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SAVE THE DATE

- 1/5/23 Executive Board Meeting
- 1/5/23 Pints and Politics 6:00 PM
Dead Fish Grill Lake Belton
- 1/9/23 Bell County Republican Executive Committee Mtg - 6 pm
Bell County Courthouse
- **1/16/23 CTRW Luncheon Meeting at The Gin, Belton, Texas**
11:00 AM Registration Cost \$20.00
11:30 AM Meeting Called to Order
RSVP REQUIRED by 1/13/23
- 1/23/23 BellcountyTXYR 6:00 P.M.
- 1/26/23 SARW Luncheon Meeting
6:30 P.M. RSVP Required

Political Activity Hours HOURS DUE for Oct-Dec 2022

Total Reported to TFRW
October 15, 2022
8,195 Hours
1,711 Phone Calls
TOTAL TO DATE

35,187 Hours/3,445 Phone Calls
Submit your unreported Hours by
1/10/23 to: christywb@yahoo.com

Presidents Pen - Janet Brown

Happy New Year, Blessings! Welcome to 2023 and all the hope and expectation this new year offers. My toast for the year is to be a hope-bringer, even when speaking the truth.



Thank you to our December speaker, Texas State Representative Dr. Brad Buckley (SD 54), for sharing an informed Legislative update and officiating the Annual Installation of your stellar CTRW Board Officers. Because of individuals like Dr. Buckley, Texas has a promising future as we head into the 88th Legislative Session to tackle the needs of our great state. Thankfully our future is also bright for CTRW to grow and prosper because of our multi-talented membership.

As Texas Republicans, we are stronger with a unifying voice to "keep Texas Red" than when we pull or move apart. Remember your "why" for belonging. Serve in your community.

Reignite your desire to be involved with CTRW/TFRW and local/state activities. I hope you can attend the January "Nuts & Bolts" Leadership Training Event in Georgetown and the February TFRW Legislation Day in Austin.

Friends, let's toast the future of CTRW, our Republican Party, and Texas together. As a valued member, you are the leadership heartbeat within your community, especially as you share membership with friends, coworkers, or business acquaintances. I look forward to seeing and meeting you at our next meeting at The Gin Restaurant on January 16, 2023.

Happy New Year! Janet

2023 CTRW Officers

PRESIDENT - Janet Brown
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1ST VP- LINDA HAGLER
2ND VP - MARILYN BEASLEY
CO-CHAIR - KAREN SMITH
3RD VP - SANDRA MCCLENEY
SECRETARY - LINDA ATKINS
TREASURER/PAC - WANITA REEDER
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AMERICANISM - JANET GRYZBOWSKI
CO-CHAIR - MICHELLE KIRSCH
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CHAPLAIN - REBECCA TONG
POLITICAL ACTIVITIES - CHRISTY WILBANKS
LEGISLATIVE - JOYCE DAMON
LITERACY - MARLENE DILILLO
CARING FOR AMERICA - KATHY RUIZ
HOSPITALITY - BETTY MURDOCK
SOCIAL MEDIA - MARLEAN DRUCE
NEWSLETTER - MARLEAN DRUCE
PAST PRESIDENT - ZENIA WARREN

2023 CTRW OFFICERS

If you are interested in serving on a committee, please get in touch with one of these stellar ladies.



Photo from the December 2023 CTRW Installation Luncheon at The Gin Restaurant in Belton, TX

Chaplain/Rebecca Tong

Just a few words of reflection this Christmas season from your chaplain.

I pray everyone will have a great day with family and friends. Although there were many that had very little this year and there were some that had a lot, I hope that no matter who you are, where you are, or whom you spent your time with that, you remembered that God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ to be your Savior. He is the reason for the season.

Christmas 2000 years ago

It never snows at Christmas in that dry and dusty land. Instead of freezing blizzards, there are palms and drifting sands, and years ago, a stable and a most unusual star, three wise men who followed it, by camel, and not by car, while, sleepy on the quiet hills, a shepherd gave a cry, he'd seen a crowd of angels in the silent starlit sky. In the stable, an ox, a lamb, and an ass stood very still and calm, and they gazed upon the baby, safe and snug in Mary's arms.

And Joseph lost in shadows, face lit by an oil lamp's glow, stood wondering that first Christmas Day, two thousand years ago.



Christmas 2022

The presents shiny and new, the paper bright and cheerful, and all the wrapping is done, it is hard for the little ones to wait through the long and

cold night to open the presents for which they had hoped and written in their letter to Santa, the cookies and milk had been set out in hopes that Santa would delight, the wonderful new toys for which they wait to play. Sounds of laughter and glee as we share our Christmas meal, bow our heads in prayer and know that it is important that we all give praise for the reason why we give gifts of love at the end of December. We all gather and joyously sing: To celebrate the birth of our Savior and King.

Merry Christmas to All, and to All, a Happy and prosperous New Year.

