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SAVE THE DATE

Central Texas RW
Annual Scholarship
Endowment Luncheon

When: April 15., 2024

Time: Doors open 11:00 a.m. for
Networking & Registration

Meeting Begins - 11:30 a.m..

Where: The Gin at Nolan Creek
219 S. East St., Belton

**RSVP or Pre-Pay Required
By April 11, 2024**

\$20 Cash or \$22 Credit Card

RSVP to: rsvpctrw@gmail.com

Pre Pay at www.ctrw-pac.com

Happy Easter! Spring is finally here with flowers blooming, and hot summer days are approaching.

We have seven months to save our Nation! It's time for you to commit to volunteering for phone banking, block walking, voter registration, and supporting our Republican Candidates on all levels. One way to be involved is to plug into CTRW Community Engagement, which will make an effort to connect with newcomers to Bell County. So be on the lookout for "Red Roof Connections" and get involved. We need to be united! Let's get it done!

Our March meeting was stellar. Thank you to our fabulous speakers, Texas Supreme Court Justice Jimmy Blacklock, for an inspiring conversation about our Constitution and to Debra Longley, Executive Director of Children's Advocacy Center of Central Texas mission. Read the Caring for America article for more information about the CTRW project supporting the CACCT.

The next meeting is April 15th, our Annual Scholarship Luncheon, where we will award two local students' scholarships for \$1000.00 each on behalf of the CTRW Scholarship Endowment Foundation. Please come and cheer these graduating students on and encourage them as they prepare for college. In addition, we have an exceptional speaker scheduled with Railroad Commissioner

Christi Craddick, and you never know who else might stop by. This will be an extraordinary social luncheon, so mark your calendars now! Consider bringing family and friends, even children, for a fabulous presentation.

May 2, 2024, will mark the 73rd Anniversary of The National Day of Prayer. CTRW and SARW will meet on the north side of the Bell County Courthouse to Pray for America. Please plan to join us at 10:00 AM. This year's theme is: "Lift up the Word. Lift up the Light." I encourage you to attend. Now more than ever, we must gather and pray for each other and our great country. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you. Strength is in numbers. Stand Proud as a Republican! God Bless You and Yours.

Janet Brown, President





1st VP, Programs/Linda Atkins

Since her tenure on the Railroad Commission began in November 2012, Chairman Christi Craddick has pushed to maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of an energy industry that is driving the state's unparalleled economic success. In the process, she has repeatedly proven that sensible regulations, careful listening, and plain talk can foster innovation that has solidified Texas leadership in the energy sector. Craddick has set a clear standard of integrity, self-reliance, and innovation in her position of commissioner at the Railroad Commission. She will inspire us as she emphasizes how important it is to "Unite Women for Success."



Event: Annual Scholarship Endowment Luncheon

Date: April 15, 2024

RSVP: required by April 10, 2024 Email: rsvpctrw@gmail.com

Time: 11:00a.m. – registration

11:30 a.m. – Call to Order

Place: The Gin at Nolan Creek in Belton – 219 S. East Street

Cost: Reservation required \$20pp cash/check or \$22 credit card

PRE-Pay on Website



LEARN MORE



RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

Central Texas Republican Women established a Scholarship Program in December 1999, to honor the future women of Bell County. A Non-Profit organization known as the CTRW Scholarship Endowment, the foundation was established to manage and support this scholarship. The first scholarship was awarded in August 2002.

Kitty Pope, a dedicated member of our organization, was the driving force behind the creation of this scholarship. Her vision and effort were instrumental in its establishment. In honor of her memory, the scholarship was named after her. Kitty, a long-time Temple resident, and her husband, Hermon "Sonny" Pope, were passionate **Republican volunteers**.



The then \$500.00 scholarship has been awarded each year to a Bell County woman that has, or is completing high school within the county. The amount has increased over the years, and a \$1000.00 scholarship will be awarded to a female recipient this year. A second Scholarship was later established in the name of Sonny Pope, Kitty's husband and may be awarded to a male or female recipient. Process for applicants includes TWO Letters of Reference, copy of the official transcript, a copy of all areas of service to school and their community, and the hardest, a printed opinion/essay answering the question "What does it Mean to Be an American?"

