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Volunteer Hours

Please report your Hours to
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ROCK N ROLL



DON'T MISS THIS EVENT

MAIL your RSVP Card and Money TODAY
(ANY questions call Tina Kirbie at 713.504.0304 or email:
rkirbie@comcast.net)

Galveston Republican Women
68th Anniversary Dinner & Fundraiser
Thursday, May 18, 2023

Fisherman's Wharf
2200 Harborside Dr., Galveston
\$75.00 cash or check \$78.00 credit card

Reception and Cash Bar 5:30 p.m.
Buffet Dinner and Program 6:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Judge Lonnie Cox
Program: 50s 60s 70s – Then and Now

“Add Some Fun – Dress The Era – MAYBE Win a Prize”

LIVE “Paddle Auction”

Auctioneers: Judge Kerri Foley &and
Nassau Bay Police Chief Tim Cromie

Music provided by
Mike's Mobile Music DJ Service - Featuring Mike Todaro
Entertaining Galveston County since 1978 AND Tiki Island Police Dpt patrolman





President's Message

May brings Spring and the growing of gardens. On May 29th we honor our fallen military. In between, there is Cinco de Mayo and Mother's Day.

Gardens are work. They need love and care. How is your garden growing as a citizen of the United States? Are you aware of what is happening at the local, State and National level of you Government? Have you contacted your Representatives, Senators, or City Council members to let them know how you feel about their service? Have you told them how you feel about a bill that will be voted on soon?

What about the schools in your city and state? What do you know about the curriculum? Our students are the America of tomorrow. What are they learning or NOT learning? Why are our schools involved in teaching anything but Reading, Math, Science, and TRUE History?

How many are truly aware of what Memorial Day is really about? (No, it is not just another day to "party". If that is what you think, then you have a weed in your garden.) It is a day to HONOR our Fallen Military Men and Women who gave their lives for the United States of America. Do you know a military spouse who has lost their loved one, or a military child who has lost a parent? Be the flower growing in the garden and reach out to them, see if they need anything, offer a hug. Showing you care about the ultimate sacrifice of life our military men and women pay to keep the United States free makes for a beautiful flower growing in your garden.

What do you know about flying and displaying our United States Flag? Are you aware of the FLAG CODE? A joint resolution was passed and later amended that encompassed what has come to be known as the U.S. Flag Code. Something all U.S. citizens should know and refer to often as part of the upkeep of our garden.

Perhaps the most important guideline involves how citizens should behave around the Stars and Stripes: The flag of the United States is the emblem of our identity as a sovereign nation which the United States has been for more than 200 years. Therefore, members of the armed services and veterans are asked to stand at attention and salute when their flag is passing in a parade or being hoisted or lowered. Civilians should place their right hand over their heart. There is so much more to know; from how to display the flag to how to dispose of the flag.

Mother's Day is May 14th. I hope your mother, or someone like a mother, was the beautiful flower that gave you roots, nourished you and made sure you grew straight and tall in a good Christian family, as did my mother for me.

May your garden be full of seeds that you have planted and nourished as a citizen of the United States, so they grow to become a wonderful safe strong America where there is Freedom to practice the Faith of one's choice in a truly Free America. Do not let the weeds of a Tyrant Government grow in your garden. We need to maintain this garden of Government so the laws of our land are in tack, but not let those laws become the weeds controlling every aspect of our lives. A Government by the People for the People.

Happen Gardening

God Bless you all.

God Bless America.

God Bless Texas.

Everyday nourish the garden by Praying for America and all Politicians at the city, state, and federal level.

Know what is happening in your garden, act, keep the weeds out.

Betty Henry, President of G.R.W.



GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN

*****SAVE THE DATES*****

9th 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: Please send your ticket requests to Betty Henry

1105 Redfish, Bayou Vista, TX 77563

Phone: 817-996-3452

Checks should be made out to Old Central Cultural Center

Table of 8 - \$400

Individual - \$40

DECEMBER MEETING – DATE CHANGE

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

POLITICAL & CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER HOURS

April 2023 HOURS DUE

PLEASE send me your volunteer hours for April (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 May meeting. Let me know if you have any questions.

