

President's Pen



Can you believe fall is officially here, and soon all things pumpkin will be the focus? But before you pick up that Pumpkin Spice Latte, we have an important season ahead of us. Early Voting begins October 19, with Election Day on November 3.

Central Texas RW, thank you for continuing to lead in your communities and gatherings with energy, enthusiasm, and encouragement as valued members of our Club. **Your engaged leadership matters!** Each of you plays an important role in helping members and voters better understand the political process, learn about issues and candidates, and discover meaningful ways to get involved. Maybe that means inviting someone to join you for a block walk, attend a candidate meet-and-greet, or train to serve as a poll watcher or election worker. Every opportunity to engage, educate, and encourage participation strengthens an informed and active electorate.

One of the most important ways to get involved is by joining Central Texas Republican Women! Now is the perfect time to invite a friend, neighbor, or fellow Republican to become part of CTRW and take advantage of our 2027 Kick-Off Early Bird Incentives. Everyone has a place to serve, lead, and make a difference. As November approaches, every conversation, every volunteer hour, and every new member adds momentum to the work our Club and its members are doing in support of Republican candidates. Stay engaged. Keep encouraging others. And keep leading where you are!

Why is the November Election so important?

In September, Joseph Vargas spoke at the Members Meeting on "Understanding the Threat: The Battle for Christianity, Americanism, and the Republican Party," emphasizing what is at stake in the upcoming election and what to do. Vote for Republican values and principles that are on the ballot. Be engaged and express the importance of voting. As informed members, we should talk about what is at stake in this election and why voting matters. At the recent TFRW Fourth Quarter Board Meeting, Senator Angela Paxton stopped by to share an important message. Her remarks emphasized Republican unity and urged voters to support the party's nominees throughout the ballot. As Senator Paxton put it: "Vote for Team R. This is the team of Family, Faith, and Freedom, which is THE winning strategy for this election. Showing up for our team, all the way, is the path forward. There is no independent, green, purple, yellow, or any color vote, except the R for Republican."

October is packed with fun opportunities to get involved! From block walking to our texting party, you can volunteer and support candidates as Election Day approaches. Be sure to check out the newsletter for all the details and RSVP information. And don't miss one of our favorite traditions—the 32nd Annual Chili Lunch Fundraiser on October 12th! Come ready for a little friendly Chili Competition and bragging rights, great food and fellowship, our famous live auction, and the always-popular People's Choice Dessert Competition.

Stay focused. Stay positive. Speak confidently about our Republican candidates and principles, and encourage others to get involved. Every conversation can make a difference, and every vote counts.

Janet Brown, CTRW President



1st Vice President of Programs, Heather Bounds

WINNING THE RIGHT WAY

Central Texas Republican Women welcomed Joseph Vargas, founder of Keep Texas Red, as our September guest speaker for a timely presentation, “Understanding the Threat: The Battle for Christianity, Americanism, & the Republican Party.”

Joseph challenged us to think beyond individual elections and consider the larger cultural forces shaping our communities, our political conversations, and the institutions we care about. His presentation focused on the importance of recognizing how language, emotion, culture, and gradual compromise can influence what people are willing to accept, and why understanding those strategies matters.

His presentation also tied into something that had already been on my heart that morning. I will be the first to admit that I have not always been careful with my words. I have always been firm in what I believe, but there have been times when I spoke before I thought, reacted out of frustration, or used words that were harsher than they needed to be. As I have gotten older, and hopefully a little wiser, God has worked on my heart about that. I have had to ask myself whether the way I respond to people, especially when I disagree with them, reflects the faith I profess.

That morning, before our meeting, my devotional took me to James 1:2–4. James tells us that the testing of our faith produces perseverance and that we should “let perseverance finish its work” so that we may become mature and complete. I could not help but think about how often that testing comes through other people, difficult conversations, disagreements, and moments when it would be much easier to react than to show restraint.

Then I listened to Joseph speak. It was a timely reminder that standing firmly for what we believe and treating people with grace are not mutually exclusive. We can disagree. We can debate. We can speak the truth. But we do not have to become hateful, cruel, or personal in the process.

That matters in politics. It certainly matters online. It matters in our everyday conversations because people are watching not only what we believe, but how we represent those beliefs.

Joseph gave our members plenty to think about, discuss, and take with us as we continue our work in the community. We are grateful to him for spending the afternoon with CTRW and for a thought provoking presentation. For me, the reminder from the day was simple: respect the argument, speak the truth, show some grace, and know when to walk away. Winning an argument is not worth losing our witness.

Coming Up Next: Our Annual Chili Cook Off!



Congressman Pete Sessions, US House Representative for Texas D-17

October brings one of our favorite CTRW traditions, our Annual Chili Cook Off! We are excited to welcome Congressman Pete Sessions as our guest speaker for this gathering. Come hungry, bring your competitive spirit, and join us for a great afternoon of fellowship, plenty of chili, and the opportunity to hear from Congressman Sessions.

We hope to see everyone there!

RWsLEAD! - Heather Bounds



2nd Vice President Membership, Marlean Druce



2027 CTRW MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES SEPTEMBER 1 - OCTOBER 31

- **Primary/Associate:** \$25 cash or check (\$27 paid by credit card) Save \$5.
- **Youth:** \$15 cash pr check (\$17 paid by credit card) Open to ages 12-17, approval of member or parent/guardian.
- **Student:** \$25 cash or check (\$27 paid by credit card) Open to ages 18-26 with school ID.
- **Diamond Circle:** \$150 cash or check (\$155 paid by credit card) Save \$50.

