



The Wave

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Texas Federation of Republican Women Region XIV- Senate District 25

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President's Message

GOLDEN SPRINGTIME

What an amazing springtime to **BLOOM** and

GROW! As we embrace and welcome the swift developments of this "Golden Age" of America, Republicans are basking in the daily achievements of President Trump's dynamic goal of being a "Peacemaker, Unifier, and Swamp Drainer". How many of us are thrilled to discover that another overgrown entity of government waste, fraud and abuse has been SHUT OFF? It's just another beautiful day to witness pruning the deficit, and sowing the seeds of growth, health and abundance for America.

While "DOGE" is trimming the excess of the bureaucracy, CLRW continues to empower our members with the knowledge, skills and activities surrounding our opportunities and roles as **UNITED** Republican Women. The *ABCs of Leadership* workshop was filled with excellent training and outstanding speakers from the fabulous sisterhood of TFRW District Directors and Deputy Presidents, as well as many of our fantastic TFRW State Board Members!

CLRW rocked attendance at this wonderful and positive bonding experience! The sessions were filled with intelligent leaders, eager to share their knowledge and experience. The information and training will enable our ladies to focus and fulfill the club activities necessary to KEEP our community, state and country **GREAT**.

Our next priceless experience is just around the corner - **March 20 - 21 is Legislative Day at the AT&T Center in Austin**. The cost of \$90 includes dinner on March 20th, and breakfast and lunch on March 21st. The cost of training and networking is priceless! Be sure and register for this event and continue to enjoy the "fruits of our labors", as we celebrate, grow and learn TOGETHER among the best Republican ladies in Texas!

But, WAIT! There's MORE! Shortly after we return from Legislative Day, CLRW has planned a wonderful Membership Luncheon for our members! Make certain to get your tickets for the **CLRW "SPRING FORWARD: Blooming & Growing" Membership**

Luncheon on April 16th! Our Guest Speaker is D'Rinda Randall, Vice-Chair of the Republican Party of Texas. We will also have our famous Table Decorating and Hat Contests, too. Tickets are \$25 per person, and may be purchased via the Newsletter, Website, or in person, by April 6th.

As we continue to enjoy the spoils of victory and look forward to many more GREAT gatherings this year, remember to take a moment to be thankful for every Republican you meet, our beautiful Texas springtime, and living in the GREATEST country on Earth - America!

God Bless Each of YOU!
Thank you for the opportunity to serve you,

Jan Hunt
President

CLRW Meets
Third Wednesday • 9:30 am
St. Francis by the Lake
Episcopal Church
121 Spring Mountain Dr.

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What's Happening



CANYON LAKE REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Guest Speaker

Rafael Bejar

Director of Outreach
Texas Public Policy Foundation

Wednesday, March 19, 2025
Meet and Greet - 9:30am
Program - 10:00am



St. Francis By The Lake - Episcopal Church
121 Spring Mountain Dr.
Canyon Lake, TX 78133



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Wednesday, March 19, 9:30 AM

CLRW Business Meeting

St. Francis by the Lake Episcopal Church
Speaker: Rafael Bejar, Director of Outreach,
Texas Public Policy Foundation

Friday, March 20-21

Legislative Day

AT&T Hotel and Conference Center
1900 University Ave, Austin, TX, 78705
Thursday Night - Dinner
Friday - AM training, PM Meet with
Representatives & Senators
Cost - \$90

Monday, April 7, 1:00 PM

Executive Committee Meeting

TPML Founder's Room

Wednesday, April 15, 11:00 AM

CLRW Membership Luncheon

St. Francis by the Lake Episcopal Church
Guest Speaker: D'rinda Randall

Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday

Tuesday, April 22, 8:00 AM

Early Voting Begins

Polling sites in Comal County

Texas Federation of Republican Women

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Legislative Day

70 YEARS OF REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP

MARCH 20-21, 2025

AT&T Conference Center
1900 University Ave, Austin, TX

On Thursday night, March 20th we will host a legislative dinner with our state representatives, senators, and keynote speakers. Keynote speakers: Greg Abbott and Dustin Burrows.

