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President's Pen

Central Texas RW members, friends, and community, Happy New Year Blessings. The Club closes out 2025, aka "The Year of Trump's Golden Age," with success

after success across Club membership, filled with educational opportunities, fundraising and community connections in our work to engage Republicans. Please raise your glasses as the Club toasts, and we look forward to a stellar 2026 full of inspiration, innovation, and elections to **Keep Texas RED**. A big thank you to December's keynote speaker, Club member Representative Hillary Hickland, who shared about her journey and accomplishments as a successful freshman during the 89th Legislative Session. Representative Hickland graciously conducted the installation of the 2026 CTRW Executive Team, and the Club is excited to welcome several new members to Dream Team 3.0. Each of the women on the Executive Team exemplifies why Central Texas RW remains a healthy and prominent organization. In December, Club members served in the community by lending a helping hand, providing toys, and contributing funding through the Caring for America project with Jeffrey's Tree. Because of CTRW, underserved and vulnerable children received needed clothes, toys, and even beds for a more joyful Christmas. CTRW cares!

Looking ahead to the new year, which is filled with educational opportunities for members, 2026 is another crucial election year and a celebration of the 250th Birthday of America. Look for the special logo to draw attention to this once-in-a-lifetime event as we celebrate together as a nation. It is a great time to be a Club member. Please renew your membership and invite someone to join one of Central Texas's most prominent clubs.



To kick things off, RSVP or purchase a ticket for January 19th, when the Texas Attorney General Candidates will be featured at a Forum during the Networking lunch. Also, on January 24th, RED Roof Connections is hosting a Voter Education and Engagement Seminar with guest presenters Joseph Vargas of Keep Texas Red and Donna Garcia Davidson of the Texas Elections Network. America is turning 250 this year, and the Club will celebrate the Birthday of the U.S.A. with a gala on February 10th, featuring several special guests, including Pastor Ramiro Pena and Gary Heavin. Find more details and tickets for all Club events on the CTRW-PAC website. **Let's all work together, work in unity - to keep Texas and America great and RED!**

Janet Brown, CTRW President

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1st Vice President of Programs, Heather Bounds

Get Ready for an Exciting 2026!

Thank you to Representative Hillary Hickland for a motivating visit at the December Central Texas Republican Women's Networking and Officer Installation Lunch, where she shared insights on serving Bell County and Texas constituents during the 89th Legislative Session. The Honorable Ms. Hickland's leadership in this past Legislative Session as a freshman Representative is inspiring for all to hear.

To kick off the new year, Central Texas is proud to host a forum featuring primary candidates who will appear on the Republican Attorney General Ballot. All four Primary Candidates have been invited, and the Club appreciates those who can clear their calendars to appear at the January 19th Forum.

Menu

LUNCH Menu: Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese, Green beans, Salad, and Chef's dessert, water, and iced tea

PRE-Pay on Website

CLICK HERE

Note: Please include the names of all guests for which you are including in your 01/13/2026 RSVP. This will expedite your check-in. Many thanks!

Email: rsvpctrw@gmail.com

TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL CANDIDATE FORUM

CENTRAL TEXAS RW NETWORKING LUNCH
JANUARY 19, 2026
DOORS OPEN 11 AM - LUNCH 11:30 AM
RSVP OR TICKET IS REQUIRED BY 1/13/2026
HARRIS COMMUNITY CENTER
401 N. ALEXANDER STREET, BELTON, TX

SENATOR JOAN HUFFMAN
 SENATOR MARK MIDDLETON
 AARON REITZ
 REPRESENTATIVE CHIP ROY

COST: MEAL: \$20 Cash/Check or \$22 Credit Card
NO MEAL: \$10 Cash/Check or \$12 Credit Card - (No outside food is permitted)

RSVP REQUIRED by Tuesday, January 13th, Email:
rsvpctrw@gmail.com to pay at the door or prepay online.

*Per CTRW By-Laws Standing Rule G:

Members must pay reservations, if reserved and unused, when the organization is required to pay for such unused reservation.

Submit a Question for the Candidates to answer
ctrw1stvp@gmail.com

SUBMIT

FORUM - TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL RACE

Central Texas RW will host a Candidate Forum for the Texas Attorney General Race.

All Republican Candidates in the Texas Attorney General Race have been contacted and invited to participate in the January 19, 2026, Forum.

This Forum is not an endorsement of Central Texas Republican Women, its President, or its Campaign Activities Chairwoman, only the candidate information to help you make an informed decision and engage the candidate of your choice.

Doors open at 11 am for Networking

All Republicans are welcome. All Candidates, guests, and members are invited to mingle.

The meeting is called to order at 11:30 am, with lunch served.

Candidates will have a table available for campaign materials.

Campaign signs are not permitted inside the meeting room, but may be placed outside.



2nd Vice President Membership, Marlean Druce

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Let's make 2026 our best year ever, especially in our membership! Start the New Year off right by inviting your friends and family to join us in support of conservative values, electing Republicans, and **keeping Texas RED!** We are starting the new year with a good number of membership renewals and new sign-ups, but we still have a way to go to reach our Primary membership goal of 200. Currently, we have 147 Primary members and 44 Associates, for a total of 191 members.

