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## Volunteer Hours

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Hours to Irene Henry**

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## GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Message from the President

**July 2024**

Celebrate, celebrate our country on the Fourth of July with friends, family and fireworks. And be thankful! It is all a God gift to us and with that gift comes many and great responsibilities. We absolutely must pick up that flag, that gift, and carry it forward.

That takes many forms. Speaking the truth, working the phone bank and walking blocks and making contacts during the summer and fall of our election year.

I challenge each of you to find how you can best serve. How you can give back and how you can carry that flag of freedom forward. One way is to join us for our summer soiree as we work to raise money for our candidates and to cast a vision with our next generation of conservative leaders.

I look forward to seeing you at The Lasker Inn on July 12 as we celebrate summer and to hear from Alex Porretto as he opens her eyes a bit more about the future of our Gulf Coast Home.

*God bless you,  
Sylvia*

**Galveston Republican Women  
Invite YOU to Join US for a  
“Summer Time Soirée”  
Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



**LASKER INN**

1019 16<sup>th</sup> Street (Heart of the Historic District), Galveston

6:00 – 7:00 pm: Social with Open Wine Bar and Appetizers

7:00 pm: Dinner with Wine and Conversation

**\*\*Special Diet Request Must Be Made At Time of RSVP\*\***

7:30 pm: Program

**Guest Speaker Alex Porretto**

**Galveston District 4 City Councilman**

Newly elected Alex Porretto is the kind of young, educated and informed conservative we are looking for in our next generation of leaders – “New Growth from Old Roots”. Come hear Alex’ Vision for the Next Generation.



\$95 per person (\$98 with Credit Card)

***Dress: Evening Island Flair***

**\*\*\* LIMITED SEATING \*\*\***

**RSVP ONLY by SUNDAY, July 7<sup>th</sup> to Tina Kirbie  
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GALVESTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

*Invites you to*

# LINCOLN REAGAN DAY

*Dinner & Masquerade Gala*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024

WATERGROVE

3920 Gulf Freeway South

Dickinson, Texas

5:00pm	VIP Cocktail Reception
5:30pm	Doors Open
6:30pm	Dinner Program & Live Auction



Early Bird tickets and sponsorship opportunities go on sale July 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.galvestoncountygop.com/lrd](http://www.galvestoncountygop.com/lrd)



COCKTAIL ATTIRE IS ENCOURAGED.  
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# SAVE THE DATE

## TAKE FLIGHT 2024 GALA

**Saturday, September 7, 2024**

Receptions / Registration 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Program / Dinner 7:00 - 9:00 PM

**Lone Star Flight Museum, Ellington Airport**

11551 Aerospace Avenue, Houston 77034

***Sponsorships Available - More Details to Follow***

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### **Treasurer's Report**

**Tina Kirbie, Treasurer**

**Cash Balance**

**Ending June 30, 2024**

**\$34,003.19**

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## **June 2024 Legislative Report**

### **Vice President Wanda Buttner**

#### **Mayes Middleton**

**This Supreme Court ruling (regarding Jan 6th )** on June 28th is a Massive defeat for the federal government's bureaucracy and the feds attempts at unconstitutional administrative "laws." The Chevron deference let bureaucrats write agency "law" without Congress and forced courts to defer to the bureaucrats own interpretation of the rules they wrote!

Liberty, and separation of powers won big. I filed the bill to end the Chevron deference in Texas and today all 50 states are free from its shackles.

#### **Appointment to the Sunset Advisory Commission**

On June 21st, Mayes wrote I am honored to be appointed to the Sunset Advisory Commission by Lt. Governor Patrick. As one of five Senators on the commission, I look forward to removing inefficiencies and waste in state agencies to save taxpayers money while working to reduce the overall size of government in Texas.

#### **Texas Association of School Boards**

On June 13th I sent a letter to taxpayer-funded lobbying group Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) demanding answers on how they plan to follow Governor Abbott's order to ignore Joe Biden's harmful Title IX rewrite that would force schools to treat boys as if they were girls.

