



# **GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

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## **GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN Message from the President**

**October 2024**

How do we speak the truth in love to family and friends who see a different political landscape? That is a huge question that faces our country today.

Yes, we share concerns of the urgent challenges facing our country. We believe others must be misguided and operating without credible information we know all too well. Are they the “single issue” voter, could it be cultural or is it simply too difficult for them to admit they have been deceived?

How can the ones we love believe in “child sacrifice” for convenience sake?

How do they think it’s OK that thousands of children have been trafficked right under the noses of this administration?

How can drugs flow into our country unchecked?

How can we allow our constitution, electoral college and the Supreme Court to be changed at their whim? And how can we allow the United Nations to usurp our sovereignty.

And, how can anyone ignore that the Chinese are buying our land as easily as they buy our politicians and universities? What makes all of this OK in their sight?

And, yet! How do we talk about issues to the people we love and to the friends we treasure?

First, we need to know and understand facts.

We need to be able to engage our friends, ask questions and then get into more serious conversations.

Conversations with deeper meaning and questions that calls for a reevaluation of positions.

Recent statistics show that thousands who were convicted of homicide, sexual assault and rape in their own country have been brought here by the cartels and roam free in our country.

Did your friends “grow up in a middle class neighborhood”? Are they “unburdened by what has been”? Or have they “not been to Europe yet, either”? It may be funny to us to address the obvious flaws of their candidate but humiliating and evocative to them; is that our goal; would that be helpful?

So the question remains how do we speak the truth in love to the ones we love? And, my answer is, “I’m not sure, I don’t know.”

In deep prayer for you, your family and friends and for our fragile country.

Sylvia

President

Galveston Republican Women PAC



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**Volunteer Hours**  
**Please report your**  
**Hours to Irene Henry**

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**GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN**  
**POLITICAL AND CAMPAIGN**  
**VOLUNTEER HOURS**  
for 2024 third quarter  
are **DUE**

**YOU** spend many hours supporting our mission.  
**THIS IS AN ELECTION YEAR**  
**THESE HOURS 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.**  
**NO details – just numbers. YOU GENEROUSLY**  
**GIVE. Let’s make this a banner quarter.**

**July, August and September hours DUE!**

**GRW members and (Male Associate Members whose**  
**home club is GRW) submit your hours**

**As Soon As Possible to:**

**Irene Henry**

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**Notice to Candidates:** Checks will be distributed at  
the Fisherman’s Wharf Meeting on October 16. Please  
plan to be there or to have a designated representative.

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**Please Mark your Calendar**

**Tuesday October 15: Cruz –Allred Debate**

**Monday October 21: Cruz Bus Tour**

**Monday October 21: Early Voting Begins**

**Saturday November 16: Heroes of Hope 10:00 to 4:00**

**Upward Hope Academy**

**More information to come**



# Galveston Republican Women Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant*

2200 Harborside Drive, Galveston

5:30 pm Reception/Cash Bar – 6:30 pm Dinner Meeting

\$45pp cash/check; \$48pp credit card

*Reservation must be cancelled by October 13<sup>th</sup> in order not to be charged.*

### \*\*\* BUFFET DINNER \*\*\*

Salad, Chicken Alfredo, Grilled Fish, Bacon Wrapped Shrimp, Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables, Rolls, Dessert, Iced Tea, Coffee and Water

**\*\*\*SPECIAL DIET REQUESTS MUST BE MADE WITH RSVP\*\*\***



**Speaker: Jessica Colón**

**The Scoop on Upcoming Election**

**RNC/Trump Campaign State Director**

Jessica Colón is a Republican political consultant in [Houston, Texas](#). In 2009, Colón founded Colón & Company, a consulting firm that focuses on "political consulting, message strategy, fundraising initiatives and public affairs. She was the national political director for Rick Santorum's 2016 presidential campaign. Jessica Colón's political career spans 30 years and covers every facet of the political spectrum, including political consulting, management and fundraising in campaigns for President of the United States, U.S. Congress, Texas Attorney General, State Senator, State Representative and judicial, mayoral, city council, school board and Republican Party of Texas races. The number of campaigns in which Colón has worked is in the hundreds. She served as Young Republican National Federation Chair. She was the State Director for Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America. She has been featured on national media such as FOX News and was a member of the original "What's Your Point?" cast on Houston's Fox26. In addition to her consulting work, Jessica is currently the State Director for the Trump Campaign and RNC in Texas.

