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

November, colder weather, Early Voting, Election Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving plus many other events going on.

I took time out to Vote - did You? It is important that you vote- Your Voice is important and the way to get it heard is at the ballot booth.

When you see a Veteran thank him or her for his/her service. They have kept our flag waving proudly.

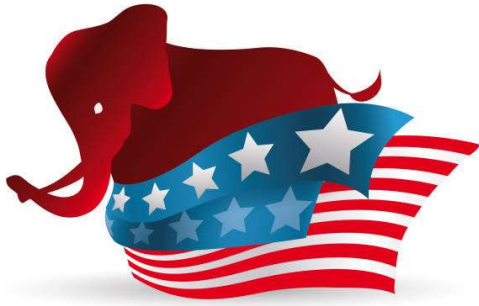
We recently sang the hymn 'THE EYES AND HANDS OF CHRIST' at Mass. Some of the verses- 'One we become no longer strangers'—'Christ is the Center of our lives.' What a perfect time of year to remember these verses as we interact with others. Republicans believe God comes first, if ever there was a time to think on this fact, it is now. We really do have a lot for which to Thank God. Many will be traveling while others will spend time with our families and extended families here. Others are recovering from various natural disasters and the horrible disasters of wars or suffering from severe health issues. How can we be His eyes and hands and good Republicans. First let's be Thankful for all the blessings given us. As we interact with others who may disagree with us on various political issues, we need to know the true facts and be respectful to others who are misinformed. Getting angry or "even" is not the Republican way and certainly not God's way. Helping those who are suffering for various reasons, when we can, is the Republicans way and what children of God should do. Even among Republicans who support different candidates let us not lose the fact we are His eyes and hands, and that America gives us the Freedom to choose (let us pray we do not lose this right that so many gave their lives for us to have). We are one Party, to stay strong and win in 2024 we must be One in the party no longer Strangers.

God Bless & keep you safe in your travels.  
God Bless all Veterans and First Responders  
God Bless All of You  
God Bless America and God Bless Texas

Betty Henry  
GRW President



# Galveston Republican Women



## Redder in 2024 Fundraiser

**Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

San Luis Hotel & Resort – Grand Ballroom

5:30 p.m. Reception & Cash Bar - 6:30 p.m. Dinner & Style Show

### **Keep Texas Red**

**Support Our Republican Candidates**

**Support Our Republican Party**

***“WEAR RED!”***, DINE with ***FELLOW PATRIOTS***  
***HONOR*** our ***VETERANS*** and ***FIRST RESPONDERS***  
***ENJOY*** the ***LATEST FASHIONS*** of the ***SEASON***  
***MODELED*** by ***MEMBERS*** and ***ASSOCIATE MEMBERS***.

Dinner Menu: Salad, Grilled Shrimp, Au Gratin Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Dinner Rolls, and Bread Pudding

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

**PROGRAM: Honoring our Veterans and First Responders**

**Election of GRW Officers for 2024**

**STYLE SHOW “Dressing for the Season”**

***Proverb 31:25: “She is clothed with strength and dignity, and laughs without fear of the future”***

### **INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY**

\$ 100 Per Person (\$104 credit card) – Open Seating

\$1,000 Sponsor Table of Eight (\$1036 credit card)

\$1,000 Reserved Table of Ten (\$1036 credit card)

**\*\*\* LIMITED SEATING, RESERVATIONS ONLY \*\*\***

**RSVP NOW TO TINA KIRBIE: [rkirbie@comcast.net](mailto:rkirbie@comcast.net) or Tel 713.504.0304.**

***\*Reservation must be cancelled by November 6<sup>th</sup> in order not to be charged as hotel holds GRW responsible for headcount after this date. \****

## MINUTES

**Wednesday, October 18, 2023 – San Luis Resort and Hotel**

President Betty Henry opened the meeting at 12:02pm. Deacon Douglas Matthews, Holy Family Parish Church said a prayer. Betty then asked all veterans and first responders to come forward and lead us in the Pledges. Betty pointed out folders on each table from Dr. Greg Bonnen explaining the 14 Amendments to the Texas Constitution that we will be voting on in November. Betty then mentioned our November Fundraiser and Style Show on November 10<sup>th</sup> in the evening. “WEAR RED”. If possible, please mail a check or give credit card info to Tina Kirby in advance. The money we raise goes toward the Republican Candidates to help them get elected and keep Galveston Red.