On Friday morning, March 21st we will start bright and early with breakfast and training sessions on how to effectively communicate with your legislators, how to testify on a bill, how to use Texas Legislature Online, and presentations on important issues facing this legislative session and Texas. We will have a working lunch and then head to the capital to use what you have learned to talk to our representatives.

Tickets are \$90 and will include Thursday night dinner and Friday breakfast and lunch.
Deadline for registration is March 15th.
No on-site Registration will be available.



What's Happening



Canyon Lake Republican Women

SPRING FORWARD:

Blooming & Growing!

APRIL 16, 2025

Guest Speaker: D'rinda Randall
Vice-Chairwoman, RPT

\$25 per person

Reserve by April 6, 2025



10:30 MEET & GREET

11:00AM LUNCHEON

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Episcopal Church
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Table Decorating Contest

Sign up [HERE](#) on the online form or contact Suzanne Lindergren if you are interested in this competition. Once you sign up, we will send you some more details about the competition.

Spring Forward: Blooming & Growing

Our Annual Membership Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 16th, just prior to Easter.

We have secured a caterer, Hungry Horse Catering, in Boerne. Our lunch will be moist, grilled chicken with a green bean & carrot medley, a roll and a garden salad with 3 dressing options. We will be adding cheese & fruit trays from HEB.

We would like to offer members the opportunity to prepare desserts once again. Members have also volunteered to bring deviled eggs to supplement the luncheon spread.

Last year, we had so much fun so we're doing it again! We will have 2 competitions:

**The Annual Hat Contest, and
The Table Decorating Contest.**

Please sign up now for the **Table Decorator** competition [HERE](#)! Once you sign up, we will send you some more details about the competition. First come, first serve for this competition.

Get your tickets NOW by downloading the mail-in form [HERE](#) or register online [HERE](#). Tickets are \$25 each.

What's Happening



The 100 Club of Comal County invites you to join our Contributors, Law Enforcement, Firefighters and EMT Personnel representatives at our Annual Contributor Dinner.

Tuesday, April 8 - 6:00 - 8:30 pm
New Braunfels Civic and Convention Center
375 South Castell Avenue, New Braunfels, TX 78130

[Click here to learn more.](#)

JOIN US FOR
**COFFEE WITH A
CONSTABLE**

**MARCH 12, 2025
9AM-10:30AM**



LOFT COFFEE HOUSE

6260 US HWY 281 NORTH, SPRING BRANCH, TX 78070

Red Carpet Gala

Save the Date
Thursday
September 18, 6 PM

Last month we found a missing puzzle piece giving us a preview of the **Red Carpet Gala**, coming up in September. Our newsletter investigators found the rest of the puzzle.

Mystery solved. The puzzle piece gave the location of the event. The Chandelier at Gruene, 1924 Bretzke Lane, New Braunfels.

[Click here to see photos of that beautiful venue.](#)



Our investigators have found another clue. We need your help solving this mystery. Can anyone tell us what this means?



Stay Tuned ...



[Click here to sign up to lead the US pledge, the Texas Pledge, or the prayer at the monthly business meetings.](#)



[Click here to sign up to bring snacks to the monthly business meetings.](#)

What's Happening

Caring for America Outreach: Sweet Blessings for Moms-to-Be



Mother's Day is a time to honor and celebrate motherhood, and this year, Canyon Lake Republican

Women have the opportunity to make a meaningful impact in the lives of expectant mothers in our community. We are launching the "**Sweet Blessings for Moms-to-Be**" project, an initiative to provide gift bags filled with thoughtful and comforting items for moms-to-be at **Options for Life**, a local pregnancy resource center.

To make this project possible, we are **collecting monetary donations** rather than individual items. Donations will go directly to **Brenda Potter**, who will handle the purchasing and assembly of the gift bags, ensuring that each one is filled with self-care essentials such as lotions, candles, journals, Chapstick, and other small treats to encourage and uplift these women.



