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Volunteer Hours

Please report your Hours to Irene Henry
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President's Message For June

June is the halfway mark for the year. So how are we doing?

The bill allowing Chaplains in our schools is awaiting the Governor's signature. SB14 and SB12 are also awaiting the Governor's signature.

The Woke group, with the backing of the Democrats, is still trying to destroy our schools with the teaching of Socialism. How far we have come from just teaching the students the basic of Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. Parents are supposed to teach children behavior and religion. Schools were never meant to take the place of parents and yet that is exactly what is happening.

What is coming for the next half of this year? Are we allowing the minority of Democrats to control our House and Senate in Texas? Now, more than ever, we need to scrutinize our elected officials and let them know **how we/you feel on the Bills and if they are voting like a Republican!**

School is out for the summer. When you are out driving, please watch for children at play or riding their bikes. If you see someone suspicious around children, notify the police. It seems kidnappings are more frequent. Amber Alerts are being sent out way too often.

To those who will be traveling by car, plane, or train we wish you safe travel and enjoyment at your destination.

GRW will NOT have a meeting during the months of June, July and August. However, we are planning a mixer for August. Details will be sent to you via email, and it will be on our Facebook page and website as we get closer to the date.

June 15th is the Juneteenth Gala at Ashton Villa, Republicans have always had the largest turnout for this event, I hope to see you there. Details on our Facebook page.

God Bless You, God Bless America & God Bless Texas

Betty Henry, GRW President



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But
Please mark your calendar for....

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: Betty Henry (817-996-3452) or
Pete Henley or Douglas Matthews for tickets (409.392.0317)
Table of 8 - \$400 Individual - \$40
Remember to tell them you are with GRW

**Look for information on a late summer mixer
Date, Time and Venue to be announced**

DATE CHANGE of DECEMBER MEETING

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



**“The taxpayer:
That’s someone who
works for the
federal government
but doesn’t have to
take the
civil service examination.”**

Ronald Reagan

**POLITICAL AND CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER HOURS
For April Through June 2023 ARE DUE!!!!**

**Please turn in your hours to Irene Henry (irenem.henry@sbcglobal.net)
ASAP.**

Galveston Republican Women PAC is about to complete the 2nd Quarter of its year. **WHICH MEANS YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR THIS QUARTER ARE DUE.** Some of you report your hours to me monthly and I have those totals. Others prefer to report quarterly. Either way works, just PLEASE TURN THEM IN! YOU know the hours you've spent working for GRW and the Republican Party. Below is a "Reference List" of how your time counts. Once you've perused the list START COUNTING!!

- **Attendance** (travel to and from included) at Republican meetings (GRW, CCRW, TGCRW, Mid County Network, Pachyderm, GCRP, Republican Network, GHCFRW, Lincoln Day Dinners, etc.)
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- **Club Board Meetings** (travel to and from included)
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- Officers of RW Clubs may count **time spent on completing the duties required of that office** (administrative work, agendas, mailings, meeting setups, etc.)
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- ALL **volunteer political activities** whether paid or unpaid (election worker, poll watcher, election integrity worker). **NOTE: Individuals who are salaried campaign and/or GOP professional staff DO NOT qualify.**
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- All time spent at **Club, Region, State and National Federation Meetings** or events (in person or virtual).
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- **Running for office** as a Republican candidate.
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- **Working at local/state/county/national offices** (candidate/elected official office)
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- **Serving as elected member of your Local, State or National Party Committee**
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- **Walking precincts, preparing letters** to the editor or elected officials, **phone calling, radio, TV and social media appearances, posting to social media, voter registration, writing or editing a digital or hardcopy club newsletter, attendance at rallies.**
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- **Working on any aspect of a Republican campaign** (partisan or non-partisan).
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- **Working on Republican ballot questions, initiatives, or petitions.**

Thank you for your hard work, support and dedication to our Republican Party!

