



Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

Representing 12 Counties of Federated Republican Women

President’s Message

Wow! It’s already May. We’ve enjoyed the April showers and beautiful spring flowers, and I hope all is going well for you and your club.

As we move into May, our attention turns to the upcoming run-off elections. This is the time for us to step up and actively support our Republican candidates. Your involvement and dedication make a difference, and this is an important opportunity to contribute.

This month, we will also take time to celebrate the incredible women in our clubs. I hope your members are planning to attend our May meeting, as each of you brings something truly special and gives so much of yourselves.

After the meeting our business agenda we will honor attendees with a Mother’s Day Tea. This will be a wonderful time to enjoy beautifully decorated tables prepared by your club while sharing tea and fellowship. As always, there will be a decorating contest, so be sure to reserve your table soon.

And don’t forget—wear your hat!

Respectfully,
Renee Lunsford, President



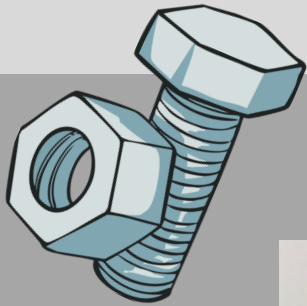
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- May 19 **GHC General Meeting**
- Jun 11-13 **Texas GOP State Convention Houston**
- Jul 10 - 11 **TFRW 3rd Quarter Board Meeting**
- Aug 18 **GHC Board Meeting**
- Sep 15 **GHC General Meeting**

- Sep 17 - 18 **TFRW 4th Quarter Board Meeting**
- Sep 19 **TFRW Tribute to Women Luncheon**
- Oct 20 **GHC Board Meeting**
- Nov 5 **Election Day**
- Nov 17 **GHC General Meeting**

GHC Nuts 'N Bolts

Marga Matthews



Marga Matthews stepped up to lead Nuts 'N Bolts this year and did an outstanding job. Training remains a key priority for the Greater Houston Council, and it was encouraging to see so many women attend with a strong desire to learn and grow.





Legislative Update

Kathleen Jordan, Kingwood Area RW



Legislative & Local Government Update Spring 2026

Texas politics has remained highly active through early 2026, even without a regular legislative session. State agencies, legislative committees, and local governments have continued shaping policy in ways that directly affect Houston-area families, taxpayers, and voters.

STATE OF TEXAS UPDATE

Regulatory Actions & Conservative Policy Priorities

- Texas hemp regulations

The Texas Department of State Health Services finalized new rules tightening oversight of smokable hemp and THC-derived products. Supporters say these rules close loopholes, protect minors, and reinforce public safety. A legal challenge is underway, but the rules are currently scheduled to take effect.

- Property tax relief discussions

Legislative leaders continue exploring long-term strategies to reduce Texans' property tax burden. Public statements from state officials indicate ongoing interest in compression, appraisal reform, and limiting local spending growth.

- Border security operations

State agencies have continued Operation Lone Star activities, including infrastructure construction, law-enforcement deployments, and coordination with local sheriffs. Supporters argue these actions are necessary due to federal inaction on border enforcement.

Education & Parental Rights

- School choice proposals

Discussions around education savings accounts and parental choice remain active among state leaders. While no new legislation has passed in 2026, the issue continues to be a top priority for many Republican lawmakers.

- Curriculum transparency

State Board of Education members have continued reviewing instructional materials and standards, with emphasis on parental oversight and age-appropriate content.

HARRIS COUNTY UPDATE

County Governance & Fiscal Issues

- Harris County budget oversight

Commissioners Court has continued debates over spending priorities, law-enforcement funding, and tax rates. Republican officials and activists have emphasized the need for transparency, public-safety investment, and responsible budgeting.

- Elections administration

Harris County's election processes remain under scrutiny following recent legislative changes requiring the county to eliminate its Elections Administrator position. The County Clerk and Tax Assessor-Collector now share election responsibilities. Discussions continue about staffing, ballot security, and polling-place operations.

Public Safety

- Crime and law-enforcement funding

Crime trends and court backlogs remain major concerns. Republican leaders and community groups continue calling for stronger support for law enforcement, faster case processing, and reforms to bond practices.

CITY OF HOUSTON UPDATE

City Hall & Governance

- Houston budget and fiscal challenges

The City of Houston continues to face long-term financial pressures, including pension obligations, infrastructure needs, and public-safety staffing. City leaders have discussed potential adjustments to spending and departmental priorities.

- Infrastructure and flood control

Flood mitigation remains a top concern for Houston residents. Coordination continues between the city, Harris County Flood Control District, and state agencies on drainage improvements, bayou projects, and federal grant applications.

Public Safety & Quality of Life

- Houston Police Department staffing

HPD continues to face officer shortages. Discussions at City Hall include recruitment incentives, academy class expansion, and long-term staffing strategies.

- Neighborhood issues

Topics such as illegal dumping, homelessness, and street conditions remain priorities for many residents. City departments have proposed targeted clean-up initiatives and service expansions.