TASB has a history of taking positions that advance a woke liberal ideology, and they even lobbied against the bill to ban boys from being allowed in girls bathrooms and locker rooms.

TASB responded that they would wait for courts to weigh in! They don't think it's an urgent priority to protect our kids now or follow Governor Abbott's order.

Not only that, TASB made it clear they are not going to assist ISDs, like Tyler ISD, that are not following the illegal Title IX rewrite. That's a strong message to other ISDs that disagree with Biden's agenda that they won't be getting the legal services they supposedly paid for.

Next session, we will ban taxpayer-funded lobbying and ensure accountability for associations like TASB that use your tax money to push Joe Biden's woke agenda on our kids.

#### **Terri Leo Wilson**

State Representative Terri Leo-Wilson acknowledges Galveston's Historical Significance as the Birthplace of Juneteenth. As communities across Texas gear up to commemorate Juneteenth this week, State Representative Terri Leo-Wilson proudly joins in the celebration of this pivotal moment in American History. Juneteenth, celebrated on June 19<sup>th</sup>, marks the emancipation of some of the last enslaved African Americans in the United States. This day holds particular significance in Galveston, where Union General Gordon Granger proclaimed freedom from slavery on June 19, 1865, by reading General Order No. 3.

Juneteenth is more than just a date on the calendar; it represents the triumph of freedom over oppression and the resilience of the human spirit, “stated Representative Leo-Wilson. “It is essential that we continue to educate Texans about this historic day, ensuring that the legacy of those who fought for freedom is preserved and honored.”

Representative Leo-Wilson spoke at Galveston’s 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Juneteenth Gala, held at the Ashton Villa Ballroom on June 13, 2024. This event provided area residents with an opportunity to come together and commemorate one of the most pivotal events in American History.

In Galveston, the birthplace of Juneteenth, the spirit of emancipation is celebrated year-round. Visit Galveston and the Galveston Park Board play crucial roles in preserving this legacy. Through various initiatives, including the allocation of grant funds to local organization and events dedicated to Juneteenth, these entities ensure that the celebrations resonate beyond the local community. These grants support parades, exhibitions, and other community-driven events that highlight the unique essence of Galveston and its historical significance.

“Each year, our commitment to honoring Juneteenth goes beyond acknowledgment; it’s about actively preserving the legacy and fostering a deeper understanding of our shared history,” said Representative Leo-Wilson. “The efforts of Visit Galveston’ and the ‘Galveston Park Board’ amplify this message, taking our story to the national stage.”

Honoring Juneteenth is a year-round commitment. As Texas prepares to celebrate Juneteenth, Representative Terri Leo-Wilson encourages all Texans to reflect on this historic day.





# **GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

## **POLITICAL AND CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER HOURS**

### **for 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER (Apr-Jun) DUE**

#### **GRW MISSION STATEMENT**

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**YOU** spend many hours supporting our mission. **THIS IS AN ELECTION YEAR – THESE HOURS SHOULD BE AND ARE SOARING!** Many of you are block walking, phoning, texting, emailing, watching debates, attending rallies, conventions, campaigns, meetings, mixers, etc. They ALL count! **PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR HOURS. I don't need details – just numbers. The figures below do not give justice to the ACTUAL dedication and support YOU GENEROUSLY GIVE. Let's make this a banner quarter.**

#### **QUARTERLY REPORTS FOR PAST THREE YEARS**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
1 <sup>ST</sup> Quarter	2415	1582	2275
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	<u>2216</u>	<u>1196</u>	<u>????</u>
TOTAL	4631	2778	?????

