



## Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

### Upcoming Events

#### **Constitutional Amendment/ Various City Elections**

November 7

#### **GHC General Meeting**

November 14

#### **Thanksgiving**

November 23

#### **2024 GHC Board Meeting**

January 2

#### **GHC General Meeting**

January 16

#### **TFRW Leadership Day**

January 26-27

Georgetown Sheraton

#### **GHC Board Meeting**

February 20

#### **2024 Original Nuts 'N Bolts**

March 26

#### **GHC Board Meeting**

April 16

#### **GHC General Meeting**

May 21

#### **GOTV Rally**

August 27



It has been a busy fall for GHC and our TFRW member clubs. After our hugely successful Hats Off to Republican Women celebration luncheon and our September membership meeting, we forged on to the TFRW Convention and finally the November 2023 election.

GHC was well represented at the TFRW Convention. The theme was "Iron Ladies Forging the Future". That title is so true for everyday experiences in our changing world. RW Clubs must hold on to our values in the present as we lead others to forge the future.

A word used a lot at the TFRW Convention was Unity. The well-ordered machines of our RW clubs must support our cause to get Republicans elected and bring more like-minded women into the organization. We can work hard as individuals to forge a brighter future for our state and country, but we can make a better impact by being united. Our values should never change but we may think differently on how we state those values to like-minded Republican women we want to bring into our clubs. Let's try hard to not use that word "RINO". It does nothing to unite us and does everything to tear our clubs apart.

As the GHC ad in the TFRW Convention program states, "Forging the Future Takes Courage", your clubs must always show the strength and courage to lead Republicans to win. We have a lot to lose if we don't.

#### **GHC General Meeting November 14<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Veteran's Day Celebration!**

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Thank you to Hospitality Chair **Edie Holland, West Pearland RW** and **Clear Creek RW** for providing our snacks.

At our November meeting, **Debra Coffey** will be speaking about her family's 51-year journey to bring her father, Captain Robert Russell "Bear" Barnett, USAF, home, after he was shot down and declared Killed, Non-Recovered in Vietnam, in 1966.

Mrs. Debra Coffey is Chief Government Affairs for Smart Start, LLC. Debra is very active in Texas Republican politics. She has served on the TFRW Board and served TFRW and her local clubs in several leadership roles.

**Please invite any Veterans to attend this very informative and emotional meeting.**

**Bring Men's Socks and Gift Cards to support Camp Hope/ Camp SHiEld and PTSD Foundation.**

GHC will support PTSD Foundation Camp Hope and Camp SHiEld again this year by collecting men's socks packages and gift cards for Veterans affiliated with these fine organizations. VISA/Mastercard type gift cards are usually the best.

The election of the GHC Executive Board officers will also be held that day. Your club may have one of the nominees as a member! Please send your voting delegates.

Bring as many club members and guests as you can! As always, prizes for the most member clubs in attendance and other special club awards will be given.

Join us for lunch at Fratelli's after the meeting.

Thank you to those who have supported GHC and TFRW all year long and thank you for attending the Council meetings as delegates and representing your clubs.

We have a lot of events planned for 2024, including our Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop on March 26th and our biennial Get Out The Vote Rally on August 27th.

It has been my honor to represent you as your GHC President this term. Thank you for everything you do!

Tina Gibson, GHC President

**We are Happy to Announce  
Greater Houston Council's November Speaker**

**Debra Coffey**

**817-307-4992**

**DCoffey@smartstartinc.com**



Debra Coffey has worked as a Volunteer in Texas Republican politics for over 25 years. She has chaired precinct conventions and served as a delegate to Republican County and state conventions. She has worked and assisted with numerous local, state, and national campaigns, walking neighborhoods, writing letters, donating money, making phone calls, as well as hosting numerous events and candidates in her home.

Debra served several terms on the TFRW Board as First Vice President, Patron Co-Chair and Resolutions Co-Chair. She often participates in Republican Leadership events, as a facilitator, presenter and event organizer encouraging Republican women to run for office.

Debra is a member of numerous Republican Women clubs in the DFW area and Burnet County, where she has served in many positions.

In December 2016 Debra represented Congressional District 12 as an Elector, for President Trump and Vice-President Pence.