**HAPPY SUMMER!
Irene Henry**



June 2023 Legislative Report

Vice President Wanda Buttner

Contributed by Jill Glover, Chair, SREC Legislative Priorities Committee, SREC, SD 12

Last summer, during the Republican Party of Texas (RPT) State Convention, delegates voted for eight legislative priorities that fall roughly into one of two categories: protection of children and protection of conservative values and God-given inalienable rights. This (past) 88th regular session succeeded on the first and yielded mixed results on the second.

Regarding the protection of children, banning Child Gender Mutilation has been a top priority for two sessions in a row. This session, thanks to Senator Donna Campbell and Representative Tom Oliverson, **SB 14** was passed prohibiting medical providers from practices that attempt to change a child's physical characteristics to approximate the opposite sex. Medical providers will lose their licenses if they violate this law.

There were **five** bills passed that met the priority of Stopping the Sexualization of Texas Kids.

They include **HB 900** by Rep. Patterson, prohibiting sexually explicit materials in Texas public schools; **HB 1181** by Rep. Shaheen, which requires strict age verification for online porn; **SB 12** by Sen. Hughes, prohibiting sexually oriented performances in the presence of minors, including drag shows; **SB 1527** by Senators Hancock and Huffman, which provides a criminal penalty for sexually grooming children; and **HB 4520** about educator employment and retirement consequences for selling, distributing, or displaying harmful materials to children.

These are all outstanding bills, and we are very appreciative for the hard work of those legislators who championed them and got them to the Governor's desk. Ultimately, culture must change to protect children. But we believe these bills will encourage that change and provide needed safeguards until it does.

Our other priorities include protecting our elections, securing the border, protecting the unborn, our second amendment rights, and parental rights.

Protect Our Elections: **HB 1234** (Rep. Hefner) passed, which returns the penalty for voter fraud to a felony, as did **HB 5180** by Rep. Wilson, which provides for public inspection of ballots after 60 days of an election. A major miss was addressing the issue of the Attorney General's lack of authority to prosecute election crimes. There were some good bills passed outside of the priority purview, such as **SB 1070**, which puts safeguards in place to protect individual personal information and specifies the duties that shall be executed for the Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program. We were also very disappointed that **SB 990**, calling for precinct-only voting on election day, failed.

Secure the Border and Protect Texans: We passed two good bills. **SB 1403** by Sen Parker creates an interstate compact for border security, including building a border wall and sharing state intelligence and resources. **SB 1900** by Sen. Birdwell designates the cartels as foreign terrorist organizations. Speaker Phelan killed **HB 20** by Rep. Schaefer, which would have created the Texas Border Task Force and allowed Texas to turn illegal aliens back across the border when Democrats killed it on a point of order.

Abolish Abortion in Texas: **No bills passed** to address illegal abortions or enforcement.

Defend Our Gun Rights: **HB 3** (Rep. Burrows) provides for an armed security guard on school campuses. This is a good step toward eliminating gun-free zones and is major headway in protecting our students. **HB 3137** by Rep. Isaac also passed, which prevents counties from restricting gun rights.

Parental Rights and Educational Freedom: **SB 29** by Sen. Birdwell passed, which prohibits public schools and other government entities from enforcing a vaccine or mask mandate to prevent the spread of Covid-19. The House blocked all school choice legislation where the money follows the student.

The final legislative priority, Ban Democrat Chairs, could not be achieved by legislation but rather Speaker Phelan's initiative or a members' vote on the House rules. As predicted, Democrat House chairs did kill RPT priority bills. But, to be fair, Republican House chairs also killed priority bills.

Now it is up to Texas Republican voters to look at the results of the 88th Legislative session, look at the votes of your own Representative and Senator, and decide for yourself if you want to hire them for the next session. We encourage you to do the hard work of educating yourself and your neighbors about this legislative session. Don't rely on what your Representative or Senator will tell you in the coming months as they come back to their districts to begin campaign season.