The gift bags will be distributed at **Options for Life** on the **Thursday before Mother's Day, May 11th from 10-12** on a **first-come, first-served basis**. Options for Life will promote the event through their **Facebook and Instagram** pages to reach as many expectant mothers as possible.

If you would like to contribute, please submit your donation to **Brenda Potter no later than April 30** to allow enough time for purchasing and assembling the bags.

This is a wonderful way for us to show support for life, motherhood, and our community. Thank you for helping us make Mother's Day extra special for moms-to-be!

For more information or to donate, please contact Brenda Potter at 830-708-6587 or Brenda@a2binsuranceservices.com.

Brenda Potter
Caring for America Chair

We The People
THE COMAL COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
FORMALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR FUNDRAISER

THE DAWN OF THE
Golden Era

SAVE THE DATE
MAY 15, 2025

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON

LARA TRUMP

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**Local Elections
Early Voting Begins
Tuesday, April 22**

**Election Day, Saturday,
May 3**

**Click Here for More
Information.**

Legislative Update

Lt. Governor Dan Patrick has laid out his top 40 priorities for this Legislative session.

Here are the first 25:

- Senate Bill 1** – Senate’s Budget for Texas
- Senate Bill 2** – Providing School Choice
- Senate Bill 3** – Banning THC in Texas
- Senate Bill 4** – Increasing the Homestead Exemption to \$140,000 (\$150,000 for seniors)
- Senate Bill 5** – Combatting Alzheimer’s – Establishing DPRIT (Dementia Prevention & Research Institute of Texas)
- Senate Bill 6** – Increasing Texas’ Electric Grid Reliability
- Senate Bill 7** – Increasing Investments in Texas’ Water Supply
- Senate Bill 8** – Requiring Local Law Enforcement to Assist the Federal Government’s Deportation Efforts
- Senate Bill 9** – Reforming Bail – Keeping Violent Criminals Off Our Streets
- Senate Bill 10** – Placing the Ten Commandments in School
- Senate Bill 11** – Protecting the Freedom to Pray in School
- Senate Bill 12** – Establishing a Parental Bill of Rights in Public Education
- Senate Bill 13** – Guarding Against Inappropriate Books in Public Schools
- Senate Bill 14** – Texas DOGE – Improving Government Efficiency
- Senate Bill 15** – Removing Barriers to Affordable Housing
- Senate Bill 16** – Stopping Non-Citizens from Voting
- Senate Bill 17** – Stopping Foreign Adversaries’ Land Grabs
- Senate Bill 18** – Stopping Drag Time Story Hour

Senate Bill 19 – Stopping Taxpayer Dollars for Lobbyists

Senate Bill 20 – Stopping AI Child Pornography

Senate Bill 21 – Establishing the Texas Bitcoin Reserve

Senate Bill 22 – Establishing Texas as America’s Film Capital

Senate Bill 23 – Removing the Cap on the Rainy Day Fund to Secure Texas’ Long-term Financial Future

Senate Bill 24 – Educating Texas Students on the Horrors of Communism

Senate Bill 25 – Making Texas Healthy Again

Senate Priority Bills 26 through 40 ... coming soon.

Legislative Bills Supporting Medical Freedom in Texas

Senate Bill (SB)754 - Informed consent - without coercion or adverse action - required before health care begins; allow medical exemptions - written, verbal, religious for patient and health care worker

SB407 / House Bill (HB)1468 - Vaccine Exemptions for Healthcare workers

SB269 - Vaccine Adverse Reactions event reporting requirements

SB386 - Limits International Medical Health Organizations’ jurisdictions

HB1586 / HB1082 & HB730- Require Vaccine Exemption Form access online; prohibit state collection / retention of personally identifiable information

SB314 - Removal of Food Additives in School Lunches

SB379 - SNAP benefits to be used for more nutritional food

Carrie Isaac's Committee Appointments



On February 13, Texas House Speaker Dustin Burrows announced the appointment of Carrie Isaac, State Representative, House District 73, to

important committees for the 89th Texas Legislative Session Rep. Isaac has been appointed to the House Elections Committee, the Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs Committee, and the Permanent Standing Subcommittee on Defense and Veterans' Affairs.

