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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

November 2024

OH WOW! THANK YOU GOD! WE ARE BLESSED TO BE LIVING AT THIS POINT IN HISTORY!!!

The election of Donald Trump, not only winning the Electoral College but the popular vote, sends a strong message. Ted Cruz will join a Senate majority. We must continue to pray for a Senate Majority Leader who has a strong backbone for change. We are grateful that Randy Webber will be joined in Congress by a Conservative majority. We are also grateful for our successful State and Local victories.

Thank you Lord for answering our prayers and the prayers of your children around the world who also prayed for this election. We ask your guidance and your protection for ourselves and our elected servants. Help us be good stewards of the grace you have shown as we face the new landscape of our country.

Truth has power. Over the last year my prayer has been for the light to expose evil wherever it exists.

Last month I wrote about speaking the truth in love to the ones we love. Personally, I am tired of the name calling and disrespect we have experienced over the last eight years. How do we get over that? Are we supposed to forget and move on as though it never happened?

What happens now?
Chaos or Coming Together?

Chaos favors the Establishment, the Globalist, the Cabal. They cannot allow us to come together. Soon there will be a concentrated effort to further separate us. The chaos we have experienced in our country is no accident. It is intentional, and it is by design.

So, where can we come together? Trump brought Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Tulsi Gabbard, Elon Musk, Joe Rogan, Union members, Foreigners with legal status and other groups who are not traditionally Conservative to the Republican Party. **The ones with Common Sense!** Do we have friends with Common Sense? Let us work to bring them into the Party over the next few years.

Sylvia Horne, President
Galveston Republican Women's PAC



Galveston Republican Women Luncheon Meeting Wednesday, November 20th, 2024

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

Reception 11:15 a.m. - Luncheon Meeting 12:00 Noon
\$30pp cash/check; \$33pp credit card

Reservation must be cancelled by November 17th in order not to be charged, as the hotel holds us responsible for headcount after this date.

***** MENU – THANKSGIVING DINNER*****

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



Speaker: Donnie Gay, FBI Supervisory Senior
Resident Agent – Texas City

Topic: Cyber Security

**** RSVP by SUNDAY, November 17th to Tina Kirbie ****
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dues for 2025 are now **DUE!!!**

**November Meeting: Receiving contributions for
Salvation Army Christmas Kettle
(Checks Payable to Salvation Army)**



November 2024

Legislative Report

Vice President Wanda Buttner

Thu, Nov 7 at 7:02 AM

by Mary Elise Cosgray

Mary Elise Cosgray is a reporter for The Texan, residing in East Texas. She was born and raised on a farm west of Houston with her nine siblings. She spent her high school years as a cross country runner and hopped from a private school, to public, to charter, and was then home schooled as a senior. The past five years, Cosgray has written about cultural concerns, national politics, and societal trends, and now covers Texas politics at The Texan.

Good morning, y'all!

Donald J. Trump will be the 47th president of the United States — winning both more than 270 electoral votes and 51 percent of the popular vote, with a current count of over 71 million votes as of the time of writing.

Election night feels a bit like a dream, due in large part to sleep deprivation and excessive caffeine — but also from experiencing first-hand such a historical, grand-slam moment for Texas Republicans while at the victorious Sen. Ted Cruz's (R-TX) watch party. The night truly was a political bloodbath for Texas Democrats, as my editor aptly [wrote](#) last night.

Checking in on The 40

Thirty-nine of the 40 Texas congressional members for whom this newsletter is named were up for election on Tuesday night — which continued to favor the red team. GOP candidates claimed a total of 25 Texas U.S. House seats: 1 through 6, 8, 10 through 17, 19, 21 through 27, 31, 36, and 38. Democrats secured 13 seats: 7, 9, 16, 18, 20, 28 through 30, 32 through 35, and 37.

Among the most notable were Congressman Tony Gonzales (R-TX-23) [fending off](#) Democratic challenger Santos Limon; Congresswoman Monica De La Cruz's (R-TX-15) [defeat](#) of Michelle Vallejo in Congressional District (CD) 15, Rep. Henry Cuellar (D-TX-28) [surviving](#) a challenge from Jay Furman in CD 28, and Congressman Vicente Gonzalez's (D-TX-34) [victory](#) over former Congresswoman Mayra Flores (R-TX-34).

Democrats survived in both 28 and 34, but it was by the skin of their teeth, setting up another contentious election for the pair next cycle.

And as for the one leftover... Cruz easily dispatched his opponent Congressman Colin Allred (D-TX-32) on Tuesday night, snatching up 1 million more votes and 9 more percentage points than his Democratic challenger.

