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2023

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Volunteer Hours

**Please report your
Hours to Irene Henry**
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OCTOBER 2023

As we move into autumn with its changes in nature and prepare for cooler temperatures, let us also prepare for the upcoming elections. In November we will be voting on 14 Amendments

to the Texas Constitution. Do you know what they are? We are also gearing up for the March primaries. Have you met the candidates and listened to their platforms so you can be an informed voter.

France gifted the iconic Statue of Liberty to the United States in October 1886 – a national symbol of freedom. But more and more we are losing our precious freedoms. Parents are called terrorists if they disagree with school boards. We must continue to fight for the unborn and that God created us male and female. People living in border towns feel concern about their safety as illegal immigrants continue their invasion across our borders, destroying the property and letting livestock loose, stealing from those who live along and in the border towns. As this invasion filters into our cities, we fear for the safety of our children, kidnappings are up so the freedom of our children to play freely outside is being lost as drugs and human trafficking rise. So let us work harder than ever to preserve our freedoms.

As the leaves change to the beautiful orange and gold, so we must use the talents and gifts God has given us to change America back to the Great Nation it has been.

Let us thank God with our prayers and by using our minds, hands and feet to bring America back to One Nation Under God.

Roll up your sleeves - there is work to be done.

God Bless America - God Bless Texas - God Bless all of you.

Betty Henry
GRW President





GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN LUNCHEON MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
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 October 14th in order not to be charged as hotel holds us responsible for headcount after this date.****

**RSVP by OCTOBER 14TH to Tina Kirbie:
rkirbie@comcast.net or Tel: 713.504.0304**

**MENU: Cup of Gumbo, Grilled Shrimp, Au Gratin Potatoes, Seasoned
Green Beans, Roll and Dessert**

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



**GUEST SPEAKER
Senator Mayes Middleton**

**TOPIC:
Legislative Update**

2024 GRW NOMINEES FOR OFFICERS

The GRW Nomination Committee will be presenting the slate of officer nominees for 2024. Any nominations from the floor will be received at this meeting. Elections will take place at our November meeting and installation of officers at the December meeting.

SALVATION ARMY – RINGING THE BELL

Each year GRW participates in the Salvation Army "Ringing of the Bell" during the holidays. Jane Rigsby, Chairwoman of this Outreach Program, has had several GRW members sign up to ring the bell. If you would like to volunteer or make a financial donation to the SA, you may do so at our October meeting. Please notate "Galveston Republican Women" on note/memo of check as we receive recognition from the Salvation Army. Thank you!

***** MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS *****

Friday, November 10th, 5:30p.m.

Galveston Republican Women

“REDDER IN 2024” DINNER & STYLESHOW

SUPPORTING our CANDIDATES - KEEPING TEXAS RED

\$100pp Open Seating - \$1,000 Sponsor Table of 8 - \$1,000 Reserved Table of 10

RSVP Tina Kirbie: rkirbie@comcast.net or call 713.504.0304

**MINUTES: Galveston Republican Women Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 20, 2023 – San Luis Resort and Hotel
Submitted by Mosette Davis, GRW Reporting Secretary**

President Betty Henry opened the meeting at 11:57am. Debra Jackson said a prayer. Betty then asked all veterans and acting military 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.

Betty asked elected officials to stand and introduce themselves and then candidates running for office. Next she asked spouses of our elected officials to stand, thanked them for their sacrifices and the encouragement they make, called them to the podium where she gave a flags pin to Dave Wilson and an elephant pin to Kim Bonnen. Betty then called Irene Henry to the podium for another presentation. Irene talked about the importance of turning in our volunteer hours. Then she recognized two top people, Terri Leo Wilson who turned in 2,370 hours and Janice Broussard who turned in 1,166 hours. These hours are for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. The next closest member turned in 615 hours. Terri and Janice received Spa Gift certificates to The Hotel Galvez Spa.

Betty mentioned reminders of upcoming events.

October 4th Mud Building in Bayou Vista, Representative Greg Bonnen will explain the 14 Amendments to the Texas Constitution. There is no charge for this public service.

October 18th is our next meeting at the San Luis Resort and Hotel and Mayes Middleton will be our guest speaker.

November 10th (in the evening) is our Fundraiser and Style Show. The money we raise goes toward the Republican Candidates to help them get elected.

November 11th GRW will have a space at the Holiday Market in Bayou Vista at the Mud 12 building selling our cookbooks and patriotic ornaments starting at 9:00am.

November 18th we will be at Moody Market selling our cookbooks and we are need help setting up, selling and taking down. Our booth will be outside.

November 30th GRW will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Kroger's on the Seawall. Jane Rigsby, is going to need some help with that. If you normally give to the Salvation Army once a year please give your check to Jane so GRW will get credit for the donation.

December 13th is our last meeting. Terri Leo Wilson will be our speaker and she will be swearing in our new GRW board. Our charity for Christmas will be the Shriners Hospital here in Galveston.

