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SAVE THE DATE

- 2/1/23 Executive Board Meeting
- 2/2/23 Pints and Politics 6:00 PM
Dead Fish Grill Lake Belton
- 2/3/23 TFRW Legislative Day
- 2/4/23 TFRW 1st Quarter Meeting
- 2/13/23 Bell County Republican Executive Committee Mtg - 6 pm
Bell County Courthouse
- **2/23/23 in lieu of the Regular CTRW Luncheon Meeting, join us at The Beltonian Theatre for a forum on School Choice - at 6 PM**
[RSVP HERE](#)
- 2/23/23 SARW - Beltonian Theatre 6 PM for a forum on School Choice.
- 2/27/23 BellCountyTXYR 6:00 P.M.

Presidents Pen - Janet Brown

Ladies and Gentlemen, "fasten your seatbelts" as 2023 has officially kicked off with the November election in our rearview mirror, and the car is moving forward at a high rate of speed with re-energized **Red Wave** momentum.

I hope you enjoyed our January kick-off luncheon meeting with the dynamic Detective Joseph Scaramucci, who shared insights on the Human Trafficking issue - myths & truths. This discussion was very educational for everyone, and encouraging to hear that our Texas State Legislature, Governor, and Law Enforcement Agencies are responding to prosecute buyers/abusers and protect survivors. As a demonstration, Detective Joe posted an ad for a "pretend 15-year-old girl" for sale to "meet-up" in Killeen, TX, at the start of the meeting. His cell phone received 19 "ping" notifications and one phone call from an interested male. It's hard to fathom that the buying of minors for sex is so prevalent.

What else has been happening? The past few weeks have been full of celebrations, cowboy hats, marching bands, patriotism, and fabulous food. It has been thrilling to visit our local City and County Offices and our beautiful State Capital in Austin to honor elected officials as they renew their Constitutional Oaths. While at the Capital, meeting our officials and their staff has been a joy as the 88th Legislative Session ramps up. An exciting time to embrace the rich cultural heritage that has made Texas a place we call home. We offer our congratulations!

Your membership in Central Texas Republican Women connects you with community and state leaders at a grassroots level. Have confidence in political discussions and become empowered in your sphere of influence. And, who knows, maybe someday you will run and be elected for a political office. **You are the Red Wave.**

Janet

Political Activity Hours

Total Reported to TFRW
January 7, 2023
6207 Hours
4245 Phone Calls

TOTAL FOR 2022
41,394 Hours/7,690 Phone Calls

Send questions about hours to:
christywb@yahoo.com

2023 CTRW Officers

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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

It's a New Year!

The gift-giving season is over. However, I'd like to write about gift-giving and what we can do in 2023.

Here are some simple ideas for giving gifts all year round.

What if we were to listen more, give more thought to those we disagree with, and change their hearts and minds? What if we were to reach out to less fortunate people and buy them a few bags of groceries, pay a utility bill for an elderly person, or sit and visit with someone in a nursing home? We have so much to share, little gifts that we could share with others. Think of different ways for you to give gifts. I want to share this short story that provoked me to think about gift-giving.



Joy In the Journey

In a remote village in Central America the word got out among the peoples of the region that one of the American missionaries that had served the country for many years was about to return to the US to live out the remaining years of her life. The Nationals desired to honor her for her years of service with gifts of appreciation. News of the event went to all parts of the country in which the missionary was known. There was a very poor man who had benefited from her kindness and wanted to bring her a small gift, he traveled a very long way over mountainous terrain to bring his gift to the missionary. His gift consisted of only two coconuts. The missionary recognized the man and knew he had walked very far. "Brother, I can't believe you would walk so far to present me with this gift" The old man smiled and said, "Long walk---Part of gift".

1st VP Programs/Linda Hagler

You're Invited..... Central Texas RW and Salado Area RW invite you to a special educational forum on School Choice. This forum will be instead of our regular scheduled February meeting, and then we will see you in March back at The Gin Restaurant in Belton.

It's Time for School Choice!

Are you tired of the lack of educational opportunities for Texas students? Do you wonder what "school choice" really means? Join us for a special movie (the incredible & moving true story of a mom who launches a movement to change the education system). After the movie, guest speaker Sam Sheetz, Legislative Director for Americans for Prosperity- TX, will share upcoming legislative opportunities to expand educational opportunities for all Texas children K-12 and tell you how you can become a part of this movement.