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GOING TO THE NEXT LEVEL

It's October and we have ninety-one total members renewed. Of those, seventy-nine are Primary members. **Let's make this our best membership year ever.** Do you know someone who is retired and looking for a way to stay connected to the community? CTRW can be that avenue. You can be as involved as you like, or just enjoy our activities with guest speakers, support local non-profits, and enjoy auctions, fundraisers, socials, and, of course, our Political Activities! This is THE year to get involved. It's more fun than you may imagine. Yes, politics can be

fun! The ladies of CTRW are always on the go and we'd love to have you join us. CTRW can connect you with your favorite local and state candidates, as well as local nonprofits and small businesses in the area. Once a month coffee get-together? **We have that.**

Monthly evening social supporting a local small business? **We have that.** Monthly luncheon with fabulous guest speakers? **We have that.** Networking connections to the community, TFRW and NFRW, as well as the Bell County Young Republicans and Bell County Republican HQ connections? **We have that.** We've got you covered no matter your interests and level of activity. All are welcome. Let's get everyone joined or renewed by October 31st. Take advantage

of our special rates NOW; don't miss out. We'll see you on October 12th at our Chili luncheon, with membership forms ready to join or renew. I'm asking each person to bring one friend with them to join. Let's see if we can get it done!!

TOGETHER WE WIN! - Marlean Druce



2025 MEMBERSHIP

199 PRIMARY MEMBERS
JUMBO CLUB
+ 67 ASSOCIATE & STUDENT
MEMBERS

266 CENTRAL TEXAS
REPUBLICAN
WOMEN
★ Help ★ Elect ★ Republicans ★

2026 MEMBERSHIP

211 PRIMARY MEMBERS
SUPER JUMBO CLUB
+ 55 ASSOCIATE & STUDENT
MEMBERS

266 CENTRAL TEXAS
REPUBLICAN
WOMEN
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2026 -2027 DIAMOND CIRCLE

PRIMARY or Associate Members

Jane Aguirre	Bianca Kanaanian
Dagne Ameigh	Maria Martinez
Linda Atkins	Sandra McCleney
Natalie Austin	James McNamara
Pamela Blair	Cheyenne Minick
Nancy Boston	Louanna Minick
Heather Bounds	Lori Murdoch
Charles Brashear	Annette Neeley
Stephanie Brashear	Nick Nelson
Janet Brown	Raquel Nelson
Kathleen Bui	Asha Petrich
Tony Canterino	Wanita Reeder
Ma Teresa Castle	Kathy Ruiz
Ashley Clapper-Bennett	Austin Ruiz
Lisa Copeland	Rebecca Tong
Yolanda Cortes-Mares	Melissa Tyroch
Jo Dammen	Louise Underwood
Christina Demirs	Zenia Warren
Stacie Dishon	Bob Weber
Jackeline Fountain	Andi Wilkey
Elsie Hernandez	Larry Wilkey

PAY ONLINE



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

Share and invite a friend to join CTRW. Enjoy special incentives from September 1st - October 31st. Good for renewing or new members.



HEY THERE!

Want to shape the FUTURE of our CITY, COUNTY, & STATE?

Join the Central Texas Republican Women's Club!
Help elect **LEADERS**, develop **CANDIDATES**,
and make an **IMPACT!**

www.ctrw-pac.com

JOIN US

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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Monthly Newsletter

nfrw.org
NFRWNews

Why TFRW?



ONE MEMBER. ONE WOMAN. ONE INVITATION. ONE OPPORTUNITY.

BELONG



*Friendships, relationships,
and a place where
every woman matters.*

GROW



*Opportunities to learn,
serve, develop leadership
skills, and discover talents.*

MAKE A DIFFERENCE



*A powerful network of
Republican women putting
their beliefs into action.*

IT ISN'T ENOUGH TO RECRUIT HER.
WE HAVE TO CONNECT HER.



1

INVITE

"Come with me."

2

WELCOME

Make her feel seen.

3

INVOLVE

Give her something meaningful to do.

4

BELONG

Give her a reason to come back.

5

LEAD

Encourage her to take the next step.

6

RECRUIT

Ask her to bring another woman.



Don't let her fall through the cracks.

INVITE HER. WELCOME HER. GIVE HER A PLACE. TAKE HER WITH YOU.





3rd VP Fundraising, Rebecca Tong

CHILI CHALLENGE TIME!

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

★ ANNUAL CHILI FUNDRAISER ★

★ FIRST-EVER PEOPLE'S CHOICE DESSERT CONTEST! ★

Monday, October 12, 2026
★ — **11:00 AM** — ★

Chili and Showmanship judged by CTRW judges
Desserts chosen by the people

★ EVENT SCHEDULE ★

8:30 AM	Table and Silent Auction Setup
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Food Turn-In
10:30 AM	Chili Judging Begins
11:00 AM	Fundraiser Begins

★ **Contact Sandra McCleney**
pappyanddoll2018@gmail.com ★

★ BRING THE HEAT OR BRING THE SWEET! ★

★ All winners will be announced during the Chili Fundraiser. Details and rules are available on the CTRW PAC website. ★

Hooray! Our October Chili Challenge fundraiser is coming up fast, and we are excited to invite our members, donors, and friends to be part of this special event. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together, enjoy great food, support a meaningful cause, and help make this year's fundraiser a success.

There are several ways to participate and support the fundraiser. Anyone interested in making chili for the challenge is encouraged to sign up so the guidelines can be shared. We will also need help with setup, cleanup, live auction items, desserts, and condiments.

We are especially excited that this year's dessert category will include a **People's Choice Dessert Winner**. If you would like to enter a dessert, please let us know so we can send the dessert guidelines.