One conservative club in Denton County has built a website that assesses their Representatives' performance in supporting the **Republican Party of Texas Legislative Priorities**. Take a look and consider if this is something you wish to do in your county or district: www.staterepscorecard.com. If we keep doing the same things, we will get the same results. You must decide if you are satisfied with the current results.

The Governor has called a special session. More to come hopefully.

Treasurer's Report
Tina Kirbie, Treasurer
Cash Balance Ending May 31, 2023
\$31,371.31

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Upward Hope Academy Class of 2023



Cathy and Chris Frederickson



Kathy Whatley



Awarding scholarship to Bailey Hood, Valedictorian



Galveston Republican Women



Galveston Republican Women 68th Anniversary Dinner and Fundraiser Thursday, May 18, 2023 Fisherman's Wharf



Betty Henry



GRW President



Vice President, Sylvia Horne with The Honorable Judge and Mrs. Lonnie Cox



Judge Cox



Judge Cox as a boy.



Judge Cox as a Judge



Don and Carmen Pollock



State of Texas Made of jewels



Jack and Sandra Pollock



Guess Who???



Surprise!!!
It's Tim and Kerry



Bayou Vista



Can't forget the Rigsby's!!



Carol Jean Mulrain and Harry Elmendorf



Linda and Mike Buckley



Henry Trochesset Marie and Chris Robb



Jan Broussard

Galveston Republican Women
68th Anniversary Dinner and Fundraiser
Thursday, May 18, 2023
Fisherman's Wharf

President Betty Henry opened the Anniversary Dinner and Fundraiser event at 6:00pm asking all veterans and those currently serving our country to come forward and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and all first responders, to come forward and lead us in the Texas Pledge. Chaplain Debra Jackson led us in prayer.

Elected officials, those representing candidates and everyone running for office made introductions.

Betty thanked those dressed in costume from the 50's, 60's and 70's for adding to the fun by dressing in those periods. She thanked Irene Henry and her committee who set up the event. She thanked Linda Buckley for organizing the auction and also Janice Broussard for the lovely decorations.

Betty asked all the past presidents attending to come forward and she read the names of all the past presidents starting with Patty Swan in 1965 to present.

Betty reminded everyone to make their reservations for the June 15th Gala at Ashton Villa, 6:30pm-9:30pm to celebrate Juneteeneth.

First VP Sylvia Horne introduced our MC Judge Lonnie Cox who thanked GRW for asking him to speak today and he reminded everybody that we are here tonight to celebrate 68 years of the GRW. Judge Cox can't be put into words here to describe how awesome and humorous his presentation was. You had to be there. He took us down memory lane showing "the more things change the more they stay the same" remembering the 1950's, 60's & 70's and today with songs played by Tiki Island Patrolman and DJ Mike Todaro depicting the time periods and video to go with them. The contestants were judged by applause. Tina Kirby won the 50's, Floyd Pollock won the 60's and Seabrook Police Chief Tim Cromie won the 70's.

Next, Auctioneers Judge Kerry Foley & 70's winner Seabrook Police Chief Tim Cromie conducted the live paddle auction. Betty extended a special thank you to Kerry Foley.

She thanked the chef, the staff and the servers of Fisherman's Wharf for a delicious meal and great service. She thanked DJ Mike Todaro and gave a special thanks to Judge Lonnie Cox and our auctioneers. She thanked everyone here tonight. Without you we could not give money to help our Republican candidates.

God Bless America, God Bless Texas and God bless all of you. Have a safe trip to your destinations.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:48pm

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 of young Republicans:

Galveston County Republican Party: www.galvestoncnygop.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

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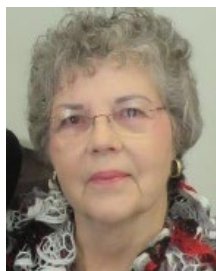
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GHCFRW: www.ghcfrwpac.org

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 May 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: _____

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TFRW Submission # _____