This year's applicants are all qualified for scholarships. Unfortunately, we can only award two scholarships. We have a very special program scheduled for our upcoming April 15th luncheon. Please join us in Congratulating our Scholarship Endowment Winners.



60th Anniversary Commemorative Pins are available. Be sure to pick yours up at one of the Central Texas RW Networking meetings.

Would you like to support the CTRW and be in fashion?

Purchase the latest CTRW T-shirt design, designed by our own member, Marlean Druce! For an additional price, we also have long-sleeve and sweatshirts.

Contact Christy Wilbanks for additional information and assistance!



CTRW 2023 V Neck Shirt
\$25.00 Price

SAVE THE DATE

CTRW's famous **Chili Luncheon** date has been set! Mark your Calendars for **October 15th!**
More details coming soon!



Christy Wilbanks
3 rd Vice President CTRW, Fundraising
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We thank you all for continuing your support and involvement in CTRW. Thanks to the many renewals and new members joining, we now have 119 Primary members! We also have 50 Associate Members including two youth members, for a total of **169**.

BECOME A MEMBER

Please bring your friends to join as we continue to grow our membership!



DOWNLOAD A 2024 MEMBERSHIP FORM HERE



*Thank you 2024 CTRW PATRONS.
Please pick up name tag
Ribbons at any luncheon.*

Upgrade your CTRW
Membership to **Patron!**
contactctrw@gmail.com
for assistance.



**Spring
is Here**



Wow! What a month we have had across the state. We had primary races, we had winners and losers, now we are gearing up for the runoffs. We have had March winds, and welcome April rains with Bluebonnets everywhere! We are waiting to celebrate Easter, the death and resurrection of our Lord.

We are running races that will require patience, endurance, discipline, and wisdom. Our fellow Republicans are not our enemies, and we must unify as one. Speaking of races, in 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27 speaks of running a race of life. Life is like a marathon, which is 26.219 miles, but as we all know life is a much longer run. So how does one run a good race? Several things are needed.

One must have an equal balance of:

Prayer: How often do you talk with the Father each day?

Bible Study: Are you engaged in a regular time of Bible reading, devotion, and study?

Worship: Are you praising the Father for His goodness? Praising the Father builds up our spirits.

Service: How are you using your gifts to serve God and his people? Are you reaching out to help others in need?

Evangelism: Have you spoken to someone recently about his or her relationship with God? Have you told them how important faith in Jesus is?

Stewardship: Are you investing regularly and consistently in God's church with your time, talents, and financial resources? The secret to winning the race, to truly live a Christlike life, is to order our lives around those activities, disciplines, and practices that were modeled by Christ, to accomplish through training what we cannot now do by trying.

All of these are needed to finish our race in life. To finish our race in November, which will be our finish line for now, we must join forces to combat the evil that is trying to overtake our schools, our homes, our marriages, our children, and our souls.

I'll close with this scripture. Read it over and over, let it sink into your heart, mind and soul.

Matthew 12:25 And knowing their thoughts Jesus said to them, "Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and any city or house divided against itself will not stand."





Happy spring, everyone. It was wonderful seeing y'all and catching up on news at our March meeting. As I mentioned, this year, The Texas Federation of Republican Women will focus on domestic violence awareness as a caring for America endeavor. So, our focus on caring for America will parallel theirs. We will partner with The Children's Advocacy Center of Central Texas (CAC) this year. Their mission is to "provide and promote hope, healing, and justice for abused children" in hopes of restoring lives and ending the cycle of neglect and abuse. Their vision is that "every child grows and develops in a healthy environment free of abuse". Their core values are: "wellness for children, justice integrity, collaboration, empathy". Per their website, more than 2,200 children were victims of child abuse in Bell, Coryell, and Milam Counties. Children are our hope for the future, so I cannot think of a more worthwhile project. We aim to provide support by donating needed snacks and care closet items and active membership involvement with their upcoming fair. At our March meeting, Debra Longley, the executive director of CAC, spoke about their mission and needs.



The CAC is hosting a Child Abuse Prevention Fair on April 20, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Carl Levin Park in Harker Heights. They need 5-7 volunteers to help as follows:

- Set up before the event (arrive at 9:00 a.m.)
- Clean up
- Greeting guests
- Storybook reading: The CAC selected a classic fairytale. They would love for 2-3 volunteers to dress up and make the story come alive for the children and their families. They provide the book and the decorations. We provide the people and the extras to make the story exciting for the children. Stories are read every half hour during the event, starting at 10:15 a.m.