To sign up, request guidelines, or ask questions, please contact Sandra McCleney at 254-247-5114 or Rebecca Tong at 254-769-3963. Thank you for helping us make this year's October Chili Challenge our best one yet. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

OCTOBER CHILI CHALLENGE FUNDRAISER

October 12, 2026 at

210 E. 24th Ave, Belton, TX
Family Life Event Center (behind)
Christ the King Catholic Church

Doors open at 11:00 am sharp

TICKETS ON SALE

BUY NOW

It's a Golden Time! - Rebecca Tong



My Why: Marilyn Allison

I became politically aware in Jr. High School. My father and mother were Republicans and we lived in a small Nebraska town whose residents were predominately Democrat. In college I had the opportunity to travel by bus with a group of students to visit the United Nations.

Much of my pre-social work course work was political science and sociology, with an emphasis on understanding how government works. During the fall semester of my junior year in 1954, I was one of five students and the only girl selected to attend "The Washington Semester Program" at American University in Washington D.C. This program included night classes mostly attended by government employees.

During the day, students attended seminars on site such as the Supreme Court, Congress, State Department, Treasury, Smithsonian and Women's History etc. Students were required to write a research paper on a topic of their choosing. My paper was on the 1946 Mental Health Act, focusing on the National Institute of Mental Health.

Female students were housed in the women's dormitory. I had two roommates, one of which I am still in touch.

After I completed my Master's Degree in Social Work, my husband and I moved to Washington D.C., where we were both employed. We lived abroad for many years in the Far East because of my husband's work. Once he retired we moved to Texas, where I had the opportunity to become involved in the Republican Women's Club.

I began by volunteering in the office at the Bell County Republican Headquarters. Did the block walk handing out the Bellringer Newsletter in my local neighborhood. Went to Austin to the Capitol on a CTRW sponsored bus trip. I enjoy attending the monthly meetings because they keep me informed. The club leadership is outstanding. I truly believe a citizen needs to understand how government works to be able to understand good policy and laws.

Be part of the "My Why" series and *What's Your Why?* share your story. Please let us know at contactctrw@gmail.com

Happiest of Birthdays - October

Patrick Patterson 10/01	Katie Frances 10/10	Bennie Bragewitz 10/24
Jason Blair 10/02	Annette Neeley 10/11	Sandy Boyd 10/27
Pam Blair 10/02	Debbie Peterson 10/11	Stephanie Brashear 10/27
Nancy Boston 10/2	Hillary Hickland 10/18	Christine Demirs 10/27
Barbara Slough 10/02	Jennifer McCann 10/18	Joanna Staton 10/27
Lynda Jackson 10/3	Tony Canterino 10/19	Barsa Harclerode 10/27
Rebecca Bradley 10/06	Sandra Gehler 10/22	Bernadette Wolfe 10/30
Connie Whitesell 10/9	John, Mischian 10/22	Cassandra Pursell 10/30
Lisa Copeland 10/10	Colleen Blakey 10/23	George Bunker 10/30



Caring for America Chair, Kathy Ruiz

GRANTING HOLIDAY WISHES

Happy Fall, y'all! It's time for pumpkin spice and everything nice. How is it possible we are in the last quarter of 2026!? Before we know it, Thanksgiving will be here and we will reflect on our many blessings. It is also a time to reflect on those who may not be as fortunate.

Your generosity has always exceeded my expectations and, once again, you delivered abundantly. Thank you for remembering Jeffrey's Tree and the ASYMCA with your gifts of food, clothing, and time. I know what a difference it makes in the lives of those in need. A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of visiting Jeffrey's Tree Thrift Store located at 108 South Main Street in Temple. I was impressed by how organized it is. The volunteers were so cheerful and appreciated the donations of clothing, shoes, and blankets.

However, they are still in need of volunteers to get the store up and running in time for the holiday season. I know this is a very busy time, but please try to carve out some time to step in and help Dagne and her team sort through and organize all the donations so they can open their doors for business. The gift of your time will serve as a big blessing to others and bring the mission of Jeffrey's Tree full circle.

Proverbs 19:17 says, "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done." God will honor and repay your acts of kindness tenfold. Thank you for all you do to honor God by helping others as we work together to serve our community and **KEEP TEXAS RED.**

Serving alongside you is an honor. Thank you for all you do to support those in need.

CTRW Cares for America - Kathy Ruiz



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Helping Our Military Families Armed Services YMCA

**ASYMCA KILLEEN
FIVE STAR FOOD MARKET** ★★★★★

Wellness Center | 110 Mountain Lion Road, Harker Heights, TX 76548
Active-Duty Hours: Every Thursday from 6:30 AM - 8:00 AM*
Regular Hours: Every Thursday from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Downtown | 415 N. 8th Street, Killeen, TX 76541
Regular Hours: Every Saturday from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Bring to our
Next Networking
Luncheon

**FOOD
DRIVE**
your donation
helps
families in need

Microwave Mac & Cheese	Spaghetti individual bowls	Nutri Grain Bars	Canned tuna
Pop Tarts	Microwave soups	Individual Oatmeal in variety	Protein and Granola Bars
Cereal Bowls (Individual)	Canned corn	Shelf Stable Milk	Fruit Cups
Big Boxes of Cereal	Canned baked beans	Go-Go Yogurt	Crackers
Peanut Butter	Canned Fruits (Peaches, Pears, etc.)	Individual cups of applesauce	Cookies
Jelly & Jam			Ramen

Caring for Central Texas, 2026



Community Engagement Chair, Pamela Blair

HAPPY OCTOBER!

I don't know about you, but this year seems to be flying by! We are now in the thick of campaign season, doing everything we can to help our Republican candidates cross the finish line to victory on Election Day. As CTRW members, we have had the unique opportunity to meet and speak directly with the majority of the candidates working hard to represent us.

Many of us stay closely tuned in to what is happening politically in our cities, county, and state, often asking ourselves: What can I do to help our candidates win and keep our communities a great place to live, work, and play?