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1st VP Programs/Linda Hagler

CTRW will be starting off the New Year by acknowledging Human Trafficking Awareness Month. The featured speaker will be nationally renowned Detective Joseph Scaramucci of the McLennan County Sheriff's Office. Detective Scaramucci has trained more than 335 agencies throughout 33 states, 13 federal agencies, branches of the U. S. military, and Mongolian and Peruvian offices, along with providing technical support for their Human Trafficking Operations and Investigations. Be sure to invite friends to this very important presentation.

DATE: MONDAY - January 16th

RSVP required by THURSDAY, JANUARY 12th

TIME: 11:00 a.m. - Registration 11:30 a.m. - Call to Order

PLACE: The Gin at Nolan Creek in Belton - 219 S. East Street

COST: RESERVATION REQUIRED \$20 per person

Pre-pay through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ctrw-january-luncheon-meeting-tickets-492877197967>

OR - email mabeasley62@gmail.com

2d VP Membership/Marilyn Beasley

"Every time you tear a leaf off a calendar,
you present a new place for new ideas."

Charles Kettering

CTRW is on its way to an excellent start for the new year with 109 members, including 70 Primary and 39 Associates. We want to welcome our new Primary members Karen Smith, Denise Ambrosia, Jackie McLaughlin, Roberta (Bobbie) Roach, and Roxanne Stryker. Also, a new Associate member, Gary Brown.

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We appreciate all who have renewed or become members for the 1st time as we launch into 2023. The CTRW Membership Application is available for you to download through our website, or you can contact me if you need help. Click on this link for your application: <https://www.ctrw-pac.com/become-a-member>
Thank You, everyone, for your commitment to the membership for the new year.

3d VP Fundraising/Sandra McCleney

As I reflect on this year as it comes to a close, I am impressed with all the good our club has done for the Republican party. Although we didn't get the big "RED WAVE" result we hoped for, we did keep Texas RED, and many republicans won the offices they sought. I was thrilled at the attendance and success of our annual chili luncheon fundraiser due to all who participated and donated. Looking ahead to 2023, we can keep the momentum and add to our successes. I have some ideas for fun and exciting fundraisers that I believe will be successful. So, for 2023, stay tuned !!! I hope all had a blessed Christmas and a safe New Year.

Unity and Division..... Where Are We?

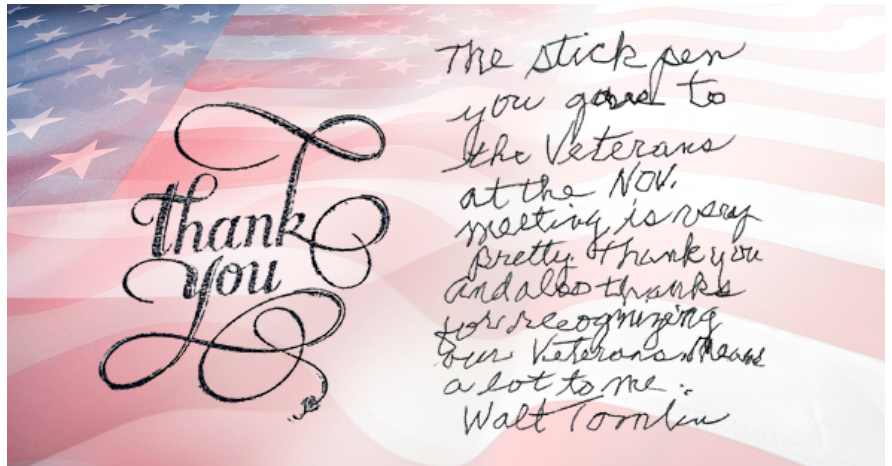
Americanism Chair – Janet Grzybowski and Michelle Kirsch

Unity is defined “as coming together or bringing together for a common purpose or action,” whereas division is defined as the act of dividing or separation.

Examples of this can be found throughout the United States’ history. On July 4th, 1776, thirteen colonies declared independence through unity from British rule to form one United States of America. On December 7th, 1942, America was forced into World War II when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, and as a result, the United States came together in unity. On September 11th, 2001, the United States was again attacked, and we would see America suffer, but our American spirit rose again to unify a nation.

In our American history, we have found examples where people have fought against others over land, air, and sea to preserve our precious liberty and freedoms. Mankind should always be giving and not dividing. It was once said that a man could be poor but rich in love and faith.

A national holiday to keep us aware of American unity are Martin Luther King Jr Birthday is the third Monday in January.



Political Activities Chair/Anne Stephenson and Christy Wilbanks

Our hours are now being added and must be turned in to TFRW and NFRW earlier than anticipated. Please do it as soon as possible for those who still need to submit your hours. It is easy to underestimate your hours; make sure to estimate rather than leave them out. CTRW has new officers, and to make the transition easier for us, we would appreciate your help. Please have them turned in by January 5th, 2023.

God bless all of you, and thank you for your dedication and hard work.

Email hours to: annetexas@twc.com OR christywb@yahoo.com



WEB RESOURCES

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

<http://>



Legislative Chair/Joyce Damon

Are you ready for the 88th Texas Legislature Session to begin on January 10th? Over 1500 bills have been submitted covering a broad span of topics for Texas constituents. Here is a site to track bills trending as Republicans have their eyes set on priorities from this year's convention. <https://legiscan.com/TX>

Most Monitored and Viewed Bills so far.