Representative Isaac's top priorities are providing property tax relief, election security, securing our border, and protecting the constitutional rights of all Texas. Representative Isaac has filed two election bills so far, the first being HB 2739, a bill that requires the address on the four primary

forms of photo ID to match the voter's Voter Unique Identifier (VUID) address. The second, HB 2738, a bill that requires voters to present a valid, government-issued ID to ensure authenticity and prevent the use of expired or fraudulent documents in the voting process.

"It is quite simple, if we do not have secure elections or a secure border, we do not have a sovereign nation. I am thankful and appreciate the trust that the Speaker has placed in me and I am ready to get to work," added Isaac.

Carrie Isaac serves as the State Representative for House District 73, which includes Comal County.

To see the full list of Standing Committee Appointments to the Texas House, [Click Here](#).



TAD TALKS with Toni Anne Dashiell
Fridays, 7 AM on Zoom

TAD Talks is a wealth of information about what is happening in this Legislative session. If you missed an episode, they are available on [Facebook](#).

[Click Here to read TFRW's Excellent Article on the various School Choice Bills being considered by the Texas Legislature.](#)



The **Texas Republican Party** keeps a list of **Bills** filed that concern the Texas Legislative Priorities set by the most recent Texas Republican Party Convention. You can click on the bill, read the text, and learn the status of each bill. To view the Texas Republican Party Legislative Priorities for the 89th Legislative Session, [Click Here](#).

District Director Report SD 25



The ABC's of Leadership Training Day was a huge success! It was held February 15 in Kerrville.

There were 103 participants from Senate Districts 24 and 25.

There was quite a bit to pack into 5 hours, but we did it. We had training in areas of being an officer, fundraising, membership, treasurer guidelines, website and social media among other topics. It was a great opportunity for any member to come and just learn about all the different volunteer opportunities and what makes TFRW clubs so strong.

Don't forget to ZOOM in every Friday morning with TAD Talks. Toni Anne Dashiell has one of the most informative Legislative talks every Friday morning at 7 a.m. Yes, I said 7 a.m. Just grab your coffee, turn off the camera and listen in. It's a wealth of information as to what is happening in this Legislative session. You can find Toni Anne on Facebook.

Here are some important dates to remember:

- March 20-21 Legislative Day
- March 22 TFRW Board meeting
- Sept. 25-28 NFRW Convention
- Oct. 21-25 TFRW Convention

Carolyn Besselman

Leadership Update - Debi Collins

"Don't follow the crowd, let the crowd follow you."



That's one of my favorite quotes! Know who said it? Margaret Thatcher. Now she was a leader!

I am a 'sort of' new member, and I volunteered to Chair the Leadership Committee. What are my "duties" you ask? The Leadership Chair is here to help all members of our club to serve as leaders in our political and community endeavors. Simple as that. How does our Leadership Chair do that for us? She advises the membership and leaders on resources of training available to prepare them to fulfill their roles as club and state officers. Events such as workshops, forums, Legislative Days, and Candidate Development School are just a few examples. Keep your eyes peeled here for even more opportunities offered to us to become Leaders, more impressive than Ms. Thatcher.

On February 15, 2025, twelve of our leaders attended a TFRW "ABC's of Leadership Workshop" in Kerrville, where they learned about the duties of being a club President, the money and cents side to Treasurer and PAC duties, the how to's for social media, the best way to manage a membership drive, and fundraising ideas. CLRW members attending the workshop were Teresa Pick, Barbara Harrell, Carolyn Besselman, Jan Hunt, Virginia Donnelly, Regina McDaniel, Pam Sullivan, Tara Evans, Vicky Highfield, Trissa Carter, Suzanne Lindergren, and Cindy Payne.

This month, another educational event, the Texas Legislative Day is in Austin starting on March 20 (are you registered?)

