



# GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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### Volunteer Hours

Please report your Hours to

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE SEPTEMBER 2023

There is much history in the month of September. History is important to remember, so in the future, we do not make the same mistakes. Teaching History in our classrooms *correctly*, be it good or bad, is so important.

**September 1, 1939**, Hitler invaded Poland starting World War II in Europe. Is this being taught in schools?

**September 2, 1945**, Japan Surrender bringing World War II to an end.

**September 5, 1774**, the 1<sup>st</sup> Continental Congress was called to order, composed of delegates from all 13 American Colonies. It served as the governing body from 1774 to 1789. After 2 years they were called the *United Colonies to the United States*. How many of our children know this? In my opinion we have come so far away from what government was meant to be, it has gone from governing to controlling.

Also, on this day in 1882 the First Labor Day Holiday was celebrated.

**September 11, 2021**, members of the Islamic terrorist groups al Qaeda hijacked four airliners with coordinated attacks against the United States of America. More than 3,000 lost their lives in the deadliest terror attack on U.S. soil. How many of our history classes are teaching this? This happened as many of us witnessed on TV & many still bear the scars from the results of these attacks. From those who lost loved ones, children growing up with one parent, first responders with severe health issues from the residue of the collapsed Twin Towers.

**September 14, 1901**, President William McKinley died from being shot on September 6, 1901, while attending the Buffalo Pan-American Exposition in New York.

**September 17, 1787**, The **US Constitution** was signed by 39 brave men. There is so much of our country's history that happened in September. How many of our children and young adults are aware or will learn?

**September 20, 2023**, at the San Luis Hotel, GRW will hold their monthly luncheon meeting, with J.P. Bryan Jr. as our speaker. He will address "Changes in Education". Again, we have come so far away from what education is supposed to be about. How do we find our way back to teaching the facts, to teaching math, science, writing and English & leaving the parents to teach Religion & other education as they see fit.

Our legislators have been working hard in Austin and are doing their best to bring Education of Texas children to *higher standards* and to leave out what should not be taught. Let our children enjoy their childhood before putting on their small shoulders more than they can or should handle. Some things are just too heavy for them until they are much older.

God Bless all our teachers for theirs is a thankless job, but valuable one. Thank you to our legislators in Austin for working vigorously for our children & the future of Texas & America. Pay attention to what legislation is coming & know what the bills are, we will be voting on some very important ones soon. God Bless Texas - God Bless America!

# **GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN LUNCHEON MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**San Luis Resort & Hotel - Mainsail Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)  
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 September 16<sup>th</sup> in order  
not to be charged as hotel holds us responsible for headcount  
after this date.\*\*\**

**RSVP by SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> to Tina Kirbie:  
[rkirbie@comcast.net](mailto:rkirbie@comcast.net) or Tel: 713.504.0304**

**MENU: Parmesan crusted chicken with complementary  
vegetables, roll and dessert**

**\*\*\*SPECIAL DIET REQUESTS MUST BE MADE WITH RSVP \*\*\***



**GUEST SPEAKER: J. P. Bryan, Jr.  
Founder of Bryan Museum and  
Executive Director of Texas State  
Historical Association**

**PROGRAM: CHALLENGES IN EDUCATION**

**TSHA MISSION: To foster the appreciation, understanding, and teaching of  
the rich and unique history of Texas and, by example and through programs  
and activities, encourage and promote research, preservation, and  
publication of historical material affecting the state of Texas.**

**RECOGNITION: We will be honoring the spouses of  
our elected officials who are present at this meeting.**

**Treasurer's Report**  
**Tina Kirbie, Treasurer**  
**Cash Balance Ending August 31, 2023**  
**\$33,174**

**POLITICAL AND CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER HOURS**  
**For July and August 2023 are due.**

**Please turn in your hours to Irene Henry ([irenem.henry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:irenem.henry@sbcglobal.net))**

Below is a "Reference List" of how your time counts:

- **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!

*New Improved Name tags*



New name tags will be available to order at our regular scheduled meeting in September! They will be on sale at a cost of \$10.00. See Jane Rigsby for more information.