Our monthly membership meetings, Coffee Connections, and Cocktails & Conversations events offer the perfect answer. In addition to our monthly newsletter, these gatherings keep members up to date on how to get involved. We've designed our event schedule to ensure there is a convenient option for everyone to attend at least once a month.



CTRW September Coffee Connect Event at First Street Roasters in Temple

Understandably, everyone has a busy schedule, but every bit of effort makes a huge difference. Whether you can assist with block-walking, phone banking, texting utilizing the Abbott app, fundraising, voter registration, or holding candidate signs at the polls, your role is vital to our candidates' success—and ultimately, to the success of our community.

As always, I look forward to seeing you at our next event! Let's **Keep Texas RED!**

See you soon! - Pamela Blair

Upcoming Red Roof Events

**Central Texas Republican Women
RED ROOF CONNECTIONS**

Thursday, October 8, 2026
9:00 am – 11 am
CaffeLuna
110 E. FM 2410, Harker Heights

Eat, meet, talk politics, & support local small business

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Caffe Luna - Harker Heights

RSVP



RSVP
Acropolis - Harker Heights

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CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN RED ROOF CONNECTIONS

Thursday, October
22, 2026
6-8 p.m.

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



Acropolis

360 W. Central Texas Expy, Harker Heights, TX

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Political Activities Chair, Christina Demirs

WANT AN ADVENTURE? JOIN A DEPLOYMENT TEAM

CTRW members have come out in full force for this midterm election to get Republicans elected! We have participated in block walking for candidates through both local and TFRW events. We also had a successful Candidate Round-Up, which gave our members an opportunity to engage with our Republican candidates. But the work is not done. We must keep up the pace through November to keep Texas red.

To help accomplish this goal, we are working to provide TFRW with Deployment Teams for its October block walking events. Drivers and walkers are needed for block walking in Williamson County on October 2–3 and Collin County on October 16–17. Accommodations and meals are paid. TFRW just needs us! TFRW has indicated that it would like at least 6–8 of our members to attend each event. More information is available on the graphic.

DAYS OF ACTION: We have door-knocking events for our Texas Representative candidates. We will also have a Day of Action with Representative Brad Buckley's team on October 10th in Temple/Morgans Point Resort.

And on October 17th: Text and Tea hosted at the Ruby Team Room in Belton by Team Representatives Hillary Hickland and Brad Buckley.

CTRW has also published a November Voter Guide, available at CTRW events. Reminder: CTRW endorses Republican candidates up and down the ballot. However, as a state PAC, CTRW cannot list or endorse federal/congressional candidates. **Please keep track of your calls and hours. Third-quarter totals are due October 5th.** I encourage everyone to use the online reporting tool. It is an easy and efficient way to track member activity.

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Quick reminder: if you are a VDR or receive your certification please let me or Janet know and also track the number of voters registered and report back. There are currently two training session scheduled in August and one in September if you are interested in becoming a VDR.

CTRW LEADS! - Christina Demirs

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns at (512) 636-1761 or ctrwcampaign@gmail.com

Here are your 2026 Second Quarter totals:

2nd Q Member with the Most Hours: Rebecca Tong 607
 2nd Q Member with the Most Calls: Zenia Warren 845
 Total for 2nd Quarter Hours: 37,993
 Total for 2nd Quarter Calls: 5,086
 Cumulative Total for 2026 Hours: 80,996
 Cumulative Total for 2026 Calls: 11,578

Keep It Up!

2026 Voter Guides Available at Any CTRW Event



The Club endorses all Republican Candidates up and down the Ballot, but as CTRW is a State PAC, we are unable to list or endorse Federal/Congressional Candidates.

Political Activities & Opportunities



GET OUT THE VOTE
Volunteer. Vote. Win the Midterms.
★ ★ ★
Keep & Expand Our Republican Majority

DAY OF ACTION

Saturday, October 10, 2026

Meet At - 9:30 a.m.
Lynn Marie Bakery, 11720 W. Adams Temple

Walk Neighborhood: 9:30 - 11:30 am

JOIN US

- ✓ No experience needed - training included.
- ✓ Both Drivers & Walkers to knock on doors are needed.

SIGN UP

DR. BRAD BUCKLEY
★
OUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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Text & Tea
Complimentary food & drink

Saturday, October 17, 2026
1:30 - 3:00 pm

Ruby Tea Room
126 N. East St, Belton

Hosted by
Team Hillary Hickland
Team Brad Buckley

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America 250
1776-2026



On the Road with TFRW DEPLOYMENT TEAMS

TARRANT
SEPTEMBER 25-26

WILLIAMSON
OCTOBER 2-3

COLLIN
OCTOBER 16-17

DRIVERS AND WALKERS NEEDED FOR TEAM TEXAS DAYS! ★

HOTEL **MEALS** **SWAG**

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HAVE A BLAST AND KEEP TEXAS RED






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6
OCTOBER
2026
6-8 PM



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Enjoy homemade brownies in a variety of flavors courtesy of MPR C.O.P.S., and homemade ice cream generously donated by special guest Representative Dr. Brad Buckley. Bring your friends and neighbors for a sweet evening of community fun!