Debra is VP of Government Affairs for Smart Start Ignition Interlock; she is also a Director on the Coalition of Ignition Interlock Manufacturers. Her duties are focused on the company's legislative efforts in state government and Congress. She is often a presenter across the U.S. and is considered a knowledgeable speaker and credible representative. She joined Smart Start in 1998, bringing 20 years of Texas court management experience.

Debra lives in Ft. Worth and Lampasas, Texas, is married to Retired Republican Judge Daryl Coffey, who served on the bench for 24 years. She enjoys spending time on their ranch in Lampasas with her 2 ½ year old Grandson, Oliver and their cows.

# Member Clubs 2022-2023 NFRW and TFRW Awards



## NFRW Award

### Diamond

Clear Creek RW  
Cy-Fair RW  
Golden Triangle RW  
Kingwood Area RW  
Lake Conroe Area RW  
Liberty Belles RW  
Magic Circle RW  
Montgomery County RW  
North Shore RW  
Northwest Forest RW  
The Woodlands RW  
The Yellow Rose of Texas RW  
Village RW

### Silver

Walker County

## TFRW Americanism Award

Super Jumbo Club  
Golden Triangle RW

## TFRW 2022-2023 Newsletter Award

Best Newsletter - Super Jumbo Club  
Village RW - Editor, Sonia Rivera

## NFRW Caring for America Award

Super Jumbo Club  
Village RW

## TFRW Club Achievement Award

### Winners

Clear Creek RW  
Cy-Fair RW  
Golden Triangle RW  
Kingwood Area RW  
Lake Conroe Area RW  
Magic Circle RW  
Montgomery County RW  
North Shore RW  
Northwest Forest RW  
The Woodlands RW  
The Yellow Rose of Texas RW  
Village RW  
Walker County RW

### Top Political Calls by Club

Brazosport RW, Deanne Amerine  
Cy-Fair RW, Micheline Hutson  
Ft. Bend RW, Marie Moffett  
Golden Triangle RW, Linda Brown  
Great State RW, Julie Tanner  
Kingwood Area RW, Tracy Chilla  
Lake Conroe Area RW, Stephanie Johnson  
The Yellow Rose of Texas RW, Carla Birk  
Village RW, Jodie Dornak  
Walker County RW, Renee Lunsford  
West Pearland RW, Sherry Peterson

## TFRW Top Political Hours by Club

Angelton RW, Mary Kathryn Pickle  
Bay Area RW, Debbie Roan  
Brazosport RW, Becky Green  
Clear Creek RW, Roxanne Lewis  
Cy-Fair RW, Micheline Hutson  
Ft. Bend RW, Marie Moffett  
Golden Triangle RW, Linda Brown  
Great State RW, Becky Berger  
Kingwood Area RW, Patricia Morley  
Lake Conroe Area RW, Melinda Zuber  
Liberty Belles RW, Charlotte Belin  
Memorial West RW, Jennifer Jimmerson  
Montgomery Cty RW, Alice Melançon  
North Shore RW, Ann Kate  
RW Club of Katy, Kristen McCarty  
The Yellow Rose of Texas RW, Lori Klein-Quinn  
Village RW, Jodi Dornak  
Walker County RW, Linda McKenzie  
West Pearland RW, Sherry Peterson