This further breaks down with 29 Diamond Club members and 50 brand new members. We could not meet our numbers without your continued support and diligence in recruiting new members. We only need 52 more primary members, either renewals or newly joining. We will be calling our members who have not renewed for 2026, just a gentle reminder – don't be left out! In 2026, we'll hold the Primary Elections, and we'll need everyone's help and participation to get our Republican candidates across the finish line.



2026



Join us



Membership Orientation

For new or current members - invite a friend

Special Guest Presenters

Jill Tate, TFRW President



February 7, 2025
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Light lunch will be served

Where: Gober Party House
1516 W. Avenue H, Temple, TX



RSVP Due: 1/31/2026
rsvpctrw@gmail.com

The annual New Member Orientation will take place on **February 7** at the **Gober House**, located at **1516 W. H Ave, Temple**, from **11:30 am to 1:30 pm**. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about CTRW, TFRW, and NFRW, and to connect with fellow CTRW members, the Board, and Executive Committee Members. The orientation also provides an excellent opportunity to explore ways to further engage in community support. All interested individuals are welcome to attend, including existing members who wish to hear guest speakers or network with other members. Guests are encouraged to bring friends who may wish to join. Light refreshments and beverages will be served.

2025
MEMBERSHIP

199 PRIMARY MEMBERS
+ 67 JUMBO CLUB
266 ASSOCIATE & STUDENT MEMBERS



2026
MEMBERSHIP

147 PRIMARY MEMBERS
+ 44 JUMBO CLUB
191 ASSOCIATE & STUDENT MEMBERS



MEMBERSHIP GOALS

201+

Primary Members = Super Jumbo Club



DIAMOND CIRCLE PRIMARY or Associate Members

Jane Aguirre	Jackeline Fountain
Dagne Ameigh	Maria Martinez
Linda Atkins	Sandra McCleney
Natalie Austin	Cheyenne Minick
Pamela Blair	Louanna Minick
Heather Bounds	Lori Murdoch
Charles Brashear	Raquel Nelson
Stephanie Brashear	Asha Petrich
Janet Brown	Wanita Reeder
Tony Canterino	Kathy Ruiz
Ashley Clapper-Bennett	Austin Ruiz
Lisa Copeland	Rebecca Tong
Jo Dammen	Zenia Warren
Christina Demirs	Bob Weber

Download a 2026 Membership Form

[Pay Online HERE](#)

Mailing Info:
 CTRW-PAC
 P.O. Box 24
 Belton, TX 76513



Primary Member: Women

Associate Member: Men or a Member of Another TFRW Club

Youth Membership - 12-17 yrs

Student Membership - Student ID, 18-26 yrs

Diamond Circle - Primary or Associate



Join ~ Renew



2026 CTRW Membership Drive is NOW



★ Help ★ Elect ★ Republicans ★



Join or Renew as a Central Texas RW Primary or Associate Member through **January 31st**. Your name will be entered in a drawing for your choice of a free lunch or choose a shirt (any style in stock).

Plus, current members who refer a New Member who joins, will have their name added to the drawing. (The referring member's name must be on the application).

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By joining CTRW, you become a member of our statewide organization, the **Texas Federation of Republican Women**, and our national organization, the **National Federation of Republican Women**.



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 NFRWNews



My Why:

Lynda Jackson, CTRW Club Member

Texas runs in my veins, and so does my Republican conviction. Born in Nacogdoches, with deep roots in a founding family from Saint Augustine County, I was raised to cherish freedom, faith, and personal responsibility as sacred duties to protect for future generations.

As a Daughter of the Republic of Texas, I honor the courage of those who built our Republic, defending their principles: liberty, limited government, and fierce Texas pride.

Being a Republican carries that legacy forward. I believe in government by the people, secure borders, strong families, fiscal responsibility, and God-given rights. These values guide my votes, service, and voice.

Central Texas Republican Women channels my passion into action. We educate voters, support conservative candidates, and train women to lead. I'm committed to uplifting other women—urging them to run, volunteer, and shape Texas's future.

My "why" is clear: honor my Texas heritage, strengthen the Republican Party, and ensure the next generation inherits a freer, stronger Texas.



Lynda Jackson at the October TFRW 2025 Convention with the CTRW Delegates

Be part of the "My Why" series and share your story.
Please let us know at contactctrw@gmail.com

What's Your Why?

January

Wanita Reeder 01/06
Mary Knapp 01/10
Melissa Tyroch 01/11
Nancy Gauntt 01/13
Kyrie Hayden 01/14
Shannon Kesey 01/15
Anne Stephenson 01/15
Nichole Johnson 01/16
Bob Weber 01/17
Diana Barnard 01/18
Jo Ann Pemberton 01/18
RoyLinn Harris 01/22





3rd VP Fundraising, Rebecca Tong

Are you excited to celebrate America's 250th Anniversary?

I sure hope so, as we are planning a fantastic evening. Central Texas Republican Women will be hosting a memorable event on **Tuesday, February 10th, 2026**.

Ladies are invited to wear elegant dresses, and gentlemen can opt for sharp suits or tuxedos—it's going to be a formal occasion. Dressing up will make the night even more enjoyable.

At the event, attendees will enjoy catered food and dance to music by DJ Southern Comfort (Felix Gonzalez). The 250th Freedom Celebration at Christ the King Catholic Church - Event Center in Belton, TX, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. To help plan this event, please get in touch with Rebecca Tong, 3rd VP of fundraising, contactctrw@gmail.com

Ticket includes Meal- Choice of Bacon-wrapped Chicken or Smothered Hamburger Steak, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert, Tea, Water, Complimentary Bar, Photo Booth, and Entertainment

Attire: Dressy, Evening, Cocktail, Texas Dressy.