LOCATION
Morgan's Point Resort
Safety Center
6 Lake Forest Drive




VOTE 2026 MIDTERM ELECTION DATES

OCT 5	LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE OR UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION
OCT 19	FIRST DAY OF EARLY VOTING
OCT 23	LAST DAY FOR VOTE BY MAIL APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED
OCT 30	LAST DAY OF EARLY VOTING
NOV 3	ELECTION DAY! LAST DAY FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS TO BE RECEIVED

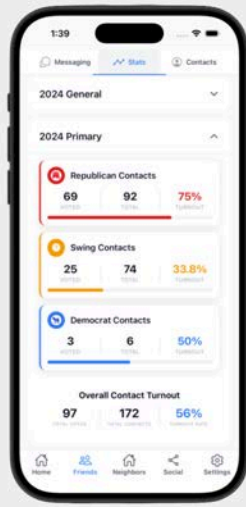
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Turn out your friends and neighbors and **help Keep Texas Red**

How Abbott Impact Works

- Share Contacts and Match to Voter File**
With just one click, securely share your phone contacts and match them to the voter file. This allows you to see your contacts voting history in Texas. During early voting, receive daily updates showing which of your contacts have and haven't voted yet. Your privacy is our #1 priority. Your information is **NEVER** shared.
- Send Reminders Directly Inside App**
Messages from friends are the most effective way to turn out voters. Your contacts are 300% more likely to vote if they get a reminder from you! Abbott Impact allows you to easily send voting reminders to your contacts who haven't voted yet.
- Call and Message Neighbors**
On Abbott Impact, you can also communicate with your neighbors. The app automatically creates call and texting lists of targets in your neighborhood, allowing you to have an even larger impact. All neighbors texts and calls happen directly inside the app on a private number, protecting your privacy at all times.
- Knock Doors Wherever You Are**
Automatically see a list of targeted households near you, allowing you to block walk on your own time and at your own pace. No need for anyone to create a list for you!
- Organize Your Neighborhood**
Request access to see all voters in your precinct or district, create custom surveys, door lists and phone lists, and assign them to other volunteers in your network.
- Earn Points, Win Prizes**
Earn points for checking the app daily, referring other users, and for each action you take on the app. Redeem points for exclusive Abbott campaign gear!







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Chaplain, Rebecca Tong

SEEK HIS FACE

Many of us spend a great deal of time wondering what God wants us to do tomorrow, next month, or next year. We want clarity about the future. We want assurance that we are making the right decisions.

Yet God is more concerned about whether we are faithfully depending on Him today. Walking in the Spirit means trusting the Lord God every moment. It means surrendering our plans, thoughts, and desires to Him daily and learning to follow His leadership with humility and obedience.

Three thousand years ago, when David was hiding from his enemies in the depths of a limestone cave, he wrote these words, speaking about God, "When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then You knew my path" (Psalm 142:3).

The same is true for us. Even when we feel uncertain or overwhelmed, God is never confused about where He is leading us. If we want to see and experience change in our lives, our families, our cities, and our country we must look to God for guidance and direction.

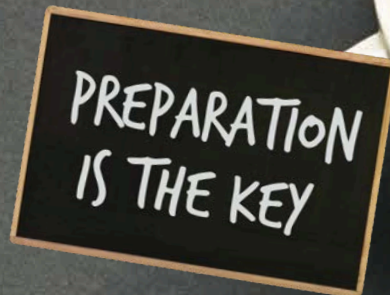


During this time you need to seek His face and ask God who you should vote for. You must decide if you want a capitalist nation or communist/socialist country.

Think about this: for a communist socialist country to exist their must be capitalism first.

Your Servant in Christ - Rebecca Tong

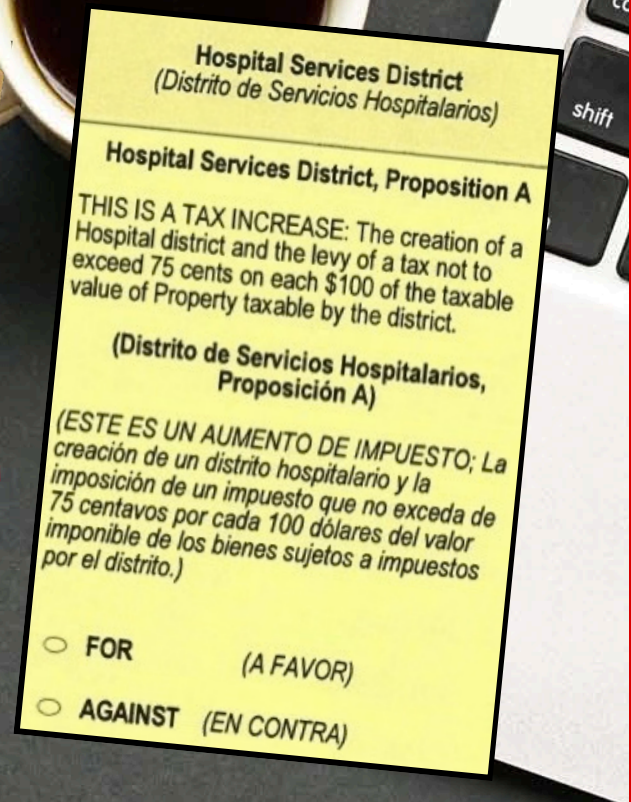
Click the icon for information about Sample Ballots, including any added Propositions, and Early Voting Locations.



SAMPLE BALLOTS



EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS





Americanism Chair, Natalie Austin

This is Americanism

Cooler mornings, Friday night lights, and porches full of pumpkins. It is a perfect time to sit on the porch with a warm cup of coffee, slow down, and count our blessings and freedoms.

As Central Texas porches light up with pumpkins and trick or treaters, October reminds us that American freedom is no trick, it is a treasure.

You see it every fall. Neighbors helping neighbors, families getting together, everyone looking out for the kids. That is Americanism!! As strong Republican women, we keep that legacy going with faith, family, and love of country, then we pass it on. So while you enjoy this beautiful fall, take a moment to say thank you. Put your flag out and thank a veteran or first responder.

Wishing you a warm, grateful, and patriotic fall.

God bless America - Natalie Austin

October 13, 1775 ~ The United States Navy is born, keeping America safe from the very beginning.

October 19, 1781 ~ Victory at Yorktown. Washington forces Cornwallis to surrender, securing our independence.

