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Central Texas RW President's Pen - Janet Brown

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One of our Club's mission goals is to raise funds to help elect Republicans, and 2025 will be one for the books as the Republican Women of Central Texas continue to smash records. The Club hosted a successful October Chili Lunch Fundraiser and Chili Cook-off, with over 200 enthusiastic attendees. Our guest speaker, Shilo Harris, was phenomenally motivating —Chili Challenge Awards were handed out, and the Live Auction was spectacular. A big thank you to our Table Sponsors, Community, Members, and the Fundraising team for a fun event.

Central Texas RW is moving at warp speed across their community and in their political efforts at the local, state, and national levels. At the National Federation convention in September and the Texas Federation of Republican Women convention in October, the Club received 9 Award Achievements for individual and club work. These Award Achievements represent the past two years of dedicated work by Central Texas RW as the Club continues to lead the way as a strong leader in politics and community endeavors, with a focus on electing Republicans, membership growth, caring for our community, promoting Americanism, and supporting our military, Veteran, and Service members.

In November, ahead of us, we will be getting out the Vote on the Constitutional Amendments. Go Vote! Then, on November 8th, Primary Candidate Filing is open. Remember, CTRW practices Candidate Fairness in any contested Republican Primary race. The Club congratulates each member who runs for an elected office. You can read more about Candidate Fairness in the club newsletter. Plus, on November 10th, the Club holds its Annual Members Meeting to elect 2026 Officers and to recognize our Veterans, with guest speaker Otis Evans.

Friends, the message is loud and clear: Texas Republicans, at all levels — both locally and on national issues — must work together to unite our voices and mission. Our fight is not with each other. To be clear, unity does not mean conformity, but Republicans must find common ground to openly support America First issues in local and national discussions. To paraphrase, as President Reagan said, "Can we agree on 80% now and leave the 20% we don't agree on to work on for another time..." We are stronger together as we work to keep Texas and America RED! **Janet Brown, CTRW President**



1st Vice President of Programs, Linda Atkins

Colonel (Retired) Otis Evans was an Army officer who served 12 of the 27 years of his distinguished career as a DUSTOFF pilot, displaying courage under fire on numerous occasions in the Republic of Vietnam, where he earned a Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster, a Bronze Star, and the Air Medal with numeral 9. After serving in Vietnam, Otis displayed excellence as a DUSTOFF pilot in CONUS, the Republic of Korea, and the Federal Republic of Germany. The United States Congress recognized Otis with the Congressional Veterans Commendation for his selfless service to both the US Army and his civilian community.

Otis also participated in the Army Surgeon General's film documentary, "When I Have Your Wounded," championing medical helicopter ambulance evacuation in modern warfare. He frequently takes the opportunity to share his experiences with and mentor the current generation of DUSTOFF pilots.

Finally, Colonel Evans was selected to represent all Texas Vietnam veterans at the dedication of the Texas Vietnam Veterans Memorial at the Texas State Capitol. Otis Evans was inducted into the DUSTOFF Hall of Fame on 23 March 2024. Colonel Evans will speak about patriotism and the significance of Veteran's Day.

Menu

MENU: Chicken Parmesan, pasta with marinara sauce, steamed vegetables, Caesar salad, dessert, rolls, water, iced tea



**CENTRAL TEXAS RW NETWORKING LUNCH
ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2025**

11:00 AM - REGISTRATION/NETWORKING
11:30 AM - LUNCH SERVED
11:45 AM - CALLED TO ORDER

**RSVP OR PRE-PAID TICKET IS REQUIRED BY
11/04/2025**

HARRIS COMMUNITY CENTER
401 N. ALEXANDER STREET, BELTON, TX



OTIS EVANS
COLONEL (RET) ARMY
"PATRIOTISM & THE VETERANS DAY"

Date: Monday, November 10, 2025

RSVP: Required by Thursday, November 6, 2025

Time: 11:00a.m. – Registration 11:30 a.m. Call to Order

Place: Harris Community Center, 401 N. Alexander, Belton, TX

Email: rsvpctrw@gmail.com or Prepay

PRE-Pay on Website

CLICK HERE

Note: Please include the names of all guests for which you are including in your 10/09/2025 RSVP. This will expedite your check-in. Many thanks!

Email: rsvpctrw@gmail.com

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.



2nd Vice President Membership, Marlean Druce

We are kicking off our new membership year so far with a total **125 new and renewed memberships for 2026**. Last year we made it to 199 members so let's make 2026 the year we break 200! Come on, get your renewal in, bring your friends and family to join, I know we can do it this year.