## TFRW Legacy Leadership Award Finalist

Marisa Rummell, Montgomery Cty RW  
Susan Matthews, Village RW

**Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**May 16, 2023**  
**Trini Mendenhall Center**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President, Tina Gibson.
2. Opening Prayer by Immediate Past President Sophia Mafrige.  
Pledge to the US Flag and Pledge to the State of Texas Flag were by Advisor to President Sherry Peterson.
3. President Tina Gibson acknowledged members of the military for Military Recognition Month, also mothers and grandmothers for Mother's Day and graduates. She recognized elected officials and candidates.
4. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs SJ Swanson introduced Justice Ken Wise, of the 14<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals, who introduced Russell S. Molina, Chairman of the Texas Rangers Bicentennial Celebration and Texas Ranger Chief Tony Leal.  
Russell stated details of the history of the Texas Rangers – two hundred years of service.  
In 1823, Stephen F. Austin established the Rangers to protect families. Rangers fought and died at the Alamo.  
Russell has been working on the Bicentennial for seven years. He is raising funds for a monument to the Rangers in Austin, and he is working on a travel trailer displaying the history of the Texas Rangers.  
Chief Leal stated details about the Texas Rangers' operations. The Texas Rangers are a division of the Texas Department of Public Safety. The Rangers conduct major violent crime, public corruption, cold case and officer involved shooting investigations and oversee the department's border security and tactical and crisis negotiation programs. He stated that Texas Rangers are the oldest and finest law enforcement agency.  
SJ encouraged Club Presidents to invite Russell Molina to speak to spread the word about the Texas Rangers Bicentennial. The website, [TexasRangers2023.gov](https://TexasRangers2023.gov) has details about the Bicentennial.
5. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership Amy Byers called the roll of Member Clubs.
6. Recording Secretary Mary Sage stated that minutes of the March 28 meeting were published in the May newsletter. There were no changes. Sophia Mafrige made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Barbara Tague seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as written.
7. Treasurer Micheline Hutson presented the Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2023.
8. President Tina Gibson stated that 135 people attended the Nuts 'N Bolts event on March 28.  
She was grateful that so many attended. Tina reported that the TFRW Board voted to hold the 2025 TFRW Convention in San Antonio. The 2023 TFRW Convention will be in Irving. She mentioned TFRW 40 Under 40 that Jenn Knesek is chairing to highlight 40 women under 40 at the convention. The Application form is on the TFRW website.  
Tina also stated that the Nominating Committee for the GHC 2024 officers will be elected at our September 19 meeting.
9. Officer and Committee Chair Reports:  
3<sup>rd</sup> VP Special Events Dana Khan reported that the GHC Hats Off to Republican Women event will be held at The Junior League of Houston on Wednesday, August 30, to celebrate the GHC 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary and the Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. She encouraged all ladies to wear hats to the event.  
Marga Matthews stated that GHC will schedule luncheons for Club Presidents in July.  
Corresponding Secretary Elizabeth Lauzon stated that the President's Leadership Handbooks were distributed at the Nuts 'N Bolts event. She mentioned that the current ByLaws are available on a table at this meeting. They were not approved before printing the handbook. She encouraged everyone to take a copy of the current Bylaws.  
President Gibson thanked Hospitality Chair Edie Holland and the Hospitality Host Clubs: Northwest Forest RW and Memorial West RW.  
Treasurer Micheline Hutson said copies of Kellyanne Conway's book are available for \$25 each.  
1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs SJ Swanson stated that Memorial West RW will receive the Membership door prize and a certificate for having seven members attend our meeting.  
Justice Ken Wise assisted SJ in selecting recipients for three additional door prizes.
10. Announcements:  
July – Club President's Luncheons with GHC, dates TBA  
July 14-15 – TFRW Board Meeting in Pflugerville, TX  
August 30 – GHC Hats Off to Republican Women and 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Celebration Luncheon at The Junior League of Houston  
September 19 - GHC Meeting at Mendenhall Center  
September 28-October 1 - NFRW Convention in Oklahoma City  
October 12-14 - TFRW Convention in Irving  
  
Club representatives announced their upcoming events.  
Tina invited members to meet for lunch at Fratelli's after the meeting.  
SJ Swanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.  
The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Submitted by,  
Mary Sage, GHC Recording Secretary  
June 21, 2023

**Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women  
General Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2023  
Trini Mendenhall Center**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President, Tina Gibson.
2. Opening Prayer by Immediate Past President Sophia Mafrige.
- Pledge to the US Flag and Pledge to the State of Texas Flag were by Harris County Republican Chair Cindy Siegel.
3. President Tina Gibson recognized elected officials and candidates, and she thanked the Hospitality Host Clubs: Tomball RW and Bay Area RW.
4. Recording Secretary Mary Sage stated that minutes of the May 16 meeting were published in the newsletter. There were no changes. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved as written.
5. Treasurer Micheline Hutson presented the Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2023. The GHC account was transferred from PNC Bank to Frost Bank.
6. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership Amy Byers called the roll of Member Clubs and recorded the number of members attending from each club.
7. President Gibson reported that we have a quorum, and she welcomed our newest club, Waller County RW.
8. President Gibson stated that the Nominating Committee needs to be elected to nominate 2024 GHC Officers.