Other needs of the CAC are Snacks such as peanut butter and crackers, animal crackers with or without frosting, and any flavor of goldfish; Care Closet Items such as stuffed animals, blankets, fidget toys, journals, coloring books, books for teens, and books for younger children.

You can bring any items to our April meeting on April 15th or the the fair on April 20th. Thank you all in advance for the outstanding support I know you will provide for this worthwhile project. I know we will continue to make a difference in our community as we join forces with the CAC to bring awareness to child abuse and contribute to the healing process of abused children through our donations and support while also **KEEPING TEXAS RED!**

Hello Ladies, the Community Engagement team of CTRW is excited to kick off with a Newcomer Outreach! Our team will be engaging with our Newcomers in our communities through home visits and other contact to personally welcome them with a small gift bag containing CTRW information, including the time and date of our monthly meetings, a tasty home-baked goodie to share, and an invite to a "Red Roofs Connection," held in their neighborhoods. We will also follow up our visits with a personal postcard welcoming our newcomers to our Central Texas RW community. If anyone would like to participate in block walking (home visits), personalize postcards, join, share ideas, facilitate or donate a dessert or beverage for a "Red Roofs Connection," or participate in any way, don't hesitate to reach out.

I would like to give a special shout out to a fabulous CTRW member, Andrea Karlek, who was able to organize the Newcomers Excel list into a user-friendly format so we can actually use it, as I know very little about the Excel program.

Be Blessed,
Cynthia Pursell
CTRW Community Engagement Chair
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wideawakeministries@gmail.com



Upcoming in May



LIFT UP THE WORD
LIGHT UP THE WORLD
2 SAMUEL 22:29-31
THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Bell County Community Observance
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 2, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

Historic Bell County Courthouse
(Northside steps)

Sponsored by
Central Texas Republican Women & Salado Area Republican Women

April is rich with American pride.

This month we celebrate the anniversary of two Reserves. Starting with a nod to the Air Force Reserve's Anniversary on Sunday, April 14, marks their 76 birthday. Next, the Military Reserve celebrates 116 years on Tuesday, April 23. Their site states they are a "Capable and ready force home and abroad". www.usar.army.mil

As we start the month of April, remember Gold Star Spouses Day, observed on Friday, April 5.

Central Texas RW members will host a Memorial Day remembrance salute during the May 20, 2024 meeting. If you would like to honor a service member who lost their life while serving and defending the United States of America, please get in touch with me at TheWeismanFamily@gmail.com or 925-813-1016

Veteran's name, Your name, Relationship to Veteran, Veteran's Service Branch

U.S. State Anniversaries:

April 28, 1788, Maryland; 7th state

April 30, 1812, Louisiana; 18th state



God Bless Texas!

Legislation Chair: Kimmie Turk



March has been a busy month, and so has protecting our border! In 2023, Texas lawmakers approved Senate Bill 4. This bill allows Texas police to arrest people for illegally crossing the Mexico border. Federal courts temporarily blocked the law from going into effect. However, the U.S. Supreme Court, in a 6-3 decision on Tuesday, March 19, voted that those illegally crossing the Texas-Mexico border can take effect. However, later that evening, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel temporarily put it on hold (again). We continue to monitor the enforcement to protect our borders.

You can watch Governor Abbott's recent video by clicking [here](#). You'll read that Texas continues to "hold the line" by:

- ✓ Building our OWN Texas border wall
- ✓ Transporting over 104,000 MIGRANTS to sanctuary cities
- ✓ Installing MORE razor wire and anti-climb border barriers
- ✓ Expanding border security operations to keep Americans SAFE
- ✓ Deploying THOUSANDS of Texas National Guard soldiers and DPS troopers

Let's remember to pray for protection for our Texas law enforcement and Texas National Guard.

*click
here!*

[Texas Legislative Updates](#)

CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

**From your Political Activities Chair
Christina Demirs**

It's time to report your political hours and calls for the first quarter of 2024. Please email or text your hours and calls for January through March to me at the number and email address below by: APRIL 8TH.