October 28, 1886 ~ The Statue of Liberty is dedicated in New York Harbor, still a beacon of liberty.

October 31, 1941 ~ On Halloween Day, Mount Rushmore is completed. Four great presidents carved into the mountain as a lasting tribute to American ideals.



**COLUMBUS
DAY**

OCTOBER 12TH

ARE YOU A VETERAN? IS YOUR SPOUSE?

We want to add you or your spouse to our list of veterans.

Please provide us the following:

- Name
- Rank
- Branch
- Service Status
- Club Name
- Photo of Veteran*

**Preferably in uniform.*



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Literacy Chair, Linda Atkins

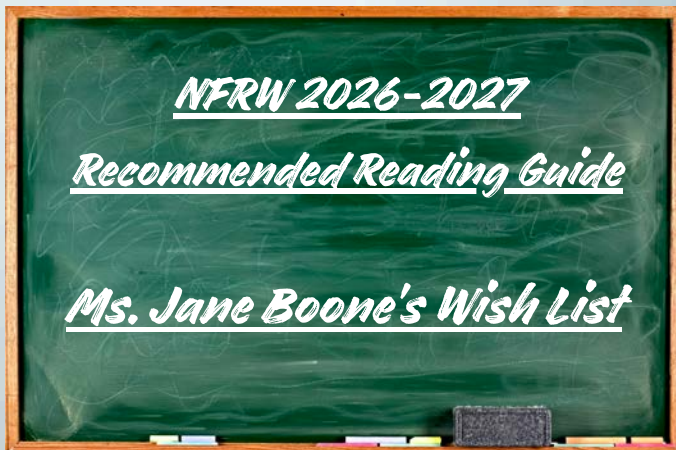
PATRIOTISM THROUGH LITERACY

When did “age-appropriate” become an issue in our schools? Somewhere along the way, we lost common sense. Thank goodness that Central Texas Republican Women, the Texas State Legislature, and the State Board of Education made it a priority to protect our children – our future.

The Club uses the book list the National Federation of Republican Women publishes to help us navigate providing age- and content-appropriate books to children. It truly makes selecting material so much easier. We will be delivering books to Jane Polach soon. She is a CTRW and a relatively new teacher with just two years of experience. If you would like to join us in delivering the books, please email me at atkinsfromtexas@yahoo.com. Feel free to browse NFRW's and Jane's book list if you would like to order for your grandchildren or add to our program.



Book Delivery by CTRW President Janet Brown and Literacy Chair Linda Atkins to the James Burrell Elementary School, A fun morning reading Rhyming Stories in Ms. Boone's Class



Serve on the 2027 CTRW Dream Team



2026 Central Texas Republican Women Executive Team
CTRW President/TFRW SD24 District Director: Janet Brown
contact@ctrw-pac.com

1st Vice President	Heather Bounds	Caring For America	Kathy Ruiz
2nd Vice President	Marlean Druce	Chaplain	Rebecca Tong
3rd Vice President	Rebecca Tong	Corresponding Secretary	Lynda Jackson
Secretary	Renee Bigham	Legislative	LouAnn Minnick
Treasurer/PAC	Wanita Reeder	Literacy	Linda Atkins
Parliamentarian/ByLaws	Zenia Warren	Communications Director	Asha Petrich
Political Activities	Christina Demirs	Community Engagement	Pamela Blair
Americanism	Natalie Austin	Past President	Zenia Warren
Awards	Natalie Austin	Scholarship Foundation	Zenia Warren, Kathy Ruiz, Wanita Reeder
TFRW President	Jill Tate	TFRW 1st VP President	Bergundi Cain

JOIN OUR TEAM

MARK YOUR CTRW CALENDARS

October



Oct 1	CTRW Executive Team Mtg, Bell County Courthouse, Noon, Belton
Oct 8	CTRW RED Roof Coffee Connections, CaffeLuna, Harker Heights
Oct 10	CTRW Day of Action for Team Brad Buckley
Oct 12	Chili Challenge Fundraiser, Event Center, Belton
Oct 17	CTRW Text & Tea, Ruby's Tearoom, Belton
Oct 19	Early Voting Begins
Oct 22	CTRW RED Roof Cocktails & Conversation, Acropolis, Harker Heights
Nov 3	Election Day
Nov 5	CTRW Executive Mtg, noon, Bell County Courthouse, Belton



2027 Nominations Committee Report by Chairwoman Marlean Druce

- The Nominating Committee was elected at the Central Texas RW Luncheon on September 21, 2026.
- They met on September 21st, and Marlean Druce was elected Chairwoman by the Committee members.
- Committee members present were Marlean Druce, Marilyn Beasley, Joyce Damon, Natalie Austin, and Heather Bounds; absent were Rebecca Tong & Raquel Nelson. This Committee had a final meeting on September 27, 2026, and recommends that the following Primary CTRW Members be considered for the 2027 Slate of Central Texas RW Executive Officers:

President: Janet Brown

1st VP Programs: Heather Bounds

2nd VP Membership: Marlean Druce

3rd VP Fundraising: Rebecca Tong

Secretary: Christina Demirs

Treasurer/PAC: Wanita Reeder

All have agreed to serve if elected. Elections will be conducted at the Central Texas RW Annual Meeting on November 09, 2026. Congratulations to the 2027 Slate of Executive Officers.



**Ready to serve in 2027? - To grow as a leader?
We need your gifts & talents.**

Serving on the Central Texas RW Executive Team, whether as an Elected Officer or an appointed Chair member, is one of the most rewarding leadership journeys. If your immediate response is "yes," please know there is a place for you, and we encourage you to read on. Please review the following questions when applying for the 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. You will pay travel and hotel expenses for training and events.
- 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 contact@ctrw-pac.com



Legislative Chair, Louanna Barbosa Minick

ELECTION INTEGRITY

“Trust, but verify.” — Ronald Reagan

That simple principle still applies today: secure elections require both confidence and accountability.

