



Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

Representing 12 Counties of Federated Republican Women

President's Message

Hello Ladies,

As we return from our summer break and begin preparing for the November elections, this year also marks the **25th anniversary of September 11, 2001**. I still remember how September 12, 2001, felt. Do you? I remember the heartfelt love, compassion, and unity that people showed one another following that tragic day.

As we reflect on that time, I encourage each of you to bring a little more kindness into someone's life. **Call an old friend. Help a neighbor. Check in on a relative. Volunteer.** Thank a first responder. Small acts of kindness can make a tremendous difference.

WE ARE WHERE THE RED BEGINS The election is here. The ticket is set. Our time is now. Elections are won by turning out voters. They are won when someone knocks on a door, makes a phone call, or reaches out to a friend. They are won when someone sends a text and simply asks, **"Have you voted yet?"** They are won because volunteers show up, work hard, and refuse to give up.

It is also time to start thinking about membership! **2027 membership begins October 1, 2026**. I ask all Club Presidents to encourage your members to begin your membership drive. Please look at the **TFRW Newsletter** for information about the membership incentives offered by NFRW and TFRW. Let's make membership a priority and continue building strong, active clubs throughout our communities.

Upcoming Events

- September 15, 2026 — GHC Get Out the Vote
- September 17–19, 2026 — 4th Quarter Board Meeting & Patron Event

Embassy Suites, Round Rock

- September 19, 2026 — Tribute to Women

Embassy Suites, Round Rock

Our Work Continues

September and October will be busy, but they also give us an opportunity to make a difference—in our communities, in our clubs, and through our volunteer efforts.

Thank you for all you do. Your time, energy, enthusiasm, and commitment are what make our organization strong.



★ ★ ★ Mark Your Calendar ★ ★ ★

Sep 15 GHC General Meeting

Sep 17 - 18 TFRW 4th Quarter Board Meeting

Sep 19 TFRW Tribute to Women Luncheon

Oct 3 GOP Happy Hour

Oct 20 GHC Board Meeting

Nov 5 Election Day

Nov 17 GHC General Meeting



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE
GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL
OF FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S

—★— *September Meeting* —★—



DATE

Tuesday
September 15, 2026



CHECK-IN

Begins at 9:00 am



LOCATION

Trini Mendenhall
1414 Wirt Road
Houston, TX 77055

*Join us for a morning of
fellowship, updates, and inspiration
as we work together to support
our Republican values and candidates.*



TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER.

Together We Win!

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU THERE!**



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Legislative Update

Kathleen Jordan, Kingwood Area RW

Legislative & Local Government Update Summer 2026



State of Texas

Republican leaders continue prioritizing property-tax restraint, election-integrity measures, and public-safety funding. Gov. Abbott has reiterated goals including limiting property-tax growth, closing the open-primary system, and strengthening regulations around AI-related infrastructure. The Legislature is also advancing bills on education finance, rural healthcare, nuclear energy development, and zoning modernization. Republicans from all over the country are descending on Dallas this week for the first ever National Midterm Convention with President Trump headlining the event.

Harris County

Harris County commissioners voted today to advance a major property-tax increase, moving forward a 7.6% rate hike—one of the largest in county history. The proposed rate of \$0.67 per \$100 valuation is intended to close a budget deficit exceeding \$180 million, driven by rising healthcare costs, law-enforcement pay obligations, and other mandated expenses. Republican Commissioner Tom Ramsey opposed the increase, calling for spending cuts and reductions in non-statutory programs before raising taxes. Homeowners could see annual increases ranging from \$193 to nearly \$240, depending on property value.

City of Houston

Republican voices in Houston continue emphasizing fiscal oversight, public-safety staffing, and infrastructure accountability. Concerns remain about long-term budget sustainability, crime trends, and the need for stronger support for law-enforcement operations. These issues remain central as the city navigates ongoing financial pressures and service-delivery challenges.