## September 2023 Legislative Report

### Vice President Wanda Buttner

#### **Texas Land Commissioner Promises to Fight Biden's Galveston Wind Farm**

**The proposed wind farm would cover an area larger than the city of Houston.**

Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham is promising to push back against President Joe Biden's proposed 546,645-acre wind farm 24 miles off the Galveston coast. Last year, Biden designated the acreage as a "Wind Energy Area" and directed federal officials to lease the expanse to a wind energy company. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, a branch of the Department of the Interior, claims the project will produce enough energy to power 2.3 million homes. In response to this proposed plan, Texas State Senators *Mayes Middleton* (R-Galveston) and Drew Springer (R-Muenster) have advocated for a new measure that would allow Buckingham to deny the Biden Administration permits for burying cables in Texas-controlled waters in an effort to stop the wind turbines in the Gulf of Mexico. During the legislative session earlier this year, *Middleton* filed Senate Bill 1303, which would have required in-depth investigation into potential wind farms and create a permitting process for such facilities. The bill was ultimately not heard in committee.

Middleton also sent a letter to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management last year drawing attention to the possible harmful effects of the Galveston wind farm, including the unreliability of renewable energy sources and the project's potential to interfere with offshore shipping lanes. In an essay published in the *Daily Caller*, Buckingham also called out the Biden Administration for "ignoring" federal law.

Buckingham said the administration has failed to publish an Environmental Impact Statement, required under the National Environmental Policy Act. She also asserted that the Galveston wind farm would disrupt commercial fishing and shipping in the area—a violation of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act.


The land commissioner referenced the failure of previous unreliable energy projects. "As someone who has traveled all across my great state, I have seen firsthand the wind turbine graveyards of West Texas, where old, decommissioned fan blades sit frozen in time—rusting and decaying," wrote Buckingham. "I cannot imagine a nearly 900 square-mile field of abandoned wind turbines off our coast, degrading and leaching harmful substances into our ocean." Buckingham told *Texas Scorecard* that the Galveston wind farm could impact the country's self-sustainability and promised to fight back against the project. "As Texas' Land Commissioner, I am committed to doing everything in my power to thwart this proposed illegal federal overreach."



# Galveston Republican Women - Supporting Salvation Army



  
The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary  
PRESENTS  
*Apples for Education*  
Style Show Luncheon  
🍏 *Save the Date* 🍏  
August 24, 2023 - Doors open at 11 am  
San Luis Convention Center  
Galveston





# Greater Houston Council of Federated RW – “Hats Off to Republican Women – August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023





# GRW – SUMMER SIZZLER MIXER – AUGUST 9, 2023



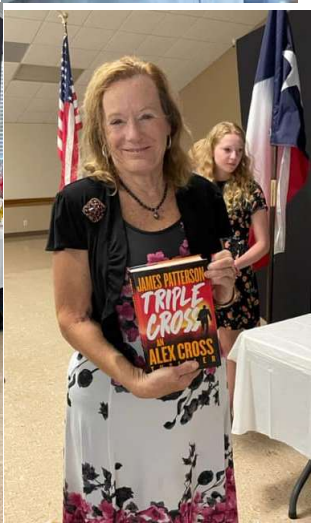






















## Calendar of Events

### 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:

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

## Membership Renewal/Enrollment for 2024 begins in October

The 2024 Membership Form is available on the last page of this Newsletter. Please complete the form and return it with your dues. Forms are also available at each meeting and on the GRW website.

### 2023 Membership Chair Linda Dreith

<b>2023</b>	(as of July 31st)	<b>Membership</b>	<b>143</b>
		<b>Regular Members</b>	<b>85</b>
		<b>Associate</b>	<b>58</b>



# GRW-PAC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION 2024

Dues for the 2024 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):

- |  |                        |                        |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| _____ Awards                                     | _____ Finance          | _____ Membership       |
| _____ Bylaws                                     | _____ Fund-Raising     | _____ Phone            |
| _____ Campaign Activities                        | _____ Get Out the Vote | _____ Program          |
| _____ Community Service                          | _____ Legislative      | _____ Public Relations |
| _____ Other (please specify your interest) _____ |                        |                        |

**For GRW use only:**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail List

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