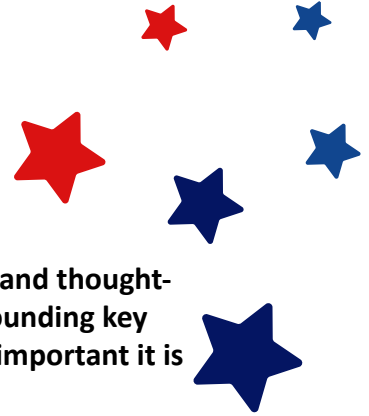
Greater Houston Council Clubs News

GHC Member Club Meetings

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Monday	<p>Golden Triangle RW 11:30 am MCM Elegante Hotel</p> <p>Memorial W RW 11:00 am Los Tios Mexican</p>	<p>Northwest Forest RW 11:30 am Shirley Acres</p>		<p>Great State RW 7:00 pm St. Peter Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Magic Circle RW 11:30 am Maggiano's Post Oak</p>
Tuesday	<p>Brazosport RW 6:00 pm Lake Jackson Central Library</p>	<p>Cy-Fair RW 11:30 Harris County Smokehouse</p> <p>E. Montgomery RW 6:00 pm Bull Sallas Sr Center</p> <p>Texas Tea Party RW 6:00 pm Los Reyes Mexican Restaurant</p>	<p>The Woodlands RW 11:30 am The Woodlands Country Club</p>	<p>Bay Area RW 11:00 am Bay Oaks Country Club</p>
Wednesday	<p>Northshore RW 10:45am Bentwater Country Club</p>	<p>RW of Yoakum noon City of Yoakum Community Center</p>	<p>Galveston RW 11:30 am San Luis Hotel</p>	<p>Ft. Bend RW 11:15 am Los Gallitos, Hwy 6</p> <p>Village RW 11 am Houston Racquet Club</p>
Thursday	<p>Baytown RW 6:30 pm Luby's, 1201 W. Baker Rd</p> <p>RW of Katy 11:00 am Palacio Maria</p> <p>West Pearland RW 6:30 pm</p>		<p>Kingwood Area RW 11:00 am Raffa's Waterfront Grill 1660 W. Lake Houston Pkwy.</p>	
Friday	<p>Clear Creek RW 11:30 pm La Brisa Mexican Grill, 501 N. Wesley Dr</p>			
Saturday			<p>Angleton RW 10:30 am Brazoria County Courthouse West Annex</p>	

Note - Some clubs do not meet during the summer or change the date due to Holidays. It is recommend to check the clubs website and RSVP

Clear Creek Republican Women



We had the distinct pleasure of hosting Luisa Deason, who delivered a powerful and thought-provoking presentation on correcting the rhetoric and diffusing the rumors surrounding key issues impacting our communities. Her insight and clarity reminded us just how important it is to stay informed, grounded in facts and confident in our conversations.

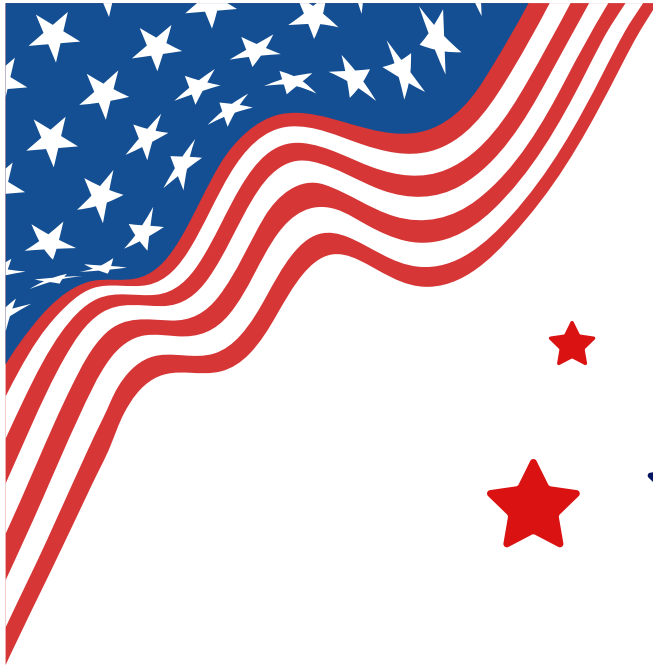
Born and raised in Mexico City, Mexico, Luisa moved to Houston with her family in 1979 and has built an extraordinary career rooted in service, leadership, and advocacy. Following her time with DHS, she launched her own consulting firm, where she continues to lend her expertise to both immigrant and law enforcement communities. Her work spans critical topics such as immigration, national security, anti-terrorism, and current agency policies and procedures.

Luisa is widely respected as a true professional and expert in this subject matter. It was an absolute privilege to hear her speak and to share in such an engaging and informative afternoon.

