



# GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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**Please report your**  
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## GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN Message from the President

**May 2024**

Happy Mother's Day! We celebrate mothers this month, and more than that we celebrate the strong Galveston Republican Women who decided 55 years ago to mother our community, our Galveston. They came together to seek and support candidates who represent our conservative values. It is amazing what strong involved women can do.

Our Anniversary Party, the Sock Hop on May 10, looks back to those early years designed to be a fun casual celebration of years of commitment and fellowship. Join us and bring some friends who you have wanted to know GRW better.

Next we look forward to our Texas Republican Convention in San Antonio May 23- 25th. It is not too late to attend. Republican Women will be a strong presence there and they welcome your support.

You will be hearing about the summer events we have planned. They will be super casual get togethers.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to our board, and especially Irene and Betty Henry, for carrying the ball for me as my husband Andy and I both have had health issues over the last couple of months. I have missed being with you and look forward to being with you at The Sock Hop on May 10.

*Blessings,*  
*Sylvia*



# Galveston Republican Women Anniversary Dinner and Fundraiser

## GRW Celebrates Supporting Our Republican Candidates *Since 1955*

Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

MUD #12 Reception Hall

2929 Neptune Dr., Bayou Vista TX

Doors Open 5:30 p.m.

\$75 per person (\$78 with Credit Card)

Dress: 50's Attire or Casual

**Beverages:**

**Compliments of Jimmy Fullen**

**Rep Candidate Galveston Cnty Sheriff**

**Italian Dinner:**

**Prepared by Bayou Bistro**

**Music:**

**Provided by DJ Mike Todaro**

**Program:**



**Contestants:**

**Texas Senator Mayes and Macy Middleton**

**House Dist 24 Rep Dr. Greg and Kim Bonnen**

**House Dist 23 Rep Terri and Dave Wilson**

**District Attorney Jack and Nisha Roady**

**Silent Auction:**

**Generously Donated Items for Bid**

**RSVP ONLY by TUESDAY, May 7<sup>th</sup> to Tina Kirbie:**

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# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Juneteenth Gala

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Ashton Villa Ballroom  
2328 Broadway, Galveston. TX  
6:30PM to 9:00PM

Keynote Speaker:  
Texas House Representative District 23  
Terri Leo-Wilson

Table of 8: \$400.00  
Individual Ticket: \$50.00

\*\*\*\* **Limited Seating** \*\*\*\*

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Your ticket will await you at the door

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**

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### **Treasurer's Report**

**Tina Kirbie, Treasurer**

**Cash Balance**

**Ending April 30, 2024**

**\$31,383.00**

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## May 2024 Legislative Report Vice President Wanda Buttner

The Texas Legislature meets in Regular Session for about five months every other year. Regular Sessions begin at noon on the second Tuesday in January of odd numbered years and can last no more than 140 days, ending during the last week of May or the first week of June. The next session is scheduled January 2025

The Republican Party of Texas will soon be exploring ways to close their primary elections in an effort to stop Democrats from interfering in picking the party's nominees.

Texas GOP Chairman Matt Rinaldi announced the creation of a new working group ahead of the party's convention next month to explore both "legislative and extra-legislative avenues" for the party to close the primary elections, as the legislature has repeatedly failed to do so.

While establishing closed primaries—in which voters may only vote in the primary elections for the party they are affiliated with—has been a legislative priority of the Republican Party of Texas, the state instead operates an open primary system.

Voters of any party can choose which party's primary they would like to vote in, although they may not vote in both in the same year. In some districts, that means Democrats voting in Republican primary elections in safely red districts to elect more moderate candidates.

Nearly 73 percent of Republican voters approved a ballot proposition in support of closed primaries during the primary election last month.

New attention was placed on the issue this year after an internal memo from then-presidential hopeful Nikki Haley's campaign revealed that Democrat support in open primary states like Texas could boost her chances.

In races like House District 21, where Speaker [Dade Phelan](#) is fighting for his seat in a runoff election, 9 percent of voters had a history of previously voting in Democrat primaries.

"Republican voters have the right to choose the candidates who will represent them in general elections. We look forward to ending Democrat interference in the Republican primary and giving Republican voters a stronger voice in their own party moving forward," said Rinaldi.

The Closed Primary Working Group will be chaired by former State Republican Executive Committeeman Mark Ramsey and will also consist of current SREC Members Matt Patrick and Jim Pikel, Republican Party of Texas General Counsel Rachel Hooper, and former RNC Committeeman and Texas Home School Coalition President Tim Lambert.

Written by Brandon Waltens in the Texas Scoreboard

Shared from The Docket  
Published by The Texan  
April 22, 2024

By Matt Stringer



A [unanimous decision](#) by the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) in *DeVillier v. Texas* had a major impact on the constitutional rights of every Texan this past week.