Compare that to his 215,000-vote and 2.6 percentage point margin six years ago.

While each candidate differed in their campaign strategies and individual wedge issues, a common theme most of the Democrats ran on, both nationally and locally, was abortion and restrictions thereon, while the issue similarly emphasized across the board for Republicans was securing the southern border and prohibiting biological men from competing in female sports.

Tuesday night's results indicate that Democrats may have overestimated the average Texan's fear of Republican officials restricting abortion access, and underestimated their concerns over national security and other issues the GOP has harped on, especially the economy. The abortion issue, as I saw at Vice President Kamala Harris' [rally](#) in Houston, was spoken about by Democrats as a human right, a necessary tool for the average American, and most certainly a concern on every woman's mind. Allred took part in this particular gathering's rallying cry for abortion, sending a closing pitch to Texans focused wholly on abortion access. Judging just from the crowd's response in the stadium, one would think the Democrats were spot on.

However, the only poll that matters in the end, the election, proved otherwise.

It may be that access to abortion is of that much importance to a select few of Texans — but evidently is not an overarching topic of relevance for the average voter, whether male or female, as affordability of everything, a secure border, and other GOP promises which appear to be instead.

Johnson's Sigh of Relief

With President-elect Donald Trump set to take the White House come January, U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA-04) can rest a bit easier — even more so if the GOP retains the House.

As we touched upon last week, Trump predicted Johnson will "be around for a long time," a rather significant vote of confidence in the House leader, and a surprising one following some in the GOP's general distaste for Johnson after opposition sprouted up about his foreign aid spending proposals.

Upon the announcement of Trump's victory, Johnson issued a statement that said, "This historic election has proven that a majority of Americans are eager for secure borders, lower costs, peace through strength, and a return to common sense."

"I look forward to working with President Trump and a Republican Senate to deliver as Speaker of the House on the mandate entrusted to us by the American people."

If Harris had been elected instead of Trump, Johnson would have assuredly had less support and clout, as colleagues in the House would have no incentive to pay heed to Trump's opinion on the speaker if he had been defeated, particularly considering the unlikelihood that Trump would run again.

However, with Trump as the president-elect, Johnson gains peace knowing for the moment he has the Republican-nominated president's confidence on his side, and in turn the latter's team of loyal GOP members.

Now, this is all assuming Republicans win the House, which they are poised to do — but it's not guaranteed yet. If Republicans keep the House, all looks well for Johnson as speaker for the time being. Yet, if Democrats earn a majority in the House, Johnson will likely be facing a competitive race for minority leader instead, leaving him in the defensive position — likely against a party with new ideas regarding leadership after losing a majority. Perhaps Trump's endorsement will impact that, but it'll likely have more power if the Republicans feel snug in their potential majority position over the House.

Cornyn's Comments on a Senate Secured

Speaking of a Republican House and confident proclamations, the GOP now has a majority in the Senate, a result of Election Day that many saw coming.

Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX), who is gunning for the role of Senate Majority Leader, was quick to share his analysis of the general election.

"Tonight, the American people have roundly rejected Chuck Schumer and the Senate Democrat majority's years of disastrous border policies, reckless spending, and failed management that has caused the Senate to lurch from one avoidable crisis to the next," Cornyn said.

"Chuck Schumer has broken the Senate, but I'm confident our new conservative majority can restore our institution to the essential role it serves in our constitutional republic."

As the top-dog fundraiser in the majority leader race-to-the-top, Cornyn is known to flaunt his power, particularly through his bipartisan track record and impressive fundraising credentials. According to a Bloomberg report from February, Cornyn far outpaces the other two competitors for the role — Senate Minority Whip John Thune (R-SD) and Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY) — in terms of monetary contributions to colleagues and candidates by over \$20 million.

"From my experience both as Whip advancing President Trump's agenda through the Senate to serving as a rank-and-file member now, I have learned what works and what does not," he said.

In September, Cornyn sent out a letter to senators to express "immense gratitude" and a "sense of shared accomplishment" for having raised over \$406 million since his entry into the Senate in 2002.

"We will restore the important role of Senate committees and reestablish the regular appropriations process. We will improve communication, increase transparency, and tap into the wealth of talent in the conference to include everyone's expertise and opinions."

Cornyn shared his plans for altering the way his caucus' top spot interacts with its members: "And we will return power back to the members; there will be no more backroom deals or forced votes on bills without adequate time for review, debate, and amendment."

Cornyn is prominent, relevant, and, many in Texas hope, an imminent majority leader... and he's making his case for it.

As Trump prepares to take on Washington, D.C. in January, the House will likely see a fair amount of change and shift in priorities, which we'll be jotting down and sharing with y'all as it develops.

