Europe, and her work has received endorsements from President Donald J. Trump, Dr. Ben Carson, and Secretary Linda McMahon, among others. She has also advised leaders in more than 30 U.S. states, 15 countries, the European Union, the Israeli Knesset, the World Bank, and the United Nations on policies rooted in faith,

family, freedom, economic development, and human dignity. Dr. Pickren was recently appointed to the White House and U.S. Department of Education's Workforce Development Panel—Julie champions initiatives that connect education with real-world opportunity. Her focus on education and workforce readiness underscores the belief that education should empower individuals, strengthen families, and build strong, free societies.

CLOSING REMARKS: Irene recognized Jan Broussard for arranging all the table decorations. Thanked all the vendors with a special thanks to Sidney Sherman, Chapter No.1 of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, who along with Councilman Alex Perretto was instrumental in the restoration of the Texas Heroes Monument (on Broadway).

Irene invited Officer Hines (who happens to be her adopt-a-cop) to sing God Bless America.

Irene called the luncheon meeting adjourned at 1:15.

Respectively Submitted by
Linda Dreith,
Recording Secretary.

Legislative Updates



Texas Legislative Report

Since the legislature has been busy campaigning, there have not been any reportable actions for the legislature. I do have thee parting words to convey as my report. These words and faith in God Almighty are giving me hope.

"It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds." Attributed to Sam Adams

One lit match might illuminate a step or two for a minute, but blazing bonfires can turn night into day. We must persevere even when it is hard, even in the face of setbacks, even after losses.

With a "tireless minority" keenly at work, we can push against the darkness and illuminate the lives of our countrymen. It's up to us. So, let's get busy setting those fires! Our republic needs the light now more than ever. – *Michael Quinn Sullivan* from Texas Scorecard

GRW Board Spotlight: Dr. Levinda Walpole

A Heart for Service – Making a Difference, One Life at a Time

For the past 16 years, while working full-time in hospital administration and healthcare leadership, I have had the privilege of volunteering with Operación San Andrés, a nonprofit

medical mission organization serving underserved communities in the outskirts of Lima, Peru.

Over the years, I have returned periodically, sometimes once or twice a year, making service to others an important part of both my professional and personal journey.
This past October, I was able to attend and had the opportunity to work alongside multiple volunteer physicians and healthcare professionals from around the world, bringing medical care to families living in the shantytowns near Lima, Perú- Collique.

In collaboration with the medical mission team and the national government health insurance program, over 1,024 patients were attended to during the 4.5 days.
My assignment focused on general practice, providing health evaluations and care. Beyond the clinical setting, I also had the opportunity to offer spiritual and social counseling, addressing the needs of the whole person.

Additionally, a meaningful part of my experience was teaching, guiding, and mentoring medical students participating in the mission.
It was especially rewarding to bring together my clinical background, years of healthcare leadership, and heart for serving others in an international setting. I left deeply grateful for the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of so many families.

But service doesn't always happen on a mission field. Sometimes it happens right in our own communities, homes, and everyday conversations.
In this season of life, I have been blessed to serve as a Life Group coach, mentor and disciple young women in their 20s, care for my precious grandbabies in Louisiana, and start a crochet community where women gather over coffee, build friendships, and share meaningful conversations about Christ.
Each opportunity looks different, but the heart behind it is the same: to encourage, equip, love, and serve others.

After more than 30 years in healthcare leadership, I have come to appreciate that our impact isn't measured by titles, positions, or accomplishments, but by the lives we touch, the relationships we build, and the next generation we help equip to serve God's children created in His image.

I am grateful that God continues to open doors for me to use my gifts and experiences in different ways. Whether serving patients across the world, mentoring young women, investing in family, or bringing women together in fellowship, I believe we are called to make a difference wherever God plants us.
Leadership isn't just about leading from the front. It's about serving alongside others, pouring into the next generation, and being willing to leave it all behind, and say YES when God calls.

Sometimes the very thing he trained you for, he wants it back, reassembles it, then redistributes you and your talents in a different fashion for His greater purpose.