There was a jar for the Salvation Army out front on the sign in table. If you normally give to the Salvation Army, please give here so GRW will get credit for the donations. GRW dues for 2024 are due now. Please see Linda Dreith to renew or to join as a new member or send application to Tina Kirbie. The address is on our website. Jasmine Lawther, GRW style show coordinator, asked the models to see her after today’s meeting.

Our Nominating Committee is Irene Henry, Jeannie Koenig and Tina Kirbie. Committee Chair Irene Henry presented the following Candidates for 2024. Sylvia Horne, President, Brenda Weber, 1<sup>st</sup> VP of Programs, Wanda Buttner, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP of Campaign and Legislative Action, Fran Card, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Public Relations, Tina Kirbie, Treasurer and Lizette Gaudin, Secretary. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the November meeting. A ballot will be provided if needed and a vote taken. Note: A nominee for President must have served on the Board or Advisory Board for one term.

Next Betty asked Vice President Sylvia Horne to come up and introduce our wonderful guest speaker Senator Mayes Middleton. Mayes gave a very informative Legislative Update and asked for our support of the 14 Amendments on the ballot. Sylvia thanked Mayes and presented him with a gift.

Betty asked elected officials, candidates and those running for office to stand and introduce themselves. Betty thanked Senator Mayes Middleton for all he does in Texas and the community at large.

Betty thanked everyone for attending and wished them a safe trip to their destination. She thanked the staff of San Luis and the servers and ended the meeting with God Bless America, God Bless Texas and God bless all of you.

Adjourned at 12:44pm  
Respectively Submitted,  
Mosette Davis, Secretary

### *New Improved Name tags*



**Our new name tags are available. They may be purchased at a cost of \$10.00. See Jane Rigsby for more information. MINUTES - Galveston Republican Women Regular Meeting**

**Treasurer's Report**  
**Tina Kirbie, Treasurer**  
**Cash Balance Ending October 31, 2023**  
**\$30,502**

**POLITICAL AND CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER HOURS**  
**For November 2023**

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

**"Reference List" - 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!**



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

**House Lawmakers Pass Border Security Measure** Three measures passed the Texas House dealing with border security issues, reports Sydnie Henry. Senate Bill 4 by State Sen. Pete Flores (R-Pleasanton) will increase penalties for human smuggling and operating a stash house. House Bill 6 by State Rep. Jacey Jetton (R-Richmond) appropriates \$1.5 billion in funding for constructing, operating, and maintaining border barrier infrastructure. During the floor debate, the measure was amended to ban the funds from being used for eminent domain of private land or to build a barrier along Texas' borders with other U.S. states. House Bill 4 by State Rep. David Spiller (R-Jacksboro) creates a criminal penalty for improper entry from a foreign nation. Even though the Senate passed a version of this several weeks ago, the House chose instead to move Spiller's measure.

**New York and Texas Clash Over Border Crisis** With the border crisis worsening, New York Gov. Kathy Hochul said she "will not be taking advice" from Texas Gov. Greg Abbott on the influx of illegal aliens in her state. As Katy Marshall reports, Hochul has attacked Abbott's practice of bussing illegal aliens to liberal enclaves like New York City. While speaking at the Manhattan Institute in New York City last week, Abbott refuted her claims about his illegal alien busing program. He then pointed to the death of a 1-year-old in a New York City daycare from fentanyl. Every state in America now is a border state. Every community is a border community. In addition to the migrants, whether they be in New York City or wherever, fentanyl is pouring all across this country," said Abbott, who encouraged Hochul to put pressure on the Biden administration. Hochul later slammed Abbott for his comments. She pushed blame for the border crisis on Republicans. "Let me be clear, I will not be taking advice from Greg Abbott," she added. Meanwhile, the nation of Costa Rica declared a state of emergency due to a wave of illegal aliens crossing through their country. Nearly 85,000 traveled through the country last month headed to the United States.

