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MARCH 2023

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SAVE THE DATE

- 3/2/23 Executive Board Meeting
- 3/2/23 Pints and Politics 6:00 PM Dead Fish Grill Lake Belton
- 3/13/23 Bell County Republican Executive Committee Mtg - 6 pm Bell County Courthouse
- 3/20/23 CTRW Luncheon Meeting at The Gin Restaurant, Belton, TX 11:00 AM Registration/Networking 11:30 AM Meeting Called to Order Cost is \$20

RSVP Required by 3/17/23

- 3/23/23 SARW Luncheon Meeting, RSVP Required.
- 3/25/23 CTRW New Member Lunch
- 3/27/23 BellCountyTXYR 6:00 P.M.

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

Presidents Pen - Janet Brown

Bluebonnets are blooming in Texas, which is a signal of Spring. Are you REDy Central Texas RW? You should be! Central Texas, our eyes, hearts, minds, and energy are on the opportunities ahead for 2023.

Issue: March 2023

"Shout-Out" to each member who has already renewed or invited a friend to join. As a member, you enjoy the benefits of belonging to the largest women's Republican organization in Texas. We need YOU, so invite, share, and renew today!

CTRW-PAC is about "Educating & Empowering Women for Better Government in Bell County and all across Texas." Seeing and hearing news about our members' involvement in the local political scene is a joy. We see you running for local office, speaking with Elected Officials on issues, registering voters, serving as Precinct Chairs and in our local Elections, and promoting the ideas of the Republican Party in your social sphere of influence.

We had five members attend the Sold-out 2023 TFRW Legislative Event in Austin. During the Legislative lunch, it was a pleasure and honor to visit with Representative Brad Buckleys' staff members, Vanessa Tanner, Chief of Staff, and Sarah Denison, Legislative Aide, who dined at our table. We heard from many informed speakers on issues such as Election Integrity – "ERIC," and upcoming Legislative items. Also, I have a very informative booklet, and if you would like a copy, please email me.

We hope you enjoyed the special evening event at The Beltonian Theatre with the movie "Miss Virginia" and learning more about the Parental Empowerment School Choice legislative issue. We aim to keep you informed on as many topics as possible.

We know there is a great value found in your membership. We need YOU! Thank YOU to all of our members working to help keep TEXAS RED. ~ Janet

1st VP Programs/Linda Hagler

Thank you to all that attended the wonderful dinner and presentation on "School Choice" by Americans for Prosperity. Now, get ready for our March meeting! The fabulous, nationally renowned NICK ADAMS will join us to deliver a presentation on "Crushing Political Correctness and Wokism." Nick is a Presidential appointee, four-time bestselling author, motivational speaker, and television commentator. You will want to attend this outstanding presentation. Be sure to invite your friends, family, and coworkers! RSVP is Required

Email RSVP to: mabeasley62@gmail.com
Prepay via Eventbrite (tap picture)



2nd VP Membership/Marilyn Beasley

We are well into 2023 and have reached our Jumbo Club status. As of February, we have 149 members, 107 Primary and 42 associates. We thank everyone who has renewed their membership and especially a big welcome to our 24 new members.

I want to introduce my new co-chair, Karen Smith. She was formerly from the Northwest Austin Republican Women, where she served as Membership chair. She comes with a wealth of information and experience.

Did you know your CTRW membership gives you access to TFRW? If you need help logging onto the TFRW website, please don't hesitate to reach out, as we can help you. Please let us know whenever you have a change in your email address, as this is how TFRW can connect with you.

CTRW New Member Lunch - March 25, 2023 (pg. 4)





2023 CTRW Officers

PRESIDENT - Janet Brown (254-541-2307) janetlynbrown@gmail.com **1ST VP- LINDA HAGLER** 2ND VP - MARILYN BEASLEY CO-CHAIR - KAREN SMITH 3RD VP - SANDRA MCCLENEY SECRETARY - LINDA ATKINS TREASURER/PAC - WANITA REEDER PARLIAMENTARIAN - ELLIE CHITWOOD AMERICANISM - JANET GRYZBOWSKI CO-CHAIR - MICHELLE KIRSCH **AWARDS - ZENIA WARREN** 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

WE NEED YOU,YOU & YOU

Share your gifts & talents.

Be involved and learn more about Central Texas RW by volunteering to help on one of our Teams like Fundraising, Hospitality, Membership, or Caring for America,

Chaplain/Rebecca Tong

February is the month of love. Many of us have heard of the poet Mary Elizabeth Browning. She wrote the poem, "How Do I Love You, Let me Count the Ways" to her husband, Robert Browning, in 1850. I've read that poem many times but never thought about how Christ's love for us was so strongly related in her poem to her husband. Take a moment and reflect upon this poem. It could have been a poem from Jesus to us.

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.

I love thee to the depth and breadth and height My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight For the ends of being and ideal grace.

I love thee to the level of every day's Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.

I love thee freely, as men strive for right.

I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.

I love thee with the passion put to use In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.

I love thee with a love I seemed to lose With my lost saints. I love thee with the breath, Smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose, I shall but love thee better after death.