The question before the court was whether the Fifth Amendment allows citizens to sue the state in federal court when the state takes or destroys their private property and refuses to pay, or whether you need permission from Congress or the state through a cause of action to sue.

Now in the multiple times we have explained this case, we still receive responses from readers who have difficulty following because of all the fancy legal gibberish. So, I have refined an analogy that I think breaks the case down where anyone can follow.

Imagine, if you will, the Fifth Amendment Takings Clause is a passenger train, and the plaintiffs are asking the court to let them ride the Fifth Amendment train to Just Compensation town. The plaintiffs are telling the court they believe they are entitled to ride the train by either entering through Door A, which is a cause of action, or Door B, which is the amendment itself being self-executing.

At the trial court and the U.S. Fifth Circuit, Texas maintained that the plaintiffs may not ride the train at all and that both doors are shut... until they were standing before the nine justices of the Supreme Court, where they verbally conceded that Door A was open.

SCOTUS, holding Texas to that concession, said because we can resolve the question that the plaintiff gets to ride the train via Door A, we don't need to address the question of whether Door B is open or shut.

The trial court ruling had sided with the plaintiffs, saying Door B (self-executing) was open. Then the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals overturned that decision, siding with Texas and ruling that both doors are shut.

SCOTUS ruled Door A is open, stopped short of ruling on Door B, and vacated the Fifth Circuit's decision, leaving in place the trial court ruling that left the plaintiffs with both doors open.

Despite this, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton declared victory, saying that because SCOTUS sided with what was their concession, the state won.

This version of events from the state drew ire from multiple directions, including the plaintiffs who responded to the state saying, "No, you lost."

Texas' victory declaration was even featured on the social media account [Bad Legal Takes](#), which is popular for highlighting the worst legal analysis on Twitter.

But after its initial press release, Texas didn't stop declaring victory.

In the federal government's [challenge to Senate Bill \(SB\) 4](#), the new Texas law that creates a criminal offense for any foreign national entering the country between ports of entry without permission under federal law, the 5th Circuit is presently deliberating on how it will rule on Texas' appeal.

The law is currently blocked by a district court order, finding that it runs contrary to the U.S. Constitution's Supremacy Clause and the federal government's preemptive jurisdiction to regulate immigration.

In a letter to the appeals court, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) informed the judges of the state's "unanimous victory" in the Fifth Amendment case at SCOTUS and explained that because of the ruling, they should find the Supremacy Clause is not self-executing and that the federal government should not be able to preemptively sue to block SB 4 from being enforced.

Should the Fifth Circuit agree and dismiss the case, the federal government could appeal that dismissal. Otherwise, it would only need to wait for SB 4 to be enforced, and then both parties will be right back in federal court to determine the constitutional questions surrounding state powers to secure the border.

### **But, back to the original question of who "won" in the unanimous SCOTUS decision.**

According to the plaintiff's attorneys, all Texans may now sue the state for just compensation when the occasion arises. So if you look at the issue from their point of view, perhaps it is fair to say everyone did win after all.

### **On The Docket:**

One interesting case we continue to watch is a [lawsuit](#) brought by the OAG against Harris County over its pilot program to provide some residents with a taxpayer-funded basic income. In the lawsuit, the OAG cites the Texas Constitution's prohibition on using public funds to benefit a private purpose. While a state district judge in Harris County decided to allow the program to continue, giving Harris County the first win in the challenge, that decision will almost certainly be appealed to the Texas Supreme Court.



The Texas GOP Convention will take place in San Antonio May 23 thru 25



**CONVENTION CENTER**  
**Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center**  
 900 E Market Street  
 San Antonio, TX 78205



**HOST HOTEL**  
**Grand Hyatt San Antonio Riverwalk**  
 600 E Market Street  
 San Antonio, TX 78205

**CONVENTION SCHEDULE**

**Monday, May 20th**

11:00 AM 11:59 PM Temporary Rules Committee  
 11:00 AM 11:59 PM Temporary Platform Committee  
 11:00 AM 11:59 PM Temporary Legislative Priorities Committee

**Wednesday, May 22nd**

8:00 AM 11:59 PM Temporary Rules Committee  
 8:00 AM 11:59 PM Temporary Platform Committee  
 8:00 AM 11:59 PM Temporary Legislative Priorities Committee  
 11:00 AM 11:59 PM Temporary Credential Committee  
 11:00 AM 12:00 PM Temporary Convention Organization Committee  
 2:00 PM 6:00 PM Exhibit Hall Hours  
 2:00 PM 7:00 PM Convention Registration Hours  
 4:00 PM 5:00 PM SREC Meeting

**Friday, May 24th**

7:00 AM 7:00 PM Convention Registration Hours  
 7:00 AM 7:00 PM Exhibit Hall Hours  
 7:00 AM Grassroots Club Members Only Breakfast  
 8:00 AM Second Senatorial Caucus District Meetings  
 9:00 AM State Nominations Committee Meeting  
 10:00 AM Second General Meeting  
 1:30 PM Third General Meeting  
 7:00 PM Republican Party of Texas Gala

