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#### **Volunteer Hours** Please report your Hours **to** Irene Henry irenem.henry@sbcglobal.net



### President's Message

February is considered "the month of Love" by many, as we celebrate Valentine's Day. The Greatest Love of All is the Love, God, Our Father has for each of us. To celebrate His Love for us, let's do an act of kindness every day in Feb. (preferably every day of the year). Open the door for someone, give a greeting with a smile, allow someone to go in front of you be it on the road or in a store. Pray for someone you do not know rather than react to their behavior in an unkind way. If we show more kindness, which is love, then we can drown out the hatred that many show and America & the world will become a better place.

Legislative Day was held in Austin February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3rd. Many Republican Women PACs attended this event which offered opportunity to meet with our elected Republican officials, network with other Republican Women PACs and tour our beautiful State Capitol. Things are in full swing in Austin AND D.C., so keep informed and let your Senators and Congressmen know how you feel on the various issues and bills being introduced.

Galveston Republican Women are also in full swing. We have a great agenda planned for this year. Keep an eye open for our upcoming announcements on Constant Contact, our Website and our Facebook page.

It's "Mardi Gras" time here on the island. Have fun, catch lots of beads and BE SAFE!

God Bless You All, God Bless Texas, and God Bless America. Remember to Pray for America every day.

Betty Henry, GRW President



# GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> LUNCHEON & MEETING

San Luis Resort & Hotel - Grand Ballroom
5222 Seawall Blvd., Galveston
Reception 11:15 a.m. - Luncheon & Meeting 12:00 Noon
Price: \$30pp cash/check; \$33 credit card

Guest Speaker: Cheryl Johnson Galv. Co. Tax Collector/Assessor Topic: How To LOBBY for LEGISLATION

#### Menu

Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes & Cream Gravy
Grean Beans and Salad
Special Diet request MUST BE MADE with RSVP

RSVP to Tina Kirbie

<u>rkirbie@comcast.net</u> or call 713.504.0304

RSVP <u>deadline</u> February 12<sup>th</sup>

\*\* Reservation must be cancelled by February 12<sup>th</sup> in order not to be charged, as the hotel holds us responsible for head count after this date. \*\*



## SAVE THE DATE!

THURSDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> 5:30 P.M.

GRW "Meal in a Bowl" MIXER
MUD 12 Building - 2929 Hwy 6, Bayou Vista, TX
\$25.00 cash and check No Credit Card







Chicken 'n Sausage Gumbo & Garlic Bread
OR Cowboy Beans & Cornbread;
Homemade Brownies (prepared by GRW ladies)
Beverages compliments of Constable Jimmy Fullen.

Plan on spending a fun and relaxing evening with your elected officials and fellow conservatives!

### POLITICAL & CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER HOURS JANUARY 2023 HOURS DUE

PLEASE send me your volunteer hours for JANUARY ASAP (via website, email, text, or hand directly to me at our upcoming meeting). Remember, all you need do is provide me the total number of hours you have spent.

Volunteer hours includes:

- Attendance at GRW & other Republican meetings, events etc.(including travel time to & from)
- Administrative time regarding Republican matters: phone calls, emails, texts, website correspondence; working registration and membership desks at meetings; committee meetings; meeting setup/decorations.

For a full list of rules and "what counts" please visit our website. Information will also be available at our February meeting. Let me know if you have any questions.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!! – YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED.

Irene Henry

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Tel: 281.844.0598

Legislation Day Friday, February 3, 2023



The bus is here

and

we are ready to go!



















Remember the Alamo

On our way home!





# February 2023 Legislative Report Vice President Wanda Buttner

**Our Senator Mayes Middleton**: "On January 10, I was officially sworn in as your Senator. This session, I will fight for our shared conservative values by empowering parents to direct their children's education, providing property tax relief, stopping rogue District Attorney's, securing our border, and protecting children from sexualization. Also the Lieutenant Governor made the announcement of his appointments to Senate Committees. I am honored to serve as the Vice Chair on the Subcommittee on Higher Education and on the Senate Committee on Administration, Business & Commerce, Education, Jurisprudence, and State Affairs."

