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**Joyce Bell, GRW Woman of Distinction Award 2023*

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Volunteer Hours
Please report your
Hours to Irene Henry

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**GALVESTON REPUBLICAN
WOMEN**
Message from the President

April 2024

Can you believe we are already into the second quarter of 2024? Spring is here. Everything old is blooming, growing and showing its colors. It is time for Republican Women to spread our love of God and Country. Time for us to bloom with excitement and determination to make the 2024 election redder than it has ever been. We have a very tough but doable job ahead.

Our speakers for the April Meeting will be giving some great ideas to motivate and stimulate our actions in Galveston County. Be ready to sign up and get to work.

The Galveston Republican Women have made a big difference in the past and we can do it again. This is the year to save our State and our Country. Be ready to participate.

If you are a small business owner we would like to invite you to lead us in the pledge on April 17th and tell us a little about your business.

*God Bless,
Sylvia*



GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN LUNCHEON MEETING

PLEASE JOIN US

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Guests Cindy Dishman, Stephanie Figari and Dina Car, members of the Jefferson County Republican Party, will explain how under the leadership of a new Republican County Chair, they changed the direction of a county with a Democratic strong hold, to a county that emerged as a beacon of Republican dominance in the 2022 Mid Term Elections. This information was presented to members of the Republican National Committee in Washinton DC in September of 2023.

MEETING TIME and LOCATION

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

RSVP ONLY - WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT WALK-INS

Reservation must be cancelled by April 14th in order not to be charged, as the hotel holds us responsible for headcount after this date.

***** LUNCHEON MENU *****

**Garden Salad, Grilled Shrimp, Au Gratin Potatoes, Steamed Mixed Vegetables,
Freshly Baked Bread and Butter, Chocolate Pie, Iced Tea, Coffee and Water**

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

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



SAVE THE DATE

Galveston Republican Women
Anniversary Dinner and Fundraiser

GRW Celebrates
Supporting Our Republican Candidates
Since 1955

Friday, May 10, 2024
MUD #12 Reception Hall
2929 Neptune Dr., Bayou Vista TX
Doors Open 5:30 p.m.
\$75 per person (\$78 with Credit Card)

Beverages: Compliments of Jimmy Fullen
Rep Candidate Galveston Cty Sheriff
Italian Dinner: Prepared by Bayou Bistro
Music: Provided by DJ Mike Todaro
Program To Be Announced
Silent Auction: Generously Donated Items for Bid



Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women



SAVE THE DATE

TAKE FLIGHT 2024 GALA

Saturday, September 7, 2024

Receptions / Registration 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Program / Dinner 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Lone Star Flight Museum, Ellington Airport

11551 Aerospace Avenue, Houston 77034

Sponsorships Available - More Details to Follow

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First Quarter Volunteer Hours Due ASAP (Jan-Feb-Mar).

Please submit hours to Irene Henry at irenem.henry@sbcglobal.net
OR text to 281.844.0598. Thank you for all your time and support
of GRW and Our Republican Party.

Treasurer's Report

Tina Kirbie, Treasurer

Cash Balance

Ending March 31, 2024

\$32,638.00



April 2024 Legislative Report Vice President Wanda Buttner

Cruz Leads Democrat Challenger among Texas Voters

As reported by Emily Medeiros in the March 28th The Texas Minute/Texas Scorecard A new poll of Texas voters shows that Republican Ted Cruz is leading his Democrat challenger, Colin Allred, in the race for the U.S. Senate seat. The poll conducted by Marist College has Cruz currently leading Allred by six percentage points among Texas' registered voters. Among independent voters, Cruz leads Allred by eight percentage points. Additionally, 45 percent of Texas residents have a favorable opinion of Cruz, while a majority of residents—53 percent—have either never heard of Allred or are unsure how to rate him. After winning the Republican nomination, Cruz's campaign announced a new coalition called "Democrats for Cruz" in an effort to get Democrats to cross party lines and re-elect him into office. The coalition is comprised of local sheriffs, former and current elected officials, students, and more who have voted Democrat in the past but feel the party is no longer working in their best interest. Meanwhile, Allred has claimed he will be the senator to bring Texans together but has come under fire for far-left comments about the border wall and the Second Amendment.