**Federal Judge Tells Biden DHS To Stop Cutting Texas' Border Wire.** A federal judge has issued a temporary restraining order against the Biden administration, which had instructed agents to cut concertina wire placed by Texas to curb the flow of illegal aliens. In response to the Biden order, Attorney General Ken Paxton filed suit against Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas. The wire cutting that became the basis of the lawsuit took place in Eagle Pass, which has become a hotspot of illegal crossings. DHS has claimed they have been forced to cut the wire at points so they can detain and process illegal aliens who cross into the United States. Paxton, meanwhile, has maintained that Texas is within its rights to defend its border. A hearing on the matter is set for Nov. 7 in El Paso. "The federal government's outrageous escalation in response to our lawsuit demonstrates Biden's disturbing contempt for the State of Texas, for the citizens of the United States, and for our country's entire foundation of the rule of law," said Paxton "By acting quickly and monitoring their actions closely, we were able to secure a restraining order, and I am confident we will continue to prevail."

**Biden Officials Pause 'Remain In Texas' Policy** After it was revealed that the Biden administration planned to force illegal aliens to remain in Texas while awaiting asylum screening, U.S. officials have now said the plan is being shelved. Emily Medeiros reports the initiative was set to take effect in mid-September. But according to U.S. officials and documents obtained by CBS News, it was local opposition from the Democrat-led City of El Paso that collapsed the plan. Officials in El Paso initially

agreed to provide 400 hotel rooms to house illegal aliens who were enrolled in the 'Remain In Texas' plan. However, once parts of the plan became public knowledge, local officials backtracked on providing housing for the illegal aliens. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has threatened to sue the administration over the policy. He has also asserted that if Biden's plan goes into effect, he will send more buses of illegal aliens to Washington, D.C.

**Abbott Slaps House Over Watered-Down School Choice Proposal** As part of this third special legislative session, Gov. Greg Abbott has tasked lawmakers with implementing a school choice program. Specifically, he has called for "legislation providing education savings accounts for all Texas schoolchildren. "As Brandon Waltens reports, a proposal floated by the House late last week quickly drew Abbott's disapproval. The Senate has passed multiple school choice and educational freedom programs, which have been killed in the House by Speaker Dade Phelan without giving them a debate by the full chamber. State Rep. Brad Buckley (R-Salado) chairs the House Committee on Public Education. He filed a 200-page piece of legislation late last week that combines teacher pay raises with a very limited education savings account program. While the Senate's latest version would give \$8,000 to each qualifying student, the House reduces that to \$6,160 and caps the number of students who can participate to 25,000. Buckley also wants to eliminate the state's A to F accountability ratings for public schools. A spokesman for the governor said Phelan has been told the legislation is unacceptable, as it "differs from what the Governor's office had negotiated with the House's leadership team selected by the Speaker. "Polling among Republican primary voters finds the governor's position to be the winning one. In the 2022 GOP primary, more than 87 percent of voters supported a non-binding proposition that stated "funding should follow the student." It carried even larger majorities in rural parts of the state than in the urban cores.

**Ban on Employer COVID Vaccine Mandates Headed to the Governors Desk.** On a mostly party-line vote, the Texas House adopted the Senate's legislation banning COVID-19 vaccination mandates by employers. The measure was placed on the agenda of the third special session by Gov. Greg Abbott earlier this month. The Senate approved the measure within day. A notable change came in the form of an amendment offered by State Rep. Steve Toth (R-The Woodlands). His amendment increased the fine for violations to \$50,000. The measure's House sponsor, State Rep. Jeff Leach (R-Plano), called Toth's proposal "reckless and silly" before claiming it would be opposed by the Senate's author, Mayes Middleton (R-Galveston). Leach was visibly shaken moments later when State Rep. Brian Harrison (R-Midlothian) said he had spoken with Middleton about the exact amendment and that the senator had expressed support for That amendment was added to the legislation by a vote of 87-57. Senator Mayes Middleton (R-Galveston) said "No one should ever be forced to choose between their job and taking the COVID vaccine. Senate Bill 7 is the strongest ban on COVID vaccine mandates in the country. There are NO carveouts or exceptions to the ban. The bill will be headed to the Governor's desk to be signed into law very soon.

### **Do You Believe Trump's Indictments Are Politically Motivated?**

(Poll was taken Nov. 1 by Patriots Edition and Conducted by American Polling)

Yes – Democrats have been out to get him since he took office (99,534) vote

No – The charges are completely justified (2,192) vote

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**Galveston Republican Women Luncheon Meeting  
Wednesday, October 18th, 2024 - Mainsail Room, San Luis Hotel**









## 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>

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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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## 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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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):

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

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

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