Now therefore, that the Lord YOUR God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations. Deuteronomy 7:9

New CTRW Membership Brochure

EDUCATING AND EMPOWERING WOMEN FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT IN BELL COUNTY AND ACROSS TEXAS You have a new Membership Marketing tool to share with friends, candidates, and the business community. There is a supply at the Bell County GOP Headquarters; pick up at the Monthly meeting, or email your membership team - Marilyn Beasley, mabeasley62@gmail.com or Karen Smith, Karenjp50@gmail.com.



- Become involved in the election process. Meet and discuss topics and issues with elected officials & government leaders. Become informed through education offered at our monthly meetings. Participate in community activities and projects to promote conservative ideals. Make new triends from all over the county, state, nation, and word.

Club Objectives

- To promote an informed public through political education and activity. To increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government. To support the objectives and policies of our Texas and National Federation of Republican Women organizations. To work for the election of Republican Candidates at all levels of government. To dozen foyally for the Republican Party to promote its principles.

Be Informed! Be Involved! Be Influential! Make a Difference!



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Contact us:

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Membership Application



Home Phone Employer: _

> Make check payable to: CTRW PAC P.O. Box 24, Belton, Texas 76513-0024

CTRW New Member Orientation Lunch



You're Invited **New Member Lunch**

Special Guest Speaker Zenia Warren, 1st VP TFRW

When: Saturday, March 25, 2023

Time: 12 noon - 1:30 pm

Where: 204 N. East Street, Suite A-1, Belton, TX 76513

Bell County Republican Headquarters

RSVP by March 20, 2022

Send RSVP to: 2nd VP, Marilyn Beasley - mabeasley62@gmail.com or to Co-Chair Karen Smith - karenjp50@gmail.com



MEMBERSHIP - WE NEED YOU!

RENEW or INVITE a FRIEND To JOIN during March Madness

Become a 2023 member before or at the March Luncheon, and win a free lunch at a future Member Meeting.

(Each member renewing or new member joining & referring member qualify)
Drawing will be conducted at March Lunch Meeting. Includes Primary and Associate members.

3rd VP Fundraising/Sandra McCleney



Well, I hope you have your dancing shoes polished and your vocal cords tuned up because we are planning an exciting and fun night of KARAOKE with a DJ on Saturday, JUNE 10th, from 7:00-10:00 PM.

"GOLDEN CUPCAKES" will make an appearance with fantastic door prizes. I'm working hard on all the details with lots of help. The location is TBD, but good food and fun are ahead, so I hope you are saving the date. More information is coming closer to the date. See you there.

Americanism Chair – Janet Grzybowski and Michelle Kirsch

Three types of independence:

- 1. Emotional: relying on yourself, not others, for happiness.
- 2. Mental: the capability to mentally choose your independence.
- 3. Financial and Professional, to choose your future Independence is both freedom and responsibility. The freedom to choose our path in life and the duty to act in the best interest of our society and our nation.

Remembrance and Historical information of independence

- 1. Texas's Independence from Mexico was achieved on 3/2/1836.
- 2. Declaration of Independence's final draft was approved on 07/04/1776.
- 3. St Patrick's day, 3/13/2023
- 4. National napping day 3/13/2023
- 5. National K9 Veterans Day 3/13/023 Independence or freedom to choose was given by our creator and should never be taken for granted.



Legislative Chair/Joyce Damon

The 88th Legislative Session is quite active. As a review, the House has 150 members – 86 Republicans and 64 Democrats. The Senate has 31 members – 19 Republicans and 12 Democrats.

There have been 2,899 bills filed in the House and 1,278 in the Senate as of Feb. 20th.

Some of the important legislative issues TFRW will be following during this session are:

- --Elections including bills seeking to increase the penalties for election fraud and bills looking for methods to prosecute election fraud.
- --Education including a parent's rights, prohibiting CRT in public universities, dealing with other "woke" policies in learning institutions, and watching what is proposed for school choice.
- --Another topic of major concern is Abortion and Vaccination policies.

-Border Security – including prohibiting China from purchasing land. Senator Bob Hall has introduced SB 237 relating to an interstate compact on border security and immigration enforcement. HB 82 is a companion bill.

-Senator Hall has also sponsored SB 330 regarding the Texas Electric Grid to address grid vulnerabilities. State Comptroller, Glen Hegar, stated that the State is expected to have \$342.3 billion in the State's Savings Account in 2023-24. Legislature decisions are what to spend and what to save, how to control costs, and whether we raise the ESF (Economic Stabilization Fund) cap to save more for the future. Also, what are the one-time expenses we can use the money for this cycle?



Political Activities Chair/Christy Wilbanks

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." - Anne Frank



Did you know that we, the CTRW, are the strongest when we cheer each other on? Yes, we are! Your contributions, phone calls, holding voter registrations, volunteering at the Republican Party Headquarters, serving as a Clerk or Judge in an election, serving as a Precinct Chair, going to meetings, attending political events such as Pints and Politics, and even talking to your next-door neighbor about the elections, it ALL matters, even if it's small, it's still a BIG WIN! Our strength, beliefs, commitment, excitement, and drive make a difference, leading to changes!