Thanks for reading, and have a great week!

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GRW will be collecting money for the Salvation Army at our November luncheon. There will be donation envelopes on each table as well as two Salvation Army red kettles at the Registration Desk. If you normally donate to the Salvation Army, now is a good time to do it as Galveston Republican Women will get recognition for the money collected. Below is a list of what the Salvation Army offers to Galveston County residents:



- Feeding, Sheltering and Clothing those in need every day.
- Pantry Food Boxes for the community.
- Emergency Funding to assist with Utilities and Rent.
- The Boys & Girls Club at our Texas City location.
- Summer Camp Scholarships.
- The Angel Tree Program to provide Christmas gifts to children in need.
- Hurricane & Local Disaster Relief



Galveston Republican Women 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.



GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN POLITICAL AND CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER HOURS DUE

THIS WAS AN ELECTION YEAR! YOUR HOURS ARE SOARING! Many of you block walked, made phone calls, sent texts, emailed, watched debates, attended rallies, conventions, campaigns, meetings, mixers, even worked the poles. They **ALL** count! **PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR HOURS. I don't need details – just numbers.** GRW members and Male Associate Members whose home club is GRW submit your hours ASAP to:

Irene Henry

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San Luis Watch Party



Jimmy Fullen and his beautiful mother

San Luis Watch Party



GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN Evening MEETING

Wednesday, October 16, 2024
Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant, Private Event Room
2200 Harborside Dr., Galveston, TX



Don Johnson Betty Henry Cheryl Johnson



Carol Jean Mulrain Marcie Hansen Paul Edinburg Beverly Davis



Randy and Brenda Weber Jared



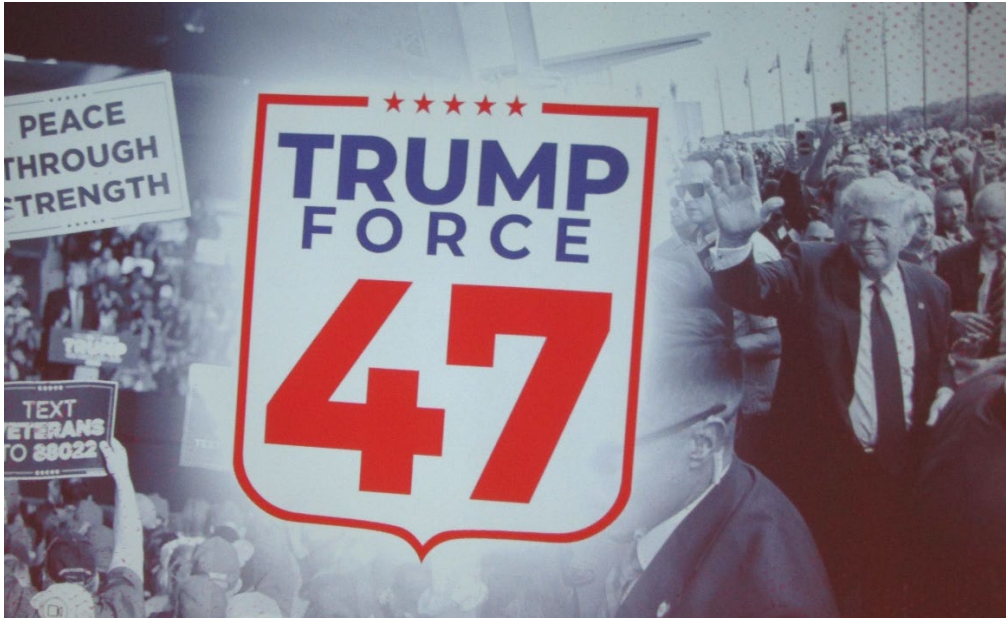
Rebecca Millo Cindy Bradley Irene Henry

GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN Evening MEETING

Wednesday, October 16, 2024



**Brenda Weber
introducing our Speaker,
Jessica Colon
Trump Campaign State Director**



Fran
Card

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Pam
Schwertner

Chris
Kinard

GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN Evening MEETING

Wednesday, October 16, 2024



**Presentation of the checks to Paul Edinburg, Jimmy Fullen, Greg Bonham, Lonny Cox
Hank Duggie, Darrel Appel, Cheryl Johnson and Rececca Milo**

**Irene Henry
Announcing the
Galveston Republican Women
Slate of Officers
for 2025.**



Sandra Pollock Donna Bumpas Lizette Gaudin



Mike Buckley Vaun Henry Hank Duggie

GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN Evening MEETING

Wednesday, October 16, 2024



Linda Buckley **Jane Rigsby**



Mosette Davis **Mrs. Edinburgh**



Joyce Bell **Terri O'Connell**



Pam Schwertner **Chris Kinard**



Roxann Lewis **Irene Henry**



Registration Table

GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN EVENING MEETING

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant, Private Event Room
2200 Harborside Dr., Galveston, TX

Doors opened at 5:30 P.M. for check-in

President, Sylvia Horne called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with a welcome to all.