HB643 - Relating to the definition of sexually oriented business.

HB672 - Relating to the definition of child abuse and the prosecution of the criminal offense of abandoning or endangering a child.

HB631 - Relating to parental rights in education.

SJR17 - Proposing a constitutional amendment to foster economic development and job growth and to provide tax relief and funding for education and public safety by creating the Texas Gaming Commission, authorizing and regulating casino gaming

HB708 - Relating to the definition of sexually oriented business.

SCR3 - Expressing support for ending "gender-affirming care."

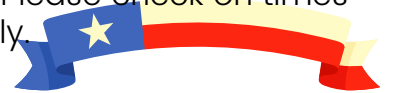
HB42 - Relating to the definition of child abuse.

HB436 - Relating to the definition of abuse of a child.

HB23 - Relating to participation in athletic activities based on biological sex; providing a civil right to an action for K-12 and college athletes.

HB1006 - Relating to protected expression, intellectual freedom, and viewpoint diversity at public institutions of higher education.

- In addition to the many Bills and Hearings, other activities are happening in the State Capital. Swearing-In ceremonies for the 88th Session will happen. Please check on times and locations, as this will be a busy day, so please plan accordingly.



Caring for America Chair/Kathy Ruiz

Here's hoping everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I am happy to report that we will be supporting the Killeen Food Care Center again this year. They are so grateful for our generosity and support. We donated 16 pounds of dry condiments (seasonings), bringing our total food donations to just under 450 pounds. We were also able to donate \$500.00 to help the center purchase other needed food items. It is an honor to represent you as we support a worthwhile cause. Republican women do care, and it shows! Thank you for all you do. Here's to 2023 and **KEEPING TEXAS RED!**



CTRW Member Club Activities

Just a few fun and memorable photos shared by members at the December Luncheon. When you're "out & about" be sure to take a photo and tag #ctrwleads & #tfrwleads.

Send photos to marleandruce@gmail.com



December 9, 2022

Central Texas Republican Women of Bell County, Texas, donated 20 "In God, We Trust" framed posters as part of its 2022 Americanism Project. Each sign will be placed in a prominent location on each school campus of Belton ISD.



In 2022 the CTRW Caring for America donated over 400 pounds of food to the Killeen Food Care Center and \$500.00 for perishable food.

Republican Women give back and care for our communities!

Pictured: Kathy Ruiz, Caring for America Chair

Friday,
January 27, 2023

@ the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce
Event Center • 1 Chamber Way
Georgetown, Texas 78626
Registration : 9am to 10am



Workshop from 10am to 2:30pm
(with a working lunch)
All TFRW members are welcome
to register and attend!

Breakfast provided by SD5 State Senator
Charles Schwertner MD

SD 5 DD: Sue De Villez and
SD 24 DD: Gail Teegarden
Invite you to a Fun and
Informative Day of Training
*Hosting Club is Georgetown Area
Republican Women*



NUTS & BOLTS

SPEAKER & TOPICS

Zenia Warren ... New Presidents, Protocol, Membership renewals and recruits
Susan Frederick, Carla Birk ... Managing Your Club's Money and PAC Reports
Mary Heffernan Fundraising and Special Events
Mary Jane Avery ... Campaign Activities
Robbi Hull Legislative Day Preview • (Remember to register at least 2 of your
members for TFRW Legislative Day in Austin February 3)

SPONSORSHIPS & REGISTRATION



Red - \$50; White - \$100; Blue - \$200; Gold - 250 and (club's name in your reservation.)
Early Registration (incl. lunch & materials) by January 13, 2023 for \$25.00
Late Registration \$35.00 and @ the door \$40.00



GAILTEEGARDEN7@GMAIL.COM

For additional information contact:
Sue De Villez • 512 818-5029

Registration



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____

Primary TFRW Club and position held _____

You Are Cordially Invited to the Swearing-In Ceremony for Bell County Court at Law

Judge-Elect Paul A. Motz

Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023

4:00 o'clock p.m.

Ceremony to be held in the 146th Judicial District Court
Bell County Justice Complex,
1201 Huey Drive, Belton, TX 76513

Reception to Follow



Pints and Politics

January 5, 2023

The Dead Fish Grill

Lake Belton, TX

6:00 PM



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BELL COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Executive Committee Meeting Bell County
Republican Party

Monday, January 09, 2023
Commissioner's Courtroom
Historic Belton Courthouse
101 East Central Avenue
Belton, TX 76513

Registration: 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Meeting: 6:00 PM

All Patriots invited to attend



**Bell County Young
Republicans**

Social Meeting
January 23, 2023
6 p.m.

Johnny's Steaks and Barbecue Come and join us for a great conversation and delicious food! Join us in talking politics and learn how to get more involved in how your government is run! We hope to see you there!



**Salado Area
Republican Women**

Regular Meeting
January 26, 2023

Upstairs, Salado Civic Center 6:30 pm
RSVP no later than FRIDAY, January 20, to:
sherril.gardipee@gmail.com
Beverages & Cookies
Speaker: Justice of the Peace,
Precinct 2 Judge Clifford Coleman

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