2025

Our **September Membership Kick Off** at Clem Mikeska's BBQ in Temple was a huge success. Standing room only as attendees listened to our local candidates give their pitch. It was an excellent opportunity to hear what our candidates are working towards, and it was convenient to renew or join the club. If you missed it, no worries, we'll see you at our November luncheon, where member forms are always available. As Thanksgiving approaches, we give thanks for all our dedicated members who always show up to support!



**A Full House At The
Annual Membership Kick-Off and Candidate
Round-up at Clem Mikeska's BBQ**



I Joined the Club, Now What?

- Read the newsletter and mark your calendars
- Keep an eye out on social media for upcoming events
- Visit <https://www.ctrw-pac.com/events>
- Reach out to other members and build relationships!
- Join a Committee Team by contacting the Executive Committee Chairwoman.

2025

MEMBERSHIP

199
+ 67

PRIMARY MEMBERS
JUMBO CLUB

ASSOCIATE & STUDENT
MEMBERS

266

CENTRAL TEXAS
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REPUBLICAN
WOMEN
★ Help ★ Elect ★ Republicans ★



Primary Member: Women

Associate Member: Men or member of other TFRW club

Youth Membership - 12-17 yrs

Student Membership - Student ID, 18-26 yrs

Diamond Circle - Primary or Associate

Download a 2026 Membership Form

Pay Online HERE

Mailing Info:

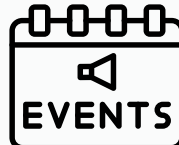
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By joining CTRW, you become a member of our statewide organization, the **Texas Federation of Republican Women**, and our national organization, the **National Federation of Republican Women**.



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NFRWNews



DIAMOND CIRCLE PRIMARY or Associate Membership - \$200

- DIAMOND CIRCLE Level Membership offers exclusive networking engagement opportunities and supports Club funding efforts for Republican Candidates.
- Includes regular CTRW membership fee of \$30
- Primary or Associate benefits as described above plus -
- Diamond Circle members receive reserved seating and recognition at Member Lunches & Special Events with an introduction to Guest Speakers.
- Annually receive one complimentary lunch at the Monthly Meeting of choice.
- Listing in the CTRW Monthly Newsletter Publication as a Diamond Circle member
- Diamond Circle Ribbon designation for Name Tag



DIAMOND CIRCLE

Jane Aguirre
Linda Atkins
Natalie Austin
Pam Blair
Heather Bounds
Charles Brashear
Stephanie Brashear
Janet Brown
Ashley Clapper Bennett
Tony Canterino
Lisa Copeland
Christina Demirs
Jackeline Fountain
Maria Alicia Martinez
Sandra McCleney
Cheyenne Minick
LouAnn Minick
Lori Murdoch
Asha Petrich
Wanita Reeder
Austin Ruiz
Kathy Ruiz
Rebecca Tong
Zenita Warren
Bob Weber

Did You Know?

Student Membership

"Students ages 18-26 (high school or college) with a student ID, for \$25.

Young ladies will count towards our Primary members, and young men will count as Associates.

NEW Type of Membership:

We've always had our Associate Youth membership for aged 12-17, but for 2026 membership, CTRW is happy to announce a new **"Student" membership**.

If you have young adults in this category or know of any who may be interested in our club ideals and conservative values, please pass the information along and encourage them. We, the Republican Party, need our young people. They are our future, and we offer them a place to learn more about the local political arena, receive encouragement and mentoring, and share their ideas for our club moving forward.



“My Why”

Kathy Ruiz

Central Texas Republican Women



Stopping to consider “my why” took me back almost 14 years. Our youngest daughter had been in college for 2+ years, and I was struggling to find my new normal. For so many years, I had been a daughter/wife/mother, and my calendar had been filled with serving my church, the PTA, booster clubs, and my five children’s many activities. Having so much extra time on my hands (which is tough for a self-proclaimed hyperactive person) allowed me to focus on the current political climate, and I was very frustrated with the direction our country was going.

As luck would have it, a dear friend invited me to my first CTRW meeting, and, just like the famous line in the Jerry Maguire movie, they “*had me at hello*”. I stepped into a room filled with vibrant, friendly, like-minded women who loved God, country, and family, and a selfless, clearly defined purpose. I felt like I had found a place to serve my country, state, and community. Of course, I had to overcome the impulse to join immediately; what if my first impression was a fluke? So, I decided to attend another meeting, and that sealed the deal for me. I was warmly welcomed as a new member and was encouraged and mentored by some of the most incredible ladies. I had truly found my tribe that quickly became like family, and I now had the chance to help make a difference by working to elect Republicans.

It felt so natural to move into leadership positions knowing I had unwavering support and encouragement from so many strong leaders. Over the years, this fantastic group of “sisters” has been by my side through multiple family health crises and deaths. They have been my source of strength through the highs and lows of life, praying over me and lifting me, and I hope I have been that source of strength and encouragement for them as well. It has been such a privilege to work all these years alongside my CTRW sisters, who are laser-focused, God-fearing patriots who give so much of themselves in service to others. I thank God daily for the invitation that brought me to CTRW and for the opportunity to represent Him in such a big way in our community. So, ladies, I encourage all of you to invite a friend—there is always room at our CTRW family table 😊.

