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### Volunteer Hours

Please report your Hours  
to Irene Henry

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## GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Message from the President  
January 2024

**Welcome to 2024!** What a God Gift you are! You make a difference where you stand, where you shop in the marketplace. Just think about it; we had 100 people at our December luncheon. That is 100 people making a difference in and around Galveston. **That matters!**

At times it seems there is craziness all around and yet, here we are shining our little beacon of light with kindness, with joy and with the assurance that we are not in vain. Everything you do makes a difference. Galveston, Texas, our Nation, and the World needs you to be the light where you stand. I pray God's blessings and direction for each of us in this new year.

### We will do more in 2024!

Keep an eye out for upcoming events. Seek places and opportunities to be the difference. We will post events for you. If you see or know of additional opportunities, let us know. I'm delighted we have Brenda Weber as Program Chairman this year. She has secured Pastor Dan Cummings, founder of Capitol Worship. He and his wife, JoAnn launched "Come Pray with Me". For 12 years they have been making a difference every Wednesday evening with their worship services in the US Capitol. His message for us is "The Seven Feasts; Are Current Events happening according to Ancient Patterns?" Invite your friends to join us. You won't want to miss this.

**"We will make a difference in 2024."**

Sylvia Horne  
President



# Happy New Year

Please join Galveston  
Republican Women for our First  
Meeting of the New Year  
**Invite family and friends to join!**

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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

San Luis 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 January 13<sup>th</sup> in order not to be charged, as the hotel holds us responsible for headcount after this date.*

**\*\*\* LUNCHEON MENU \*\*\***

Salad, Hamburger Steak with Grilled Onions and Mushrooms, Mashed Potatoes, Assorted Steamed Vegetables, Freshly Baked Bread with Butter, Dessert, Iced Tea, Coffee and Water

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

**Program Speaker: Pastor Dan Cummings**

**Founder of Capitol Worship**

**Program Topic: “The Seven Feasts”: Are Current Events Happening According to Ancient Patterns?**

Pastor Dan and his wife, JoAnn launched “Come Pray with Me.” For 12 years they have been making a difference every Wednesday evening with their worship services in the US Capitol.

**RSVP by JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> to Tina Kirbie:  
[rkirbie@comcast.net](mailto:rkirbie@comcast.net) or Tel: 713.504.0304**

# **POLITICAL AND CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER HOURS**

**Fourth Quarter 2023 Volunteer Hours are Due**  
(October – November - December 2023 Hours)

**Please turn your hours into 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 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 nonpartisan)
- Working on Republican ballot questions, initiatives, or petitions

**Treasurer's Report**  
Tina Kirbie, Treasurer  
Cash Balance Ending  
December 31, 2023  
**\$33,790.00**

**Renew your  
membership  
for 2024**

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.

*New Name tags*



Name tags are available to order. They may be purchased at a cost of \$10.00. See Jane Rigsby for more information.

**Primary Elections  
will be held  
Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The Primary election determines who from the Republican Party you want to represent you in the major General Election November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. It is very important to know who is running in the Primary, less than two months away, and to vote. Educate and share your knowledge with others.

**Help Take Back our Courts**

We will be voting this year for justices to the Court of appeals. It is important to support Republican candidates.

**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**



## January 2024 Legislative Report

### Vice President Wanda Buttner

Excerpts from  
The Texas Minute  
Michael Q Sullivan  
Lois A Kolhorst, Senator Dist 18

**30 bills, which passed during the last regular Texas legislative session, went into effect on January 1, 2024.** There were new policy changes that will impact every Texan.

Among the most sweeping policy bill going into effect is SB 17. Texas Senate Bill 17 **dissolves the diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) offices in public universities.** The bill prohibits diversity statements in hiring processes, and universities will no longer offer training on diversity for its faculty and staff.

There are **three bills impacting seniors 65 and over.** Texas Senate Bill-1381 allows certain tax exemptions on homes to carry over to their spouse after a 65+ person passes away. Texas House Bill-4077 removes the need to apply for homestead exemptions for senior homeowners and makes it the responsibility of the local appraisal district. Texas House Bill-2354 will benefit Texas landowners. When a landowner leaves property to their spouse, the land will not be considered as having transferred ownership for tax purposes.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller has endorsed David Covey in his GOP primary race against incumbent Speaker Dade Phelan of Beaumont. Covey has also been endorsed by Attorney General Ken Paxton. Miller highlighted Phelan's practice of appointing Democrats to chair committees in the GOP-dominated chamber as a reason for his decision. **David Covey, the former Orange County Republican Party chairman, first announced his campaign against Phelan in June.** Also in the race against Phelan is Alicia Davis of Jasper, who says her main priority is eliminating property taxes and county appraisal districts.