Abbott Inaugural Address Prioritizes Future of Texas, Governor. Abbott and Lt. Governor Dan Patrick both put a heavy emphasis on parental rights and school choice. "Our schools are for education, not indoctrination," <a href="mailto:said Abbott">said Abbott</a>. "Schools should not push social agendas." The governor reiterated his support for school choice, where state education funding follows the student. "Parents deserve the freedom to choose the education that's best for their child."

**Property Tax Relief.**: Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reported the state is projected to have a \$32.7 billion budget surplus. The governor has said he wants at least half of the surplus to be used for property tax relief, adding that he wants the state on a path toward eliminating school property taxes.

Proposed Law Would Let Texas Deport Illegals As Long As Federal COVID Rules Remain In Place. Illegal aliens would be expelled from Texas by state officials until the federal government ends all COVID-19 restrictions. Sydnie Henry filed a report about the legislation put forward by Republican State Rep. Brian Harrison of Waxahachie.

**Democrat Opposes Ban on CCP Ownership of Texas Land**. Legislation filed by State Sen. Lois Kolkhorst (R-Brenham) and has the <u>full support</u> of Gov. Greg Abbott. Kolkhorst <u>pointed</u> to a recent purchase of 130,000 acres in South Texas near Laughlin Air Force Base by a former member of the Chinese communist army in 2021.

**Legislation Would Combat Gender Identity Radicalism in Schools.** Under legislation filed by Republican State Sen. Bob Hall, Texas school districts would be required to notify parents of any change regarding a student's emotional, physical, or mental health. As <a href="Emily Wilkerson reports">Emily Wilkerson reports</a>, the legislation would require school districts to advise students to talk with their parents about such issues. The law would also prohibit school district employees from discouraging or otherwise interfering in "parental knowledge of or involvement in critical decisions affecting a student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being."



#### **Greetings From Greater Houston Council**

The Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women is a coalition of 38 Federated Republican Women's Clubs in 13 surrounding counties of Houston. GHC works with TFRW and NFRW by coordinating and supporting its Member Clubs and encouraging them through program and membership growth.

We have quarterly meetings which all are invited to. These meetings are always free, and snacks are provided by a member club. They are held at Trini Mendenhall Center, 1414 Wirt Rd., Houston TX 77055. Check in usually starts at 9:30 AM

#### "Original Nuts 'N Bolts" Registration Form

Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women will be holding their "Original" Nuts 'N Bolts training workshop and recognition of Club Presidents on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at the Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road, Houston TX 77055. Check-in begins at 8:30 am and the program will begin at 9:30 am. Coffee, Snacks and Lunch are included. **Deadline for Registration: March 24, 2023.** 

- **1. REGISTRATION:** Please fill out and email this form to Amy Byers at ajbyers 1348@aol.com or mail to Amy at 4851 W. Fork Blvd., Conroe TX 77304.
- 2. PAYMENT: Make \$20 check out to GHCFRW. Mail check to Micheline Hutson, 11007 Wortham Blvd., Houston TX 77065. Make a Credit Card payment of \$22 to: https://politics.raisethemoney.com/en/bfztiv3h28t8xm1rmyzqa

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	Campaign Activities		
Session 4	Newsletters and Website	OR _	Social Media Do's
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## Galveston Republican Women Luncheon

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 San Luis Resort & Hotel Seawall



President Betty Henry



Sylvia Horne introducing our guest speaker



Guest Speaker, Dr. Richard A. Johnson III, Ed.D. Beverly Cooper Marilyn Harris







Dr. Johnson was an excellent Speaker and enlightened the audience on fighting for our Freedom through our trust in God..







Kayla Allen



Mayes Middleton's assistant, Beverly Cooper.

#### Galveston Republican Women Regular Meeting

#### Wednesday, January 18, 2023 – San Luis Hotel & Resort

The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm

President Betty Henry welcomed everyone and wished them a Happy New Year.

Betty introduced Debra Jackson, Chaplin, to lead us in prayer. She called on District Clerk John Kinard to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Constable Jimmy Fullen to lead us in the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

She asked those in office and those representing candidates to introduce themselves. Also members from other clubs were asked to introduce themselves.