Republican Contacts

- Galveston Republican Women: **www.galvestonrepublicanwomen.com**
- Bay Area Republican Women: **www.barw.org**
- Galveston Island Pachyderms: **www.galvestonpachyderms.org**
- Clear Creek Republican Women: **www.clearcreekrw.org**

- Tri-County Republican Women: **tri county republican women - Search Results | Facebook**
- West Pearland Republican Women: **www.wprw.org**
- Galveston County Republican Party: **www.galvestoncntygop.com**
- Greater Houston Council: **www.ghcfrwpac.org**
- National Federation of Republican Women: **www.nfrw.org**
- Republican National Committee: **www.gop.com**
- Republican Network of Galveston County: Facebook
- Republican Party of Texas: **texasgop.org**
- Republican Hispanic Citizens in Action: Facebook
- Republican National Hispanic Assembly: **www.rnha.org**
- Texas Federation of Republican Women: **www.tfrw.org**
- Teenage Republicans: **teenagerepublicans.org**
- Texas Public Policy Foundation: **www.texaspolicy.co**
- Young Republicans of Galveston County: Facebook

Community Outreach: Bra Dazzle



The return of Bra Dazzle 2026 to Galveston on October 1 was not just an event; it was a vibrant celebration of community spirit, creativity, and philanthropy that brought us all together in a powerful way. Hosted at the Galveston Island Convention Center at The San Luis Resort, this inspiring evening featured a delightful dinner, a captivating style show, and the ever-popular bra decorating contest, all dedicated to supporting the vital UTMB Mobile Mammography Program.

The funds raised will directly contribute to providing free breast cancer screenings and bolstering early detection efforts throughout our region, reinforcing Bra Dazzle's legacy of making a significant impact in the fight against breast cancer.

GRW proudly filled two tables, embodying the camaraderie and joy that define our organization, as we shared an unforgettable evening of connection and fun. Let us continue to harness this spirit of unity and empowerment, as each of us plays a crucial role in advocating for women's health and driving meaningful change in our communities. Together, we can elevate our

commitment to these causes and inspire further involvement in future initiatives, ensuring that our collective voice remains strong in the political and social arenas we champion.









Driven to Win: Our 2026 Volunteer Goal

GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN
POLITICAL AND CAMPAIGN
VOLUNTEER HOURS' UPDATE

2026 GOAL – 15,000 HOURS

YEAR	2025	2026
1ST Quarter (Jan-Mar)	2692	4977
2nd Quarter (Apr-Jun)	2928	3135
3rd Quarter (Jul-Sep)	2931	3386
4th Quarter (Oct-Dec)	3540	1242 (Oct)
TOTAL	12,091	12,740

We are about to reach our goal!!! Keep these numbers climbing! Add it up if you have attended Republican Club meetings, participated at campaign mixers/rallies, texted/phoned/block walked, put out signs, worked as election judges, clerks, poll workers, precinct chairs, worked the Abbott Impact, worked the Postcard Campaign, and so on. THESE HOURS COUNT – including transportation to and from! ALL IN SUPPORT OF OUR REPUBLICAN PARTY! **SUBMIT YOUR HOURS NOW!**

IMPORTANT: Separate from and in addition to the number of hours you submit, I need to know how many of those hours were spent making calls (for the candidates, elected officials, club business). This is TFRW "required" information. We're doing it – let's report it.

to Irene Henry
Email: irenem.henry@sbcglobal.net or Phone/Text: 281.844.0598
OR GRW WEBSITE: SELECT "Volunteer Hours" from the menu bar

LOCAL CLUB MEETING DATES

- **1st Monday**: Galveston Republican Women Board Meeting
- **3rd Wednesday**: Galveston Republican Women Meeting
- **1st Thursday:** Tri-County Republican Women
- **1st & 3rd Thursday:** Galveston Island Pachyderm Club
- **1st Thursday**: West Pearland Republican Women
- **1st Friday:** Clear Creek Republican Women
- **3rd Thursday:** The Republican Network of Galveston County
- **4th Tuesday:** Bay Area Republican Women

Latest Treasurer's Report



Treasurer's Report

Tina Kirbie

Cash Balance Ending

October 31, 2026

$29,366

2027 Membership Renewal: Renew Now!

America 250 Membership Challenge

Carry Forward the Spirit of 1776



2027 Membership Chair: Jeannie Koenig

2027 Membership.....51

Primary.....31
Associate.....20

Governor Abbott Concedes Race



"Before coming up here right now, after looking at all the details of every county in the entire state, I made the decision to go ahead and call Gina Hinojosa and congratulate her on winning this race for governor of the state of Texas."

