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#### **Volunteer Hours**

**Please report your Hours to**  
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## President's Message

April starts with April Fool's Day. Do not be fooled. Learn the facts and know what is going on in your local, state and federal governments. Know what the schools are teaching our students. If someone tells you something, make sure their facts are correct. Do not follow the sheep that are led to slaughter. Be the Shepherd to lead others to the truth.

Passover, Easter & Spring celebrate life; be it the saving of lives or giving of new life. Therefore we must do all we can to protect the Lives, and dignity of the unborn, seniors, the mentally challenged, the handicap and all human life from Birth to the Grave.

God has given us much. Let us use what He has given us to help and assist others. Be wise in knowing where you can help without losing what we have. For America to assist others, and maintain her strength, she must not assist foolishly. America must remember we need to be good Stewards of what we have without giving it all away. America needs to stay strong. If America is lost there is no place to go. ***Government wasn't meant to take control of our lives but to enforce the laws and rights of all.***

Know your Constitution and Bill of Rights. Do not let others twist them around to be something they are not. All men are created Equal does not mean all men have the same of everything. Pay attention to those who are advocating for *Socialism*. They are not giving up their "riches & comfort" but asking everyone else to do so.

God has given various talents to each of us. Let us use those talents to benefit others. **Working together** America will grow strong, If we fight only for ourselves, be it for power, money, or goods, then America will fall and our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren will suffer greatly.

Do not be fooled into giving up your integrity or soul to gain a little bit of power, money etc. It is in **working together** using the talents that God has given to each of us that will we become the Shepherd of Nations and lead the World to be strong.

**Pray Daily for America and those in Office at the Local, State and Federal level.**

**Pray for our First Responders**

**Pray for each other as we celebrate Passover and the Resurrection of THE SHEPHERD.**

**God Bless all of you. God Bless America and God Bless Texas.**

Betty Henry, GRW President



# **GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

## **\*\*\*SAVE THE DATES\*\*\***

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19<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 by April 16<sup>th</sup> in order not to be charged as hotel holds us responsible for headcount after this date.*

**Menu – “Chicken Marcello with Pasta and Lemon Caper Sauce”**  
**(Special Diet Request MUST BE MADE with RSVP)**

**RSVP by APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> to Tina Kirbie**

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**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**HONORABLE JUSTICE KEN WISE**  
**14<sup>TH</sup> Court of Appeals**  
**PROGRAM**  
**TEXAS HISTORY: INDEPENDENCE**  
**HARD WON, HARD TO KEEP!**

Justice Wise is highly active in the service of the bar and the judiciary. He co-chaired a State Bar task force that conducted the first complete study of the Texas Court system since 1894. He has also served as a multi-district litigation judge as well as a visiting judge in counties across the State of Texas. An avid Texas historian, Justice Wise hosts the Texas history podcast “WISE ABOUT TEXAS” which has over 320,000 listeners in 105 countries worldwide. He has written several journal articles and given dozens of speeches on all aspects of Texas history. Justice Wise serves on the Archives Committee of the Texas State Historical Association. He is a Trustee of the Texas Supreme Court Historical Society and a member of the Supreme Court Task Force on Historic Court Record Preservation. He is also a member of the Delegados Associate Board of the Bryan Museum in Galveston, Texas.

**\*\*\*SAVE THE DATES\*\*\* Continued....**

**THURSDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2023  
GRW ANNIVERSARY DINNER & FUNDRAISER  
"50s 60s 70s ROCK-N-ROLL"**

**Fisherman's Wharf - 2200 Harborside Drive, Galveston  
Reception 5:30 p.m. - Dinner & Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
\$75pp cash/check; \$78pp CC; Reserved Table of 8 - \$700  
Cash Bar**

**SPEAKER: JUDGE LONNIE COX      TOPIC: "GALVESTON - THEN AND NOW"  
MUSIC - PADDLE AUCTION – HONOR GRW PAST PRESIDENTS**

**9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL JUNETEENTH GALA**

**Thursday, June 15, 2023 – 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.  
Ashton Villa (2328 Broadway, Galveston, TX)  
Guest speaker: Mr. Shawn Bailey, President/CEO AMOCO Credit Union  
Contact: Pete Henley or Douglas Matthews for tickets (409.392.0317)  
Table of 8 - \$400                      Individual - \$40**

**DECEMBER MEETING – DATE CHANGE**

**Please note that our DECEMBER meeting will be held Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> (instead of our regularly scheduled 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday).**

**Nuts and Bolts  
Greater Houston Council of  
Federated Republican Women  
Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**