Texas Election Integrity: Coordinated Work by Nate Schatzline and the Secretary of State The State of Texas is advancing a coordinated election-integrity agenda through two complementary roles: Secretary of State Robert Howden, who serves as Texas’ chief election officer, and Nate Schatzline, Governor Greg Abbott’s Senior Advisor for election integrity policy. Together, their work is focused on strengthening voter-roll accuracy, supporting lawful election administration, protecting eligible voters, and developing legislative reforms intended to keep Texas elections secure, transparent and above reproach.

What Texans Should Know

Election integrity is not just a campaign slogan in Texas. It is being handled on both the administrative side and the policy side. Secretary of State Robert Howden is responsible for the day-to-day election oversight that keeps the system running properly, including guidance to counties, voter-registration maintenance, and making sure election laws are followed. At the same time, Nate Schatzline is working from the Governor’s Office as Senior Advisor for election integrity policy, helping shape reforms that can strengthen public confidence in Texas elections.

How They Are Working Together

The Secretary of State’s Office carries out the official election-administration work, while Schatzline helps drive the Governor’s broader election-integrity strategy. That combination matters. One side is focused on the legal and operational details of running elections, and the other is focused on identifying policy improvements and legislative solutions for the future.

County election officials still play a central role, because they are the ones who investigate local voter-registration questions and handle local election procedures. But they do not do that work alone. The Secretary of State provides statewide guidance, data, and oversight so counties can apply the law consistently. Schatzline’s work complements that effort by helping ensure the Governor’s Office is looking ahead to the next set of reforms needed to protect the vote.

Just as important, the state has emphasized that election integrity must include due process. If a voter is wrongly

flagged during voter-roll maintenance, counties are expected to correct the record and protect that eligible voter’s access to the ballot. That balance is what helps keep the system both secure and fair.

Recent Actions Supporting Election Integrity

In September 2026, the Texas Secretary of State referred 117 cases to the Office of the Attorney General for investigation of potential noncitizen voting after additional review of voter-registration records. The review began with a comparison of more than 18 million registered voters against the federal SAVE database, which initially flagged 2,724 potential noncitizens. Further review narrowed the list, confirmed citizenship for hundreds of voters, and helped ensure that eligible citizens were not improperly excluded. Schatzline publicly praised the Secretary of State’s work and emphasized that Texas should lead the nation in election integrity.

Safeguards That Help Keep Elections Above Reproach

- Eligibility verification: Texas is using available citizenship data to identify records that require further review.
- Local investigation: Counties conduct follow-up investigations before registrations are cancelled or referred.
- Attorney General referral: Potential unlawful voting cases are sent for formal investigation rather than treated as automatic findings.
- Correction of errors: When eligible voters are incorrectly flagged, the state instructs counties to correct or reinstate registrations.
- Legislative planning: The Governor’s Office, with Schatzline advising, is preparing policy proposals intended to strengthen future election procedures.

Conclusion

Texas’ current election-integrity effort depends on both administration and policy. Secretary Howden’s office handles the legal and operational responsibilities of election oversight, while Schatzline’s role gives the Governor’s Office a senior policy advisor focused on election-related reforms. Their combined work reflects a strategy of verifying eligibility, supporting counties, correcting mistakes, pursuing investigations where warranted, and preparing legislative reforms so Texans can have confidence that elections are lawful, secure, and trustworthy.

God Bless Texas! - Louanna Barbosa Minick



Gather with us to
witness and
celebrate the
honoring of our
very own
Zenja Warren

Please arrive by 9:30am
Lunch on your own
afterwards at BJ's
3550 S General Bruce Dr
Bldg G, Temple, TX 76504

RSVP



September 12, 2026

Congratulations Zenia Ann Warren!

You have been selected to receive the 2026 Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Your impressive nomination packet was reviewed and selected by the Board. This Commendation is a meaningful way to recognize you for honorably serving our country and demonstrating a history of meaningful community service. It is Congressman Carter's honor to acknowledge your life long achievements and celebrate your success with this well-deserved recognition.

The Congressional Veteran Commendation ceremony will take place on Saturday, October 3, 2026 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 noon.

Location:

Temple College Workforce & Visual Arts Building (Lobby)
2115 S. Fifth Street, Temple, Texas

Please arrive by 9:30 AM. Your family and friends are invited to celebrate this important occasion. There is no limit to the number of guests you may invite.

I can be reached at 512-591-9061 or by email at Evelyn.Robertson@mail.house.gov.

Thank you for your extraordinary service to your country and community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Evelyn D Robertson
Field Representative
U.S. Congressman John R. Carter
31st District of Texas
4407 S. IH35 | Suite 101 | Georgetown, TX 78626
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From the Official's Desk: Dawn Buckingham, M.D., Texas Land Commissioner

Commissioner Dawn Buckingham Announces One-Year Extension for Eligible Existing Hurricane Harvey Disaster Recovery and Mitigation Contracts

Today, Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D., is pleased to announce that the Texas General Land Office (GLO) will be offering a one-year extension for existing infrastructure and mitigation contracts that submit a documented need. The GLO is only able to offer this extension due to petitioning the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for one final extension of the 2017 Hurricane Harvey Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding. Thankfully, HUD approved this request based on the GLO's strong track record of managing these funds and is now willing to give communities that need it more time.