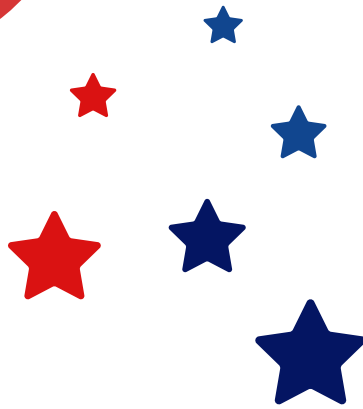


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Republican”***



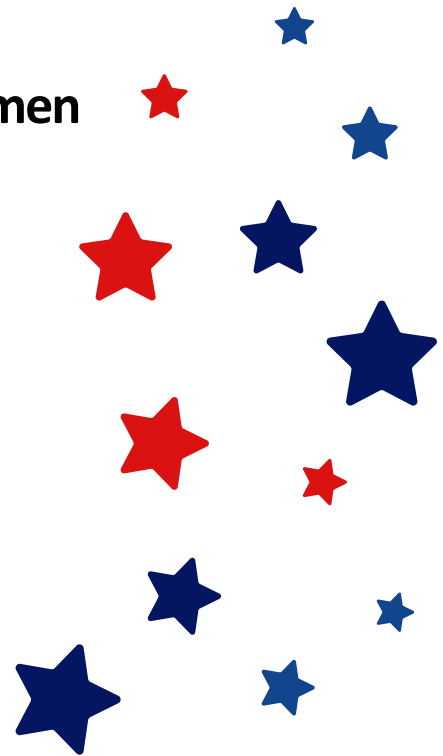
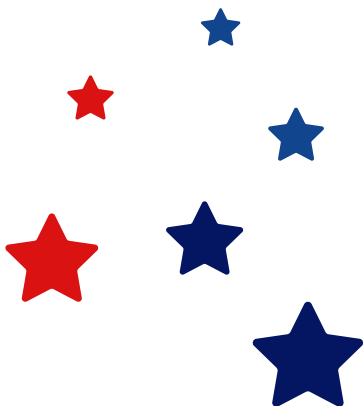


Baytown Republican Women



Baytown Republican Women Board continues to volunteer through the local Adopt-A-Spot program in order to reach out to the community. All politics are local, and BRW provides another opportunity to start relevant discussions. Pictured (l to r): JoAnn Cecil/Treasurer, Don Aikey/Associate Member, Denise Pratt/President, Kathrine Owens/Secretary. Photo by Philip Glass/Associate Member, BRW Photographer

Angleton Republican Women



Kingwood Area Republican Women

PINK ELEPHANT LUNCHEON



*Kingwood Area Republican Women
invite you to lunch with the
Ladies of Justice.*

*Five amazing female jurists will discuss their impact on
Justice in Texas.*

*Guests are encouraged to wear all shades of pink with their
favorite Derby hat or fascinator.*

*Thursday, May 21, 2026
11:00 AM- 1:00 PM*

RAFFAS WATERFRONT GRILL

*1660 W Lake Houston Parkway
Kingwood, Texas 77339*

Advanced RSVP required at KARW.ORG

We would be honored to have you join us for this special meeting.

Paid political advertising by Kingwood Area Republican Women's Club.

Republican Women of Yoakum Area



May 13 Meeting

Lavaca County Sheriff Steven Greenwell

**He will update us on LCSO
changes, improvements,
staffing and involvement
with Lone Star.**



May 13, 2026. 11:45am-1pm Yoakum Community Center
105 Huck Street Yoakum Texas

Lunch served-freewill donation

For more information contact RWOYA President-Cheryl Draper 713-5168880

FT. BEND COUNTY LINCOLN REAGAN DINNER

Fort Bend Republican Women's Club Chairs, Lois Gremminger and Angela Hayes Bushnell hosted a fantastic Fort Bend County Lincoln Reagan Dinner. It was well attended. The club had over 30 volunteers from surrounding Republican Clubs. The event was hosted by Rowdy Yates. Mike Lindell was the special guest speaker and wowed everyone with his story of survival. Tina Gibson, GHC Past President, was awarded Woman of the Year. Bobby Eberle, Fort Bend County Republican Party Chair resigned and past the gavel to newly elected Greg Barnes.



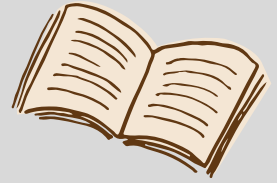
Guest Speaker: Mike Lindell



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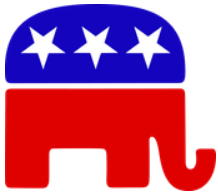
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GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL CLUBS AND PRESIDENTS 2026



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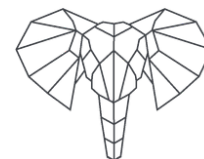
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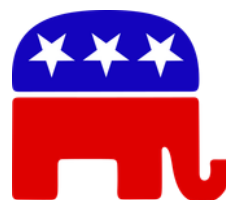
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