NOVEMBER

Happy Birthday

Rebecca Tong 11/03
Marlene DiLillo 11/5
Lacey Martindale 11/8
Susan Burchfield 11/13
Candy Coley 11/14
Jocie Copeland 11/14
Janice Mayfield 11/17
Wendy Stapler 11/24
Jackie McLaughlin 11/25



3rd VP Fundraising, Rebecca Tong

What a fun and engaging Chili Luncheon fundraising event the Club hosted on Columbus Day. Attendees enjoyed a variety of outstanding chili, served with baked potatoes and assorted toppings. Central Texas Republican Women were well represented, contributing significant time and talent. This year's fundraiser exceeded all expectations, thanks to the enthusiastic support of our community members and generous donors. The atmosphere was vibrant, and attendees enjoyed delicious chili and spirited conversation, making it a memorable gathering for everyone. There was a lot of judging, and we had winners in our first chili challenge. We had a fun and engaging live auction with a dynamic auctioneer, County Commissioner Bobby Whitson.

There was a lot of handshaking and conversation among the candidates and local and state dignitaries. We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who assisted behind the scenes; your valuable dedication was instrumental in making the Chili Luncheon a huge success.



Thank You

31st CTRW Annual Chili Lunch Fundraiser
Inaugural Chili Challenge
Live Auction

October 13, 2025
Cathedral Oaks Event Center
Belton, TX

Special Guest Speaker: Shilo Harris
American Hero, Combat Soldier,
Thriller, and Author

Live Auctioneer
Bell County Commissioner Bobby Whitson



THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT SPONSORS

WILD & SPICY CHILI SPONSORS

Congressman August Pfluger
Bill Schumann & Lynda Schumann
Dennis Faulkner
Adam & Christina Demirs & Jackie McLaughlin
George Bunker, CTBR *Central Texas BBQ Roundup
Christi Craddick for Comptroller

ALL STAR CHILI SPONSORS

CTRW Diamond Circle Members, Bob Weber & Zenia Warren
CTRW Diamond Circle Member—Kathy Ruiz
Representative Brad Buckley
Honorable Gina Parker, Texas Criminal Court of Appeals
Pam Blair, Candidate for District Clerk
Lesli Fitzpatrick, Candidate for Criminal Court of Appeals
Richard Sapp, Candidate for Justice of the Peace
Allison Fox, Candidate for Criminal Court of Appeals
Steve Dowell, Candidate for US House - TX 31
Raymond Hamden, Candidate for US House - TX 31

LIVE AUCTION DONORS

Congressman John Carter
TX House Representative Brad Buckley
TX House Representative Hillary Hickland
Justice of the Peace Rosanne Fisher
Bell County Chair Addie Baird
Charlie Wharton Originals
CTRW Diamond Circle - Janet Brown
John Fisher, Elite Protection & Investigation Concepts
CTRW Diamond Circle - Kathy Ruiz
CTRW Diamond Circle - Rebecca Tong
Martha Tyroch



Plans for next year's 2026 fundraiser are underway. Please save the date for February 12, 2026, when we will celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country's independence at a Liberty Gala.

If you are interested in joining the fundraising team, we are always seeking new talent and ideas to help plan future events. There are various areas where your ideas, time, and skills could be put to great use.

For further information, please contact 3rd Vice President Rebecca Tong at reb_tong@yahoo.com.



Chaplain, Rebecca Tong



Where Is Your Final Destination in Life?

Toddlers are small enough to fit comfortably in a grandparent's lap to read a book, watch a movie, or just snuggle. In other words, it's not the activity or the environment that is important to the child; it is the presence of a beloved person. The same could be said for the Christian's anticipation of eternal life. While Revelation 21 presents a gorgeous preview of heaven, there is something more important to consider: the presence of Jesus Christ. In a moment of introspection, the apostle Paul wrestled with a question most Christians have considered: Would we rather remain here or be in heaven? While Paul recognized his obligation to be present in service to the Church, he also had a great desire to "depart and be with Christ. (Philippians 1:21-26). He knew that "to be absent from the body was to be present with the Lord," which is what our ultimate desire should be.