Now is the TIME!

There is no charge to attend this event, but the spacing is limited, so please register today.

RSVP is Required to Attend

REGISTER NOW >



February 23, 2023, 6 pm
The Beltonian Theatre
219 E Main Avenue
Belton, TX 76513

Food, Movie, & Information
for you to help
make CHANGE happen

IT'S TIME!

JOIN US!

EDUCATIONAL FORUM on
SCHOOL CHOICE

Texas Legislative Opportunities To Improve Education

FEATURING THE MOVIE: Miss Virginia

FEB. 23, 2023 6PM

THE BELTONIAN THEATRE
219 E Central Ave, Belton, TX 76513

AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY
TEXAS

Click or Scan QR to REGISTER

2d VP Membership/Marilyn Beasley

We are delighted to report the number of new and renewing members since our last meeting in December. We have 12 primary members and two associates who have joined or renewed since our December meeting.

We want to welcome new members Rita Kelley and Analuisa Carrillo-Tapia.

This brings our Membership numbers to 86 Primary and 41 Associates, totaling 127. If you have not renewed, we need you to visit our website:

www.CTRW-pac.com for an application or click the picture - JOIN *** RENEW.



JOIN
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RENEW



Central Texas
Republican Women

SAVE THE DATE

SAVE THAT DATE: Plans are in work for a fun night fundraiser on Saturday, JUNE 10. I don't want to give away the surprise, but please save that date.
We are looking forward to being with all of you then.

Americanism Chair – Janet Grzybowski and Michelle Kirsch

**Freedom: The power or right to act, speak or think
as one wants without hindrance or restraint.**

National Freedom Day was created by a former slave, Richard R Wright, in 1942.
President Harry S Truman signed a Bill on 1/5/1949, making National Freedom Day a law.

Although not a well-recognized day, it should hold a valuable meaning to all Americans.

Just a few reminders:

1st Amendment: freedom of Speech

The 13th Amendment was signed in 1865 by President Abraham Lincoln to abolish slavery.

In 1965 President L B Johnson enacted the Freedom Voting Right.

America has and is founded on the freedoms our creator gives us. We should always take into account what the word freedom means.

LET FREEDOM RING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

February Birthdays:

President Ronald Reagan 02/06/1911

Babe Ruth 02/06/1895

Thomas Edison 02/11/1847

President Abraham Lincoln 02/12/1809

President George Washington 02/22/1732



The 88th Legislative Session has begun! While there is little to report this early, our Representatives have given us an idea of what is in the making.



Senator Bob Hall
Senate District 2
Entered Office: 2015
Next Election: 2027
The Honorable Bob Hall
P.O. Box 12068
Austin, TX 78711
(512) 463-0102

- Senator Bob Hall has reported his list of priorities this session. First is Election Integrity, which is most important to all of us, not just in Texas but in the Country.
 - Children and Gender Modification - SB 249 and 250 would prohibit anyone from prescribing hormone therapies or performing gender reassignment surgeries on minors suffering from gender dysphoria.
 - Protect the Grid - SB 330 would create the Texas Grid Security Commission to evaluate all hazards to the ERCOT electric grid.
 - Medical Freedom - SB 298, 302, and 305 will address individuals' freedom to make vaccine decisions. SB 297, 299, 300, and 301 would protect patients' access to medical care and physicians' practice of medicine. SB 303 and 304 would prohibit discrimination based on a person's vaccination status. -SB 306 and 307 will address medical freedom during a public health disaster.

Political Activities Chair/Christy Wilbanks

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.” - Author Unknown

Did you know that volunteerism is one of the most selfless acts in which we can become involved. The CTRW wants to know your Political Activity hours because, as women, we should inspire one another! We should lift each other and recognize the time, the money, and the success of each person working on the “kind of community you want to live in.” We want to applaud YOU! We want to recognize YOU! So, jot down your time and send it to me. Remember, anytime you sit and watch the news, call a friend and talk about what’s going on politically, you serve as a Precinct Chair, Voter Registration, volunteer at the Republican Party Headquarters, go to meetings of ANYTHING political, any emails you send or reply to, this ALL counts towards your Political Activities. Don’t forget to count your travel hours; this counts too! If you travel 30 minutes to and from a meeting, you have an hour of Political Activity. So, help me recognize YOU! Email me your questions or Political Activities at christywb@yahoo.com