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

U.S. Congressman Randy Weber led us in the Pledges to the US and to the Texas Flags

Sylvia Horne asked all elected officials and candidates to please stand and introduce themselves and their positions.

Dinner was served

7:00 Announcements from the Podium:

1. Sylvia announced that Galveston Republican Women received a "Shout-Out" from TFRW in recognition for going above last years membership goal.
2. Cathy Frederickson announced the Estate & Rummage Sale benefiting Upward Hope Academy High School and honoring this Year's Heroes of Hope, Mayes & Macy Middleton. Saturday, November 16, from 10am to 4pm. Flyers were placed on each table for reference.
3. Jane Rigsby reminded us that the GRW sponsored Salvation Army Buckets were on the registration tables and to please donate either cash or check.

GRW will be ringing the Salvation Army Bell in front of the Krogers on the Seawall on Thursday, December 5 from 10AM to 6PM – Please bring your donations.

4. Sylvia Horne asked us all to please remember the victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton.
5. Don Pollock announced that he has 500 "push-cards" for block walking and encouraged participation.
6. Nominating Committee Chair Irene Henry, along with co-chairs Fran Card and Carol Jean Mulrain announced the 2025 GRW slate of officers:
 - A. President – Sylvia Horne
 - B. 1st VP, Programs – Brenda Weber
 - C. 2nd VP, Legislative – Janice Broussard
 - D. 3rd VP, Public Relations – Fran Card
 - E. Treasurer – Tina Kirbie
 - F. Recording Secretary – Linda DreithIrene asked for nominations from the floor – there were none.
At the November 20th meeting a vote will be taken by the membership to accept this 2025 slate.

7. Sylvia announced our upcoming January GRW Committee Workshop Event encouraging members to become an active member of GRW by participating in this event. There will be sign-up sheets and detailed information regarding descriptions of the various

committees and positions as well as the roles of the executive offices, at our November 20th Meeting.

Program: Brenda Weber introduced our very inspirational speaker and program:

Speaker – Jessica Colon, RNC/Trump Campaign State Director

TOPIC – The Scoop on the Upcoming Election

Brenda thanked our speaker and presented Jessica with a “thank-you” gift.

Presentation of GRW Donation Checks to our Republican Galveston County

Candidates:

A \$1,000 check from the Galveston Republican Women was given to the following 8 candidates:

1. Darrell Apffel, Commissioner, Precinct 1
2. Greg Bonnen, Texas State Representative, District 24
3. Lonnie Cox, Texas District Judge, 56 Judicial District
4. Hank Dugie, Galveston County Commissioner Precinct 3
5. Paul Edinburgh, Galveston County Constable Precinct 2
6. Jimmy Fullen, Candidate for Galveston County Sheriff
7. Cheryl Johnson, Tax Accessor
8. Rebecca Millo, Texas District Judge, District 10

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM

Respectively Submitted

Lizette Gaudin, Recording Secretary.



Calendar of Events

Save The Date

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

Republican Contacts:

Galveston Republican Women: www.galvestonrepublicanwomen.com

Bay Area Republican Women: www.barw.org

Galveston Island Pachyderms: www.galvestonpachyderms.org

Clear Creek Republican Women: www.clearcreekrw.org

Mid-County Republican Network: [Facebook](#)

Tri-County Republican Women: [Facebook](#)

West Pearland Republican Women: www.wprw.org

Texas Gulf Coast Republican Women: www.tgcr.org

Galveston County Republican Party: www.galvestoncntygop.com

Greater Houston Council: www.ghcfrwpac.org

National Federation of Republican Women: www.nfrw.org

Republican National Committee: www.gop.com

Republican Network of Galveston County: [Facebook](#)

Republican Party of Texas: texasgop.org

Republican Hispanic Citizens in Action: [Facebook](#)

Republican National Hispanic Assembly: www.rnha.org

Texas Federation of Republican Women: www.tfrw.org

Teenage Republicans: teenagerepublicans.org

Texas Public Policy Foundation: www.texaspolicy.co



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2024 Membership Chair Linda Dreith

2024	Membership.....	150
	Regular Members.....	90
	Associate.....	60

Treasurer's Report

Tina Kirbie, Treasurer

Cash Balance

Ending October 31, 2024

\$22,626.00





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

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