Only totals need to be reported. Wondering what counts as a call or an hour? A call is any call made that is political in nature or in support of campaigns, legislation, or club activities. Hours include ALL activities that are political in nature or support the Republican philosophy. Did you vote? Work on a campaign? Serve as an election judge, clerk, or poll watcher? Attend CTRW meetings or events? Participate in a TRFW event or zoom training? Attend a precinct or the County Convention? All of those activities count, including your travel time to and from the activity.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Christina Demirs
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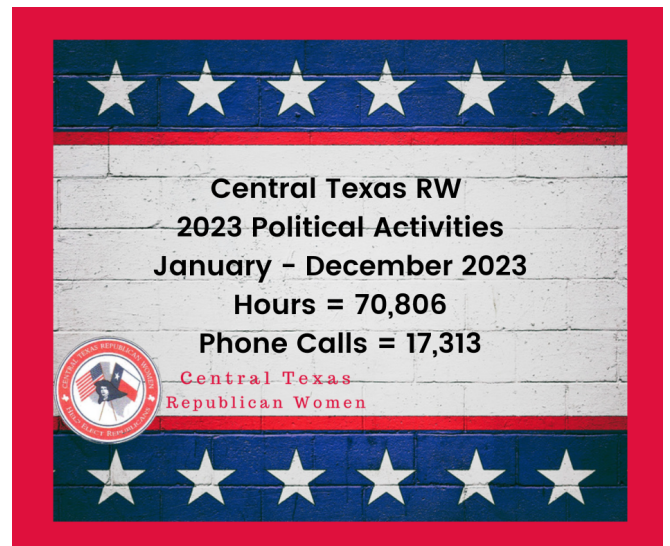
Political Hours are reported Quarterly

We Want to
Recognize
you!

150,000



Is phone calling your talent? Join other TFRW members to help meet the TFRW goal of 150,00 new Registered Voters by participating in the Voter Engagement PAC (VEP). If you are interested, email: Christina Demirs.



2024 Central Texas RW
Executive Committee Roster

President	Janet Brown janetlynbrown@gmail.com 254-541-2307
1st Vice-President	Linda Atkins
2nd Vice-President	Marlean Druce
3rd Vice-President	Christy Wilbanks
Secretary	Susan Burchfield
Treasurer/PAC	Wanita Reeder
Parliamentarian	Zenia Warren
Political Activities	Christina Demirs
Americanism	Michele Weisman
Awards	Janet Brown
Caring For America	Kathy Ruiz
Chaplain	Rebecca Tong
Hospitality	Sandra McCleney
Legislative	Kimmie Turk
Literacy	Marlene DiLillo
Newsletter/Social Media	Celeste Zadnichek
Outreach	Cynthia Pursell
Past President	Zenia Warren
Scholarship Foundation	Zenia Warren/Kathy Ruiz/Wanita Reeder

MARK YOUR CTRW CALENDARS



April 15	CTRW Regular Meeting, Scholarship Lunch 11 am
April 20	Caring For America - CACCT Child Abuse Prevention Storybook Fair
May 2	CTRW Community Day of Prayer Observance - 10 am
May 20	CTRW Regular Meeting - 11 am
May 23-25	Republican State Convention, San Antonio, TX

CTRW Member Club Activities



March Monthly Meeting at The Gin



Texas Supreme Court Judge Jimmy Blacklock



Educate and Inform



Bell County
Young Republicans

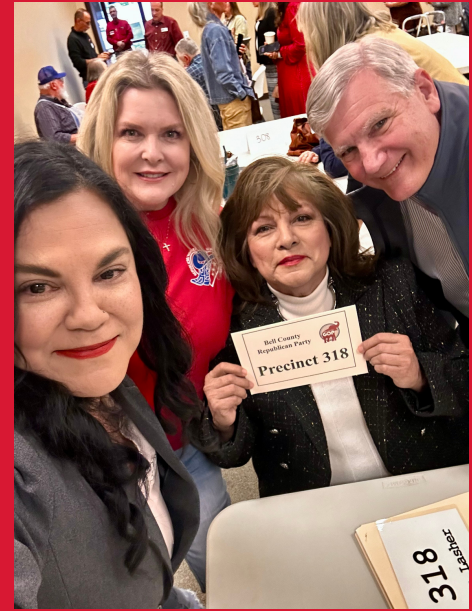


Smooth Sailing!