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Voter Registration And VDR (Volunteer Deputy Registrar) by Christy Wilbanks, Political Activities Chair

Let's talk about Voter Registration. Most of us are already registered to vote, but there are people in our county that are new residents. What about the residents that moved and need to update their address or change their name after getting married? Yep, that all counts toward Voter Registration. Those are all reasons why we need Voter Registration Drives. To help the new residents in Bell County, help with the change of address and new names. Voter Registration is essential! We must ensure all county residents are registered or their information is updated for that next important election. A great way to do a successful Voter Registration Drive is to ensure you're a Volunteer Deputy Registrar (VDR). Why? Because you offer the application right then and there for them to fill out! Once they complete that application, you can turn that application in for them. You are deputized during the training to be allowed to do that for them! What a SERVICE!

Volunteer Deputy Registrars (VDRs) officially register voters in the state of Texas, in Bell County. VDRs are appointed by the county voter registrars and charged with helping increase voter registration. Additionally, the VDRs discuss Ballot by Mail qualification and the application and return procedures; only VDRs can receive a completed application and return it to the Elections Department.

Our President, Janet Brown, and I are VDRs. We enjoyed doing a Voter Registration Drive together at an Assisted Living Home. We registered people, answered A LOT of questions, and helped the residents get the forms they needed to request a "Ballot by Mail." There are times that I have been somewhere talking about the elections, and that one person states, "I need to register" well, luckily, I'm a VDR and have the registration form to help them out.

It's a new year! All current VDRs need to re-register and take the training to keep their VDR current. I also would like to ask if you have ever thought about registering voters, as now's the perfect time to become a VDR. The training is offered a couple of times monthly and doesn't cost a thing, except a couple of hours of your time. Oh, this counts toward your Political Activity Hours!

Please email me at christywilbanks@yahoo.com and let me know if you are a VDR or would like more information on becoming a VDR.

The Bell County Elections Department has opened some training dates, so call and make your reservation to become a VDR!

The next training dates are as follows:

Ø Tuesday, February 7th @ 5:30 p.m.

Ø Tuesday, March 14th @ 5:30 p.m.

Location: The Tank

5520 E. 2nd Ave. Belton, TX 76513

RSVP by calling (254) 933-5774



It was so nice seeing everyone at our January meeting. Thank you all so much for your generous donations to the Killeen Food Care Center. They were very grateful for the 102 pounds of canned goods we donated. The FCC director asked me to thank each and every one of you. This month they are asking for dried or canned soup donations, which seems very appropriate considering the cold weather. Thanks again for your generosity. I look forward to continued service to our community as we work together to make a difference and to KEEP TEXAS RED!



Don't forget!

HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY

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

Our February Birthdays!

Janice C.
Diana C.
Stacie D.
Mary G.
Jeanette H.
Kathy J.
Amy L.
David C.
Brenda H.
Eddy L.
Mack L.
Barclay M.



CTRW Member Club Activities



January CTRW Luncheon
Recognizing Human
Trafficking Awareness Month
with guest speaker
Detective Joseph
Scaramucci of the McLennan
County Sheriff's Office