**Galveston Republican Women  
Attending**



**Jane Rigsby, Sylvia Horne,  
Tina Kirbie, Betty Henry,  
and Tess Stone**



## April 2023 Legislative Report

### Vice President Wanda Buttner

#### Texas Senate Passes Middleton's 'Save Women's Sports' Bill.

**Texas Lawmakers Answer the Question ‘What Is a Woman?’** As the radical left wrestles with the meanings of basic terms such as “woman,” “man,” “male,” and “female,” three Texas lawmakers have filed legislation to define those terms in state law. In each bill, a female is defined as “an individual whose biological reproductive system is developed to produce ova,” while a male is defined as “an individual whose biological reproductive system is developed to fertilize the ova of a female.”

**Report: Senate Property Tax Plan ‘Falls Short** While both chambers of the Texas Legislature are touting plans for the “biggest property tax cut in history,” a new analysis from the Huffines Liberty Foundation says the Senate’s plan “falls short.” Co-authored by former State Sen. Don Huffines and policy analyst Bill Peacock, their [review](#) finds the package of property tax legislation to be lacking. In their estimation, the Senate's proposal “only treats the symptoms of our broken property tax system while failing to address the underlying disease: incessant growth in local government and school district spending.”

**Border Experts Raise Concern About House Legislation** The legislation would establish the Border Protection Unit, a new unit under the Texas Department of Public Safety that would be responsible for facilitating the building and maintenance of the barrier walls along the border, deterring or repelling illegal aliens in the event of an invasion, and returning illegal aliens to Mexico when they cross illegally during a declared invasion.

**House Ignores GOP Priorities, Focuses On Crony Gambling** With the legislative session halfway over and no legislation to show for it, the Texas House State Affairs Committee will tomorrow consider an expansion of gambling and casinos in Texas. The push is for politically connected businesses to get exclusive (and competition-free) permits to operate in the Lone Star State. State Rep. Charlie Geren (R–Fort Worth) is proposing a constitutional amendment that would allow casino gambling in eight “destination resorts” across Texas.

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## Introducing

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President  
Public Relations  
Renne Siewers**

**Renne' Siewers is an author, poet, artist, and aerospace enthusiast. She has been married for twenty-two years to Navy Captain, Jon Siewers. Renne' has been involved in politics since she was sixteen years old.**

## **Treasurer's Report** **Tina Kirbie, Treasurer**

**Cash Balance Ending March 31, 2023**  
**\$28,024.00**

## **POLITICAL & CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER HOURS** **January, February, March 2023 HOURS DUE**

**PLEASE** send me your volunteer hours for the first quarter 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 April meeting. Let me know if you have any questions.

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

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# Galveston Republican Women Luncheon

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



**President Betty Henry  
heads to the podium to  
begin our St Patrick's  
Day Meeting**



**Acknowledging those who serve in Galveston County....**



**Judge County Court, No. 2  
Kerri Foley**



**Cnty Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Joe Giusti**



**Constable Precinct 2  
Paul Edinburgh**



**Brenda Weber  
U.S.Rep. Dist. No. 14  
Randy Weber**

**Chris Kinard  
District Clerk  
John Kinard**

**representing**



**Jimmy Fullen**

**Running  
For  
Galveston County  
Sherriff**



**Ray Nolen**



**Sylvia Horne introducing our speaker, K.C. Weinand, Director of Pregnancy Help Center Galveston**



**Brenda Weber meeting with guests of Debra Jackson  
Debra Jackson and Guests ; not in order, Angel Fierro, Martha Fierro, Mayra Lainez, Alisa  
Martinez, Pastor Maria Cordova, Pastor Gladys Fadden, Pastor Ericka McCrutcheon, and  
Pastor John McCrutcheon.**





**Jeannie showing off Her St Patrick's Day Shamrocks**



**Esperanza Macleod      Gertie Sturman**  
**The speaker's mother      and Tina Kirbie's mother**  
**Visiting from New York**



**Carmen and Don Pollock**



**Brenda Weber  
and Douglas Mathews**



**Pastor John McCrutcheon  
And  
Beverly Ferguson-Cooper**



## Galveston Republican Women Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 – San Luis Hotel & Resort

The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm.

President Betty Henry welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Betty introduced Debra Jackson, Chaplain, to lead us in prayer. Betty called on Deputy Constable Jimmy Fullen to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and all first responders to lead us in the Pledge to the Texas Flag. Betty thanked everyone for wearing green to honor Saint Patrick.