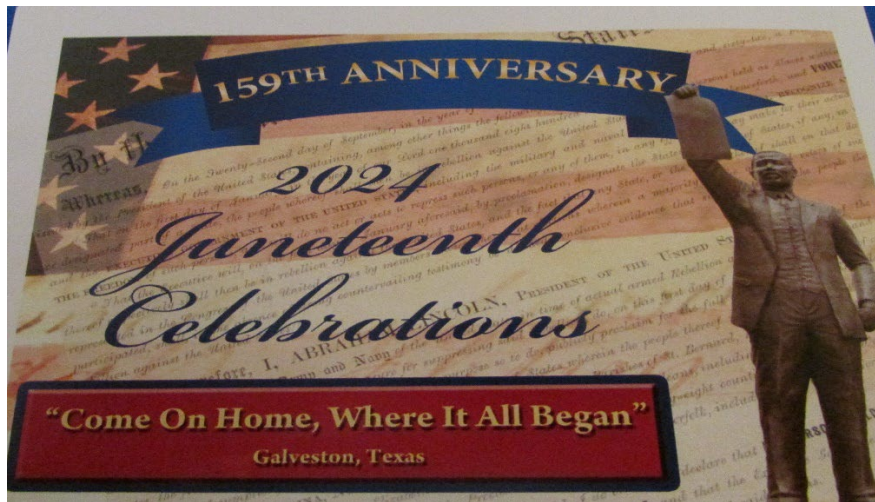
**2<sup>ND</sup> Qtr Report for 2024 (Apr – June) DUE! GRW members and (Male Associate Members whose home club is GRW) submit your hours ASAP to:**

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# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Juneteenth Gala

Thursday, June 13, 2024



Ashton Villa Ballroom  
2328 Broadway, Galveston. TX



**Dr. Greg Bonnen**



**Douglas  
Mathews**

**Teri  
Leo-Wilson**



**Dr. Robin Armstrong**



## Juneteenth Gala continued



**Betty Henry**  
**GRW**



**Teri Dr. Greg Doug From Randy**  
**Leo-Wilson Bonnen Mathews Weber's Off**



**Mary Patrick, President**  
**Galveston NAACP**



**Linda Dreith Tony Visage**



**Nisha and Jack Rody**



## Juneteenth Gala continued



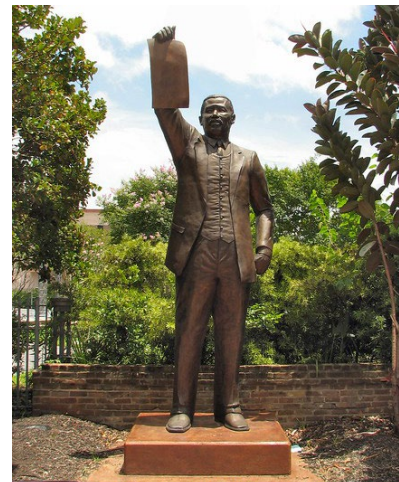
Beautiful room at Ashton Villa



Tina Kirbie    Teri Leo-Wilson    Fran Card    Renata



Al Smith    Dr. Carla L. Wyatt  
Harris County Treasurer





Galveston Republican Women celebrated 69 years of supporting our  
**Republican Candidates**  
with a Sock Hop Anniversary Dinner and Fundraiser  
Friday, May 10th, 2024 at the MUD #12 Reception Hall  
2929 Neptune Dr., Bayou Vista TX



Pin the Elephant Trunk on the Donkey



Curtis Paula



Jane Betty May Carol



Barbara JD Jennifer



## Anniversary Dinner and Fundraiser Continued



Sylvia Horne



Della Brown Carmen Pollock



Tina Kirbie



Irene Henry Linda Buckley



Judge Grady Jane Rigsby



Rebecca Milo Chris Kinard



# Anniversary Dinner and Fundraiser Continued

How well do you know your partner?



*Brenda Weber  
Master of ceremonies*



**It was way too cute!**

**You just had to be there!!**



Dr. Greg and Kim Bonnen

Brenda Weber



Mayes and Macey Middleton



Terri and Dave Wilson

**And the  
Love Birds are  
Jack and Nisha Roady**





# DEFENDING TEXAS SAVING AMERICA



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The Texas Legislature meets in Regular Session for about five months every other year. Regular Sessions begin at noon on the second Tuesday in January of odd numbered years and can last no more than 140 days, ending during the last week of May or the first week of June. The next session is scheduled January 2025.