She read from the GHC Bylaws:

"A Nominating Committee of five (5) members shall be elected by the Council at the September meeting in odd numbered years. Only one member from any member club may serve on this committee. The members of this committee shall elect a Chairman of one of their own.  
The Nominating Committee shall submit one nominee for each of the following offices: President, First Vice President-Programs, Second Vice President-Membership, Third Vice President-Special Events, Fourth Vice President-Finance, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. The Committee's written report shall be submitted to Council members at least two weeks prior to the November general meeting at which the election of these officers will be held. No more than two nominees may be members of the Nominating Committee."

The following were nominated to be Nominating Committee members:

Amy Byers, Jennifer Knesek, SJ Swanson, Ronnye Cowell, Marga Matthews

Mary Sage made a motion to close the nominations. Micheline Hutson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Sophia Mafrige made a motion to accept the nominating committee by acclamation.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

President Gibson stated that the Nominating Committee will meet today to elect a Chairman before the close of our meeting today.

9. President Gibson thanked members for attending our Hats Off Luncheon. She said that Marga Matthews organized the Presidents' Luncheon during the summer.
10. President Gibson stated that today's Program will be a Mini Nuts 'N Bolts program presented by four Board members: SJ Swanson, Dana Khan, Sophia Mafrige and Emely McHattie.

1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs SJ Swanson selected ticket numbers and presented door prizes.

3<sup>rd</sup> VP Special Events Dana Khan recognized members of the Hats Off to Republican Women Luncheon Committee. She reported that we had net revenue of \$13,346 for the event. Dana presented a Special Recognition Award to Kingwood RW and invited members to see the display of photos of the event

1<sup>st</sup> VP SJ Swanson said that the Nuts 'N Bolts is original to the Greater Houston Council.

GHC Past President Sophia Mafrige read an excerpt from the bulletin of her church, the Orthodox Church, published for Labor Day weekend, entitled "The Unity of Church" that she feels applies to the Unity of the Republican Party. We have a Common Goal – to support and elect candidates and to uphold our conservative ideals. Unity is the key to being effective. As President of a Club, you are called to manage conflict. We must stay unified through the conflict.

First VP Programs SJ Swanson reported that the Nominating Committee elected Amy Byers as Chairman.

The Nominating Committee will nominate GHC 2024 Officers, and the deadline for members to request being a nominee is September 30.

SJ Swanson presented the history of the Greater Houston Council that was founded as the Harris County Council of Federated Republican Women in June, 1962, at the home of Mrs. E.V. Hardway, Jr. She reviewed GHC highlights from 1961 through 2021 with details for each GHC President's term that included the history of Houston, Harris County, Texas, and the United States. She expressed her appreciation for President Gibson.

SJ Swanson said that our last General Meeting will be held on November 14, and our program will be a Salute to Veterans with Former TFRW officer Debra Coffey. She asked members to invite husbands, brothers and friends to attend.

11. President Tina Gibson asked members who are attending the TFRW Convention in October to raise their hands. The TFRW Board will be elected, and Tina is running for reelection as SD17 District Director.

President Gibson and SJ Swanson selected recipients for additional door prizes.

12. Awards - attendance – SJ Swanson, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs announced that three clubs had five members attend our meeting: Waller County RW, Republican Women of Katy, and Magic Circle RW.

She invited members of the three clubs to the stage for a photo and presented a certificate to the Presidents of each club.

13. Announcements:

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October 12-14 - TFRW Convention in Irving

October 17 – GHC Board Meeting

November 7 – Constitutional Amendments Election

November 14 – GHC General Meeting at Mendenhall Center

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Submitted by,

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October 30, 2023



*July Spotlight on Marga Matthews,  
GHC Club President Liaison Chair*



Marga Matthews was born in Peidras Negras, Mexico, and became a citizen August 1999. She resides in Baytown, mother of 4 children Frederick, Anna, Samantha, Sara. Marga is retired from Harris County Tax Office 28 years. Senator Paul Bettencourt invited her to a Republican meet and greet, and she realized there that her conservative views lined up with the Republican party. Marga became a Republican in 2000. She then found it to be her duty to serve in the Republican Party, to help any way she could. 1984-2011 Worked Elections for Harris County Tax Office, answering phones during Elections

2014 Reviewed credentials for conservative candidates- IVoter Guide

Presiding Judge 2016-Present

Precinct chair for 0100 – SD-6, & a Delegate -2018 - Present

State Convention- served on Legislative Priorities 2018, Platform 2020, and Credentials 2022

2018 – Present Ballot Security Committee

2018 – Present Poll Watcher recruiter

Baytown Republican Women 2018-Present- and serves as Legislative and a Council Delegate, Baytown Republican Women President 2021-2022

2019 In charge of Harris County Early Voting Staffing

2019 Volunteer of the Year for SD 6

2021 Primary Director

2022 HCRP Elections Team

2021 TFRW Club Achievement Award

2022 TFRW Tribute to Women Award

2022 Greater Houston Council Club President's Liaison

She is a volunteer for KSBJ Christian radio station, a Red Cross disaster relief and Beauty Will Rise, a Human Trafficking advocate.