January 2023



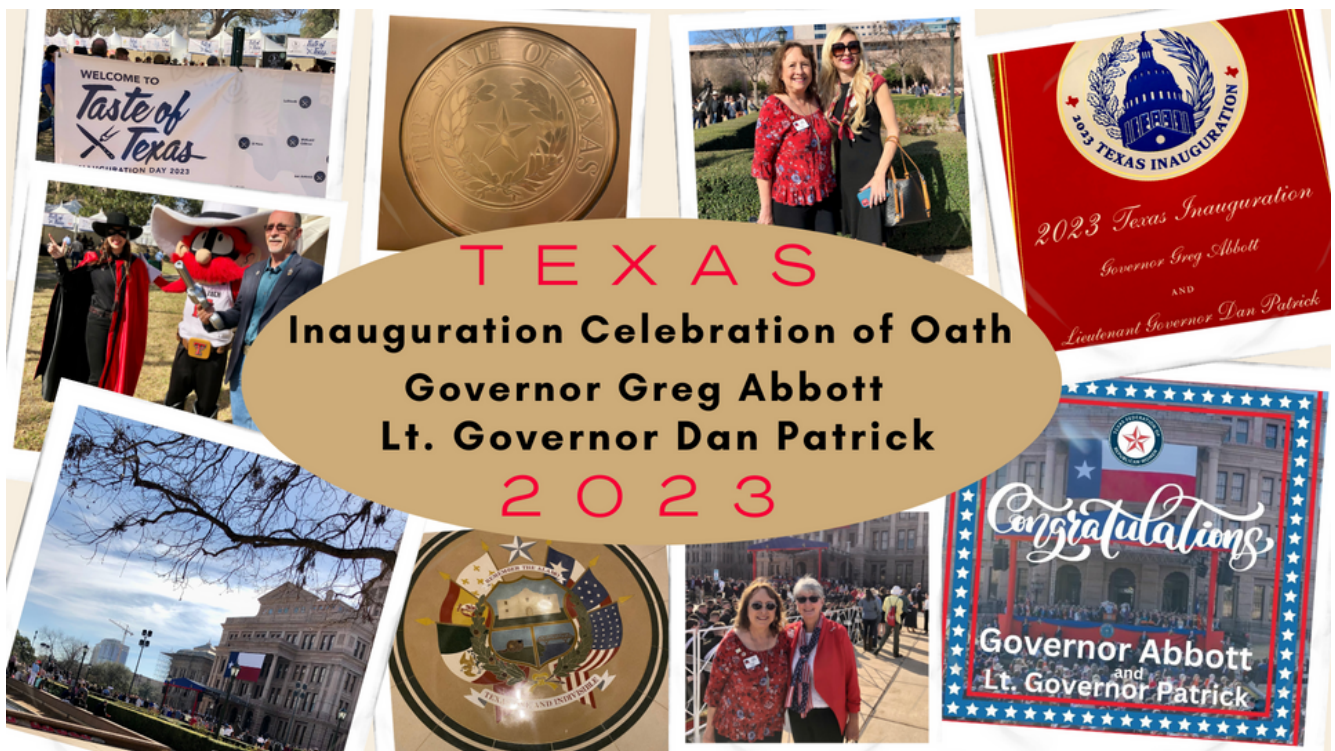
Congratulations

January 3, 2023
County Commissioner
Swearing-in and Oaths of
Office for elected officials
who serve Bell County and
Texas communities.





Members visited our beautiful General Land Office, Archives, and House of Representative in Austin, TX



A day of patriotism, music, food, school mascots, and congratulations to Texas Governor Greg Abbott and Lt. Governor Dan Patrick

CTRW was well represented, with eight members participating in the Fun & Informative Training Day at this year's TFRW District Nuts & Bolts training.

Participants heard presentations for New Presidents, Membership renewals and Recruits, Managing your Club's Money & PAC Reports, Fundraising and Special Events, Campaign Activities, and a Legislative Day Preview. A fun and energizing day!



NUTS & BOLTS

SD 5 DD Sue De Villez
SD 24 DD Gail Teegarden

Alisande Osuch, Linda Atkins (CTRW Secretary), Sandra McCleney (Fundraising), Zenia Warren (1st VP TFRW), Janet Brown (CTRW President), Joyce Damon (CTRW Legislative Chair), Rebecca Tong (CTRW Chaplain), and Wanita Reeder (CTRW Treasurer, PAC Treasurer)

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Ronna McDaniel, who was reelected to a fourth term as Republican National Committee Chair today at the RNC Winter Meeting in Orange County, CA. McDaniel is pictured with NFRW President Eileen Sobjack at the meeting.

Editor's Corner

We hope you're enjoying the new format for our CTRW newsletter. If you have any relevant items of interest or photos of your political events and activities, please feel free to send them to me so I can share them in our newsletters. Items must be received NLT on the 24th of each month.

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BELL COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

**Executive Committee Meeting Bell County
Republican Party**

Monday, February 13, 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



Volunteers (3-hour shifts) are needed to help at the Bell County GOP Headquarters throughout the week, Monday through Saturday. This is a great entry point to learn more about the workings of the Republican Party from the grassroots ground level, meet people, and discover how your valuable talents can help Bell County. Volunteering involves greeting, answering phones, answering questions, and learning new skills. And volunteering is lots of fun as you support your local Republican Party.



Bell County Young Republicans

**Social Meeting
February 27th, 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!

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