Treasurer's Report
Tina Kirbie, Treasurer
Cash Balance Ending September 31, 2023
\$31,529

POLITICAL AND CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER HOURS
For October 2023

Please turn in your hours to Irene Henry (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.)
- **Club Board Meetings** (travel to and from included)
- Officers of RW Clubs may count **time spent on completing the duties required of that office** (administrative work, agendas, mailings, meeting setups, etc.)
- 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.**
- All time spent at **Club, Region, State and National Federation Meetings** or events (in person or virtual).
- **Running for office** as a Republican candidate.
- **Working at local/state/county/national offices** (candidate/elected official office)
- **Serving as elected member of your Local, State or National Party Committee**
- **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.**
- **Working on any aspect of a Republican campaign** (partisan or non-partisan).
- **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.



October 2023
Legislative Report
Vice President Wanda Buttner
The Texas Minute presented by the
Texas Score Card
Michael Quinn Sullivan & Brandon Waltens

Nearly 800 New Laws Have Taken Effect

- While several pieces of Republican priority legislation have been delayed due to lawsuits, [774 new laws went into effect in Texas on Friday](#).

A new corporate welfare program, “Texas Jobs, Energy, Technology, and Innovation Act,” is now in place. It is a new statewide economic incentive program replacing the state’s controversial Chapter 313 program, which ended after lawmakers [declined](#) to renew it two years ago.

A law banning child gender mutilation procedures is now in effect despite legal opposition in state court. The same goes for legislation providing regulatory certainty for businesses, which had been confronting an increasingly hostile patchwork of contradictory local regulations.

- As [Sydnie Henry reports](#), none of those new laws provide for significant border security. Only [six](#) of the new laws are even tangentially related to the ongoing border crisis.

New Law Requires Texas Schools to Hire Security Guards

- With the 2023-2024 school year already underway, a new law will soon require Texas school districts and charter schools to [hire at least one armed security guard](#) for every campus.
- The new law requires schools to provide training to an armed security officer employed by the district using state funds.
- The district’s board of trustees will determine the appropriate number of armed security officers for each school. However, the law stipulates that at least one armed guard must be in every school during regular school hours.
- The measure also requires school district leadership to meet regularly with their law enforcement counterparts to discuss any emergency preparedness and action plans needed to keep students safe.

**The Texas Minute presented by the
Texas Score Card
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(continued)**

Biden May Force Illegal Aliens to Remain in Texas

- Reports from Washington indicate the Biden administration is considering new rules that would force illegal aliens to remain in Texas while awaiting asylum screening. Emily Medeiros reports that border patrol agents encountered 183,503 illegal aliens in July, rising by almost 40,000 since June.
- The Biden plan would allegedly force illegal aliens to remain in Texas—or other border states—by tracking their location through GPS monitoring devices, like ankle bracelets. The program places illegal alien families under a strict curfew and requires at least one family member to wear a GPS monitoring device.
- The administration has presented no plans to curb the inflow of illegal aliens.

Texans for Fiscal Responsibility Calls for Special Session to Eliminate Property Taxes

- As Texas lawmakers gear up for a special legislative session focused on education, Texans for Fiscal Responsibility is asking Gov. Greg Abbott to prioritize property tax elimination. Katy Marshall has the story.
- TFR said they support Abbott calling a special session on education freedom “so long as it is directed towards real, fiscally sound, education freedom for *all* Texas families.”
- However, the group also asked Abbott to include “legislation that provides a pathway to property tax elimination, a cause that you have publicly supported in the recent past.”

Texas Senate voted to acquit Attorney General Ken Paxton on all impeachment charges.

- After signaling that he would call for an audit into the impeachment trial expenses shortly after the verdict on Saturday, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has now officially made the request.
- To be clear, the goal is to determine the absolute total cost to the state of preparing for and conducting this trial from the beginning through its conclusion, wrote Patrick. “This must detail all expenses, including but not limited to, investigators’ expenses, document production and assembly, attorney expenses, witness fees, travel, food and lodging.”

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Wednesday, September 20th, GRW members and guests filled the Mainsail Room at the San Luis Hotel to listen to Guest Speaker J. P. Bryan, Jr. (Founder of Bryan Museum and Executive Director of Texas State Historical Association) speak on "Challenges In Education". Dave Wilson and Kim Bonnen were recognized for their support and representation of House Reps Terri Leo Wilson and Dr. Greg Bonnen at the meeting. Terri Leo Wilson and Janice Broussard were presented with a gift in appreciation for having reported the highest number of volunteer hours for GRW -almost double of any member.



Galveston Republican Women supporting the Adria Women's Health Annual Gala



Texas House Representative Dr. Greg Bonnen spoke on the 14 Texas Amendments at a recent Galveston Republican Women Public Service Meeting held in the City of Bayou Vista, MUD 12 Reception Hall.



Lincoln Regan Fundraising Gala -Trolley Station in Galveston, Texas
Galveston Republican Women enjoyed participating in the recent
Lincoln Regan Fundraising Gala in support of the GCRP.



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:

Galveston Republican Women: www.galvestonrepublicanwomen.com

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

2023 Elected Officers



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GHCFRW: 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

2023	(as of July 31st)	Membership	143
		Regular Members	85
		Associate	58



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 #