**ACLU Files Lawsuit Against Texas' New Border Law** A new law making illegal entrance into Texas a state crime is being challenged by the American Civil Liberties Union. The lawsuit is being filed on behalf of Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center, the American Gateways, and the County of El Paso. **The lawsuit challenges the legislation as a violation of the so-called "supremacy clause" of the Constitution—the idea that federal law is superior to state law.** The plaintiffs want the federal courts to declare the state legislation entirely unlawful and forbid its enforcement. Gov. Greg Abbott is dismissive of the lawsuit and says the states have the right to defend themselves when the federal government is not doing its job. “Federal courts shouldn’t side with the ACLU in supporting the federal government’s program of chaos at our southern border.” – The new law does not take effect until Tuesday, March 5, 2024. [\*Tony McDonald\*](#)

**GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN**  
**Christmas Luncheon Meeting**  
**Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**



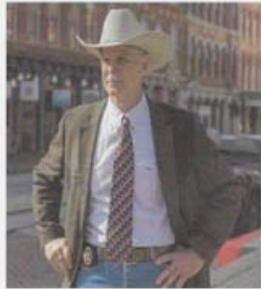
**Debra Jackson leading in prayer**



**Military and first responders leading with the pledge**

Our New President, Sylvia Horne, would like the Candidates and Elected Officials to lead the Pledge at the January meeting. There after she will be inviting different community groups to lead the Pledge. So many have been under attack, that we want to recognize and honor them.

**Don Pollock, President of Mid-County Republican PAC,  
invited everyone to the**



**JIMMY FULLEN**

**THE SHERIFF'S  
DEBATE**



**RAY NOLEN**

**Mid-County Republican Networking Group**  
**The Mid-County Republican Networking Group**  
**has scheduled the Debate at College of the**  
**Mainland, for**  
**January 23, 2024**  
**6:30 to 8:30 PM**

**The location is Building L-131**

**Diego Turrubiarres,  
Associate Director of Philanthropy  
For Shriners Children's Texas  
Accepting a \$1,500.00 check  
from  
**The Galveston Republican  
Women****



**Betty Henry presenting Joyce Bell  
GRW Woman of Distinction Award 2023**



**Table Decorations**



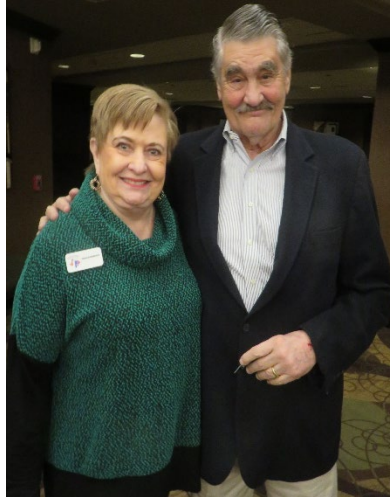
**Sylvia Horne, 2024 GRW President**



**State Representative Terri Leo Wilson**



**Swearing-in of 2024 GRW Officers**







# **GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

## **Minutes**

### **Christmas Luncheon Meeting Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

President Betty Henry opened the meeting at 12:00 noon. Debra Jackson said a prayer. Betty then asked all veterans and first responders to come forward and lead us in the Pledges. Betty asked the elected officials and candidates to stand and introduce themselves.

She invited Don Pollock from Mid County up to make an announcement. Don asked everyone to mark their calendar for an upcoming debate among the candidates for Sheriff. It is being put together for January 23, 2024 at The College of the Mainland. Details will be forthcoming.

Betty announced that our Christmas Charity for this year is Shriners Children's Texas. There are envelopes on the table for anyone who would like to make a donation to Shriners. She shared the story of a young girl who with Shriners help was able to walk again and a Shriner's nurse is talking with the African government and will be able to adopt her. Betty then introduced Diego Turrubiartes, Associate Director of Philanthropy for Shriners Children's Texas. Diego told a personal touching story about how Shriners had helped him. Betty then presented Diego with a check for \$1,500 from The Galveston Republican Women and any money collected in the envelopes will be given to them at the end of the meeting.

Betty then asked Joyce Bell to come forward. Joyce was presented the Woman of Distinction Award for all she has done for the Galveston Republican Women and the Republican Party over several years.

Betty gave her farewell speech thanking her officers, auxiliary officers, the speakers who have given their time this year, our members and all those in office and those running for office that have come to our meetings and supported us this year and those helping in many other areas.

Betty then invited Sylvia Horne to the podium. Sylvia asked State Representative Terri Leo Wilson and the newly elected officers to be sworn in to come up to the podium. Terri shared a story of her road from college to her current elected position with an emphasis on the importance of volunteering. She then swore in 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.

Newly elected President Sylvia Horne gave her acceptance speech.

Adjourned at 1:00pm

Respectively Submitted,

Mosette Davis

## 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> Thurs.</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:

Galveston Republican Women: [www.galvestonrepublicanwomen.com](http://www.galvestonrepublicanwomen.com)

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 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](#)

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### 2024 Membership Chair Linda Dreith

<b>2024</b>	<b>(as of Nov &amp; Dec, 2023)</b>	<b>Membership.....</b>	<b>92</b>
		<b>Regular Members</b>	<b>54</b>
		<b>Associate</b>	<b>38</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 #