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**2023**

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### **Volunteer Hours**

**Please report your Hours to**

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## President's Message

At our last GRW Meeting, our First Vice President Sylvia Horne, challenged everyone to look at the bills that are being introduced in Austin, find 2 or 3 that are important to you, and let your legislators know how you feel. Our Speaker, Tax Assessor Cheryl Johnson, explained the importance of lobbying our elected Senators and Representatives on bills that are being introduced (and there are many) that we can either support or recommend the changes. I feel this is very important as we celebrate Texas Independence Day. What better way to keep our Independence than being involved in what is being done in Austin. So I certainly hope you take the challenge and continue to do so. As we celebrate International Women's Day in March, Republican Women, need to be influential in what is going on in our country. We can individually, and as a group, make sure that the rights of all are protected and that laws passed are for the good of Texans and all Americans.

Example: Senator Mays Middleton just introduced Senate Bill 1303 to stop Biden's Destructive Wind Farm Proposal. Read the Bill and then act by contacting his office, and others who will vote on the bill, to let them know your opinion.

Women have always been in the background. Our Blessed Mother, and the other women who followed Jesus, is a perfect example. They humbly and with inner strength followed Jesus even though that was not the norm at that time. They knew it was morally correct, and because of their faith, knew it was the right thing to do.

Now is our time to encourage humbly, but strongly, those who can make a difference in our lives with the laws that are passed, teaching those who are not aware, and encouraging all to act wisely and decisively.

"The Only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for Good Women and Men Do Nothing".

Pray Daily for America & Texas  
God Bless America & Texas

God Bless You All,  
Betty Henry, GRW President



## **GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN**



### **MARCH 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**

**\$30pp cash/check; \$33pp credit card**

*\*\*\*Reservation must be cancelled March 12<sup>th</sup> in order not to be charged as hotel holds us responsible for headcount after this date.*

#### **Luncheon Menu**

**Beef Tips with Gravy over Noodles**

**House Salad – Dessert**

**(Special Diet Request MUST BE MADE with RSVP)**

#### **Guest Speaker: K C Weinand**

**Director of Pregnancy Help Center Galveston**

#### **Program Topic**

**Embracing our Latino Community**



**RSVP by MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> to Tina  
Kirbie**



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## March 2023 Legislative Report

### Vice President Wanda Buttner

#### Galveston County Legislative Priorities 2023

*We the Commissioners Court of Galveston County, support the following Legislative measures:*

**Property Appraisal Reform:** Provide real property tax relief by reforming the property appraisal system that drives large yearly assessments increases and creates heavy tax burdens on property owners

**Elimination Of County Treasurer Office:** Reduce the size and cost of local government by allowing Galveston County voters to decide on eliminating the office of Galveston Co. Treasurer.

**SH 99/Grand Parkway Project:** Support the completion of the Grand Parkway that will serve as an important hurricane evacuation route, increase mobility, reduce traffic congestion and increase economic development.

**Navigation District Reform:** Ensure no navigation district owns property outside of the defined jurisdiction. Specifically, guaranteed that Galveston County is free from ownership of the outside ports and navigation districts by amending Sec. 62.1071 of the Water Code.

**Drainage Projects:** Provide additional funding for drainage projects in Galveston County, including support for projects in the lower Clear Creek and Dickinson Bayou watersheds.

**County Ordinance Power in Unincorporated Areas:** Pass effective solutions that grant counties limited ordinance powers to mitigate flood control, nuisance abatement, and protect transportation infrastructure and public safety.

**Provide Additional Nuisance Abatement Authority to Counties:** Amend Transportation Code Subchapter A. Sec. 396.001 to include automotive shops in the category with automotive wrecking and salvages yards.

**Mental Health funding:** Provide funding for mental health and substance abuse programs, especially for mental health beds and treatment.

**Additional Funding for Specialty Courts:** Increase support and funding for specialty courts that improve outcomes for Justice-involved residents that suffer from mental health challenges or substance abuse.

**Protect Funding for Pelican Island Bridge:** Add the Pelican Island Bridge to the Texas Department of Transportation's list of maintained bridges and protect the \$57.5 million currently allocated to replacing the bridge. This bridge connects Pelican Island and Galveston Island

**Expand OSSF Allowances in Administrative Code:** Encourage additional development in unique areas, such as the Bolivar Peninsula, by adding language to 30 Administrative Code, Chapter 285, Subchapter A, Rule 285.4.

**Public Notices:** Expand the allowance of digital public notices.

**County Magistrates:** Amend Sec 2.09 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure to allow the Galveston County Commissioners Court to directly hire magistrates.