Is your ultimate desire to be in the presence of Jesus? The better you know Him now, the stronger that desire will grow. The goal from a Christian perspective is to be present with Jesus Christ, as described in 2 Corinthians 5:8. Just as children value the presence of loved ones over activities, believers cherish being with Christ more than the promise of heaven's beauty. The closer one grows to know Jesus, the stronger that longing becomes. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:8

Your Servant in Christ, Rebecca Tong
reb_tong@yahoo.com,



CTRW Chaplain Rebecca Tong is leading the Invocation on the closing day of TFRW Convention



CTRW Chaplain Rebecca Tong and Caring for America Chair Kathy Ruiz at TFRW Convention





Caring for America Chair, Kathy Ruiz



Hello CTRW Family. Thank you for all your hard work and support these past two years. Your combined effort was instrumental in helping CTRW win national recognition for our Caring for America project, which supports the Children's Advocacy Center of Central Texas. We could not have achieved such an honor without your donations and participation in their events and fundraisers. The "hands-on" effort made such a difference—the Club members went above and beyond.

As you know, we are always looking for ways to stay engaged in our community, and we have found a perfect organization to partner with this next year. Let me introduce you to **Jeffrey's Tree**. It is a small non-profit founded by the parents of Jeffrey in honor of their son, who tragically passed away during his senior year in 2011. Jeffrey was described as having the "most giving and generous heart and was always creating fundraisers at school to help fellow students in need." Since Christmas was his favorite holiday, his family decided to honor his memory by providing Christmas to families in need. What began 14 years ago as a Christmas program to help provide Christmas gifts and food to children (including those in foster care) in need has evolved over the years. They now offer year-round programs and emergency assistance to students **365** days a year. The director, Dagne Ameigh, will be at our November meeting to share more information about this program and how CTRW can help. Currently, they need Christmas gifts to deliver to kids this year, so please help us "fill the **RED WAGON**" with unwrapped items from the list (see list below) that Jeffrey's Closet provided. I am so excited about this new Caring for America partnership and know God was instrumental in pairing us with this fantastic opportunity to help school-age children in need.

Thank you in advance for your help and generosity as we continue our efforts to stay engaged with and to care for our community and **KEEP TEXAS RED!**



HELP US FILL THE **WAGON!**

Current Christmas items most needed:

1. Sensory toys
2. Dinosaur toys
3. Little boy toys - for ages 4 to 12 (action figures, R/C cars, legos, etc.)
4. Educational games or activities or any VTECH or leapfrog learning toys.
5. Official size footballs or soccer balls
6. AXE or old spice style - body care gift sets for teen boys
7. Men's/teen boys athletic shorts (basketball style shorts) (medium, large, XL)
8. Women's/juniors medium size underwear (teen girls)
9. Juniors extra-large shirts (15 - 17) (teen girls)
10. Women's size 8 sneakers (teen girls)
11. Little boys size 3 pants
12. Toddler boys size 11 shoes
13. Women's size 10 sneakers (teen girls)
14. Non-perishable side dish options for Thanksgiving meals



FOOD CARE CENTER
KILLEEN, TEXAS





Community Engagement, Cynthia Pursell

RED ROOF Connection Events

We have had quite a busy and fun start to our new political season! Our Red Roof Connections have brought in new friends, our local Representatives, and have inspired many relaxed and meaningful conversations. Whether it's political or just getting to know each other in conversation, our Red Roof Connections are a great place to make new and lasting friendships throughout Bell County, the surrounding area, and beyond, while meeting up for morning coffee, a light lunch, or an evening out, all while supporting our small local businesses.

And let's not forget, for a bit more fun and excitement—and, of course, education—our Red Roofs CTRW Texas Roundup was a hit, with over 80 attendees, including our Elected Officials and several of our declared local 2026 Candidates, at "Clem Mikeska's BBQ!" Remember to keep an eye out for our FB and Web page for more Red Roof opportunities to connect with friends and to hear from your local 2026 Candidates.

Wishing y'all a blessed Thanksgiving.

Next Red Roof Events:

**Central Texas Republican Women
RED ROOF Connections**

Coffee

Wednesday, November 5, 2025
9:00 am - 11 am

PAPA'S CAFE
302 Millers Heights Crossing
Harker Heights, TX

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

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**Central Texas Republican Women
RED ROOF Connections**

Thursday, November 20, 2025
6:00 pm - 9 pm

J Kowboy Wine Bar
13 E Avenue B, Temple, TX

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

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Theresa Schwab, Americanism Chair

"The bravest are surely those who have the clearest vision of what is before them, glory and danger alike, and yet not withstanding, go out to meet it." — Thucydides

Every year on **November 11**, we honor the brave men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. **Veterans Day** is more than just a date on the calendar; it reminds us of the courage, sacrifice, and selflessness of those who have worn our nation's uniform.

We invite you to join us on **Friday, November 7**, to distribute thank-you cards to the veterans residing at the William R. Courtney Texas State Veterans Home in Temple. Please contact me if you would like to participate.