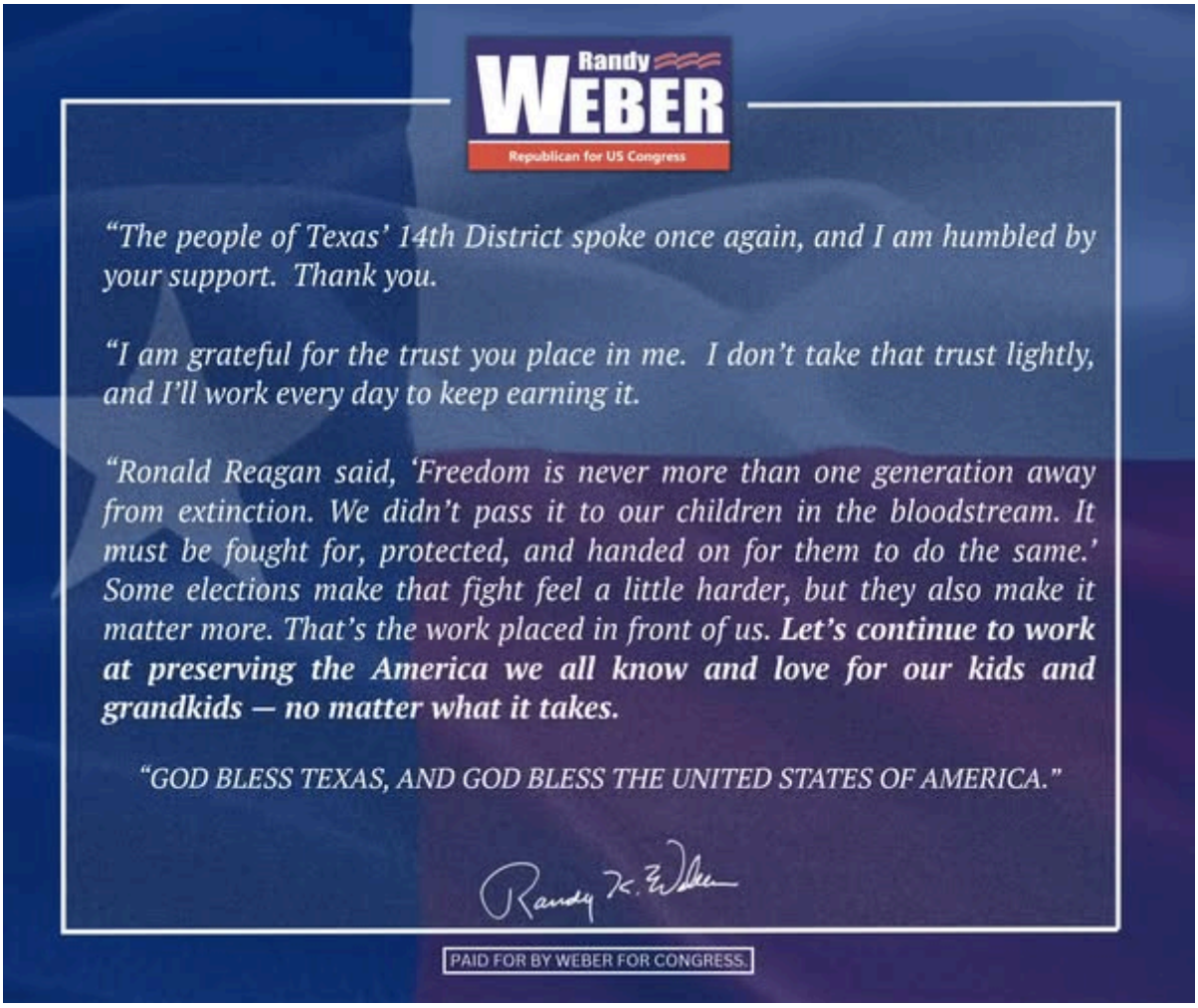
"Mathematically, we're not going to be able to win this election."