**Uniform Work Hours:** Amend Sec 157.021 of the Texas Local Government Code to reduce the population threshold from 355,000 to 350,000 or allow usage of Census estimates to determine population.

*Approved By Galveston County Commissioners Court on 09/06/2022*





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**Galveston Republican Women at the Capitol**



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## Galveston County Went to Austin



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**Terri Wilson and Connie Ricketts  
Representing GRW**

Tina Kirbie  
Treasurer



Tina was born in The Bronx, New York and attended the City College of New York pursuing a degree in Elementary Education. After getting married, her husband, who worked for IBM (I've Been Moved), was assigned a position in Maryland. She finished her degree at the University of Maryland and taught second thru sixth grade for approximately 3 years.

Then her husband's position was transferred to Houston. She taught in HISD for about 2 years until the birth of her son. While staying home with her son, Tina enrolled in the University of Houston-Clear Lake where she earned a Master of Science degree in Accounting.

Tina worked for a CPA firm for a year before moving on to her long-term career with a wholesale hardware distribution corporation. She worked at this company for 32 years-first as their accountant; than as their Vice President of Finance; then as the CFO and for the last 3 years as the CEO.

Upon retiring, Tina became a volunteer Child Advocate and also joined the Galveston Republican Women-PAC where today she has served as its Treasurer for the past 7 years.

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

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## 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 [ajbyers1348@aol.com](mailto:ajbyers1348@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.raisethe money.com/en/bfztiv3h28t8xm1rmyzqa>

Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation (required): \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Workshops – check one in each session.**

Session 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Legislative **OR** \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer 101/PAC Treasurer

Session 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Protocol/Bylaws/  
Parliamentarian Bullet Points. **OR** \_\_\_\_\_ Membership  
How to run a successful meeting

Session 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising/  
Campaign Activities **OR** \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer 201 TEC/IRS

Session 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletters and Website **OR** \_\_\_\_\_ Social Media Do's  
and don'ts

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# Galveston Republican Women Luncheon

Wednesday, February 15, 2023  
San Luis Resort & Hotel Seawall



**Membership Desk**



**Registration desk**

**Beautiful Tables**



**Constable  
Paul Edinburgh**



**GRW President  
Betty Henry**



**Galveston County  
Tax Assessor Collector  
Cheryl Johnson**





Renne Siewers, Vaun Henry, Becky Ferguson



Cathy Fredrickson



# Galveston Republican Women's Mixer March 2, 2023



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## Mosette Davis 2023 Recording Secretary

Mosette and husband Ken will celebrate 60 years of marriage on September 7<sup>th</sup> this year. They have one son who lives in Pearland. Mosette lived in Houston for 43 years and moved from West University to Bayou Vista in 2007. In 2009 she retired from Blackburn Marine Supply in Kemah after 37 years of service.

Prior to moving to Bayou Vista, she was Secretary to the League City ABWA (American Business Women's Association) for several years. She was Secretary to the Bayou Vista Salt Water Garden Club for 6 years. She recently joined the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary and participated in registration for their fall style show. Mosette has been a consultant in direct sales with Beauty Control Cosmetics and Pampered Chef.

Jeannie Koenig invited her to her first GRW-Pac meeting in 2010. She served as GRW Recording Secretary in 2012 and 2013 during Jeannie Koenig's first GRW Presidencies, and in 2014 as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President handling Campaign and Legislative Action. She has been involved in registration for the meetings, briefly as Librarian and assisting some with decorations.

She enjoys living on the water with her husband Ken and being involved in activities with the many friends she has made since retiring in Galveston County.



## **Galveston Republican Women Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023 – San Luis Hotel & Resort**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 P.M.

President Betty Henry welcomed everyone.

Betty introduced Debra Jackson, Chaplin, to lead us in prayer. Betty called on Deputy Constable Jimmy Fullen to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Constable Paul Edinburg 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. We have one new member joining Galveston Republican Women today, Megan Jones.

Betty called attention to clipboards on each table today for reporting our January Volunteer hours. Eligible hours are on the GRW website. Submit hours to Irene Henry either by leaving them on the table, sending by email or text. Betty pointed out that hours are to be reported to the club where you have a full membership. If you are an associate member of GRW, your hours need to be reported to the club where you claim full membership.

Betty also called attention to a form on each table for the Nuts and Bolts training workshop to be held Tuesday, March 28, 2023 for anyone interested. The form will be on our website and the GRW Facebook page.