Here are some additional ways to honor veterans:

- Visit a veteran's cemetery.
- Donate to a veteran's charity, such as the Wounded Warrior Project, Fisher House Foundation, or the Boot Campaign.
- Treat a veteran to lunch or coffee.
- Volunteer at a VA hospital or community event.
- Support veteran-owned businesses.
- Pray for veterans and their families.
- Invite a veteran to share their stories in a small group, church, or classroom.

Thank you for honoring our veterans.

CARDS for Veterans

The Club is asking the community and members to write Thank You Cards for Veterans at our September-October meetings, for a November delivery at the Texas State Veteran's Home in Temple. Please stop by the table at our October meeting and sign a few cards to honor and encourage a Veteran.



Local Veterans Day Events

****Veterans Day Parade****: Tuesday, November 11, from 11 AM to 1:30 PM. Bleachers will be located on Gray Street next to the Killeen Library.

****Belton Chamber of Commerce****: Check their website for details, as they are currently unavailable. Visit www.BeltonChamber.com.

****Wreath Preparation****: Saturday, November 22, at 10 AM at the Killeen Special Events Center. More information is available at www.WreathsForVets.org.

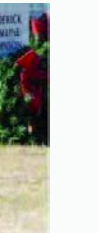
****Wreath Laying Ceremony****: Saturday, November 29, at 10 AM at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery.





Americanism

Join CTRW members at the Annual "fluffing" of the Wreaths on November 22, 2025, and Wreath Laying on November 29th.



Friends of Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery

Please help us support YOUR Veterans Cemetery! Join us at any of the following events.



WREATH PREPARATION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025 @ 10 AM
Killeen Special Events Center @ 3301 S WS Young Drive.
Depending on how many people show up, this activity usually lasts about 2 hours. Please bring a table if you can.



WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025 @ 10 AM
Ceremony starts @ 10 AM at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery at 11463 South Highway 195 in Killeen.
Parking is at Texas A & M Central Texas and shuttle buses will be running 8:00 - noon. Please NO parking on Hwy 195!
Bikers who wish to escort the wreaths to the cemetery are to meet at 7 AM at Killeen Special Events Center.

SCAN TO DONATE



- Family members lay wreaths on their loved one's graves first.
- Volunteers then disperse the remaining wreaths until every grave has one.

WREATH RETRIEVAL

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026 @ 10 AM
Wreath retrieval & storage at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery
Parking will be at Texas A & M Central Texas and shuttle buses will be running 8:30 AM - noon.

www.WreathsForVets.org / FB Wreaths for Vets



REMEMBER

Daylight Savings



Political Activities Chair, Christine Demirs

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

“Yes, a great opportunity awaits us, a chance to show that hope still burns bright in this land and over our continent, casting a glow across the centuries, still guiding millions to a future of peace and freedom.”

—President Ronald Reagan.

Recent events like Charlie Kirk’s assassination and the “No Kings” protest across the Country can rightfully dim the hope and the light that is America. However, as CTRW members and patriotic Americans, we must remain vigilant and exemplify the hope that still burns bright over this land. We can be that example by continuing to pray for America and its leaders at all levels and engaging in activities that ensure America remains strong, free, and faithful to the founding principles that make her exceptional.

Some ideas to consider:

Become a Volunteer Deputy Registrar(VDR). See the Bell County Elections website for more information.

Run to be a Precinct Chair. The deadline to file is December 8th.

Volunteer as an election worker.

Refine your outreach skills, such as talking to and persuading voters, facilitating respectful debate, and organizing outreach activities.

Work on projects with other Republican organizations.

VOTE!!!!

Also, please remember to keep track of your Fourth-Quarter hours and calls (October, November, and December). They will be due to me in early January. We now have a digital form to report your quarterly totals for political hours and calls. I only need two numbers from you: the total number of hours and the total number of calls.



CENTRAL TEXAS
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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



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

CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

From your Political Activities Chair

Christina Demirs

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Q&A

Q: Who can report Political Hours?

A: Primary and Associate Members

Q: What Qualifies as Political Hours?

A: ↓

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, some 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 Caring for America projects that are political in nature, such as Border Project, attending/welcoming new citizens at citizenship ceremonies
- 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 (calls to elected officials, for GOTV efforts, in support or opposition of legislation)
- Time spent voting

MARK YOUR CTRW CALENDARS



★ Help ★ Elect ★ Republicans ★

November 5	RED Roof Coffee Connections, PAPA's Cafe, Harker Heights, TX
November 6	CTRW Executive Board Mtg, Bell County Courthouse, Noon, Belton, TX
November 7	CTRW Americanism visit to Olin E Teague Veterans Home, Temple, TX
November 10	CTRW Annual Members Meeting, Harris Community CTR, Belton, TX
November 11	Veterans Day
November 13	Caring for America - Children's Advocacy Center CT Sip & See, Belton, TX
November 20	RED Roof Connections, J. Kowboys, Temple, TX
November 22	Americanism -Wreaths for Vets (Assemble Wreaths), Killeen, TX
November 27	Happy Thanksgiving
November 29	Americanism - Wreaths for Vets (Lay Wreaths), Central Texas Veterans Cemetery, TX

Central Texas Republican Women 2025 TFRW & NFRW Conventions Award Recognition



TFRW President Zenia Warren and CTRW Past President & Current Parliamentarian won National Recognitions.