**Tuesday, May 21st**

8:00 AM 11:59 PM Temporary Rules Committee  
 8:00 AM 11:59 PM Temporary Platform Committee  
 8:00 AM 11:59 PM Temporary Legislative Priorities Committee

**Thursday, May 23rd**

7:00 AM 7:00 PM Convention Registration Hours  
 7:00 AM 7:00 PM Exhibit Hall Hours  
 9:00 AM First General Meeting  
 2:30 PM First Senatorial Caucus District Meetings  
 4:45 PM First Congressional Caucus District Meetings  
 6:30 PM National Nominations Committee Meeting  
 7:00 PM Permanent Rules Committee  
 7:00 PM Permanent Platform Committee  
 7:00 PM Permanent Legislative Priorities Committee  
 7:00 PM Permanent Credentials Committee

**Saturday, May 25th**

7:00 AM 3:00 PM Convention Registration Hours  
 7:00 AM 3:00 PM Exhibit Hall Hours  
 7:00 AM Faith & Fellowship Breakfast  
 8:00 AM Second Congressional Caucus District Meetings  
 10:00 AM National Nomination Committee  
 12:00 PM Congressional Luncheon  
 1:30 PM Fourth General Meeting  
 4:30 PM SREC Meeting (After GM Adjournment)  
 TBD National Delegate Meeting (After SREC Adjournment)



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# **GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024**

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



**Reception**



**Small business owners lead the pledge, introduced themselves and their business.**



**Loretta Wilson   Dave Jackson   Debra Frances Morrell**



**Carol Jean Mulrain   Ryan Caruso   Harry Elmendorf**



**Wednesday, April 17, 2024 Meeting Continued....**



**Dave Wilson      Cathy Fredrickson**



**Janice Broussard      Chris Fredrickson**



**Sandra Pollock      Becci King      Lizette Gaudin**



**Clear Creek Republican Women**





**Wednesday, April 17, 2024 Meeting Continued....**



**Terri  
Leo-Wilson      Paul  
Edinburgh**



**Jared      Roxann      Della  
Bargas      Lewis      Brown**



**Georgia Young      Kayla Allen**



**Pat      Della      Wanda  
McGinnis      Brown      Buttner**



**Roxann      Pam      Rebecca      Emily  
Lewis      Schwertner      Milo      Fisher**

# **GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

## **Minutes**

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024**

**San Luis Hotel – GRAND BALLROOM**

**5222 Seawall Blvd., Galveston**

Past President, Irene Henry opened the meeting at 12 noon and welcomed all.

Chaplain, Debra Jackson led us in an opening prayer.

Irene asked all Small Business Owners to please come forward, lead us in the pledges and then introduce themselves and their businesses.

Irene introduced 4 new members to GRW and had all elected officials and candidates to please stand and introduce themselves.

### **Announcements from the Podium:**

Adria Women's Health Executive Director, Carey Donnelly shared information about their organization. They are a pro-life pregnancy center that defends the sanctity of life, born and unborn. They prioritize compassion and competence, ensuring women have access to skilled and caring medical professionals. Your support through Change for Change will enable them to continue this vital work.

The 10th Annual Juneteenth Gala will be Thursday, June 13th from 6:30 – 9:00 pm at Ashton Villa. This year's speaker is House Representative, Terri Leo-Wilson. Many GRW members attend this memorable event and fill several tables – let's do it again this year.

GOP County Chair Pat McGinnins is asking all to join the "Drive to Victory" at Topgolf on April 25.

GRW's 55 Anniversary and Annual Fundraiser Dinner will be a Sock Hop this year. Held at Bayou Vista's MUD Building on May 10. Please join us for a casual and fun evening.

Lemonade Day is May 4. GRW sponsors Upward Hope for this event with a \$250 donation. Chris Fredrickson accepted the \$250.00 check for Lemonade Day on behalf of Upward Hope Academy.

### **Program:**

Irene Henry introduced our program and three special guests from Jefferson County Republican Party. Cindy Dishman, Stephanie Figari, and Dina Car.

They enlightened us on how under the leadership of a new Republican County Chair, they changed the direction of a county with a Democrat stronghold, 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 Washington DC in September of 2023.

Irene thanked our speakers and presented each with a "thank-you" gift.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM

Respectively Submitted

Lizette Gaudin, Recording Secretary



# 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:

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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)

## 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**

## 2024 Elected Officers



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### 2024 Membership Chair Linda Dreith

<b>2024</b> (as of April 30, 2024)	<b>Membership.....150</b>
	<b>Regular Members.....90</b>
	<b>Associate.....60</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:

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(No business/corporate checks please)

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- 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
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