# 2024-2025 Nominations

Let's thank the Nominating Committee, consisting of: Ronnye Cowell, Marga Matthews, Jennifer Knesek, SJ Swanson and Amy Byers (chair) for volunteering to meet according to our by-laws, to discuss and select the 2024-2025 Greater Houston Council Executive Board. There was considerable interest for the 8 executive positions. After careful consideration, the 2024-2025 Slate is:

- **President** - Tina Gibson, The RW Club of Katy
- **1st VP Programs** - Buckley Morlot, Magic Circle RW
- **2nd VP Membership** - Amy Byers, Lake Conroe Area RW
- **3rd VP Special Events** - Dana Khan, Northwest Forest RW
- **4th VP Finance** - Micheline Hutson, Cy-Fair Republican Women
- **Recording Secretary** - Ronnye Cowell, Village Republican Women
- **Corresponding Secretary** - Della Brown, Clear Creek RW
- **Treasurer** - Lois Gremminger, Ft. Bend Republican Women

Please remember, there are many chair positions for this board. If you are interested in taking a larger role in GHC, please let Tina know at: [ghcpres2223@gmail.com](mailto:ghcpres2223@gmail.com)

"Did you hear the story about the kid who was outside the democratic fundraiser that was selling kittens. When the people came out of the fundraiser, he holding up the kittens saying 'buy a democrat kitten'. A couple weeks later the republican held a fundraiser in the same place, and when they came out, there was the same kid with the kittens. He said, 'buy a republican kitten.' One of the members of the press who had seen him two weeks before and said, wait a minute. You were selling these kittens last time as democratic kittens. How come they're republican kittens now? The kid said because now, they have their eyes open."

-Ronald Reagan



## **GHC Dominated the 2023 Biennial TFRW Convention in Irving TX!**





# Board Bits...

## *TFRW Liaison, Alice Melançon*

Another successful Texas Federation of Republican Women is in the books. Over 600 ladies from across the state of Texas traveled to Irving for the 34<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention. The convention featured a great lineup of speakers, although some scheduled to attend had to cancel because of commitments in the Texas Legislature or the United States Congress. We were presented information from our Texas elected officials about what has been happening in our Legislature and the Special Sessions called by the governor.

The officers for the upcoming biennium of the Texas Federation of Republican Women. Zenia Warren who is currently serving as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President was elected to serve as President for the next two years..The officers for the years 2024 and 2025 will be:

President, Zenia Warren

Vice President Programs, Debra Harper

Vice President By Laws, Tiffany Miller

Vice President Finance, Bergundi Cain

Vice President Legislation, Jill Tate

Vice President Membership, Corrine Miklosh

Vice President Political Activities, Robbi Hull

Vice President Programs, Sherry Hurt

Secretary, Kelly Duncan Garrett

Treasurer, Carla Birk

At the "10 Outstanding" Banquet, several ladies from the Greater Houston Council were selected as one of the 10 Outstanding. Congratulations to those ladies for earning and receiving that honor.

In addition, District Directors were elected to serve in their districts for the next two years. There will be some new District Directors serving in the Greater Houston Council Area. Congratulations to all who were chosen to serve.

## *2nd VP Membership, Amy Byers*

The close of 2023 of course means the beginning of 2024. And once again, all clubs will be hearing from me :)

I will be emailing current presidents GHC membership renewal forms. Just print and fill out with the correct information and send them along with a \$30 check made out to GHCFRW PAC. Like always, I'll be here to answer any questions you have!

