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Volunteer Hours

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

December is a very busy time for most of us, but I hope you will take the time to do small acts of kindness as you go about interacting with others as you do your Christmas or Hanukkah shopping. It is a time to remember that we are celebrating the Greatest Love and Miracle. Let that love show as you go about your planning, shopping, baking, cooking & decorating, going to parties etc. If we truly believe as Republicans that God is First in our lives, it needs to show in how we talk to and act towards others in our daily activities. I pray we do not get so caught up in all the activities and festivities that we forget this time of year is all about HIM.

Then here comes the New Year: As we think about those New Year resolutions, let's take the time to look back at what we did right & what we could do better as children of God, Republicans and Americans. We need to build on the strengths and correct the mistakes if we can. Hopefully we learn from the mistakes so we can grow stronger & improved as individuals who are children of God, Republicans & Americans. Praying and working together makes us stronger.

God Bless each & everyone & keep you safe in your travels.

God Bless all First Responders

God Bless America and God Bless Texas

Merry Christmas

Happy Hanukkah

Very Blessed New Year

Betty Henry

GRW President



**GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

**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
December 9th in order not to be charged as
hotel holds us responsible for headcount
after this date.*****

MENU

**Salad, Sliced Turkey with Gravy,
Cranberry Sauce, Mashed Potatoes,
Baby Green Beans, Freshly baked bread
with Butter, Pumpkin Cheesecake, Iced
Tea, Coffee and Water**

******SPECIAL DIET REQUESTS
MUST BE MADE AT TIME OF RSVP***

PROGRAM

Woman of Distinction Award

Diego Turrubiarres

Associate Director of Philanthropy

Shriners Children's Texas

(GRW's 2023 Christmas Charity)

House Representative Terri Leo-Wilson

Installation of GRW 2024 Officers

RSVP by DECEMBER 9TH to Tina Kirbie:

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***** SAVE THE DATE *****

GRW JANUARY 17, 2024 MEETING

SPEAKER: DAN CUMMINS

**PASTOR OF CAPITOL WORSHIP –
WASHINGTON, DC**

MINUTES

GRW Fundraiser and Style Show

Friday, November 20th, 2023

San Luis Resort and Hotel

The reception started at 5:30pm. Welcoming committee members Jane Rigsby and Donna Bumpas pinned ribbons on veterans and first responders and gave favor bags to lady guests as they arrived.

President Betty Henry welcomed everyone at 6:25pm. She said a prayer and invited Judge Neves to the podium. She asked veterans and 1st responders to stand. Judge Neves called up the Color Guard. Everyone remained standing for the pledges.

Remaining at the podium, Betty acknowledged Judge Neves for his many accomplishments: For service to his country in the United States Marine Corps, noting his education, practicing law for 33 years before becoming a judge and many more accomplishments over the years and his great friendship to GRW - always answering yes when asked for his help. Betty presented him with a gift of appreciation for always being there for us.

Betty invited elected officials and candidates to introduce themselves. She then called Irene Henry to the podium. Irene presented a slate of nominees for GRW 2024 officers. She asked for any nominations from the floor. Being none, Cathy Frederickson made a motion to accept the slate as presented. Judge Anne Darring seconded. The motion carried.

Betty invited Sylvia Horne to introduce the evening program with Jasmine Lawther presenting the Style Show Theme: Dressing for the Holidays. Proverb 31:25 "She is clothed with strength and dignity, and laughs without fear of the future". It was a wonderful presentation by our own models wearing lovely fashions. The Grand finale included all models coming out and Jasmine introducing each model. Jasmine received a special gift and thank you. Betty closed a very special evening inviting Rebecca Jimmerson to the stage to sing "My Prayer for America".

The evening's event concluded at 7:25p.m.