Very exciting opportunities lie on the horizon: Have you ever thought about being the next Margaret Thatcher? If you have ever thought about running for office, or you are gearing up for participation in a campaign, TFRW is offering classes that address the "how to", for all levels of government campaigns. Contact Trasa Robertson Cobern at 817-901-0571, email: Trasa@tresarobertsoncobern.com. Trasa is the Co-coordinator of Candidate School for TFRW.



EPIC City in TEXAS?



The development of East Plano Islamic Center ("EPIC") City has indeed sparked a significant debate. The project, led by the East Plano Islamic Center, aims to create a self-sustaining community for local Muslims, featuring homes, schools, clinics, stores, parks, and more. However, it has faced criticism and concerns from many. Texas Governor Greg Abbott pointed out that Sharia law and cities are not allowed in Texas.

Supporters of the project argue that it is about religious freedom and creating a community that supports their religious practices and values. They believe it is a way for Muslims to live according to their faith while being part of American society. On the other hand, critics fear that it could lead to segregation and the introduction of Sharia law, which conflicts with U.S. laws and values.

The true nature of the project remains a topic of discussion. While the developers have stated that they will comply with state and federal laws, including the Fair Housing Act, and that the community will be open to all, the controversy surrounding the project continues.

It's a complex issue that touches on religious freedom, cultural integration, and the role of religious laws that conflict with the Judeo-Christian values upon which this nation was founded. As the project moves forward, it will be important to consider both the intentions behind it and its potential impact on the broader society.

What are your thoughts on this development?

Gloria Cheatham
Homeland Security Chair

Membership Report



We are currently at 111 Full Members, and our goal is 150. Please remember to invite friends to our meetings and

events. *You can also share the NFRW, TFRW and CLRW newsletters with potential members.* Don't forget, we welcome Associate Members also!

Our first Sister & Spouse Soiree was a success. We all met at The Gristmill in Gruene for dinner on the 20th. We will be planning another Sister Soiree later this year. Stay tuned for details!

Suzanne Lindergren,
2nd VP Membership

Did You Know?

The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) is not a new Federal agency. It was established in 2014 by President Obama after the failed rollout of the Obamacare website. It is a fully funded agency that provided digital support to the various agencies. President Trump, by Executive Order, renamed the United States Digital Service the Department of Government Efficiency.

News You Can Use

Trump's Cabinet

● Committee Hearing Scheduled ● Committee Hearings ● Senate Debate ● Awaiting Full Senate Vote ● Confirmed



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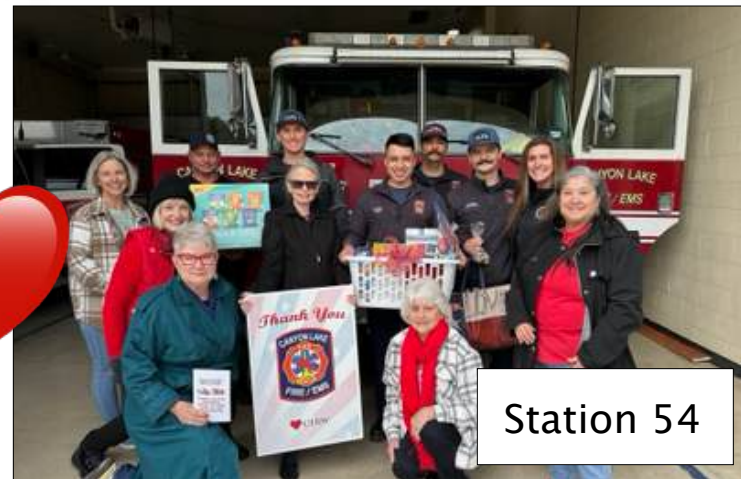
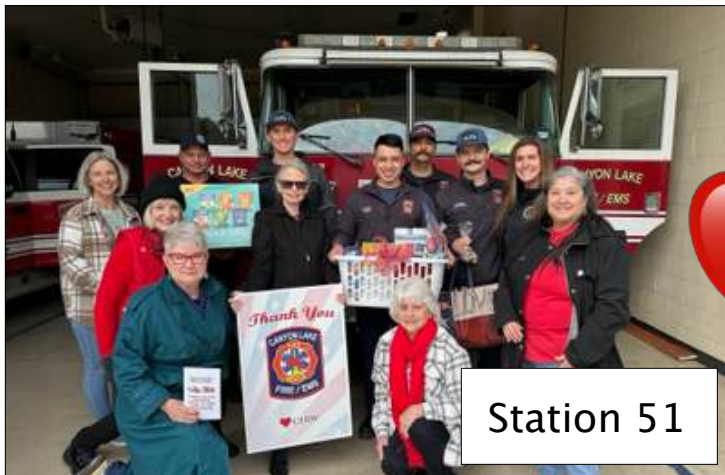
Kash Patel
[FBI](#)