As TFRW President, Zenia won the NFRW Reagan Award. As a CTRW member, Zenia was the **NFRW National Winner for the most political hours and Top Volunteer Hours.**

CTRW Club Awards

NFRW National Winner - Caring For America

NFRW Diamond Achievement Club

(roadmap for a successful club)

TFRW John Tower Award

(the roadmap for a successful club)

TFRW John Tower Award

And, Most points Jumbo Club

TFRW Membership Award

Largest Percent Members Increase Jumbo Club

TFRW Americanism Award

TFRW - NFRW Finalist Armed Services Award

TFRW - NFRW Finalist Caring for America Award

TFRW Political Activities Most Phone Calls



TFRW/NFRW Finalist

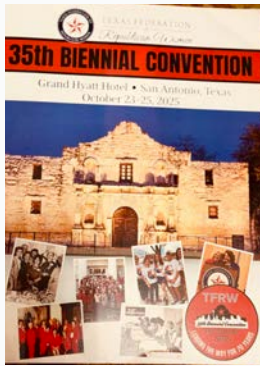
American Patriot Award 2025

Cynthia Pursell

CTRW Community Engagement



Central Texas Republican Women at TFRW Convention



Congratulations
JANET BROWN
Elected
TFRW SD24 District Director 2026

Texas Federation of
Republican Women
Convention 2025



Martha Jenkins, NFRW
President Elect 2026





Thank
you

TFRW President
Zenita Warren !





**Reminder of the Annual Members Meeting Announcement
Central Texas RW Primary Members
2026 Central Texas RW Nominations Committee**

The Nominating Committee was elected at the Central Texas RW Luncheon on September 15, 2025. They met on September 15th, and Linda Atkins was elected Chairwoman by the Committee members. Members present were Linda Atkins, Darla Reeder, Wanita Reeder, Renee Bigham, Christina Demirs, and Mary Smith. The committee's final nomination report was submitted on September 22, 2025.

The Nomination Recommendations for the 2026 Slate of Officers were published in the October Newsletter. The Officers will be elected at the Annual Meeting on November 10, 2025, and installed on December 08, 2025. Thank you.

**2026 Nominating Committee Report
Chairwoman - Linda Atkins**

This 2026 Nominations Committee recommends that the following Central Texas Republican Primary Members be considered for the 2026 Slate of CTRW Executive Officers:

President: Janet Brown

1st VP Programs: Heather Bounds

2nd VP Membership: Marlean Druce

3rd VP Fundraising: Rebecca Tong

Secretary: Renee Bigham

Treasurer/PAC: Wanita Reeder

All have agreed to serve if elected. Elections will be conducted at the Central Texas Republican Women's Annual Meeting on November 10, 2025. Congratulations to the 2026 Slate.

2026 Executive Committee

Serve as an Executive Committee Chairwoman
or as a team member on a Committee.
Please contact President Janet Brown

**2025 Central Texas Republican Women
Executive Team Roster
President: Janet Brown
contact@ctrw-pac.com**

1st Vice President	Linda Atkins	Caring For America	Kathy Ruiz
2nd Vice President	Marlean Druce	Chaplain	Rebecca Tong
3rd Vice President	Rebecca Tong	Corresponding Secretary	Jane Aguirre
Secretary	Susan Burchfield	Legislative	LouAnn Minnick
Treasurer/PAC	Wanita Reeder	Literacy	Marlene DiLillo
Parliamentarian/ByLaws	Zenia Warren	Communications	Celeste Zadnichek
Political Activities	Christina Demirs	Community Engagement	Cynthia Pursell
Americanism	Theresa Schwab	Past President	Zenia Warren
Awards	Natalie Austin	Scholarship Foundation	Zenia Warren, Kathy Ruiz, Wanita Reeder

Serve on the 2026 CTRW Team aka “THE Dream Team”

Serving as a member of the Central Texas RW Executive Team as an Elected Officer or Appointed will be one of the most rewarding leadership journeys offered. If your immediate response is "yes," we want you to know there is a place for you, and we encourage you to read further. Please consider these questions when applying for a CTRW Executive Officer Chair position.