## The Republican Party of Texas (RPT) is proud to announce the 2024 Legislative Priorities and Platform

These documents are the culmination of thousands of hours of work by activists, delegates, committee members, and other dedicated volunteers. A heartfelt thank you is required to all of them for the multitude of ways they have shaped this final product.

Delegates to the RPT Convention vote yes or no on every one of our platform planks, which gives the RPT one of the strongest and most grassroots lead platforms in the country. Planks must receive a majority vote of the delegates to be passed in the final version. The 2024 platform contains 252 planks and 7 resolutions, which passed with an average vote of 95%. You can view the final platform here:

## 2024 Platform

Delegates also vote on the top 8 Legislative Priorities for the coming legislative biennium. The Legislative Priorities Committee selects 15 issues based on resolutions passed from Senate District and County Conventions, and then Delegates vote on the top 8. This grassroots led model is being copied in other states and is the pinnacle of Republican directives to their elected officials.

### **The Legislative Priorities for the Republican Party of Texas for 2024-2025 are:**

#### **1. Border Enforcement**

To repel invasion and deter illegal immigration:

- Creating a Texas Department of Homeland Security to prevent illegal entry and trafficking, and to deport illegal aliens to Mexico or to their nations of origin.
- Prohibiting, with mandatory fines and jail time, individuals, corporations, non-profits, governments, and social media entities from assisting or inciting illegal entry.
- Requiring the use of E-Verify by all employers in Texas with significant penalties for business owners who violate this requirement.
- Ending all subsidies and public services, including in-state college tuition and enrollment in public schools, for illegal aliens, except for emergency medical care.

## **2. Secure Texas Elections**

Securing elections from each citizen's registration to the final count of legal votes by:

- Requiring proof of citizenship to register to vote.
- Requiring the Counties and the Secretary of State to update the voter rolls at least quarterly.
- Requiring a mandatory photo ID for every election, without exception.
- Restricting mail-in ballots to disabled, military, and eligible citizens who are out of their county for the entire voting period.
- Using only hand-marked, sequentially numbered paper ballots on anti-counterfeiting paper that are signed on the back by the election official at the voting location.
- Standardizing in-person voting, with early voting limited to a period of no longer than nine (9) days, no gap before Election Day, and assigned-precinct voting locations only.
- Counting ballots in precinct using a dumb-scanner method as soon as the ballot is returned by the voter and with publication of the results prior to submission to the County.
- Closing party primaries for only registered Republicans.
- Explicitly codifying the ability of the Attorney General to prosecute violations of the Election Code.
- Removing existing Secretary of State waivers to comply with current Election Code.

## **3. Stop Sexualizing Texas' Kids**

Stopping the sexualization of minors, which leads to abuse, exploitation, and trafficking, by:

- Prohibiting taxpayer funding to any entities that permit or promote sexually inappropriate content to minors and legislatively banning instruction on sexual orientation and gender ideology in schools and libraries.
- Repealing affirmative defenses in Texas Penal Code (43.24, 43.25) and redefining "harmful materials" to remove loopholes provided by the modified Miller Test.
- Establishing an independent Inspector General for Education to investigate fraud, waste, abuse, and criminal conduct within schools and refer findings to prosecutorial authorities.
- Compelling superintendents to report sex crimes within schools to outside law enforcement and removing immunity from civil liability for schools and their employees.

## **4. No Democrat Chairs**

The Republican-controlled Texas Legislature shall end the practice of awarding committee chairmanships to Democrats and require all committees to be majority Republican.

## **5. Ban Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying:**

Prohibiting all forms of taxpayer-funded lobbying, including the use of tax dollars to hire lobbyists and payment of tax dollars to associations that lobby the Legislature.