"Since taking office nearly four years ago, I have repeatedly petitioned HUD for additional time on behalf of local communities. As the deadline for Hurricane Harvey projects approached, I submitted another request supported by the GLO's performance record and my commitment to completing these critical projects," said Commissioner Buckingham. "I am so excited to announce HUD leadership recognized the GLO's progress and approved one final extension. The GLO has built a strong reputation as one of the most efficient and effective grantees of disaster recovery and mitigation funding. We stay committed to partnering with our communities to deliver these vital projects to flood victims."

Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) and Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) grants are allocated through HUD, which establishes the federal requirements and deadlines for each allocation. Failure to comply with all regulations and deadlines can result in remaining funding being withheld or expended funding being recaptured. While previous requests for deadline extensions have been rejected, current HUD leadership listened to the GLO's most recent petition for additional time and approved Commissioner Buckingham's request for one final extension.

The one-time extension will also apply to the more than \$1.1 billion in disaster recovery and mitigation project funding allocated to Harris County.

In a letter sent to Harris County notifying them of this one-year extension, Commissioner Buckingham stressed her grave concerns about Harris County continually failing to meet contract expenditure benchmarks for these vital and extremely rare infrastructure project funds and noted: "While HUD's trust in the GLO's has earned Harris County an additional extension, I will be clear. No more delays will be tolerated ... the time for excuses and missed benchmarks is over. No more extensions, no more excuses, just get it done." The one-time, one-year extension will be eligible for existing infrastructure and mitigation subrecipient contracts for the current contract scope as written with demonstrated need. All projects must continue to comply with applicable federal regulations.

For more information about the GLO's disaster recovery and mitigation grants, please visit recovery.texas.gov.

To date, the GLO has expended more than \$10 billion of disaster recovery funding, helped more than 14,000 Texans rebuild their homes – and their lives, and assisted thousands of communities in navigating the federal mandates and red-tape.

September 28, 2026 | Austin, Texas | Press Release

A Serendipitous Look Back on September

Day of Action with Team Hillary Hickland for TX Representative HD55. A fun morning meeting Belton & Temple neighbors. Get ready to #VoteRed in the Mid-Terms. A big thank you to everyone who helped. Plus, it was a joy to bless and financially support one of our vital small businesses.



The **CTRW RED Roof Coffee Connections at First Street Roasters** event was a good time with fellow patriots. Sharing coffee, smiles, and connecting the generations of Republican women is what it's all about and exactly what was had! If you missed this event, no worries. There's more to come and you are invited to each one! Our thanks to the RWs that made it out and to First Street Roasters for hosting us and for being a part of our growing Downtown Temple eatery community. Bell County is the place to do business!

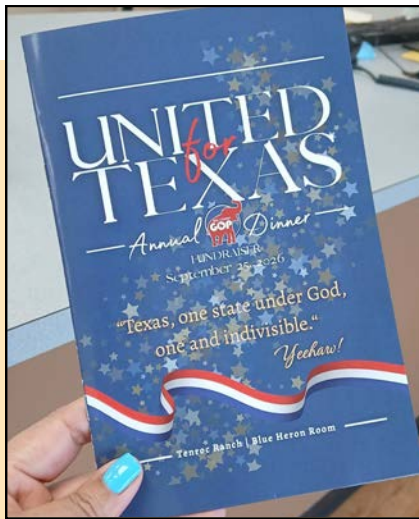


Republican Women from all over the great state of Texas, representing clubs far and wide, converged on Round Rock, Texas to honor some outstanding women, including our very own Linda Atkins, Marlean Druce, and Sandra McCleney. The **Texas Federation of Republican Women** did an absolutely beautiful job with this event.



The **CTRW September Networking Lunch Meeting w/Guest Speaker Joseph Vargas** was an educational experience for all who attended. His exceptional analysis of the importance of protecting Christianity, Americanism, and the Republican Party stroked the fires of intent and dedication within us to Keep Texas Red!





A fun evening for Central Texas RW members who gathered in support of the Bell County Republican Party fundraiser with featured special guest speakers, Nominee for Attorney General, Mayes Middleton and Congressman Pete Sessions TX-17.



CTRW Annual Texas Round-up w/Elected Officials & 2026 Candidates gave Bell County the opportunity to hear from many candidates on our ballots. Our thanks to all those who came out to engage and get informed.





Communications Director, Asha Petrich

OUR TESTIMONY

I was recently reminded of something so simple, yet so very important: our testimonies are powerful. Everybody has a story about how they moved to a particular place, met their spouse, gained a position, or came to join the Republican Party. These are our testimonies and with them we can inspire others.

Testifying to One Another

Most recently, I had the honor of writing a short play that was performed at the Bell County Republican Party's fundraising dinner. The Lord dropped the outline in me a week before the event, but didn't release the words until the day before. As you can imagine, the day before a dinner for 140+ people is busy. As part of that fundraising team, we had items to pick up, people to touch base with, and finishing touches that could only happen within 48 hours of the dinner. Yet, He didn't let me miss a beat!

When the performance time came, I fought back tears as I listened to the final reading. The play encouraged

Republicans through three testimonies from our American past and one from our future. Each character shared with the audience why they stood up for this nation in their time. Beginning with the Washington Lady (War of 1812) and ending with a great-granddaughter reporting to our present generation several triumphs we now fight for, the goal was to encourage and inspire those who heard it by reminding them of their legacy and that they, too, will be someone else's heritage.

Testify at the Ballot Box

Take time to consider why you chose the Republican Party over the others. Remember the core values and beliefs we share, along with a certain hope for the future of our beautiful America. This country does not belong to those who want to tear her a part and divide her like spoils. It belongs to us, the Righteous. That's our testimony.

If We Don't Quit, We Win! - Asha Petrich



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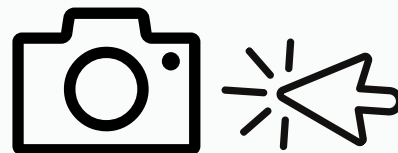
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