- The President appoints Chair and Committee positions
- Do you have a first and second choice?
- Are you a TEAM Player, geared towards collaboration, and ready to make a difference?
- What personal experiences qualify you for the position you are considering?
- Are you 100% supportive of the Republican Party and America First ideals?
- How time-committed are you to doing this job?
- Executive Officers and Chairs are expected to attend Board Meetings, Membership Networking Lunch Meetings, and Events. Travel and hotel expenses for training and events conducted through TFRW are at your cost. Will you say “yes” and serve Central Texas Republican Women?
- **Important:** Executive Officers and Chairs are expected to attend Board Meetings, Membership Lunch Network Meetings, and Events. Travel and hotel expenses for training and events are at your cost.
 - Can you do this, and will you answer the call to serve?

Serve as an Executive Committee Chairwoman or as a team member on a Committee.

Please contact CTRW President Janet Brown at contactctrw@gmail.com

2025 CTRW Executive Board aka “Dream Team 2.0”





Legislation Chair: Lou Barbosa Minick

"Voting is a precious right that for two centuries Americans have fought and died to protect. Let's all honor that sacrifice this election day." ~ Ronald Reagan

As Reagan would have said, circle November 4, 2025, on your calendar and then show that you care about Bell County's future and get out and Vote. Make Your Voice Heard!



Election Day



Tuesday, November 4, 2025



7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.



Where to Vote

Visit the Bell County Elections Office for a complete list of polling locations, including early voting sites and Election Day precincts. ➡ https://www.bellcountytexas.com/departments/elections/early_voting_information.php

What's on the Ballot for Bell County This Election Day?

This November, Bell County voters will weigh in on seventeen (17) proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution. These amendments cover a range of important issues that could shape the future of our state and community. To help you prepare, we've compiled a few key resources so you can review the ballot and understand each proposal before heading to the polls:

Sample Ballots by Precinct

Find out exactly what will be on your ballot based on your voting precinct.

➡ https://www.bellcountytexas.com/departments/elections/ballot_samples.php

Understand the Amendments

Get informed with these helpful guides and analyses:

➡ [Analyses of Proposed Constitutional Amendments | 89th Texas Legislature | 2025](#)

Make your vote count by knowing what's at stake. Your voice matters—be informed and ready!

**May God Bless You All and Bless
Our Great State of Texas.**

Lou Barbosa Minick and Jane Aguirre

Louminick@makeitminick.com



IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

November 4, 2025 - Constitutional Election and Special Election for CD18

Sep 3	Last day for candidates to file for CD18 Special Election
Oct 6	Last day to Register to Vote
Oct 20	First day of Early Voting in person
Oct 24	Last day to Apply for a Ballot by Mail (RECEIVED, not postmarked)
Oct 31	Last day of Early Voting in person

Mar 3, 2026 - Primary Election

Sep 9	Precinct Chair (only) filing begins
Nov 8	First day for all other candidates to file
Dec 8	Last day for all candidates to file
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 3	PRIMARY ELECTION DAY





Club Candidate Fairness & Endorsement Policy

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.

[Link to By-Laws](#)

Candidate Decorum at CTRW Functions

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, if you have a campaign treasurer and have filed intent with the SOS, you may identify yourself and the position you intend to run for (no campaign speech, please follow guidance by the Club President.
- Candidates, please do not use photos of the Central Texas RW banner on Social Media or for other use.

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.



CANDIDATE FORUM TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL

Save the Date

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

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 candidate information to help you make an informed decision and get involved with the candidate of your choice.

Doors open at 11 am for Networking, and Candidates 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.

- Central Texas RW forums are popularly attended events, and we anticipate a very large audience.
- Candidate forums will be broadcast live on the Club's FB account.
- Time for each Candidate to speak is based on 4 Nominees (10/30/2025). If additional Republican candidates enter this race or any are unable to attend, the times will be adjusted.
 - Each candidate will have 3 minutes for an Introduction.
 - Questions from the Audience will be accepted in advance, and the Moderator will give each Candidate 2 minutes to respond.
 - Candidates will have 3 minutes for Final Closing Remarks.
- CTRW 1st Vice President, Heather Bounds, will conduct and moderate the candidate forum.
 - A timekeeper will notify candidates at 30 seconds for wrap-up and then give a stop signal.
- A ticket for lunch or no lunch is required for each attendee. RSVP can be made at rsvpctrw@gmail.com to pay at the door. Prepay online at www.ctrw-pac.com



Order your Central Texas RW Logo Shirt

www.kyndalllakes.com



- Screen printed and embroidered styles are available to purchase.
- 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...



CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER
OF CENTRAL TEXAS

Click Here

*Order
Online*

"Blingy" CTRW Rhinestone Applique

Applique Only - \$26 (cash) *add \$2 for (CC)

**Bling on T-shirt \$35 (SM-XL),
2XL - \$37.50 and 3XL \$38.50**

Iron this rhinestone applique on a t-shirt, jean jacket, or tote bag.