Respectively Submitted - Mosette Davis, Secretary

New Name tags



Our new name tags are available. They may be purchased at a cost of \$10.00. See Jane Rigsby for more information

TREASURER'S REPORT

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Cash Balance Ending
November 30, 2023
\$34,372.82

Tina Kirbie
Treasurer

POLITICAL AND CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER HOURS

Due

October – November -
December 2023

Please turn in your hours to
Irene Henry
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"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 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, or national offices** (candidate/elected official office)
- **Serving as elected member of your Local, State or National Party Committee**
Block walking, preparing letters to the editor or to 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.**



December 2023 Legislative Report Vice President Wanda Buttner Texas ScoreCard

by Micheal Q. Sullivan & Brandon Walters

Paxton Impeachment Leader Won't Seek Re-Election

State Rep. Andrew Murr (R–Junction), who led the impeachment charge against Attorney General Ken Paxton, has announced he will not seek re-election. First elected to the Texas House in 2014, Murr was named the chairman of the House General Investigating Committee by Speaker Dade Phelan earlier this year. From that post, Murr led a secret investigation against Paxton that culminated in a rushed impeachment process. Paxton was exonerated by the Senate this fall. Besides the impeachment push, Murr's record led to his censure at home by the Republican executive committees in Medina and Bandera counties. By leaving office, Murr avoids a potentially embarrassing re-election fight. He had already gained a primary challenge from Wes Virdell, who was endorsed by Attorney General Ken Paxton.

Parents Want an Inspector General for Public Education

As the debate over “school choice” continues in the Texas Legislature, parents are asking Gov. Greg Abbott to expand his agenda for the ongoing fourth special legislative session to include more oversight and accountability in public education. [Erin Anderson has the details.](#) Aileen Blachowski is part of Texas Education 911, a grassroots movement promoting parent-identified policy solutions. “With more than 50 percent of the state budget spent on public education, Texas needs an Inspector General for Education to report fraud, waste and abuse—especially abuses of parental rights and school employees who physically or sexually harm a child,” said Blachowski. The organization has documented 32 stories of students across the state harmed by public school administrators failing to follow the law when children have been abused by district employees.

House Passes Senate's Border Security Legislation

Two pieces of border security legislation received approval from the Texas House on Tuesday, [reports Sydnie Henry.](#) One will provide new funding for border barrier infrastructure, while the other will create a criminal penalty for illegal entry into the state. Slight changes made by the House to the funding package mean senators must choose to either concur or send the legislation to a conference committee where the differences can be addressed. The Texas House is expected to take up legislation on school choice and education funding on Friday.

Illegal Immigration Costs American Taxpayers Nearly Half a Trillion

A new report from the U.S. House Committee on Homeland Security shows that the border crisis is costing American taxpayers around \$451 billion per year. The staggering amount of money is used to fund illegal aliens' healthcare, education, and housing, as well as the burden of additional law enforcement. Last month, the House Judiciary Committee revealed that the Biden administration has failed to remove more than 99 percent of illegal aliens who have been released into the U.S. Since President Joe Biden's inauguration in January 2021 through March 31, 2023, authorities have removed only 108,100 of at least 2.15 million illegal aliens officials caught and then released into the country.

New Investigative Series Launches On Monday

The first in a two-part series will launch at noon on Monday, looking at the political appointments made by Gov. Greg Abbott.

From State Rep. Mayes Middelton

Last night, I joined my colleagues in the Senate to once again pass school choice, teacher pay raises, more funding to build the wall along the border, and the strongest border security bill in Texas history.

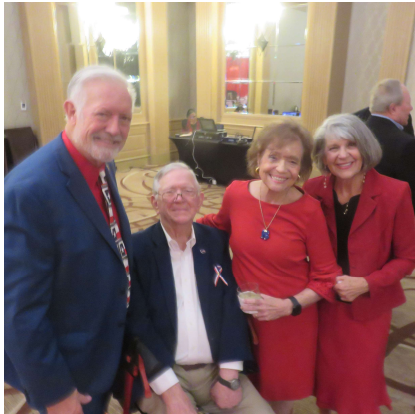
As a state, we must defend ourselves from the invasion occurring at the southern border. If the federal government refuses to do their job, then Texas will secure our border. I will continue to fight for as long as it takes to see universal school choice become law, where every parent is empowered to be the primary decision maker in their child's education. Our rights as parents come from God, not government. Every parent has the God-given right to choose the best educational opportunity for their child. Today, Governor Abbott signed my bill to ban all COVID vaccine mandates into law. No one should ever be forced to choose between their job and taking the COVID vaccine, including nursing students and interns. Senate Bill 7 is the strongest ban on COVID vaccine mandates in the country. There are NO carveouts or exceptions to the ban.

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**Galveston Republican Women
Fundraiser Dinner and Style Show
REDDER IN 2024**

Friday, November 10th, 2023 – Grand Ballroom, San Luis Hotel











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

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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

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

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 #