***Galveston Republican Women Officer Candidates for 2025***

*Nominating Committee to present slate of candidates and accept nominations from the floor. Voting at November meeting; Installation at December meeting.*

**RSVP by SUNDAY, October 13<sup>th</sup> to Jane Rigsby  
[Jarigsby720@yahoo.com](mailto:Jarigsby720@yahoo.com) or Tel: 409.599.7960**

# Hurricane Helene Recovery

Dear NFRW Members,

Our hearts go out to all those affected by the devastating Hurricane Helene, which has caused catastrophic damage across **South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, and Florida**. The impact on lives and property has been severe.



As we gather information from our state presidents and local clubs in the affected areas, we're working to assess the needs of our members and their communities.

Emergency responders are on the ground, and relief efforts are underway. However, the situation remains critical in many areas.

At this time, the best way to help is by supporting established relief organizations. **Samaritan's Purse** is already active in the affected areas and is seeking volunteers to assist with cleanup efforts. Additionally, **Trump Force 47** offices across North Carolina are collecting essential items for disaster relief.

You may read a full update from **North Carolina Federation of Republican Women President Kay Wildt** and **Tennessee Federation of Republican Women President Sharon Boreing**.

For those wishing to make monetary donations, the following organizations have been recommended by Kay Wildt and Sharon Boreing:

**Samaritan's Purse.org** Checks can be mailed to PO Box 3000, Boone, N.C. 28606  
**NC Baptists on Mission:** [baptistmission.org/mission-projects/north-carolina](http://baptistmission.org/mission-projects/north-carolina)  
**Go Fund Me - Trump Authorized:** [gofundme.com/f/support](https://gofundme.com/f/support)

**Cajun Navy: To Donate:** [gocajunnavy.org/donate](http://gocajunnavy.org/donate)  
**To Volunteer (you will be vetted):** [stability.org](http://stability.org)  
**Mountain Mule Packer Ranch**  
**Anchor Ridge.org**

## GRW Mission Statement

**Promote an informed public through political Education and Activity**  
**Increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of Good Government.**  
**Work for the election of Republican candidates to foster loyalty to the**  
**Republican Party and to promote its principles**



## October 2024 Legislative Report Vice President Wanda Buttner

**EARLY VOTING October 21st - November 1st  
ELECTION DAY - NOVEMBER 5th**

### **State Senator Mayes Middleton**

Texas Department of Insurance hosted a town hall in Galveston on the 10% windstorm insurance rate hike TWIA voted to implement. Coastal homeowners and small businesses spoke loud and clear and asked TDI to veto this 10% rate hike. Insurance costs are skyrocketing and people won't be able to live and work on the gulf coast if premiums continue to increase. I will keep fighting to reform windstorm insurance so our rates are lower, and if my bill SB 1217 (which passed the Senate) had passed into law, it would have prevented TWIA from raising rates. I look forward to working on reforms again next session. Thank you Rep. Cody Vasut and Rep. Terri Leo Wilson, and Rep. Cain and Rep Paul for coming to fight against this increase.

### **Texas State Representative Terri Leo Wilson**

Things we accomplished in the 88<sup>th</sup> Session. Increased funding for Alternatives to Abortion; Banned Gender Mutilation for minors; Passed legislation to get fentanyl off our streets; Banned tax payer funded DEI ideologies in public universities; Banned sexually explicit performances in the presence of minors; Banned sexually explicit materials in schools; Banned biological men from competing in women's sports; Reigned in rogue DA's; Removed Texas from ERIC and increased penalties for voter fraud to a felony status. Things left to be done in the 88th: Secure our Border; Empower parents in education; Provide maximum property tax relief; Ban vaccine mandates and ban tax-payer funded lobbying

### **The Fate of Texas' Border at a Crossroad**

The future of illegal crossings along Texas' border with Mexico hinges largely on the results of the 2024 presidential election. What Texans, among the hardest hit by the current policies, have to say about it is written by [Will Biagini](#) and can be read in its entirety in the *Texas Minute Friday, Sept. 27, 2024 issue*. "This next election will determine whether we have permanent open borders. Or, it will determine if we are selective about the people we allow into the country, and that we want them to come in the right way—the legal way." Written by [Katie Hobbs](#) and can be read in its entirety in the *Texas Minute, Friday, Sept. 27, 2024*.