Amy Byers  
936-444-7272  
4851 W. Fork Blvd.  
Conroe TX 77304

## *Legislative Report, Bonnie M. Foster*

The Special Session of the Legislature is coming to an end and at the time of this article we do not know if there will be another Special Session. I know the Senate has been working hard on bills. The Senate had a 5 for 5 in a 15-hour double header session back on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Here is what they are working on and have sent over to the House:

SB1 – adds Education Savings Accounts #ESAs and SB 2 on increasing school funding. Teacher pay raises and increasing the Teacher Incentive Allotment by Education Chairman, Senator Brandon Creighton.

SB4 – which will increase penalties against human smuggling and stash houses, presented by Senator Pete Flores

SB7 – Senator Mayes Middleton is the sponsor prohibiting private employers from requiring employees to get a Covid-19 vaccine.

SB 11 – is creating a new state crime for entering Texas illegally by Chairman, Senator Brian Birdwell.

On the House side they have passed SB4 and SB7. They have passed HB4 which is relating to prohibitions on the illegal entry into or illegal presence in this state by a person who is an alien, the enforcement of those prohibitions, and authorizing under certain circumstances the removal of persons who violate certain of those prohibitions: creating criminal offenses Here is a link for you to follow the status of the Special Session: <https://lrl.texas.gov/sessions/specialsessions/index.cfm>

I do encourage everyone to get out and vote – either during early voting or on election day. There are some important propositions on the ballot and in each of your counties there are school board and municipality elections as well. Please do your research on all items on the November ballot. Here is a link to the propositions on the ballot: <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/about/newsreleases/2023/080423.shtml>

# Club News...

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## Magic Circle Republican Women

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Magic Circle's last meeting of the year will be on **Monday, November 27** at noon at Maggiano's on Post Oak. Wayne Dolcefino will be our speaker.

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## Waller County Republican Women

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WCRW attended our first convention as a federated club. We handed out election date reminder magnets to the community during the Waller County fair. We participated in the Waller County fair and rodeo parade, pictured with Waller county Judge, Trey Duhon. We also received recognition in the local paper for our new group and we celebrated a 40 under 40 member.



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## Cy-Fair Republican Women

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## Village Republican Women

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Cy-Fair Republican Women held their 10<sup>th</sup> biennial Heels High Tea honoring "Cactus" Jack Cagle on October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Doubletree at Brookhollow. It was a wonderful event with Judge Lincoln Goodwin, Commissioner Tom Ramsey and Senator "Uncle Paul" Bettendorf telling stories about Jack. Here are just a few photos from the event.



**VILLAGE REPUBLICAN  
WOMEN**



# Boot Scootin' Luncheon

**BENEFITING VRW'S 2024 JUDICIAL MARKETING CAMPAIGN**  
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BILLBOARDS AND MARKETING TO GET REPUBLICAN JUDGES ELECTED IN 2024

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**NINA HENDEE**

**TEXAS HISTORIAN EXTRAORDINAIRE**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

**11:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.**

**HOUSTON RACQUET CLUB**

**10709 MEMORIAL DR HOUSTON, TX 77024**

PRIVATE VIP EVENT WITH SURPRISE SPECIAL GUEST  
CASH BAR ~ SILENT AUCTION ~ COMPLIMENTARY VALET

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### Sponsorship Levels

- \$5,000 \* Grand Champion-Reserved table for 10, 3 Bottles Champagne & 10 VIP Tickets
- \$3,000 \* Reserve Grand Champion - Reserved table for 10, 2 Bottles of Champagne & 4 VIP Tickets
- \$1,000 \* Sheriff - Reserved table for 10
- \$750 \* VRW Partner - Reserved table for 10

The table must be purchased by VRW Member(s)

- \$75 \* Individual Tickets

\*All Sponsorships Include a reserved table for 10

Recognition will be given on social media and at the event.

For More Information Contact Joanie Bain: [joaniebain@comcast.net](mailto:joaniebain@comcast.net)

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## West Pearland Republican Women

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West Pearland RW did a series of 6 Info Sessions out in the community to educate voters on the 14 Amendments On the November 7, 2023 Ballot.

Representatives Ed Thompson and Cody Vasut helped us with the sessions.

Here are some pictures of WPRW members reading in the Pearland ISD to Elementary Students. This is a part of our Literacy Program.

We buy the book, sign it and leave it with the school library.

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## **Ft. Bend Republican Women**

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### **Fort Bend Republican Women Club PAC's Volunteer of the Quarter**

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L-R Angela Hayes Bushnell, President;  
Laurie Meredith, Recipient

It is our honor to recognize and congratulate Laurie Meredith, as the Fort Bend Republican Women Club PAC's Volunteer of the Quarter.