## **6. Secure the Electric Grid**

Securing the integrity of Texas electricity production and delivery of abundant, reliable, and resilient energy, ensuring that the Texas grid can withstand any natural or manmade threat to include weather, cyber, physical, electromagnetic pulse (EMP) and geomagnetic disturbances (GMD).

## **7. Texas is Not for Sale**

Banning the sale of real property in Texas, and discontinuing taxpayer funding and incentives, to governments, entities, and proxies of China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia, and to individuals from these nations who are not legal permanent residents or citizens of the United States.

## **8. End Federal Overreach**

Resisting unconstitutional federal acts and mandates that restrict transportation, including mandatory kill switches in vehicles, road diets, and restrictions on the owner's right to repair vehicles and equipment. Ensuring that Texans have medical freedom and can give or withhold consent for any vaccine or medical treatment without coercion, are not discriminated against based on vaccine status, and are not faced with any vaccine or medical mandate by public or private entities.





# Calendar of Events

## Save The Date

<b>To be Assigned</b>	<b>Galveston Republican Women Board Meeting</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday</b>	<b>Galveston Republican Women Meeting</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Thursday</b>	<b>Tri-County Republican Women</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs.</b>	<b>Galveston Island Pachyderm Club</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Thursday</b>	<b>West Pearland Republican Women</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Friday,</b>	<b>Clear Creek Republican Women</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday</b>	<b>Mid-County Republican Network</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Monday</b>	<b>Texas Gulf Coast Republican Women</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday</b>	<b>The Republican Network of Galveston County</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday</b>	<b>Bay Area Republican Women</b>

## Republican Contacts:

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Bay Area Republican Women: [www.barw.org](http://www.barw.org)

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Clear Creek Republican Women: [www.clearcreekrw.org](http://www.clearcreekrw.org)

Mid-County Republican Network: Facebook

Tri-County Republican Women: Facebook

West Pearland Republican Women: [www.wprw.org](http://www.wprw.org)

Texas Gulf Coast Republican Women: [www.tgcr.org](http://www.tgcr.org)

Galveston County Republican Party: [www.galvestoncntygop.com](http://www.galvestoncntygop.com)

Greater Houston Council: [www.ghcfrwpac.org](http://www.ghcfrwpac.org)

National Federation of Republican Women: [www.nfrw.org](http://www.nfrw.org)

Republican National Committee: [www.gop.com](http://www.gop.com)

Republican Network of Galveston County: Facebook

Republican Party of Texas: [texasgop.org](http://texasgop.org)

Republican Hispanic Citizens in Action: Facebook

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Texas Federation of Republican Women: [www.tfrw.org](http://www.tfrw.org)

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## 2024 Membership Chair Linda Dreith

<b>2024</b>	<b>Membership.....</b>	<b>150</b>
	<b>Regular Members.....</b>	<b>90</b>
	<b>Associate.....</b>	<b>60</b>







# GRW-PAC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION 2024

Dues for the 2024 Membership Year are payable NOW.

Please complete the membership information and return this form with your check payable to GRW-PAC to:

Tina Kirbie  
908 Layfair Place  
Friendswood, Texas 77546

(No business/corporate checks please)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

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City and State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Senate District # \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletters are sent electronically.

Select Type of Membership:

Regular Member (\$45) \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Member (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_

- Women who are a member of another TFRW Organization  
Please print name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_
- Men who wish to be associated with GRW.
- Young women (Age 13 thru 17 years) designated Young Affiliates

Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to help with the following committee(s):

_____ Awards	_____ Finance	_____ Membership
_____ Bylaws	_____ Fund-Raising	_____ Phone
_____ Campaign Activities	_____ Get Out the Vote	_____ Program
_____ Community Service	_____ Legislative	_____ Public Relations
_____ Other (please specify your interest) _____		

**For GRW use only:**

Cash/Check amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail List  
\_\_\_\_\_ TFRW Submission #