### **Support for Trump Rises with Texas Minorities**

According to polling data released this week, support for Donald Trump among Hispanic and black voters in Texas has grown since 2020. A poll by the Texas Hispanic Policy Foundation found a continued theme of eroding support for Democrat presidential candidates. While Kamala Harris has a six-point lead over Trump with Hispanic voters (49 percent to 43 percent),

that is down from a 10-point lead among Hispanics in 2020. According to the group, Trump received just 6 percent of the black vote in 2020. Now, his support is at 17 percent. The polling data found that Harris has a 44 percent favorable rating among Texas voters compared to 54 percent unfavorable. In contrast, Trump has 51 percent favorable to 48 percent unfavorable. Border policies rank high with Hispanic voters. When asked in April about increasing deportations of people who are already in the country illegally, 56 percent of Hispanics supported the idea compared to 34 percent in opposition. Similarly, 60 percent of Hispanics polled support penalizing businesses that hire illegal aliens. Written by [Daniel Greer](#) and can be read in its entirety in *Texas Minute*, Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024.



**Galveston Republican Women  
Attending BRA DAZZLE  
To support Breast cancer Awareness**

**Treasurer's Report**  
**Tina Kirbie, Treasurer**  
**Cash Balance**  
**Ending September 30, 2024**  
**\$35,325.88**

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**Bra Dazzle**  
**October 3, 2024**  
**San Luis**



**Galveston Republican Women supporting  
Bra Dazzle**



**Founder of Bra Dazzle  
Pam Schwertner      Terri O'Connell**



**Winning Table Center Piece**

## Bra Dazzle continued



Models of Bra Dazzle



Another Center Piece  
Check out the Flamingo's Awesome Hat



# Bra Dazzle continued



Police Chief Doug Bali



Wearing the First Place Dazzling Bra  
Joe Giusti



Photo by Manny Chan

**GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
Lunch Meeting  
Wednesday, September 18, 2024  
San Luis Hotel – Main Sail Room**



**Name Tags**  
Jane Rigsby

**Membership**  
Tony Visage Linda Dreith



**Reception Desk**  
Jan Broussard Wanda Buttner Joyce Bell Linda Muehlberger



**Elected Officials leading the Pledge to our Republic**

Jeslyn Huynh PHD  
Sharing her knowledge of  
Human Organ Trafficking



Organs	Price for Transplantation (U.S.)	Price on "Commercial Organ Market"
Heart	1,664,800	176,000 - 394,000
Lung (Single)	929,600	203,000 - 394,000
Liver	878,400	134,000 - 197,000
Kidney	442,500	68,000 - 163,000
Pancreas	408,800	149,000 - 190,000

GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN Lunch Meeting continued  
Wednesday, September 18, 2024



Barbara Suzanne Pam  
Moore Tichelaar Graham



Jeannie Faye Linda  
Koenig Keller Buckley

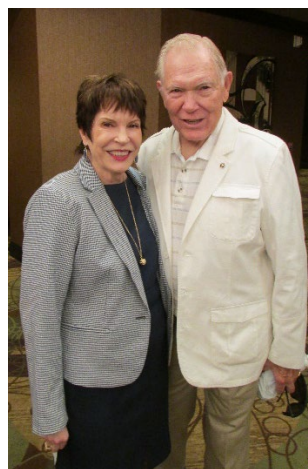


The Room

**Jimmy Fullen  
convincing GRW  
to support  
BRA DAZZLE!**



Jennifer Jennifer's  
Ott Mother



Barbara J.D.  
Roberts Roberts



Louise Mary Jo  
Kithas Naschke

GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN Lunch Meeting continued  
Wednesday, September 18, 2024



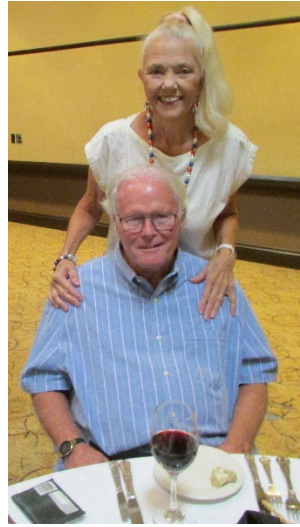
**Bill Mattson**     **Millicent Smith**