*Primary State/Local Republican Candidate will be offered 1 minute to speak, and there will be a Candidate Table for campaign materials.



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8 Event Tickets and 250TH Commemorative pins
Preferred Table - Reserved Seating
Complimentary 2 Bottles of Texas Wine
Thank You Gift

Name printed in Celebration Program
Social Media Recognition
Announcement at Event
Group Event Photo

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TEXAS ROSE Sponsor - \$750

4 Event Tickets
4 - 250th Commemorative Pins
Preferred Table - Reserved Seating
Complimentary Bottle of Texas Wine
Name printed in Celebration Program
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DIAMOND CIRCLE Sponsor - \$250.00

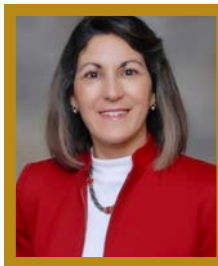
1 Event Ticket at Diamond Circle Table
2026 CTRW Diamond Membership
250th Commemorative Pin
Name printed in Celebration Program
Announcement at Event
Social Media Recognition

GULF OF AMERICA Sponsor - \$500

2 Event Tickets
2 - 250th Commemorative Pins
Complimentary Bottle of Texas Wine
Preferred Table - Reserved Seating
Name printed in Celebration Program
Social Media Recognition
Announcement at Event

AMERICA FIRST - Individual Ticket \$100

1 Event Ticket
Open General Seating
250th Commemorative Pin



Caring for America Chair, Kathy Ruiz

Here's hoping everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! As I reflect on 2025, I am filled with gratitude for every member who made last year memorable for so many in our community. CTRW rocks when it comes to community support and service, and answering every call for help with abundant love and generosity. You provided the Killeen Food Care Center (KFCC) with food donations for those facing food insecurity.



FOOD CARE CENTER
KILLEEN, TEXAS



You supported the Children's Advocacy Center (CACC) with donations and "man power" at events and fundraisers. Most recently, you helped Jeffrey's Tree by donating toys, money, and food; serving as "personal shoppers" to fill requests from children for clothes and toys; donating mattresses and bed frames and assisting with toy and food distribution. The impact of your efforts will reach beyond this generation and will instill a sense of service in those who benefitted from your generosity. *James 2:18 says "...Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds."* CTRW sisters and brothers, you have shown your faith immeasurably through your deeds.

You answered the call from Jeffrey's Tree, so many children are no longer sleeping on floors, and they are wearing warm clothes and enjoying new toys thanks to your big hearts and generosity. While Jeffrey's Tree will be our main Caring for America project this year, we can still support the KFCC with food donations and the CACC by participating in their Purse Bingo Fundraiser on February 1st. May we continue this service into 2026 as we strive to make a positive difference in our community and **KEEP TEXAS RED!**



Jeffery's Tree Founder Dagne Ameigh pictured with her son Jeffrey, the inspiration behind the mission to serve and help children.



Read the NFRW Spotlight article [**HERE**](#)

FIESTA WITH FRIENDS

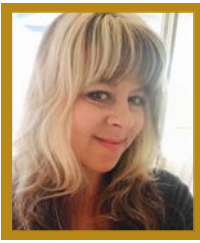
PURSE BINGO

FEBRUARY 1ST

INCLUDED WITH YOUR TICKET:

- Bingo card packet & dauber; Nacho bar; Sangria & margaritas, Access to silent auction & raffle, Bragging rights if you win a purse. (Cash bar also available!)

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Community Engagement Chair, Cynthia Pursell

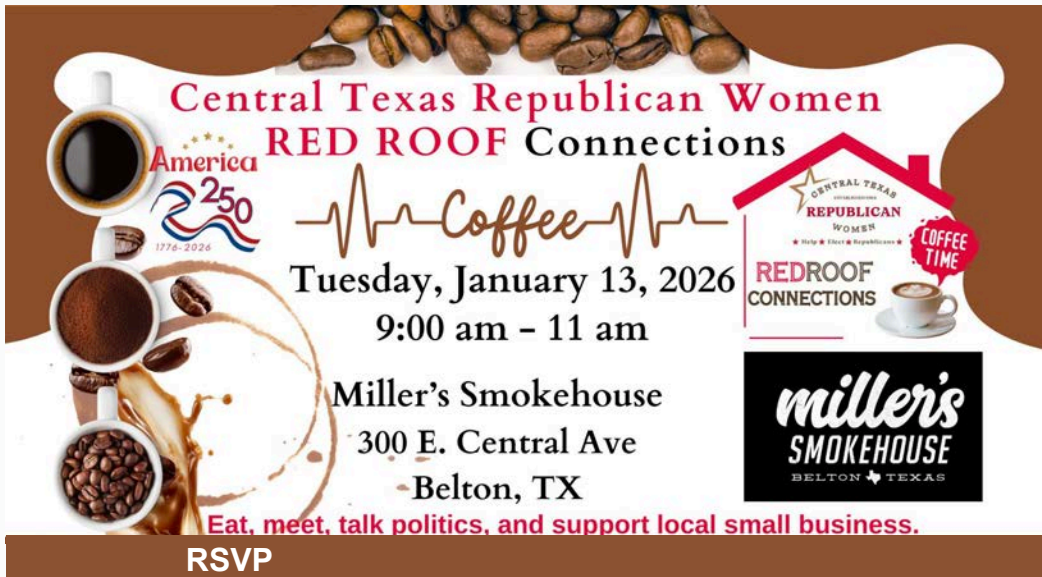
Let's Engage & Connect in 2026!