Precinct Convention



TRFW President, Zeina, Warren, Bell GOP Chair Addie Baird, CTRW President, Janet Brown



Precinct #318
CTRW Members, Precinct Chair, Olga Lasher and Hubby, Celeste Zadnichek and, Ollie Faris-Navarro



Linda Atkins, CTRW 1st VP serving as Precinct Chair



Reading, Writing, Approving, and Denying Propositions on the behalf of Local Precincts!



Precinct #313
CTRW Member & House Representative HD 55 Nominee, Hillary Hickland, Lou Ann Anderson, Linda Hagler

Bell County Convention



Central Texas Republican Women County Convention Participants 2024





Central Texas
Republican Women

Let's go to TEXAS GOP State Convention

If you are going to State
Convention, let us know
HERE

Scholarships are available
email
janetlynbrown@gmail.com

Road to Convention

1 Precinct Convention

March 09, 2024

Various Times depending on Precinct number.

SPJST Hall

520 S. Main Street, Temple, TX



2 County Convention

March 23, 2024

8:00 A.M. Registration

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m,

Crossroads Church

500 South I-35, Belton. TX

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TEXAS GOP CONVENTION

MAY 23 - 25 SAN ANTONIO

DEFEND TEXAS, SAVE AMERICA

BELL COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY HAPPENINGS

Precinct Chairs Needed!

Vacant

Seats: 106, 109, 114, 116, 205, 211, 212, 304, 308, 310, and 419.

If you are interested in running for any precinct chair
seat in the March Primaries, this would also be a great
session to come to! Please reach out to

Addie Baird at addie@rancholago.com.



Addie Baird
CHAIR

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Executive Committee Meeting Bell County Republican Party

Monday, April 15, 2024

Commissioner's Courtroom

Historic Belton Courthouse

101 East Central Avenue

Belton, TX 76513

Registration: 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Meeting: 6:00 PM

All Republicans invited to attend



Central Texas
Republican Women



April 4, 2024
6:00 - 8:00PM
2207 Lake Rd,
Belton, Texas 76513

Pints and Politics is a monthly social gathering of like minded conservatives to respectfully express ideas, make new contacts, meet candidates and elected officials, and share information of current events.

WE ARE
REPUBLICANS



REPUBLICAN
ALL THE WAY!



Bell County Young
Republicans

Monthly Social
TBA



March '24 Meeting



Guest Speaker:

Dr. Eric Bruntmyer



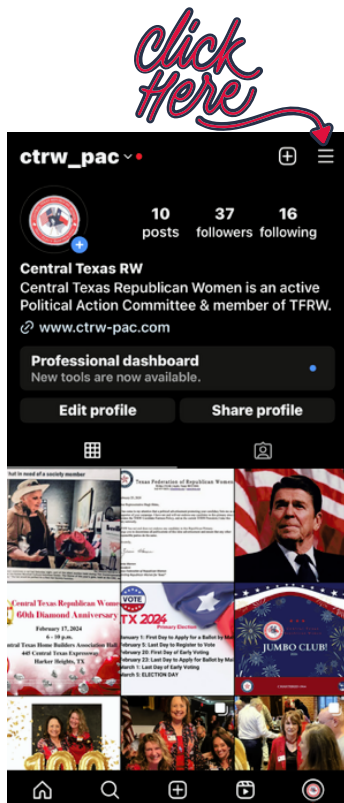
Aggressive Politics:
The Cause, The Dangers and The Cure

Thursday, April 25, 2024, 11:30 a.m.