**Irene Henry**     **Millicent Smith**     **Bill Mattson**     **Stan Humphrey**



**Carmen and Don Pollock**



**Fran and Terry Card**



**Joe Giusti**     **Marcie Hansen**



**Dorthy Anderson**     **Mya Anderson**



**Maggie**     **Sylvia Horne**



**Brenda Weber**     **and granddaughter**

GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN Lunch Meeting continued



**Jan  
Broussard**      **Rebecca  
Jimerson**      **Betty  
Henry**



**Joyce  
Sears**      **Jane  
Rigsby**



**Jeannie  
Koenig**      **Lizette  
Gaudin**



**Pam  
Graham**      **Barbara  
Moore**



**Marcie  
Hansen**      **Paul  
Edinburgh**      **Irene  
Henry**      **Linda  
Buckley**

# GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN LUNCH MEETING

Minutes – Wednesday, September 18, 2024

San Luis Hotel – Main Sail Room  
5222 Seawall Blvd. Galveston, TX

**President, Sylvia Horne** called the meeting to order at 12 noon, welcomed all and recognized 3 new members

Marcy Hanson, "Galveston Adopt a Cop" Program, led us in an opening prayer.

Sylvia asked all Elected Officials and candidates to please come forward, lead us in the pledges, and then introduce themselves and their office.

Door Prize Drawing – Sylvia gave 3 MAGA Trump Hats away in the drawing. In memory of her husband, Andy Horne.

## **Announcements from the Podium:**

1. Nominating Committee Irene Henry, Fran Card, Carol Jean Mulrain. Chair, Irene Henry announced that the slate for GRW 2025 officers will be presented at the October meeting and will ask for nominations from the floor; a vote will be taken at the November meeting from the regular membership present; and the new officers will be installed at the December meeting.
2. Volunteer Hours, Irene Henry reminded and encouraged us all to turn in our volunteer hours in a timely manner.

### **Your hours are very important for 2 reasons:**

1. It lets GRW know how much time and effort our members are committing to our club, our candidates and the Republican Party which allows us to see where we might improve in expanding our membership helping to keep Texas RED. ... and
2. It lets TFRW (Texas Federation of Republican Women) know how much our club, in conjunction with other state Republican Women's Club, is doing as a whole.

Irene honored four people who ALWAYS turn in their hours each month with a gift of a bottle of Champaign: Don and Carmen Pollock; Carol Jean Mulrain and Harry Elmendorf

3. Sylvia Horne announced there were Voter Registration Forms at the check-in desk. Please pick up and encourage unregistered voters to send in and to VOTE!
4. Jimmy Fullen announced the "Bra Dazzle" Event taking place Thursday, October 3 from 5:30 to 8:00. This is a Cancer Awareness Event, Dinner, Style Show and Bra Decorating Contest. All Proceeds benefit UTMB's Mobile Mammography Program. For GRW Members the cost is \$100 a person – regular tickets \$150. T-Shirts were sold for \$20.

**Program:** Brenda Weber introduced our speaker and program:

Jeslyn Huynh, Ph.D. TOPIC: Human Organ Trafficking

Discussion and Questions followed.

Brenda thanked our speaker and presented her with a "thank-you" gift.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00

Respectively Submitted

Lizette Gaudin, Recording Secretary

## 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:

Galveston Republican Women: [www.galvestonrepublicanwomen.com](http://www.galvestonrepublicanwomen.com)

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

Galveston Island Pachyderms: [www.galvestonpachyderms.org](http://www.galvestonpachyderms.org)

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.galvestoncnygop.com](http://www.galvestoncnygop.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

Republican National Hispanic Assembly: [www.rnha.org](http://www.rnha.org)

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

Teenage Republicans: [teenagerepublicans.org](http://teenagerepublicans.org)

Texas Public Policy Foundation: [www.texaspolicy.co](http://www.texaspolicy.co)



MannyChan  
Photo by Manny Chan

## 2024 Elected Officers



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## 2024 Membership Chair Linda Dreith

<b>2024</b>	<b>Membership.....</b>	<b>151</b>
	<b>Regular Members.....</b>	<b>91</b>
	<b>Associate.....</b>	<b>60</b>



[www.DavidJames.info](http://www.DavidJames.info)



# GRW-PAC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION 2025

Dues for the 2025 Membership Year are payable by November.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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 #