Happy New Year to all of our CTRW friends—and to those still thinking about joining us! Come be part of a group where purpose meets fun, friendships grow, and hard work is always balanced with true Texas downtime. CTRW's Red Roof Connections has lots of exciting plans ahead as we head into 2026!

Join us to make new friends and make a real difference in your community. Be sure to follow our social media pages (our extraordinary ladies work hard to keep everyone in the loop!) for updates on all the fun coming your way. We have game nights, relaxed wine evenings, cozy morning coffee gatherings, and a few new surprises planned to help us stay connected. Simply choose the dates and times that work best for you and come on out.

We're looking forward to reconnecting with old friends, welcoming new ones, and continuing to work hard to **Keep Texas Red.**

Next Red Roof Events



**Central Texas Republican Women
RED ROOF Connections**

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026
9:00 am - 11 am**

**Miller's Smokehouse
300 E. Central Ave
Belton, TX**

Eat, meet, talk politics, and support local small business.

**RSVP
Millers Smokehouse**

RSVP




**Central Texas Republican Women
RED ROOF Connections**

**Tuesday, January 20, 2026
6 - 8 p.m.**

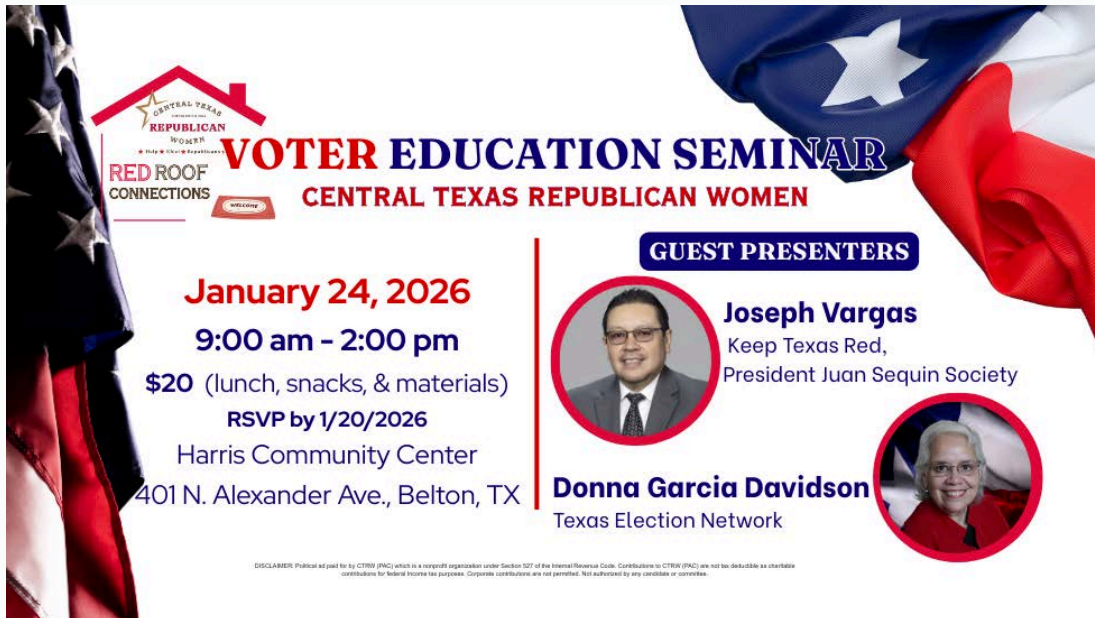
**204 East Loop 121
Belton, TX**

Meet, eat, drink, talk politics, and support local small business.

**RSVP for BeeMaRosa and to
pre-order a charcuterie board
(serves 2-3)**

RSVP


RED ROOF CONNECTIONS: REPUBLICAN VOTER EDUCATION SEMINAR




VOTER EDUCATION SEMINAR
CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

January 24, 2026
9:00 am – 2:00 pm
\$20 (lunch, snacks, & materials)
RSVP by 1/20/2026
Harris Community Center
401 N. Alexander Ave., Belton, TX

GUEST PRESENTERS

 **Joseph Vargas**
Keep Texas Red,
President Juan Sequin Society

 **Donna Garcia Davidson**
Texas Election Network

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9 am – 2 pm
Harris Community Center
401 N. Alexander Street,
Belton, TX

Cost: \$20 cash/ck or \$22 CC
– Includes handouts, snacks,
lunch - various soups,
cornbread, dessert, tea,
water, coffee

RSVP by 1/22/2026

CLICK HERE 

Who is this seminar for?

- Anyone seeking a better understanding of the Texas election process and how to get involved as a citizen.
- **Anyone who wants to understand how Democrats use language to confuse Conservative voters.**
- Anyone who wants to be a more empowered, educated, and engaged Republican voter in the upcoming Primary and Mid-Term Elections.