The applique and t-shirts will be available for pre-sale at the
November 10th meeting with delivery in the December 8th meeting

**Option A
Tee Shirt**



**Option B
V-neck shirt**



MEMBER CLUB ACTIVITIES



TFRW President, Zenia Warren
with her Reagan Award

Shiloh Harris at our 31st Annual
Chili Challenge Fundraiser



Justice of the Peace
Rosanne Fisher (left)



County Commissioner
Bobby Whitson, Auctioneer



House Representative
Hillary Hickland and
Lyndsey Patrick



Bell County Sheriff, Bill
Cooke and Judge Blackburn



Judge Debbie Garret

Annual Membership Drive & Candidate Round-up Clem Mikeska's BBQ



Pints and Politics





Happy THANKSGIVING



WE ARE ALL REPUBLICANS

REPUBLICAN WOMEN

REPUBLICAN ALL THE WAY

★ Help ★ Elect ★ Republicans ★



**SALADO AREA
REPUBLICAN WOMEN**



**Bell County
Young Republicans**



Are you a Veteran? Is your Spouse?



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

[CLICK HERE](#)



Bell County Republican Party

November 8, 2025



Addie Baird
CHAIR

(254) 322-3232
chair@belltxgop.org

2026 Primary Ballot Application Event at Harris Community Center

Applications for the 2026 primary ballot will be accepted at this exciting event, open to all candidates filing for various offices in Bell County. This is a crucial opportunity for aspiring public servants to ensure their names are on the ballot, and we are committed to making the application process as smooth and efficient as possible. To facilitate this, we will have a notary on-site to assist candidates who need to notarize their documents as part of the filing process.

Bell County Republican Precinct Chair Positions

Are you interested in serving your Bell County community in a political capacity as a Precinct Chair? - We Need YOU to keep Bell County **RED**. Please contact County Chair Addie Baird for more information about serving your community as a Precinct Chair and to apply. Precinct Chair Filing is now open and the form can be obtained here:

[CLICK HERE](#)



Bell County Republican Party

[Learn More](#)



Congratulations to CTRW Member Asha Petrich for her appointment to Precinct 307 during the October 6, 2025 CEC meeting.

If you are a Central Texas RW, you are needed to fill a Precinct Chair position.



Communications, Celeste Zadnichek

CTRW,

What a month to be involved in politics! As you can see from the pictures, we have been heavily involved in providing spaces to connect. I have been kept very busy posting on social media, and I am thankful to have Mary Smith and Renee Bigham to assist! And, this month, we welcome Asha Petrich to the graphics team.

In October, CTRW launched on TikTok—and what an entrance we made! This platform has us on the national stage, and we need every one of you to help us as we positively engage with all. It is essential that we reach, educate, and lead the next generations. Please join us and chime in, repost, and share! We can't do this alone; it takes a team, meaning all of us. We look forward to watching this project grow. May you all have a blessed November, and may God Bless Texas!

Sincerely,

Celeste Zadnichek

Online

NFRW: www.nfrw.org

TFRW: www.tfrw.org

Bell County Texas GOP: www.belltxgop.org

CTRW: www.ctrw-pac.com

CTRW Facebook: www.facebook.com/ctrwpac

CTRW Instagram: www.instagram.com/ctrw_pac

CTRW X: www.x.com/ctrw_pac

CTRW Tik Tock: www.tiktok.com/@central.texas.rw_



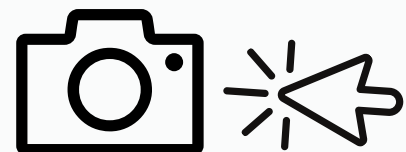
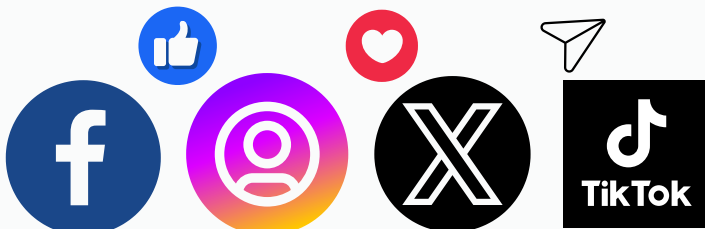
CTRW's TikTok launched in October!
You can **find us** now and **follow** our page.

[@central.texas.rw_](https://www.tiktok.com/@central.texas.rw_)

**BE KIND
BE BRAVE
BE SILLY
BE HONEST
BE HAPPY
BE YOU**

Find us on social media platforms!

Engage with us by following us, liking, sharing, and commenting on our posts!



Send your photos of CTRW events!

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