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

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MAY 2023 Legislative Report

Vice President Wanda Buttner

We need to return the power to the people

Eileen Soljack states, “We have challenges in our world, but as Republicans we (must) remain firmly planted and focused on our mission of promoting and supporting the guiding principles of fiscal responsibility, individual freedom, and a government for the people, by the people.”

The people need to want the power back.

We all need to know what is going on and get actively involved.

Our **United States Congress** has been trying to contain the debt ceiling through HR2811. Randy Weber is our Representative in Congress. Please support his work on your behalf.

The **Texas Legislature** is finishing up the year before they go on break for the summer. Please become familiar with what our Representatives are supporting and voting for. Encourage and support them to do YOUR bidding.

On May 2nd....

SB 1017 was sent to the Governor to sign. Sponsored by Birdwell to regulate an energy source or engine

SB4520 Passed the Chamber. Sponsored by Cody Harris stating consequences for an educator harmful to minors.

HB5180 Sent to Calendars. Sponsored by Wilson. Disclosure of voted ballots under FOIA

On April 28th....

SB 763 Failed to get an affirmative vote. Sponsored by Mayes Middleton. **Chaplains as counselors** in our public school systems.

On May 1st

SB 15 In Hearing Left Pending. Sponsored by Mayes Middleton. Women sports

On May 4th

SB1039 Hearing on addressing election irregularities. Sponsored by Paul Bettencourt

SB1911 Hearing on penalty for certain offenses in elections. Sponsored by Paul Bettencourt

SB1599 Hearing on ballots vote by mail. Sponsored by Hughes

Please **review the following bills** from Robbi Hull from TFRW:

ACTION ALERT!

BILLS THAT NEED TO MOVE!

We are in the **last month of the session**, and there remains a tremendous amount of work to be done. In my May Legislative Update in *TFRW Today*, I listed a number of bills that still require action. Now is the time to reach out to the committees listed below and to your Representatives and let them know that these bills are important to you and you want to see them passed and on their way to the Governor's desk. You work hard to elect the best to represent you. **Let your voice be heard on these bills and on policy matters that are important to you.**

- **HB 2** provides for the major property tax relief that the Governor made a priority in his State of the State address. That bill has passed the House and was referred to the **Senate Local Government Committee** on May 2nd.
- **HB 900** provides regulation for library materials sold to or included in public school libraries, in particular "sexually explicit material." That bill has passed the House and was referred to the **Senate Education Committee** on May 2nd.
- **HB 1635** provides that political party rules on electoral affairs cannot conflict with state or federal law and requires that election officials must accept applications for a place on the primary election ballot that comply with requirements set forth in state and federal law. This bill has passed the House and is pending in the **Senate State Affairs Committee**.
- **SB 2** increases the penalty for illegal voting back to a felony (reduced to Class A Misdemeanor last session). The House companion to SB 2 is HB 4198. Both bills are pending in the **House Elections Committee**.
- **SB 8** is the Senate "school choice" and parents' rights bill. It establishes the education savings account program to assist children with educational opportunities. The bill prioritizes children enrolled in public schools with a C, D or F rating. Children who already attend private school and meet the household income guidelines also are eligible for the program. The House companion to this bill is HB 5261. Both bills are pending in the **House Public Education Committee**.
- **SB 12** prohibits sexually explicit performances in the presence of a child. This bill has passed the Senate and is pending in the **House State Affairs Committee**.
- **SB 16** prohibits an institution of higher education from compelling or attempting to compel a student to adopt a belief that any race, sex, or ethnicity or social, political, or religious belief is inherently superior to any other race, sex, ethnicity, or belief. This bill has passed the Senate and been referred to the **House Higher Education Committee** on April 24th.
- **SB 260** requires the voter registrar to send a written confirmation notice requesting confirmation of the voter's current residence under limited circumstances. This bill has passed the Senate and was referred to the **House Elections Committee** on April 20th, but no action has occurred since that time. Its house companion, HB 1134, was referred to the **House Elections Committee** on March 2nd, but has not been scheduled for hearing.