Joseph Vargas
Keep Texas Red
President, Juan Sequin Society



Donna Garcia Davidson
Texas Elections Network

MARK YOUR CTRW CALENDARS



January 2	CTRW Executive Board Meeting, Noon, Belton, TX
January 9-10	TFRW Leadership Day, Hilton Fort Worth, TX
January 13	RED Roof 'Coffee' Connections, Millers Smokehouse, Belton, TX
January 19	CTRW Networking Lunch & Candidate Forum, Harris Community CTR, Belton, TX
January 20	RED Roof Connections - Evening Edition, BeeMaRosa Winery, Belton, TX
January 24	CTRW Voter Education Seminar, Harris Community Ctr, Belton, TX
February 5	CTRW Executive Board Meeting, Noon, Belton, TX
February 7	CTRW Membership Orientation & Invitation, Gober Party House, Temple, TX
February 10	Faith, Family, Freedom Gala, Christ the King Event Ctr, Belton, TX



Americanism Chair, Natalie Austin

I am honored to serve as the new Americanism Chair for Central Texas Republican Women, and I am grateful for the opportunity to help promote patriotism through education, remembrance, and service.

Americanism is more than love of country—it is a commitment to honoring our history, our veterans, and the values of freedom, service, and personal responsibility that define the American spirit. Patriotism is strongest when it is lived out through service to others.

November gave us a fantastic opportunity to put Americanism into action. Our members came together to carefully prepare wreaths for the Wreaths for Veterans program, ensuring each was handled with care and respect before being placed in honor of those who served our nation the following weekend. Each

wreath represents a life dedicated to protecting our freedoms, and it was a meaningful way to show our gratitude. **Wreath retrieval will take place on January 10 for anyone who would like to participate.**

As we move into January, I encourage members to consider continuing Americanism efforts through civic education, recognition of law enforcement and first responders, or community service supporting veterans and military families.

As we begin the new year, I look forward to expanding Americanism efforts and finding new ways to educate, honor, and serve. Together, we will continue to keep patriotism alive through service and dedication.

Heroic Americanism Mention

During the Revolutionary War, Margaret Cochran Corbin dressed as a man to join her husband on the battlefield. In 1776, at the Battle of Fort Mifflin, John Corbin manned a cannon while Margaret loaded the cannon. When John was killed in the battle, she jumped into his position, firing at the British. Fellow soldiers complimented her aim and shooting. A hero in the Revolution, she also became the first woman to receive a military pension.



Photographed by Mark Hilton, February 19, 2022

Wreath for Vets - Retrieval

Join CTRW for Wreath Retrieval – Wreaths for Vets Saturday, January 10, 2026.

Parking will be at Texas A & M Central Texas with a shuttle bus will be running from 8:30am - Noon.



Are you a Veteran? Is your Spouse?

[CLICK HERE](#)

Name, Rank, Branch and Service Status, Club Name and a Photo. (Preferably one of the veteran in uniform. Most veterans have those photos available.)





Political Activities Chair, Christina Demirs

“The Golden Age of America Begins Right Now.” — President Donald J. Trump

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas, celebrating the birth of our Lord with family and friends. As we ring in 2026, it's time to jump right into an active primary season, leaving no shortage of opportunities for political activities and calls. At the top of the list is the need for additional volunteer deputy registrars (VDRs). Please check the Bell County Elections website for more information and upcoming trainings: https://www.bellcountytexas.com/departments/elections/volunteer_deputy_registrar.php. If you are already a VDR or have received your certification, please let Janet or me know, and also track the number of voters registered and report back.



CENTRAL TEXAS
ESTABLISHED 1964
REPUBLICAN
WOMEN
★ Help ★ Elect ★ Republicans ★

Political Activity
Cumulative Total for 2025 Hours: 80,146
Cumulative Total for 2025 Calls: 13,549
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Total for 3rd Quarter Hours: 28,873
Total for 3rd Quarter Calls: 3,710

3rd Q Member Most Hours: Celeste Zadnichek 651
3rd Q Member Most Calls: Celeste Zadnichek 186

Fourth Quarter hours and calls (October, November, and December) **are due** to me by **Sunday, January 4th**. We now have a digital form to report your quarterly totals for political hours and political calls. I only need two numbers from you: the total number of hours and the total number of calls.

Report Political Hours Here

- Just a reminder: those who attended the convention need to log their hours, including travel time. Also, VOTING and the travel time to and from the polls count as political hours!

Q: Who can report Political Hours?

A: Primary and Associate Members



Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

From your Political Activities Chair, **Christina Demirs**

c.mclaughlin01@outlook.com

EXAMPLES OF WHAT COUNTS AS POLITICAL ACTIVITIES:

ALL activities that are political in nature or support the Republican philosophy:

- Hours preparing for, traveling to/from, attending TFRW/club/RPT/SREC/CEC/precinct meetings, trainings, and events, including conventions
- Hours participating in in-person or web-based events
- Political research hours, such as reading articles to educate yourself and others
- Paid hours - as long as not your primary source of income - such as election judge or clerk, poll watcher, block walker, making phone calls/texting, and similar activities
- Unpaid hours serving as poll watcher, block walker, making phone calls/texting
- Hours of member/associate member elected officials who receive a stipend salary, such as state senators and representatives, city council and school board members
- Hours of member/associate member political candidates
- Hours engaged in voter registration activities, including travel time, training/certification time, and clean-up time
- Hours relating to Secretary of State/RPT/county training for election judges, clerks, poll watchers
- Hours relating to appointments at the local, county, or state level (i.e., gubernatorial committee appointments, mayoral committee appointments, school board committee appointments)
- All hours spent on a candidate's campaign, including preparation of mailings, posting signs, making phone calls/texting, block walking
- Time spent making calls of a political nature or relating to club activities
- Time spent voting



Literacy Chair, Maria Alicia Martinez

Blessings to Everyone!

