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Senate District - 11

TFRW Region V

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Joyce Bell, Newsletter Editor

**Joyce Bell, GRW Woman of Distinction Award 2023*

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Volunteer Hours
Please report your
Hours to Irene Henry

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GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Message from the President

December 2024

Talk about an Elf on the Shelf; we are like children waiting and watching with anticipation as we get our news. We see the nominations Trump makes day by day, we are thrilled with the direction he is taking our country. We have held our breath over the last 4 years and have prayed our country and the world survives the craziness of the current administration. Citizens who would never have considered voting for a Republican Presidential Candidate found themselves with nowhere else to go. This is also a gift, but one that requires great stewardship on our part.

Yes, we received our Christmas gift in November this year. However, it is a gift that requires much of us. We must be involved at the Local level. We must be vigilant at the State level and we absolutely must stay informed and supportive of our conservative values at the National level.

May Gods bless you and all of the ones you love this Christmas and Holiday Season.

With love and appreciation,
Sylvia
President
Galveston Republican Women's PAC

PS: Come to the December 18th meeting. Receive a ticket to win a great door prize. Bring a guest who joins and receive two tickets.



Galveston Republican Women Christmas Luncheon Meeting Wednesday, December 18th, 2024

San Luis Hotel – Grand Ball 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 December 15th in order not to be charged, as the hotel holds us responsible for headcount after this date.

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



GUEST SPEAKER

Matt Howerton, Political Manager
American Promise

TOPIC

Financial Election Integrity

A native Texan, Matt Howerton is a political communications professional who is driven by his passion to uphold & defend the U.S. Constitution. Having served on dozens of campaigns, Matt brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to American Promise in the role of Political Manager. A Houston native, Matt got his start as an intern for Ted Cruz in 2012 before serving as campaign staff for Greg Abbott in 2014, and Mike Johnson in 2016 when he was selected as one of the Leadership Institute's Top 20 Youth Directors. Matt went on to serve as a congressional staffer before starting his political consulting business in 2018. Over the past 6 years, Matt's electoral assists include successful campaigns for state senate, state house, city council, county commission, and school board.

**** RSVP by SUNDAY, December 15th to Tina Kirbie ****
rkirbie@comcast.net or Tel: 713.504.0304

DECEMBER MEETING

Membership Dues for 2025 are DUE!!!

Installation of GRW Officers for 2025

Salvation Army Christmas Kettle (CK Payable to SA)

Christmas Centerpieces available for \$20 donation



December 2024
Legislative Report
Vice President Wanda Buttner

“There’s a feeling in the air;....a feeling of relief”!!
Quote from Wanda Buttner

Why Trump Won!



Why Trump Won continued



Why Trump Won continued



The trash man cometh!!!!

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**GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN
POLITICAL AND CAMPAIGN
VOLUNTEER HOURS for 4th QUARTER
(Oct-Nov-Dec) ARE DUE**

Campaign/Volunteer Hours

QUARTERLY REPORT UPDATE

*****GOAL FOR 2024: 8,000 HOURS*****

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>1ST Quarter</u>	2415	1582	2277
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	2216	1196	1711
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	2039	1557	2737
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>2466</u>	<u>666</u>	
TOTAL	9136	5001	6725

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR HOURS. I don't need details.
Just numbers. The figures above do not give justice to the
ACTUAL dedication and support YOU GENEROUSLY GIVE.
Let's make this a banner quarter!**

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**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.

Through the efforts of the Galveston Republican Women
we have raised

\$2,086.00 for the Salvation Army!

Thank you GRW members who generously gave at our October Meeting, our
November Meeting and volunteered outside of Kroger's on the Seawall
November 5th.

You did an amazing job!!



Faye Keller Lana Meunier Jimmy Keller

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

New Name tags



Name tags are available to order.
They may be purchased at a cost of
\$10.00. See Jane Rigsby, at the
Next meeting for more information.

GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN LUNCH MEETING

**Wednesday, November 20 2024
San Luis Hotel, Main Sail Ballroom
5222 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, TX**

Veterans:

**Harry Elmendorf,
Judge Jared Robinson
and
Jared
Leading the pledges**



**Chris Kinard introducing
Speaker. Donnie Gay**



Membership Table

GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN LUNCH MEETING

Wednesday, November 20 2024



Harry Elmendorf **Floyd Pollock** **Sandra Pollock** **Elizabeth George**



Table Arrangement



Sylvia Horne awarding checks to
Maggie Albrecht **Judge Robinson** **Judge McCumber**



Paul Edinburgh **Joe Giusti** **Michelle Hatmaker**



Judge Fisher **Chris Kinard** **Judge McCumber**



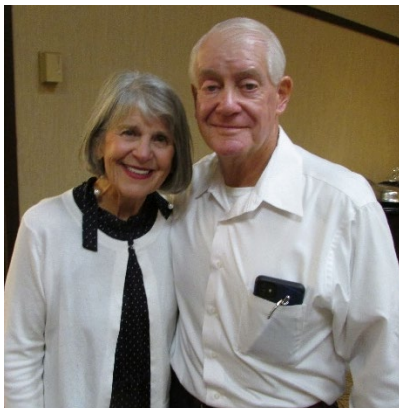
Marcie Hansen **Rebecca Milo**



Kim Bonnen **Jennifer Ott**

GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN LUNCH MEETING

Wednesday, November 20 2024



GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN LUNCH MEETING
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Mary Ann Markarian, Songwriter and Performer ended our meeting with the music and lyrics of “Miracle in America” the song she wrote in honor of President Donald Trump’s victory.



GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN LUNCH MEETING

Minutes – Wednesday, November 20 2024

San Luis Hotel, Main Sail Ballroom

5222 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, TX

Reception and check-in: 11:15 AM

Luncheon Meeting 12:00 Noon

President, Sylvia Horne called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon welcoming all.

Chaplain, Debra Jackson, led us in an opening prayer.

Sylvia recognized our veterans by having them come up to lead us in the Pledges to the US and Texas Flags.

“The Empty Chair Table”, honoring Veterans, was just inside the room.

The Empty Chair Table:

The Table is round to show our everlasting concern for our POW's and MIA's and fallen comrades.

The tablecloth is white representing the purity of their motives when answering the call to duty.

The single red rose signifies the blood that they have shed in sacrifice to ensure our freedom.

The vase is tied with a red ribbon, representing their love of our country.

The lemon is to remind us of the bitter fate of those who have not and will not return.

A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears endured by the families of those who have sacrificed all.

The candle is reminiscent of the light of hope which lives on in our hearts.

The glass is inverted, representing that they cannot toast with us at this time.

The chair is empty because they are no longer with us.

Program: Chris Kinard introduced our speaker, Donnie Gay (with a brief bio), FBI Supervisory Senior, Resident Agent – Texas City, Galveston County

Topic: Cyber Security

At the end, Chris thanked our speaker Donnie and presented him with a gift from GRW

12:30 Announcements from the Podium:

Irene Henry, Nominating Committee Chair reminded us of the October announcement of the 2025 GRW slate of officers (there were no nominations from the floor):

President – Sylvia Horne

1st VP, Programs – Brenda Weber

2nd VP, Legislative – Janice Broussard

3rd VP, Public Relations – Fran Card

Treasurer – Tina Kirbie

Recording Secretary – Linda Dreith

Lizette Gaudin, Secretary made a motion to accept the slate

It was seconded by Marie Robb, GRW Member

Only GRW MEMBERS were asked to vote on the slate. It was unanimously accepted.

The new officers will be installed at the December 18 Luncheon Meeting.

Sylvia announced that Galveston Republican Women received a “Shout-Out” from TFRW in recognition for going above last years membership goal.

Sylvia announced that at our December Meeting all will have an opportunity to sign up for the upcoming January GRW Committee Workshop 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. Please consider joining us – it is a fun time. Lunch will be served.

Cathy and Chris Frederickson chaired the very successful Estate & Rummage Sale benefiting Upward Hope Academy High School on November 16.

There are Salvation Army Donation Envelopes on each table. Also remember that the GRW sponsored Salvation Army Bell Ringing will be in front of the Krogers on the Seawall on Thursday, December 5 from 10AM to 6PM.

A suggestion was made that GRW host an Inauguration Party for Monday, January 20. Sylvia invited the Membership to come to a meeting after the current meeting to discuss the Inaugural Ball event.

Presentation of GRW Donation Checks to our Republican Galveston County Candidates: Three (3) more checks were given out with a thanks to all our candidates. It is an honor for GRW to support each of them. Eight (8) checks were given out at the October meeting.

Kathleen McCumber

Jared Robinson

Teri Leo Wilson’s check was accepted by her District Director, Maggie Albrecht on her behalf.

Mary Ann Markarian, Songwriter and Performer ended our meeting with the music and lyrics of “Miracle in America” – the song she wrote in honor of President Donald Trump’s victory.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00PM

Respectively Submitted

Lizette Gaudin, Recording Secretary.



Galveston Republican Women **Workshop**

Saturday, January 11th

10:00AM – 2:00PM

MUD #12 Reception Hall

2929 Neptune Drive

Bayou Vista, TX

Keep the **RED TRAIN** at High Speed

Learn more about how you can help

Committees

_____ **Awards**

_____ **By-Laws**

_____ **Campaign Activities**

_____ **Outreach/Caring for America**

_____ **Finance/Event Registration**

_____ **Hospitality**

_____ **Membership**

_____ **Newsletter**

_____ **Phone Calling (Members)**

_____ **Public Relationd**

Your Name _____

Telephone _____

EMAIL _____

Comments:

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

2024 Elected Officers



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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

\$26,787.00



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

_____ TFRW Submission #