Laurie Meredith joined the club in December 2020. Right away she stepped up by volunteering to be the club's Recording Secretary. As recording secretary, she documents and reports on the board and the general members' meetings.

She assisted in the 'Stuffing envelopes for the Recruiting of more Ft. Bend County Precinct Chairs' effort. Laurie kept busy during the last election cycle as an election integrity worker.

Laurie has logged 18 hours in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter by utilizing Clockify, the club's time tracking application from her computer or phone.

A reminder that 2024 will have many opportunities for members to participate and record your valuable time.

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Visit the FBRWC website [www.fortbendrepublicanwomen.com](http://www.fortbendrepublicanwomen.com) look under: 'Officers and Committee' tab for volunteer opportunities, and under 'Resources' tab for information on ways to make a difference and Clockify 'How To'.  
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## Kingwood Area Republican Women

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KINGWOOD AREA REPUBLICAN  
WOMEN'S CLUB PRESENTS

# Texas Roundup

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024  
7:00 PM-11:00 PM  
THE BARN -CROSBY, TEXAS

**Early  
Bird Ticket  
Price  
\$100**

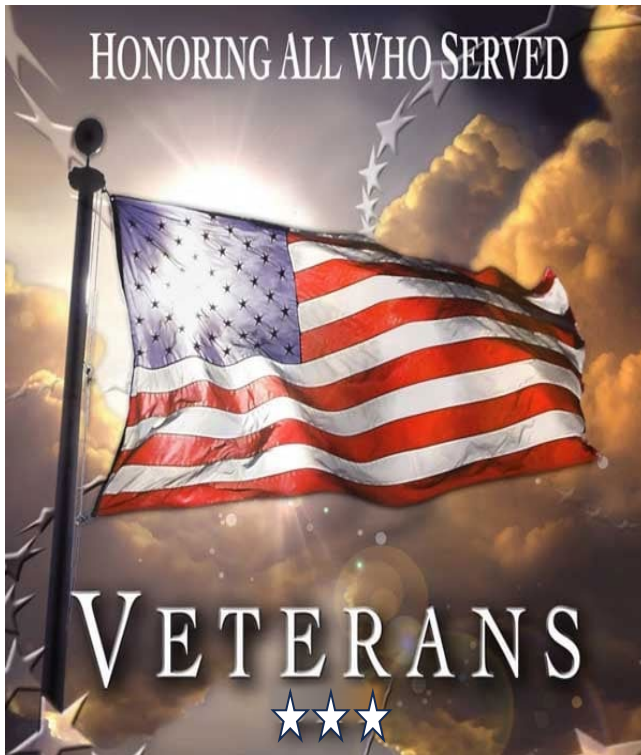
A CELEBRATION  
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## Republican Women's Club of Katy

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**EXPRESSING OUR SINCERE  
GRATITUDE FOR YOUR  
NOBLE SERVICE,  
COMMITMENT & SACRIFICES**



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AUTHENTIC  
TEXAS BARBECUE LUNCH**

**November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**11:30 am**

**Rudy's BBQ**

21799 Katy Freeway  
Katy TX 77450

VETERANS PLEASE RSVP  
[elizhans2001@yahoo.com](mailto:elizhans2001@yahoo.com)

Others RSVP on  
[Republicanwomensclubofkaty.com](http://Republicanwomensclubofkaty.com)

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Words alone cannot express our gratitude for those brave men and women who took on the task of protecting our country.

**We remember they gave their lives so that others may live.**

**We remember their sacrifice, courage, noble service.**

- A special presentation from a color guard
  - Keynote Speaker
- Stories from our own veterans

Again, veterans please RSVP directly to [elizhans2001@yahoo.com](mailto:elizhans2001@yahoo.com).

To our other patriots and members, please RSVP to our website for a headcount as seating will be limited. You may buy your lunch separately when you arrive.

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Members – If you served, we would love to know your branch and role!

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## East Montgomery County RW

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NOVEMBER

**14**

GUEST SPEAKER

**EMCID  
BOARD  
MEMBER**

**BRENDA WEBB**



Brenda Webb will share what it's like being an East Montgomery County Improvement District Board Member and the latest news for East Montgomery County.