A reminder, March 2<sup>nd</sup> is our Mixer, in the evening, Texas Independence Day, Meal in a Bowl, \$25 per person. It will be in the MUD 12 Building in Bayou Vista above the police station. More information will be coming out Thursday on our website, our Facebook page and my personal Facebook page. In addition Betty mentioned she is available for any questions. Her phone number and email address are on our website. We can also contact her by messaging through her personal Facebook page.

Another reminder, March 15<sup>th</sup> will be our next regular meeting so we hope to see you back here then. We will have K. C. Weinand as our speaker.

Sylvia Horne Vice President of Programs introduced our speaker Cheryl Johnson the Galveston County Tax Assessor Collector. Cheryl will tell us how she is doing work for us in Austin and how we can be more active and involved.

Cheryl thanked us for having her and said she has been our County Tax Assessor Collector for 18 years. Starting her presentation she mentioned that she brought handouts and she gave a little background on the legislature. Cheryl's slide show of charts detailed a wealth of statistics and information and included how to navigate the Texas Legislature website. Cheryl advised us how bills are drafted and filed, what process the bills go through to eventually get to the Governor for his signature into law. Last session 6,927 bills were filed, 1,073 were passed, 21 vetoed by the Governor and only 15% of the total bills were passed into law. She suggested that we pick an interest, look at the bills addressing that interest, (type in Texas Legislature Online) peruse the website, save the bills of interest and follow them through the process. She gave us many examples of how to get informed for ourselves and what we can do to make our voices heard. Sylvia presented Cheryl with a gift.

Commissioner Joe Gusti provided the phone number 785-577-4649 for anyone wishing to take the bus to Austin on March 1<sup>st</sup> for Texas Day at the Capitol.

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, God Bless America and God Bless Texas.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:05pm

Respectively Submitted,  
Mosette Davis, Secretary

## **POLITICAL & CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER HOURS FEBRUARY 2023 HOURS DUE**

**PLEASE send me your volunteer hours for FEBRUARY ASAP (via website, email, text, or hand directly to me at our upcoming meeting).** Remember, all you need to 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 March meeting. Let me know if you have any questions.

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

Irene Henry

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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
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	The Republican Network of Galveston County
4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Bay Area Republican Women

### Republican Contacts:

Galveston Republican Women: [www.galvestonrepublicanwomen.com](http://www.galvestonrepublicanwomen.com)

Bay Area Republican Women: [www.barw.org](http://www.barw.org)

Galveston Island Pachyderms: [www.galvestonpachyderms.org](http://www.galvestonpachyderms.org)

Clear Creek Republican Women: [www.clearcreekrw.org](http://www.clearcreekrw.org)

Mid-County Republican Network: Facebook

Tri-County Republican Women: Facebook

West Pearland Republican Women: [www.wprw.org](http://www.wprw.org)

Texas Gulf Coast Republican Women: [www.tgcr.org](http://www.tgcr.org)

Galveston County of young Republicans:

Galveston County Republican Party: [www.galvestoncnygop.com](http://www.galvestoncnygop.com)

Greater Houston Council: [www.ghcfrwpac.org](http://www.ghcfrwpac.org)

National Federation of Republican Women: [www.nfrw.org](http://www.nfrw.org)

Republican National Committee: [www.gop.com](http://www.gop.com)

Republican Network of Galveston County: Facebook

Republican Party of Texas: [texasgop.org](http://texasgop.org)

Republican Hispanic Citizens in Action: Facebook

Republican National Hispanic Assembly: [www.rnha.org](http://www.rnha.org)

Texas Federation of Republican Women: [www.tfrw.org](http://www.tfrw.org)

Teenage Republicans: [teenagerepublicans.org](http://teenagerepublicans.org)

Texas Public Policy Foundation: [www.texaspolicy.co](http://www.texaspolicy.co)

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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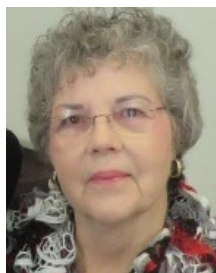
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### It is time to renew your membership for 2023

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

<b>2023</b> (as of January 31) <b>Membership:</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Regular Members</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Associate</b>	<b>42</b>



# 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)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Senate District # \_\_\_\_\_

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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):

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awards                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance          | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Fund-Raising     | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campaign Activities                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Get Out the Vote | <input type="checkbox"/> Program          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative      | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify your interest) _____ |   |   |

**For GRW use only:**

Cash/Check amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail List

TFRW Submission # \_\_\_\_\_