We applaud YOU in everything YOU do for and within the Central Texas Republican Women! We are proud of you, and thank you for giving your time and energy to our mission!

I have something in the works, ladies, it's a secret for now, but I've got a new ride, and we are driving to success! Let's get our oil change done, and new tires on and roll into new adventures! Please send me your Political Activity Hours!

Just a reminder - Don't forget to count the hours you put into travel, too! Let me know if you have any questions regarding what matters toward Political Activity Hours. Email me your questions or Political Activities at christywb@yahoo.com

Caring for America Chair/Kathy Ruiz

Here's hoping everyone is well and looking forward to some consistent spring weather. Please remember to bring your donation for the food care center to our March meeting. They are requesting fruit drink/juice boxes this month. Thanks in advance for serving our community and KEEPING TEXAS RED.





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TFRW: <u>www.tfrw.org</u>

Bell County Texas GOP: www.belltxgop.org

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CTRW Facebook: www.facebook.com/ctrwpac



IMPORTANT TERW DATES

Mark Your Calendars

April 14-15 2nd Qtr Board Meeting - Sheraton Georgetown

July 14-15 3rd Qtr Board Meeting - Courtyard, Pflugerville

September 28-30 2023 NFRW Convention - Oklahoma City, OK

October 12-14 2023 TFRW Convention - Irving, TX

Our March Birtholopy

M. Brown

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C. Haugh

C. Howell

M. Kurtz

M. LePak

K. Long

S. McCleney

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G. Ribbeck

A. Ruiz

K. Shafer

W. Sly

C. Speidel

W. Stephenson

L. Underwood

C. Wilbanks

L. Winckel



From the desk of State Representative Brad Buckley

We have begun the 88th Legislative Session and I am beyond honored to have been named the Chairman of the House Committee on Public Education.

Additionally, I have the honor of serving on the House Committee of Land and Resource Management. There are numerous issues that will come to my committee this session, to include many of Governor Abbott's emergency items, and I am ready for our deliberative body to tackle these issues. School choice, curriculum updates, teacher shortages, parental rights, school safety, truancy and school finance, among many others, will come our way and I am looking forward to hearing honest and compelling testimony from parents, teachers, administrators, content experts, and Texans about how we can best serve Texas' 5.5 million school children and their families.

This session, I am confident we will create meaningful property tax relief for Texans, and I continue working, as I have for multiple sessions, on relief for Bell County and our municipalities disproportionally affected by the Disabled Veterans Homestead Exemption, which is nobly-earned and well deserved by so many veterans living in the county. I also plan to dig deep into water issues, working with our local agencies, state agencies, and neighboring counties to ensure we have plenty of this precious resource for our current needs and for our future growth.

We will tackle hundreds of other issues this session that are critically important to many of you, and I want to hear from you about all of them. Please contact me and share your thoughts, opinions, and insights into these. You can email me at district54.buckley@house.texas.gov or call us at 512-463-0684.

I am grateful for your trust in me.

For Texas,

Brad Buckley, DVM

Chairman, House Committee on Public Education State Representative, Texas House District 54 Proudly serving Bell County





What a fabulous weekend at the 2023 TFRW Legislative & 1st Quarter Board Meeting by our members who attended.

So many Special Guest Speakers stopped by to offer support and updates on what is happening at our Texas and United States of America Capital.

We had an excellent update on Election Integrity from Dana Myers (RNC Vice Chair) for Texas, ERIC, and what is on the horizon to ensure every vote counts. Participants met several of our Freshman Republican Legislators as they shared their stories, goals to serve their communities, and legislative priorities.

The second day was the TFRW Board Meeting which all members are welcome to attend this very educational event. Besides the Committee reports, again, Special Guests took time to stop by to share information. During lunch, participants heard an update from Run GenZ with founder Joe Mitchell & Representative Caroline Harris, who discussed how the next generation of conservatives is standing up and getting involved.

To keep Texas RED, we need YOU! Our membership is open, and you are invited to join Central Texas Republican Women to become more empowered and engaged in politics.







CTRW Member Club Activities

A big turnout for the CTRW and SARW - "Dinner & a Movie" hosted by: Americans for Prosperity





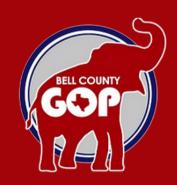
CTRW-PAC supports our local Bell County Republican Party with a donation during their monthly Executive Committee Meeting. Many of our CTRW members serve as Volunteers, Precinct Chairs and have supporting positions during Bell County Elections.

We are together!



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Volunteers (3-hour shifts) are needed to help at the Bell County GOP Headquarters weekly, 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.









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BELL COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Executive Committee Meeting Bell County
Republican Party

Monday, March 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





SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN

SARW Regular Meeting March 23, 2023

Upstairs, Salado Civic Center 11:30 AM

RSVP no later than March 17, 2023, to: sherril.gardipee@gmail.com \$20 Speaker: Richard V.Battle, Author - "Stronger

AmeriCANS make a stronger America



Bell County Young Republicans

Social Meeting March 27, 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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