My name is Maria Alicia Martinez, and I have the honor of serving as your Literacy Chair. During the year, I will work to encourage participation in literacy programs, highlight opportunities to serve, and keep our members informed about ways they can make a meaningful local impact.

In 2026, CTRW members will have many opportunities to engage in literacy outreach through volunteering, supporting educational initiatives, and partnering with organizations that promote reading, learning, and civic education. I am excited to engage with the community this year through book drives, reading to children, and more!

Literacy is not only about reading; it is about equipping individuals with the tools they need to understand the world around them and participate confidently in it. If you are interested in joining the literacy team, supporting initiatives, or sharing ideas, please contact me. I look forward to serving you and our CTRW community!



Book of the Month

"Jesus and Politics" by Bunni Pounds

Please join others in reading and connecting with the Book of the Month Club Community. Share book suggestions. Literacy is foundational to an informed, engaged, and empowered society. Through CTRW literacy efforts, the Club can invest in education, civic awareness, and the development of future leaders.



Chaplain, Rebecca Tong

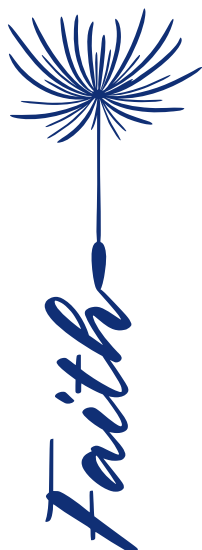
Spiritual Goals for 2026

I have been asked about my Christian or spiritual goals for 2026. Boy, did I have to think this one through. I will focus on deepening my spiritual maturity through intentional habits, service, and surrendering personal plans to God's will. Some of my spiritual goals are listed below:

- **Give Jesus the First Minutes:** I am committed to spending the first 10–15 minutes of every day in prayer or scripture before checking my phone.
- **Bible Reading Plans:** Read through the entire Bible at a manageable pace or choose a specific book to study in-depth multiple times.
- **Scripture Memorization:** Memorize one life-giving verse each month to carry a "storehouse of truth" for difficult moments.
- **Prayer and Fasting:** Establish a routine for daily prayer and monthly fasting to draw closer to God by denying the flesh.
- **Love One Person on Purpose:** Choose one individual (spouse, child, or friend) to love deliberately throughout 2026 through uninterrupted time and prayer.
- **Serve Others:** Find one new way to use my spiritual gifts, such as volunteering for a church ministry or supporting a local non-profit.

So, my question to you is this: what are your spiritual goals for 2026? Starting with your spiritual goals will lead to improved personal goals.

Your Servant in Christ, Rebecca Tong



Serve on the 2026 CTRW Dream Team



2026 Central Texas Republican Women Executive Team

President: Janet Brown

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2nd Vice President

3rd Vice President

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Christina Demirs

Natalie Austin

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JOIN OUR TEAM

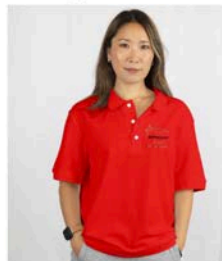
Team Members needed:

Americanism
Community Engagement
Communications
Literacy.



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- 10% of purchase will be donated to support the CTRW project recipient: Children's Advocacy Center of Central Texas
- Embroidered shirts - need 20 orders to process production
- Shirt styles are available in RED or BLACK

10% of purchases will be donated to...



Order Online

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Legislative Chair, Lou Barbosa Minick

“You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.” – Abraham Lincoln

Now that the 89th Legislative Session is behind us, it's time to look ahead to the 90th Session in 2027. The Texas Legislature meets every two years (biennially) in regular session, beginning on the second Tuesday in January of odd-numbered years. We cannot afford to stop working toward what matters most for our community and our state.

In the meantime, we have one year to support and collaborate with our local representation—Senator Pete Flores, Representative Hillary Hickland, and Representative Brad Buckley. The 89th Session was historic and will shape our future, but there is still more work to be done.

It is up to all of us to make our voices heard. If issues affect our community or Texas as a whole, work with our legislators to develop solutions. Representative Hickland recently shared that she authored nine bills that became law—and that success was possible because constituents spoke up and shared what was needed.

Senator Flores and Representative Buckley also authored or co-authored several bills that are now law. If you plan to advocate for legislation, start by identifying the problem and evaluating potential solutions. Our legislators depend on us to hold them accountable and to help shape policies that strengthen our communities and our state.



Ballot Draw 2026

Here's how you can get involved:

- Attend local GOP CEC meetings.
- Share your ideas and concerns with your representatives.
- Join community organizations that promote civic engagement.
- Stay informed about upcoming bills and policy changes.
- Encourage friends and neighbors to participate in the process.
- Begin now—thinking, planning, and, as always, praying for what's next for our great state.