Betty reminded us that January is a month to remember an important man, Dr. Martin Luther King. He did great work and we continue to honor him by living the dream he had for all mankind. January is also the anniversary date of Roe vs. Wade which allowed abortion and even though that has been overturned, abortion is still going on today.

#### **Dates to remember:**

Legislation Day in Austin February 3, 2023, Clear Creek Republican Women has a bus going up on Feb. 3, 2023, check our facebook page for information.

March 2, 2023, Our 1<sup>st</sup> Mixer of the year, at the MUD 12 Building in Bayou Vista. A one dish meal Gumbo and Chili plus lots more. Information to follow soon.

March 28, 2023, Greater Houston Council of Federated Women will hold its annual Nuts and Bolts. A great time to learn how and where you can help your club. More information and registration to come.

May 18, 2023, GRW Anniversary Dinner and Fundraiser, an evening event, "Oldies but Goodies". You will be hearing more about this fun event coming to your email shortly.

Our next meeting will be February 15, 2023, here at the San Luis Resort & Hotel at our normal time.

Betty said, If you like working with numbers, if you are tech savvy and if you like working on newsletters, GRW needs YOU. This is your club so if you're interested in helping, please text me directly at 817-996-3452 or call me-leave a message if I am unavailable to answer.

Betty recognized 6 new members to GRW.

Sylvia Horne, our Vice President of Programs introduced our guest Speaker: Dr. Richard A Johnson III, an educator with 30 years of experience, he served 8 years in the Army, reaching the rank of Sergeant, currently he is Director of the Texas Public Policy Foundation, Booker T. Washington Initiative. Sylvia presented Dr. Johnson a gift at the end of his very powerful and informative presentation. Sylvia's goal for speakers this year is to educate our members and Dr. Johnson really delivered.

Betty asked Janice Broussard, hospitality chair, to come up for the drawing and thanked her for always making sure our tables are beautiful. Betty announced two winning numbers from the drawing.

Constable Jimmy Fullen announced Sheriff Henry Trochesset will not run for re-election next term. Jimmy announced that Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 we will have a big party up in League City at 6:00pm at Walding Station. That morning I will be resigning as Constable and will be making an announcement that night about what my future endeavors will be. Mark your calendars for February 9<sup>th</sup>

Betty announced GRW Cookbooks for sale. \$15.00. Valentine's Day is coming up.

Betty thanked everyone for coming and wished safe travels back to their destinations. She thanked the chef, servers and staff of the San Luis for our delicious food, lovely room and expert service and ended the meeting with God Bless You All and God Bless Texas and America.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:44pm

Respectively Submitted, Mosette Davis, Secretary

Treasurer's Report
Tina Kirbie, Treasurer
Cash Balance Ending JANUARY 31, 2023
\$27,857.00

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#### **Calendar of Events**

#### **Save The Date**

To be Assigned Galveston Republican Women Board Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Galveston Republican Women Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Tri-County Republican Women

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Galveston Island Pachyderm Club

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday West Pearland Republican Women
1<sup>st</sup> Friday, Clear Creek Republican Women
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Mid-County Republican Network
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Texas Gulf Coast Republican Women

**3rd Thursday** The Republican Network of Galveston County

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Bay Area Republican Women

#### **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

Mid-County Republican Network: Facebook Tri-County Republican Women: Facebook

West Pearland Republican Women: www.wprw.org Texas Gulf Coast Republican Women: www.tgcr.org

Galveston County of young Republicans:

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: <a href="https://www.texaspolicy.co">www.texaspolicy.co</a>
Young Republicans of Galveston County: Facebook

### **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

## **2023 Elected Officers**



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GHCFRW: www.ghcfrwpac.org



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## It is time to renew your membership for 2023

See the very last page of the Newsletter. If you are a continuing member, you just need to bring a check to the next meeting. If you are a returning member (meaning there has been a lapse in membership for any reason), please complete the form and return it with your dues.

## 2023 Membership Chair Linda Dreith

2023 Membership: 110Regular Members 68Associate 42



## **GRW-PAC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION 2023**

Dues for the 2023 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 please)

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