Betty mentioned clipboards on the table to report February Volunteer hours for full GRW members and Associate members who use GRW as their main club. She reminded everyone that hours going to campaign cook-offs and campaign rally's count. Hours can also be emailed to Irene Henry. Her email address is on the GRW website.

Betty asked elected officials, those representing candidates and everyone running for office to stand and make introductions.

Betty reported we had a mixer on March 2nd and anyone who was not there missed a good time and the wonderful voice of Jon Siewers. Jon sang the Star Spangled Banner and the National Anthem of Texas and a number of other songs with people singing along. Sorry if you missed it but hopefully you can make our next one. There was a lot of awesome food cooked by our own ladies of Galveston Republican Women. The Fund Raising Committee did a super job and the decorations as always were lovely and our decorations today honoring Saint Patty's Day were done by Janice Broussard who does an outstanding job. Betty reminded us that the hours spent attending our mixers count as volunteer hours and include travel time there and back home.

### **Important dates coming up:**

**Nuts n Bolts – March 28th** is a great way to learn how to help your club. The form is on our website.

**April 19th** is our next GRW meeting.

**May 18th is a Thursday, in the evening and will be our Anniversary & Fundraiser Dinner.** See our Face book Page, website and newsletter.

**44th Annual Juneteenth Celebration, June 15th, 6:30pm at Ashton Villa.** We are always a part of the Juneteenth Gala. Complimentary beverages from 6:30-7. Individual tickets are \$40.00 or \$400 for a reserved table. You can RSVP to me, make your checks out to Old Central Cultural Center, and your tickets will be at the door that evening. My address is 1105 Redfish Street, Bayou Vista, TX 77563, if paying for more than one person please list all of those you are paying for. The President of AMACO Federal Credit Union will be the main speaker. You will be hearing more about this event.

**Lemonade Day, May 6th.** The children will be learning how to run a business and many of them turn around and donate the money back to a charity. That event is important to Galveston. See the newspaper.

Sylvia Horne Vice President of Programs introduced our speaker, K. C. Weinand, Director of Galveston Pregnancy Help Center. K.C. started her presentation with an explanation of the difference between Hispanic and Latino. (Hispanic's refers to a person with ancestors from a country whose primary language is Spanish and Latino encompasses persons who come from Mexico, South America, Central America and the Caribbean). K.C. shared her early life and gave an informative program about the work they are doing with young pregnant women. She translated all the help center's materials into Spanish to help these young mothers understand what is available. Betty thanked K.C. for the work they are doing. Sylvia presented K.C. with a gift.

Betty mentioned Texas Senate Bill 763 sponsored by Mayes Middleton to put Chaplains in the schools. The information for that is on the tables. The money has been raised. It's just a matter of being passed into law and get God back into our schools. There's information on that if you're interested in being a chaplain in a school. Lorena has more information on that so she would be happy to answer any questions that you have.

Betty thanked everyone for being here today and for wearing the green. She thanked the chef, the servers and the staff of the San Luis. The food is delicious as always. She wished everyone safe travels back home. God Bless America, God Bless Texas and God bless all of you.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:46pm

Respectively Submitted,

Mosette Davis, Secretary



## Calendar of Events

### Save The Date

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>To be Assigned</b>                               | <b>Galveston Republican Women Board Meeting</b>   |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday</b>                     | <b>Galveston Republican Women Meeting</b>         |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Thursday</b>                      | <b>Tri-County Republican Women</b>                |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday</b> | <b>Galveston Island Pachyderm Club</b>            |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Thursday</b>                      | <b>West Pearland Republican Women</b>             |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Friday,</b>                       | <b>Clear Creek Republican Women</b>               |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday</b>                       | <b>Mid-County Republican Network</b>              |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Monday</b>                        | <b>Texas Gulf Coast Republican Women</b>          |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday</b>                      | <b>The Republican Network of Galveston County</b> |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday</b>                       | <b>Bay Area Republican Women</b>                  |

### 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.galvestoncntygop.com](http://www.galvestoncntygop.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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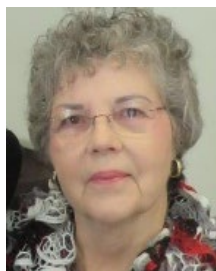
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GHCFRW: [www.ghcfrwpac.org](http://www.ghcfrwpac.org)

## 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 March 31st) <b>Membership</b> | <b>131</b> |
| <b>Regular Members</b>                           | <b>82</b>  |
| <b>Associate</b>                                 | <b>49</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       |
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| <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 # \_\_\_\_\_