Volunteer Deputy Registrar Training Registration

There is always a need for more volunteer deputy registrars (VDRs). If you are interested, there are training opportunities scheduled on Thursday, September 11th at various times at the Temple Public Library. Here is a link to the Bell County Election website for dates and more information:

CTRW registered 209 voters in 2024- 2025. If you are a VDR or have received your certification, please track the number of voters registered and report to Christina Demirs or President, Janet Brown. contactctrw@gmail.com



CTRW members at VDR Training at "The Tank". Take your picture and email it to Celeste so we can count you in.



From the Official's Desk:

State Representative Brad Buckley, HD54

Families across the state will soon have more opportunities than ever to choose the educational path that works best for their children. During the 89th legislative session, I was proud to pass Senate Bill 2 to create Texas' first ever school choice program – Texas



**TEXAS EDUCATION
FREEDOM ACCOUNTS**

Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA). After years of discussion and advocacy (including by many of you!), the groundwork is now being laid to launch the program for the 2026–27 school year.

Applications are expected to open on February 4, 2026. TEFA will prioritize students with disabilities and children from low- and moderate-income families, and families of all types—including homeschoolers—are encouraged to apply early, stay informed, and connect with the schools or programs they are considering so they're ready when the application window opens.

Once approved, families will begin receiving TEFA funds starting July 1, 2026, just in time for the new school year. Funds will be distributed quarterly and can be used for approved educational expenses like tuition, tutoring, instructional materials, and specialized services.

The Comptroller's office will continue outreach and education efforts to help families navigate the program. This is an exciting first step toward empowering parents, strengthening educational choice, and ensuring every Texas child has access to an education that fits their needs. I'm excited about the future of this program and the doors it will open for children across our state.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the program, I encourage you to visit educationfreedom.texas.gov or email me directly at district54.buckley@house.texas.gov.

God bless!

Brad Buckley
State Representative





Club Candidate Fairness & Endorsement Policy & Standing Rules - Candidate Decorum at CTRW Functions



Bylaws of Central Texas Republican Women

Article III - Section 3. Endorsement Policy.

A. The Club as a whole and its President and Political Activities Chair shall not publicly endorse any candidate for public office in contested Republican primaries, runoff elections, and special elections, and/or non-partisan elections when more than one Republican is in the race. Individual members of this organization may work for the candidate of their choice in contested Republican primaries, but not in the name of the Club or Federation.

B. No candidate shall use the TFRW logo in any political advertising, and any political advertising shall contain the following disclaimer: "This endorsement is given by the individual(s) only, NOT the Texas Federation of Republican Women."

Section 9. Candidate Fairness: After the end of the candidate filing period for any office and ending the day after the final election for that office, it is the policy of TFRW that all Republican candidates for that office shall be treated fairly and equitably. When one Republican candidate for an office is invited to speak at a Federation or local club meeting, then all Republican candidates for that office shall be offered equal presentation time at the same meeting or another meeting before the election.

Section 10. Split Ticket. Neither the Club nor an individual member shall advocate a split ticket, support an opposition party candidate, or act against the NFRW or State Federation policies and bylaws.

Candidate Decorum at CTRW Functions - CTRW is a PAC

There will be a table available for Candidates to place pamphlets, cards, and other campaign material. Please pick up the material after the function.

- No political campaign material is allowed to be placed on lunch tables.
- Networking is encouraged and a great way to visit, mingle, and meet members.
- Candidates may identify themselves and the position they intend to run for. Please follow the guidance of the Club President.
- Candidates, please do not use photos of the Central Texas RW banner on Social Media or for other use. Please refrain from photos with the CTRW President and Political Activities Chair if you are a candidate in a contested race with another Republican.
- CTRW Members, please remove your nametag when taking photos with Candidates who are in contested Primary races with another Republican.

Guidelines for Federal Candidates

1. Clubs may invite federal representatives and/or candidate(s) to visit and mingle with club guests and to personally, or with the assistance of volunteers, hand out campaign material and ask for individuals' support. Campaign materials may be displayed on a table with other literature, but should not be placed on dining tables or on dining chairs.
2. When federal representatives and/or candidates are present at any event or meeting, the following disclaimer must be displayed:
"Solicitations made by federal candidates and officeholders are limited by federal law. The federal candidates and officeholders are soliciting only donations of up to \$2,500.00 from individuals and up to \$5,000.00 from multi-candidate political committees. They are not soliciting donations in any amount from corporations, labor organizations, national banks, federal contractors, or foreign nationals."
3. Clubs may place advertising received from federal representatives and/or candidates in an event program, newsletter, yearbook, or other publication as part of the club's fundraising efforts.

CTRW Standing Rules Revision 12/4/2025

E. Other organizations and their representatives or members are not permitted to share printed material for distribution, circulation, or sale at Central Texas Republican Women meetings or functions unless specifically approved by the President. In the event of a disruption, the President will verbally warn the person. If it happens again, the Sergeant of Arms will be asked to remove the person from the meeting, and membership to the Club may be revoked. *(Revised 12/4/2025)*

F. Protocol for Candidates attending Central Texas Republican Women meetings or functions. *(Added 12/4/2025)*

Candidates may only place their campaign literature on the designated campaign table.

Campaign materials cannot be handed out when talking to attendees.

No announcements will be made regarding any candidate's upcoming events.

All candidates are expected to treat each other with respect. Disparaging an opponent, current Republican office holder, past Republican office holder, or attendees for the meeting is not permitted.