Greater Houston Council Clubs News

GHC Member Club Meetings

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

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



2026 JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

You Deserve a Safe Harris County - Vote Republican Judges

Chief Justice 14th Court of Appeals Kevin Jewell	Criminal District Judge, 209th Judicial District - Tony Coveny	County Criminal Court at Law No. 1 Erin Swanson
Justice, 1st Court of Appeals District Place 3 - Todd Frankfort	Criminal District Judge, 228th Judicial District - Caroline Dozier	County Criminal Court at Law No. 2 Matt Alford
Justice, 1st Court of Appeals District Place 5 - Jessica Caird	Criminal District Judge, 230th Judicial District - Megan Long	County Criminal Court at Law No. 3 Leslie R. Johnson
Justice, 1st Court of Appeals District Place 4 - David Gunn	Criminal District Judge, 232 nd Judicial District - Chuck Silverman	County Criminal Court at Law No. 4 Rebecca Philips Aceto
Justice, 14th Court of Appeals District Place 7 - Ken Wise	Criminal District Judge, 248th Judicial District - David W. Overhuls	County Criminal Court at Law No. 5 Stella Stevens
Civil District Judge, 55th Judicial District - Nile Copeland	Criminal District Judge, 262nd Judicial District - Nathan Moss	County Criminal Court at Law No. 6 Joshua Normand
Civil District Judge, 113th Judicial District - Paul M. Sullivan	Criminal District Judge, 263rd Judicial District - Jason A. Campo	County Criminal Court at Law No 7 Thomas Adam Brodrick
Civil District Judge, 157th Judicial District - Gerald Fowler	Criminal District Judge, 482nd Judicial District - Bryan Honeycutt	County Criminal Court at Law No 8 Victor Flores
Civil District Judge, 189th Judicial District - Vance Christopher	Criminal District Judge, 486th Judicial District - Vanessa Velasquez	County Criminal Court at Law No 9 Xavier Alfaro
Civil District Judge, 190th Judicial District - Aaron Adams	Criminal District Judge, 495th Judicial District - Lori Ann DeAngelo	County Criminal Court at Law No 10 Bao Hoang
Civil District Judge, 234th Judicial District - David "Dave" Harvey	Criminal District Judge, 496th Judicial District - Dan Simons	County Criminal Court at Law No 11 Elizabeth Buss
Civil District Judge, 269th Judicial District - Celena Guerra Pawlak	Criminal District Judge, 497th Judicial District - Peyton Peebles	County Criminal Court at Law No 12 Anna Emmons
Civil District Judge, 270th Judicial District - Brian Staley	Family District Judge, 245th Judicial District - Paula Vlahakos	County Criminal Court at Law No 13 Amber Cox
Civil District Judge, 281st Judicial District - Chris Carmona	Family District Judge, 280th Judicial District - Rose Cardenas	County Criminal Court at Law No 14 Jessica N. Padilla
Civil District Judge, 295th Judicial District - Greg Travis	Family District Judge, 309th Judicial District - Melissa Fertel	County Criminal Court at Law No 15 Stephen C. St. Martin
Juvenile District Judge, 313th Judicial District - Amy Strickling	Family District Judge, 311th Judicial District - Joe Radler	Judge, County Probate Court No. 1 Loyd H. Wright
Juvenile District Judge, 315 th Judicial District - Maria Valeria Brock	Family District Judge, 312th Judicial District - Jesus Guillen	Judge, County Probate Court No. 2 Paul Shanklin
Criminal District Judge, 180th Judicial District - Tami C. Pierce	County Civil Court at Law No. 1 Jamie King	Judge, County Probate Court No. 3 Ronald Schramm
Criminal District Judge, 182nd Judicial District - Brent Haynes	County Civil Court at Law No. 2 Mark Montgomery	Judge, County Probate Court No. 4 Kevin Fulton
Criminal District Judge, 183rd Judicial District - Lance Long	County Civil Court at Law No. 3 Israel Garcia	Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 Place 2 Jack Ezell
Criminal District Judge, 184th Judicial District - Heather Hudson	County Civil Court at Law No. 4 John Donovan	Justice of the Peace Pct. 4, Place 2 Laryssa Korduba
Criminal District Judge, 185th Judicial District - Mark Goldberg	County Civil Court at Law No. 5 Richard Lanier Fason	Justice of the Peace Pct. 5, Place 2 Mark Fury
Criminal District Judge, 208th Judicial District - Stephen Driver		Justice of the Peace Pct. 8, Place 2 Louie Ditta

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Ladies and Gentlemen,
**The REPUBLICAN WOMEN
OF TRINITY COUNTY**



Invite you to the
8th Annual
Lavender & Lace
Silent Auction & Style Show

Date: **Saturday, October 10, 2026**

Time: **10:30 AM – 2:00 PM**

Silent Auction: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Place: **Trinity Community Center**
806 South Robb Street
Trinity, Texas 75862

Tickets: **\$30.00 per Person**
Tickets must be purchased **prior** to event

Payment: Check, Cash, Card, PayPal, & Venmo
Make checks payable to **RWTC**

Fashion: Crystal's Small-Town Glamour
Catering: Wicked Eats Market

Coordinator: Betsy Carney (951) 973-4815
Tickets: Kirby Mackey (832) 691-6878

Website: **RWTCTX.org**

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AMERICA

250TH

ANNIVERSARY

— 1776 ★ 2026 —

HONORING OUR PAST ★ CELEBRATING OUR FREEDOM
— BUILDING OUR FUTURE —

SAVE THE DATE!

★ **Fundraiser** ★

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026



**BRAZOSPORT
REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

★
GOD ★ FAMILY ★ FREEDOM ★ COUNTRY



Republican Women of Yoakum Area
60th ANNIVERSARY

1966-2026

December 12, 2026

Yoakum Community Center
105 Huck Street Yoakum, Texas

5-6:30 Social hour

6:30 Buffet dinner

6:45 Program and dance

THE EMOTIONS

Tickets:

\$50. per person

\$800. Table of 8

Contact:

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Laura Wauson (210) 380-6566

1stVP-Vicki Vickers (512) 554-5678

President-Cheryl T-Draper (713) 516-8880

Please join us for a



Big Beautiful Birthday Bash

250 Years - Remembering - Celebrating - Uniting

Dinner, Guest Speakers, Live & Silent Auctions

MONDAY, SEPT 21, 2026

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Doris Williams Civic Center

333 Hwy 332 East Lake Jackson, TX 77566

Tickets — \$50 per person

Platinum Sponsorship - Table of 8 — \$750

Gold Sponsorship - Table of 8 — \$500

Brazosport Republican Women

For Tickets please contact

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2026-2027

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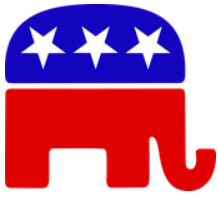
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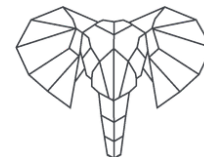
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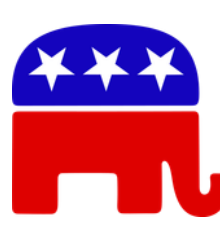
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