"It's been an honor to serve it , and know that we are leaving Texas in far better shape than it's ever been."

"Thank you for your support. Thank you for your love. Thank you for making Texas Texas. God bless you all, and God bless the great state of Texas."

(Excerpts from his concession speech)

Guest Column: Randy Weber



CARING FOR AMERICA



Galveston Republican Women will continue the tradition of "Ringing the SA Bell" again this year. Please join us in this worthy endeavor by signing up to help. A sign-up sheet will be available at our November meeting.

We will also be collecting money for the Salvation Army at our luncheon. There will be envelopes on each table as well as the SA Red Kettle at the Registration Desk. If you normally donate to the Salvation Army, now is a perfect time to do it as GRW will receive recognition for the money collected.

Below is a list of what the SA offers to Galveston County residents:

- Feeding, Sheltering and Clothing those in need every day.
- Pantry Food Boxes for the community.
- Emergency Funding to assist with Utilities and Rent.

- The Boys and Girls Club at their Texas City location.
- Summer Camp Scholarships.
- The Angel Tree Program to provide Christmas gifts to children in need.
- Hurricane and Local Disaster Relief.

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GRW Calendar Of Events

Click Here To View The Calendar

GRW Board Meeting November 2,2026 at 9:30. This is a closed meeting only for officers and chairpersons.

GRW BOARD MEETING AGENDA

GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN AGENDA
Monday November 2, 2026

- Prayer
- Pledge to US and State flags
- Minutes
- Financials
- November Meeting
- December Meeting
- Website
- Membership
- PR Award: New Logo (name tags/shirts)
- Campaign Activities
- Outreach
- Caring for America
- Americanism
- Literacy Project

GRW Mission Statement

Promote an informed public through political Education and Activity

Increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of Good Government.

Work for the election of Republican candidates to foster loyalty to the Republican Party and to promote its principles

DISCLAIMER

Nothing in this newsletter is an endorsement of Galveston Republican Party, its President, or its Campaign Activities Chairman, only candidate information to help you make an informed decision and get involved with the candidate of your choice.

Membership Form

Renewal____ New____
Primary____ Associate____

GRW-PAC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION 2027

Dues for the 2027 Membership Year are payable NOW.

Please complete the membership information and return this form with your check payable to GRW-PAC to:

Tina Kirbie, 908 Layfair Place, Friendswood, Texas 77546 (No business/corporate checks)

Name _____ **Spouse**_____

Address_____

City and State _____ **Zip Code** _____

Contact Phone # _____ **Senate District #** ____

Employer_____**Occupation**_____

E-mail _____**Newsletters are sent electronically.**

Select Type of Membership:

Regular Member ($45) _____

Associate Member ($20) _____

- **Women who are a member of another TFRW Organization**
  Please print name of Organization _____
- **Men who wish to be associated with GRW.**
- **Young women (Age 13 thru 17 years) designated Young Affiliates**

Referred By: _____

I am willing to help with the following committee(s):

_____Awards	_____Finance	_____Caring For America
_____Campaign Activities	_____Fundraising	_____Calling Committee
_____Outreach	_____Hospitality	_____Programs
_____Membership	_____Public Relations	_____Young Women Outreach

_____**Other:** _____

The GRW communicates with its members via email and SMS (text). Please check Yes or No for consent. **SMS: Yes _____ No _____** **Email: Yes _____ No _____**

For GRW use only:

CC/Cash/Check amount: _____ **Check #** _____ **Date:** _____ **E-mail List** ____**TFRW Submission #**_____

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