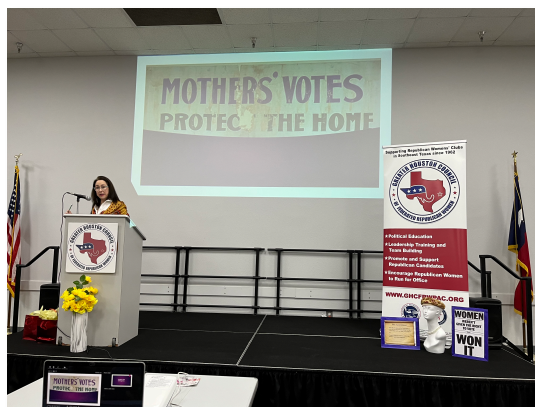
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# September Meeting Highlights

**SJ Swanson**, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs presented the history of the Greater Houston Council that was founded as the Harris County Council of Federated Republican Women in June of 1962. She reviewed GHC highlights from 1961 through 2021 with details for each GHC President's term that included the history of Houston, Harris County, surrounding counties, Texas, and the United States.

Meeting attendance awards were presented by **SJ Swanson** to three clubs that had five or more members attend our meeting: **Waller County RW, Republican Women of Katy, and Magic Circle RW**. Certificates were presented to the Presidents of each club.

3rd VP Special Events, **Dana Khan** recognized members of the Hats Off to Republican Women Luncheon Committee and presented a Special Recognition Award to Kingwood RW for attendance and costumes.



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# Club Presidents...

**Angleton Republican Women,**  
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Debbie Roan

**Baytown Republican Women,**  
Lillian Sockwell

**Braes Republican Women,**  
Cindy Riedl

**Brazosport Republican Women,**  
Diane Rinn.

**Clear Creek Republican Women,**  
Martha Bosworth

**Cy-Fair Republican Women,**  
Bonnie Foster

**East Montgomery Co. Republican Women,**  
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Angela Hayes

**Galveston Republican Women,**  
Betty Henry

**Great State Republican Women,**  
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Charlotte Belin

**Magic Circle Republican Women,**  
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Virginia Miller

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Leigh Billingsley

**Northwest Forest Republican Women,**  
Nancy Radcliffe

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Delia Dibrell

**Republican Women of Yoakum Area,**  
Diana Hawes

**Texas Tea Party Republican Women,**  
Venita Odom

**The Woodlands Republican Women,**  
Jessica Steinmann

**The Yellow Rose of TX Republican Women,**  
Carla Birk

**Tomball Republican Women,**  
Barbara Tague

**Village Republican Women,**  
Julie Jaehne

**Walker County Republican Women,**  
Renee Lunsford

**West Pearland Republican Women,**  
Liz Sitta

# Greater Houston Council Board...

## **Executive Board**

President, Tina Gibson RW Club of Katy

1st VP Programs, SJ Swanson Magic Circle

2nd VP Membership, Amy Byers Lake Conroe Area RW

3rd VP Special Events, Dana Khan Northwest Forest RW

4VP Finance, Barbara Tague Tomball RW

Recording Secretary, Mary Sage Magic Circle RW

Corresponding Secretary, Elizabeth Lauzon Bay Area RW

Treasurer, Micheline Hutson Cy Fair RW

Immediate Past President, Sophia Mafrige Magic Circle RW

## **Standing Committees**

Bylaws, Debbie Cupples Memorial West RW

Campaign Activities, Gayla Baker Brazosport RW

Liaison to County Chairs, Emely McHattie Village RW

Legislation, Bonnie Foster Cy Fair RW

Newsletter, Amy Byers Lake Conroe RW

## **Special Committees**

Club President Liaison, Marga Matthews Baytown RW

Historian, SJ Swanson Magic Circle

Hospitality Co-Chairs, Edie Holland Bay Area RW, Milinda Morris RW Club of Katy

Advisor to President, Sherry Peterson West Pearland RW

Chaplain, open

GOTV, Milinda Morris RW Club of Katy

Parliamentarian, Debbie Cupples Memorial West RW

Protocol, Betsy Kindred West Pearland RW

TFRW/NFRW Liaison, Alice Melancon Montgomery County RW

Social Media, Jennifer Knesek Magic Circle RW

Nuts 'N Bolts, Amy Byers Lake Conroe Area RW