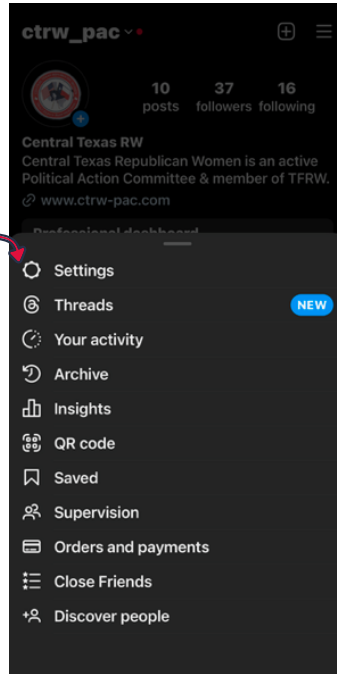
Salado Civic Center
601 N. Main Street, Salado
RSVP: sherril.gardipee@gmail.com \$20

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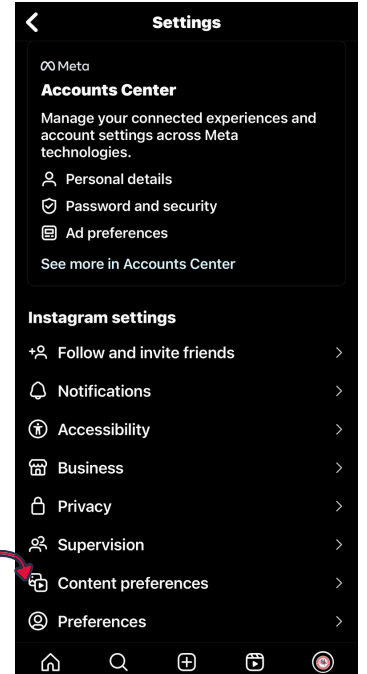
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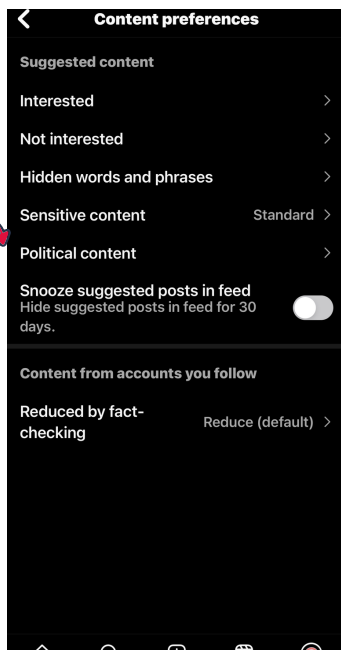
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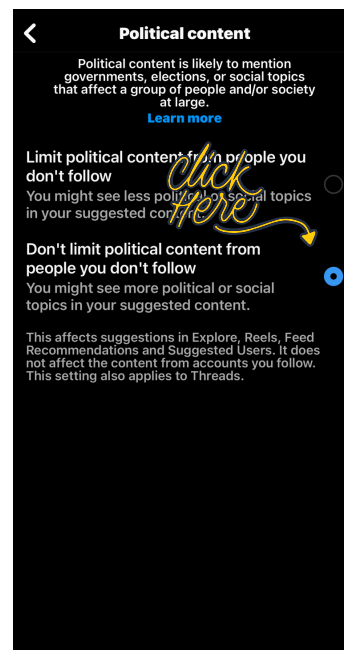
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Let's Go!!



Central Texas
Republican Women

WEB RESOURCES

http://



NFRW: www.nfrw.org

TFRW: www.tfrw.org

Bell County Texas GOP: www.belltxgop.org

CTRW: www.ctrw-pac.com

CTRW Facebook: www.facebook.com/ctrwpac

CTRW Instagram: www.instagram.com/ctrw_pac

CTRW Twitter: www.twitter.com/ctrw_pac

Editor's Corner

I have always had a deep interest in politics and kept up with current events, including what is happening within the local political realm. My passions led me to earn my Master's in Educational Technology Leadership, and I have been in education for almost 30 years.

When your passion meets your purpose...that's the dream! I thank Grace and Paul Motz for inviting me to the monthly Pints and Politics every first Thursday, where I met Janet Brown and Brenda Howard. I was in the car with these ladies I had just met, and we headed to the Capital to participate in the School Choice Committee Hearings. BAM! Sign me up to join Central Texas RW!

Serving alongside many spectacular women has been a joy; learning as you go! If you have an empowering story to share for a future Newsletter, contact me or President Janet Brown. Please share your "why".

You don't have to know everything to fulfill your dreams and convictions. Just Do It!

Respectfully,
Celeste Zadnichek
CTRW Newsletter/Social Media



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Engage: like, share, and comment!

If you have taken pictures at an event, please text:

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or email celestial7321@gmail.com

Be sure to include your name, name of function,
and club members in picture.

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