Encounters with Illegal Aliens Soar in February

Illegal alien encounters at the southwest border are on the rise, according to the February numbers from U.S. Customs and Border Protection as reported by Will Biagini in the March 27th Texas Scorecard. For February, CBP reports 189,922 total encounters along the border – up from 176,205 in January. CBP also reported a steep rise in illicit drug apprehension at the southwest border. Seizures of cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, fentanyl, and marijuana increased 118 percent from January. *Only 2 milligrams of fentanyl is considered a lethal dose, which means the 8,447 pounds seized in February would be enough to kill every American.* Chinese encounters at the southwest land border are also seeing stark increases. According to CBP statistics, there were 3,537 encounters with Chinese nationals. While this is down from 3,716 encounters in January, total encounters with Chinese nationals at the southwest land border have already reached 22,292 since October 1 (less than six months of fiscal year 2024). During the entire fiscal year 2023, total encounters with Chinese nationals numbered 24,314.

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GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

San Luis Hotel – GRAND BALLROOM
5222 Seawall Blvd., Galveston



Vice President, Brenda Weber



introduces Tara Petsch,



Mom's for Liberty



Primary Winners

**Kim Bonnen
for Dr. Greg Bonnen**

**Judge
Rebecca Milo**

**Constable
Paul Edinburgh**

**Constable
Justin West**



Chris Kinard Don Johnson



**Della
Brown**

**Irene
Henry**

**Pam
Hoppas**



**Deborah
Roan**

**Cathy
Frederickson**

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 Meeting Continued....



Tess Stone Beverly Davis



Jimmy Fullen Kim Bonnen Mayes Middleton



Ruth Ann Ruiz 'The Post' Sandra Pollock



Ann Winklemann Brenda Atchley



Room Décor



Donna Bumpas Lizette Gaudin



Rebecca Jimerson Debra Jackson Betty Henry



Lucky Lady Tina Nguyen



Emily Fisher Rebecca Milo Joe Giusti



Terry Card Carol Jean Mulrain Harry Elmendorf



Stan Humphrey Bobbie Britton



Chris Kinard Brenda Weber Marie Robb

GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Minutes

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

San Luis Hotel – GRAND BALLROOM

5222 Seawall Blvd., Galveston

Vice-President Brenda Weber opened the meeting at **12:00 noon** and welcomed all.

Debra Jackson, Chaplain, led us in an opening prayer.

Brenda thanked all who attended their Precinct Convention and asked them to please come forward and lead us in our pledges.

Brenda recognized all Candidates who won their elections and asked all candidates and officials to please introduce themselves.

All new GRW members and guests were recognized.

Announcements from the Podium:

1. Irene Henry announced GRW's Anniversary Dinner and Fundraiser – GRW is Celebrating “Supporting Our Republican Candidates since 1955” with a 50's “Sock Hop” to be held Friday, May 10 at Bayou Vista's MUD Reception Hall. Flyers of the event were put on all the tables.
2. Also from Irene Henry – PLEASE send in your volunteer hours for January, February, and March

Brenda Weber, 1st Vice President, Programs introduced our speaker: Tara Petsch, Texas Ambassador for Moms for Liberty. She is the current Chair of the Gillespie County Chapter. The Mission is to enrich, educate and empower parents, policy makers and the public on issues impacting the future of America.

Galveston Island now has a Galveston Chapter (as of 2023, 46% of Galveston Island students are not at grade level).

Brenda Weber thanked our speaker, presented her with a “thank-you” gift.

Drawing for door prize. The basket door prize was donated by Irene Henry.

Vice- President, Brenda Weber adjourned the meeting at 1:00

Respectively Submitted

Lizette Gaudin, Recording Secretary

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

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 Thurs.	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 Republican Party: www.galvestoncntygop.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

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2024	(as of March 31, 2024)	Membership.....	139
		Regular Members	84
		Associate	55



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 #