A Grateful Look Back on December

What goes well with a cold morning and a couple of hours of free time? A warm chocolate chai latte at **1914 Coffee House** and lively conversation at the Central Texas RW RED Roof Coffee Connection - that's what! With 2025's Red Roof Events being such a success, 2026 is bound to be next level. Check out the CTRW Club website for more upcoming events.



Who knew the CTRW RED Roof Connections at 3 West Ale House & Grill would turn into an impromptu Christmas Party!

What a fun time of making new friends, great conversation, and investing locally this holiday season. With such a large turnout, we filled half the restaurant. To everyone who made it out: Thank you for making our last event of 2025 so special and so much fun!



Big Christmas Wish... Ensure children have a mattress and bed to sleep in. Club members went the extra mile when Founder Dagne Ameigh, of **Jeffrey's Tree**, mentioned a very special wish for mattresses - and she was thrilled to have that need met quickly by CTRW Club members. CTRW 'elves' at Jeffrey's Tree also helped to fill Christmas wishes (boxes) for local kids and their families in need.



Central Texas RW Networking Lunch featuring Representative Hillary Hickland was energized as the last official club meeting in 2025 that honored outgoing board members for their service. **Thank you!** Representative Hillary Hickland issued the Oath of Office to our 2026 slate of CTRW Board and Executive Team members in addition to our CTRW members' pledge. We are looking forward to Dream Team 3.0 as they share their talents next year. CTRW members in attendance also heard from many local candidates heading into the primaries.



It was Christmas Party Season!
And there was no way our Club President, Janet Brown, was letting that season pass without bringing the Executive Team together, former and incoming, for a bit of business and a lot of pleasure! Special thanks to our host venue, **Corona de Oro**, for a delicious meal, excellent service, and a warm and friendly atmosphere. Please take a look at them for your holiday gathering.



Caring for our community with a western theme... Why yes, we did!

Central Texas RW members had a front-row seat as table sponsors at the **Chisholm Trail Christmas Ball** on the transformed floor of the Cadence Center. Fun, friendship, sparkling lights, delicious food, a fantastic atmosphere, along with music by The Stateline Band, made for a great night. The room was full of friendly faces, all gathered together to support the Bell County Youth Fair Scholarship Fund.



Thank you for making a difference and helping to change the future of the youth of Bell County. Support such as yours is what makes the BCYF Scholarship program Excel in its mission to award Life Changing Scholarships to the youth of our County. We are deeply blessed by your participation in our fundraising efforts and wish to say Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.
Sherry R. Tyndal, Chair BCYF CTRB 2025





Bell County Republican Party

Making a difference starts at the local level. We need our amazing TFRW members to help fill vacant seats and run for Precinct Chair. If you don't already know, contact your County Chair to find out if your precinct needs you!

Addie Baird
CHAIR

(254) 322-3232
chair@belltxgop.org

Learn More

MAKE A DIFFERENCE! CONSIDER RUNNING FOR PRECINCT CHAIR!



Precinct Chairs are an integral part of the Texas Republican Party!

Why Precinct Chairs Matter:

Precinct Chairs are the political party's representatives for each county election precinct in a specific county. Those precinct chairs are elected at the primary election and serve alongside the county chair on the county executive committee.



What they do:

- ✓ Serve as the closest link between voters and the Party
- ✓ Represent their precinct on the County Executive Committee
- ✓ Help register and turn out voters
- ✓ Recruit and organize volunteers and support and promote conservative candidates



Step up and make a difference—run for Precinct Chair and be the voice for your neighbors.



**WE ARE ALL
REPUBLICANS**



**REPUBLICAN
ALL THE WAY**

★ Help ★ Elect ★ Republicans ★



- Feb 2** Last day to Register to Vote
- Feb 17** First day of Early Voting in person
- Feb 20** Last day to apply for a Ballot by Mail (Received, not postmarked)
- Feb 27** Last day of Early Voting in person
- Mar 2** PRIMARY ELECTION DAY





Communications Director, Asha Petrich

Hello, CTRW Family!

Please allow me to take a few moments to introduce myself and your 2026 Communications Team. My name is Asha Petrich. I am a wife, a mother, an entrepreneur, and a daughter of the Most High. My family and I relocated from Round Rock to Temple in late 2022, and we haven't been happier!

Shortly after our arrival here, I experienced a renewed enjoyment of graphic design. I began working in Adobe Illustrator and Canva to create logos and graphics for our company and a local ministry. So, for me, it was a great honor to succeed Celeste Zadnichek as CTRW Communications Director, whose faithful stewardship broadened and developed Communications into the multifaceted collective it is today. My expectation is to learn as much as I can from her and CTRW President Janet Brown as I grow into this role.

I'm happy to report that Celeste will be staying on to help with the Club's newest venture onto TikTok. The Communications Team also includes Mary Knapp, another dynamic woman who oversees the Club's X account, and new member Jane Polach, who will step in to assist with event photos and video creation. Renee Bigham, our former manager of Club Press Releases, has now moved into the Secretary position. Our deepest thanks and congratulations to her!

That said, the Communications Team is looking for additional team members to help spread our message as the Club continues to innovate and grow. If you enjoy web design/management, content management, or making video presentations, please get in touch with CTRW President Janet Brown.

Thank You & Happy Golden New Year!



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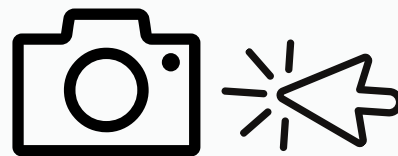
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