- **SB 1070** (the “ERIC” bill) relates to the interstate voter registration crosscheck program which seeks to prevent duplication of registration in more than one state and to identify voters that have moved, been convicted of a felony, have died or are ineligible to vote for another reason. There are two identical companion bills in the House: HB 2809 and HB 5254. SB 1070 was reported favorably without amendment on April 24th and the committee report was filed with the Committee Coordinator on May 2nd. We hope to see this bill on the House Calendar in the very near future.
- You likely are aware that TFRW is diligently working on the “Keep Nine” movement which seeks to add an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that provides that “[t]he **Supreme Court of the United States shall be composed of nine Justices.**” Currently, there are two (2) concurrent resolutions pending in the legislature relating to the Texas Legislature’s support of the “Keep Nine” movement. The resolutions are **HCR 22** and **SCR 17**. SCR 17 has passed the Senate and been referred to the **House State Affairs Committee** where both it and HCR 22 remain pending. **Let’s get these resolutions across the finish line!**
- On May 1st, we issued a separate Action Alert on SB 921 and HB 3611 which prohibit a “**preferential voting system**” or Ranked Choice Voting in Texas elections. Both bills are pending in the **House Elections Committee**. **We hope to see movement** on this important legislation soon.

The contact information for the committees referred to are available.(Please send an email to joycebell309@aol.com and I will forward these contacts to you.) In summary, reach out to the **House Elections Committee** on SB2/HB 4198, SB 260/HB 1134, and SB 921/HB 3611; to the **House State Affairs Committee** on SB 12 and HCR 22/SCR 17; the **House Public Education Committee** on SB 8/HB 5261; the **House Higher Education Committee** on SB 16; the **House Calendars Committee** on SB 1070; the **Senate Local Government Committee** on HB 2; the **Senate Education Committee** on HB 900; and the **Senate State Affairs Committee** on HB 1635.

Thank you for the investment of your time to let your representatives know where you stand on these bills. TFRW builds strong leaders who influence policy. **Those strong leaders are YOU!**

Robbi Hull VP Legislation vplegislation@tfrw.org

Galveston Republican Women Luncheon

Wednesday, April 19, 2023
San Luis Resort & Hotel Seawall



Betty Henry opened the meeting



Former servicemen leading in the Pledge of Allegiance



Sylvia introduced the fabulous Justice Ken Wise, who shared incredible Texas History.





Treasurer's Report
Tina Kirbie, Treasurer
Cash Balance Ending April 30, 2023
\$27,670.00

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Galveston Republican Women Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

San Luis Hotel & Resort

The meeting was called to order at 12:03pm.

President Betty Henry welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

Betty is starting a new tradition today for the pledges. She is asking all veterans, and those currently serving our country, to come forward to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All first responders, including firemen and paramedics, will be asked to come forward to lead us in the Texas Pledge. For it is those who have served in the military, and those who are serving, who are our first line of defense for America. Our first responders are our first line of defense for Texas.

Betty introduced Debra Jackson, Chaplain, to lead us in prayer.

Veterans came forward for the Pledge of Allegiance and First Responders for the Texas Pledge.

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

Betty mentioned the following dates to remember:

May 18th is our 68th Anniversary Dinner and Fundraiser.

Theme will be Rock & Roll.

Our own Judge Lonnie Cox will be the speaker on remembering the 1950's, 60's & 70's Texas then and now.

There will be a paddle live auction & entertainment.

Invitations are in the mail. If you didn't receive your invitation please let us know. Tina has some of the invitations here. If you haven't joined GRW and would like to attend, you can contact Tina Kirbie at 713- 504-0304. Her email is rkirbie@comcast.net.

It will be at Fisherman's Wharf in the evening. If you come dressed in the 50's, 60's or 70's, you could win a prize. Bar opens at 5:30pm, program starts at 6:00pm.

June 15th Juneteenth Gala at Ashton Villa, 6:30pm-9:30pm.