DeRemer is poised to be confirmed by the Senate next week as Labor Secretary. Stefanik's confirmation has been delayed because her vote is needed in the House. Remarkably, Trump's Cabinet confirmations have proceeded more quickly than even Obama's Cabinet confirmations.

Last Month in Photos

February 13, 2025 Valentine's Day Baskets

CLRW delivered Valentine's Day Baskets to Canyon Lake Fire/EMS to thank them for their service to our Community.



Last Month in Photos

February 15, 2025 ABC's of Leadership

CLRW women traveled to Kerrville to join clubs from throughout central Texas to participate in TFRW's "This is What Leadership Looks Like" workshop.



Last Month in Photos



Canyon Lake Republican Women welcomed Chief Robert Mikel from **Canyon Lake Fire/EMS** at their monthly business meeting on **February 19th**. Chief Mikel spoke on Emergency Preparedness and answered many questions from the audience. The book, "The Science Behind Urban Fires" will be presented to the Tye Preston Memorial Library in honor of the Chief.



Last Month in Photos



**Canyon Lake
Republican Women
Business Meeting,
February 19, 2025**



Last Month in Photos

CANYON LAKE REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Sister & Spouse Soirée

Thursday, February 20, 2025
5:30 PM



A wooden sign with the word "gristmill" in a cursive font, set against a background of green trees.





2025 CLRW NEW Membership Application

CLRW, PO Box #2751, Canyon Lake, TX 78133

CanyonLakeRW.com/JOIN

(Please PRINT)

Name:	Last:	First:	Spouse:
Phone:			
Physical Address:	House # & Street:	City:	State & Zip:
Mailing Address:	House # & Street OR PO Box	City:	State & Zip:
Occupation:		Senate District:	
Member Email:		Membership type: (Circle one) Full, Assoc. or Affiliate	Today's Date:

Have you been a member of a TFRW or NFRW club in the past? If yes, please list the name & location of the club and when you were a member there.

Your information will be added to the private membership directory. If you **do not** want your information added, initial here _____

Signature: _____

(Please use a separate form for each person applying)

Thank you for your interest in Canyon Lake Republican Women membership!

- Full Membership** dues - \$40/year for women aged 18+ (November of current year through December of the next year.)
- Associate** dues - \$20 (men, women with another primary TFRW club)
- Affiliate** dues - \$10 (young women 13 – 17 yrs old)

****Eligibility for membership does not guarantee, and one cannot assume, automatic grant of membership.****

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This is THE year to be a part of these unforgettable celebrations!



NFRW 43RD BIENNIAL CONVENTION

September 25-28, 2025
Rosen Shingle Creek
Orlando, Florida



TFRW CONVENTION

October 23-25, 2025
Grand Hyatt
San Antonio, Texas

Remember to report your hours. For more information, use the QR Code on the right or the link at the bottom of the page.



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President.....Jan Hunt
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Standing Committees

AmericanismDonna Lancon
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Community Engagement.....Brenda Potter
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Website.....Barbara Harrell

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Scholarships.....Brenda Potter

Representatives

GSAC.Carolyn Besselman
SREC.....Lucy Trainor & Michael Wheeler
District Director TFRW.....Carolyn Besselman

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