We have always had a large presence at this event; usually about five tables. So I hope everyone will consider coming to the event. You can get your tickets by mailing your check to me at 1105 Redfish Street, Bayou Vista, TX 77563. Make the check out to Old Central Cultural Center. Your tickets will be at the door. The cost is \$40.00 per person for dinner. If you need further information, please contact Mr. Pete Henley at 409-395-0317 and let him know you are with the GRW group. Mr. Shawn Bailey, CEO of AMOCO Credit Union, will be the main speaker. Douglas Matthews will be the Master of Ceremonies. He attends many of our meetings but was unable to be here today. He is the Assistant Vice President of Government Relations at UTMB Health Policy and Legislative Affairs Department.

Lemonade Day is coming up May 6th located at 24th and Strand, Galveston.

Lemonade Day teaches today's youth how to be entrepreneurs, how to be involved in the community and so much more. They were selling tickets in the back of the room today, and I hope each of you bought some of their tickets. We have a couple of seniors from Upward Hope Academy that I would like to bring up now and also Tina Kirbie, our treasurer. Tina would you please bring up the check. Bailey Hood wants to be a Forensic Specialist when she graduates, and Danyia Aaron wants to be a Radiologist. It's with great pleasure GRW presents this check to you for \$250 to help you ladies and your team on Lemonade Day. We hope you can use this check for the supplies that you will need. We are very proud of you and all the students at Upward Hope Academy. God bless you.

Betty next mentioned keeping up with your Volunteer hours. If you are a GRW member, or an associate member, who claims GRW as your main club you can turn your hours into our immediate past President, Irene Henry. Her contact information is on our website and on our Facebook page.

Texas Senate Bill SB73 will be voted on tomorrow, April 20th, to permit Chaplains to be in our public schools, not to teach, but to be there should a student need to talk to them. If you are in favor of this bill please contact your Representatives in Austin to let them know how you feel.

Sylvia Horne, Vice President of Programs, introduced our speaker, Justice Ken Wise of the 14th Court of Appeals, and who also has a Podcast, "Wise About Texas".

Justice Wise mentioned that this Friday is the Anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto and Sylvia had asked Ken to talk about 3 things. The Battle of San Jacinto, the Court of Appeals and about how our history is under attack. Justice Wise certainly did an outstanding job of covering each of the things Sylvia asked him to cover today. If you had to miss this meeting you missed a terrific history lesson. In case you didn't know, we won the Battle of San Jacinto in just 18 minutes which gave Texas its independence from Mexico and we captured Santa Anna, President of Mexico who entered into two treaties, Treaty of Velasco (which provided that hostilities would cease and that Santa Anna would withdraw his forces below the Rio Grande and not take up arms again against Texas) and a secret treaty that he would be released to go back to Mexico to use his influence to secure Mexican recognition of Texas independence.

Sylvia took this opportunity to mention her auction item for the May 18th Anniversary Dinner. She will conduct a special tour for 15-20 people at the Bryan Museum.

Sylvia presented Justice Wise with a gift.

Janice and Betty conducted a drawing to give away the center pieces.

Betty thanked the chef, the staff and the servers of the San Luis Hotel for a delicious meal and great service. She wished everyone safe travels back home. God Bless America, God Bless Texas and God bless all of you.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:02pm

Respectively submitted,
Mosette Davis, Secretary

Calendar of Events

Save The Date

To be Assigned	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
2nd Tuesday	Mid-County Republican Network
3rd Monday	Texas Gulf Coast Republican Women
3rd Thursday	The Republican Network of Galveston County
4th Tuesday	Bay Area Republican Women

Republican Contacts:

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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 Young Republicans: <http://www.Facebook.com/GCYRTX>
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

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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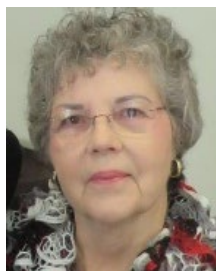
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It is time to renew your membership for 2023

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

2023	(as of April 30th) Membership	142
	Regular Members	85
	Associate	57



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 # _____

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):

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Awards | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify your interest) _____ | | |

For GRW use only:

Cash/Check amount: _____ Check # _____ Date: _____

E-mail List

TFRW Submission # _____