



# GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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TFRW Region V

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*Joyce Bell, Newsletter Editor*

*\*Linda Dreith, GRW Woman of Distinction Award 2024*

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

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## GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN Message from the President

### January 2025

Here we are in 2025. You see, it does make a difference what we believe, what we say and what we do.

We survived the Biden years, though just barely. If Trump had taken office in 2020, the same law fair and obstruction in Congress would have continued. Things that have come to light would never have been exposed. Now "their" fear of losing power is of crucial importance to "them", and we must brace ourselves in the days ahead.

Do you remember the time before Rush Limbaugh when we thought we were alone in our beliefs, yelling at the TV in frustration? Now we know more than half of the country share our values.

Here we are gratefully anticipating President Trump, and his new administration. As a salute to The Inauguration on January 20, we are having our very own Galveston Inaugural Ball. We will have TV screen so we can follow Washington's activities as we have are very own brand of Galveston, Texas kind of fun. Get gussied up, invite friends and join us at Fisherman's Wharf on January 20. See the flyer below and reply to Tina.

We will remain the backbone Republican Women in Galveston and we will make a difference in the new administration and in our country's future.

See you there on January 20.

Sylvia Horne, President  
Galveston Republican Women's Club



**PLEASE JOIN  
Galveston Republican Women's  
2025 WORKSHOP**

**Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

MUD #12 Reception Hall  
2929 Neptune Drive  
Bayou Vista, TX 77563

**\*\*\* BOX LUNCH PROVIDED \*\*\***

**STAY INFORMED – GET INVOLVED – MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

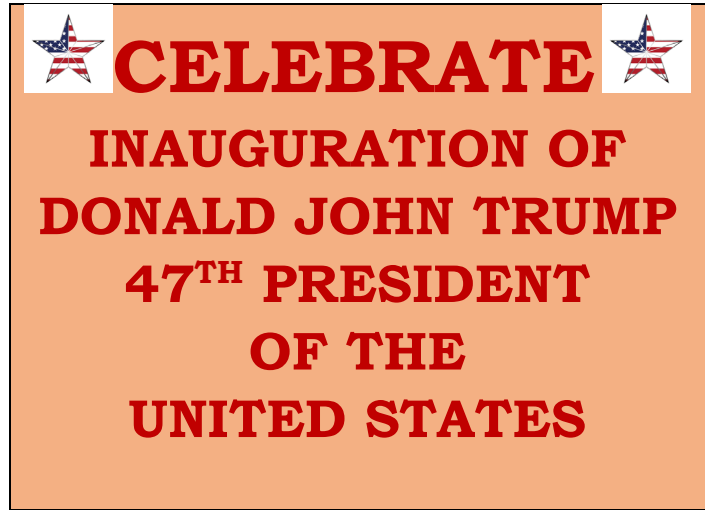
**KEEP** The **RED TRAIN** AT High Speed. Learn more about opportunities to utilize your talents. We welcome and encourage your participation.

**Learn More About The Following Committees**

Awards	Hospitality
By-Laws	Membership
Campaign Activities	Newsletter
Outreach/Caring for America	Phone Calling (Members)
Finance/Event Registration	Public Relations
Fundraising	

**\*\* RSVP by THURSDAY, January 9<sup>th</sup> to Tina Kirbie \*\*  
rkirbie@comcast.net or Tel: 713.504.0304**

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**GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S  
INAUGURAL CELEBRATION**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

**FISHERMAN'S WHARF - 2200 HARBOR SIDE DR -  
GALVESTON**

**6:00 PM – 10:00 PM**

**\$75 per person - \$78 with credit card**

**CASH BAR COCKTAIL/BUSINESS ATTIRE**

**Dinner– Dance – Entertainment**

**\*\*\* RSVP BY THURSDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> \*\*\***

**To: [rkirbie@comcast.net](mailto:rkirbie@comcast.net)**

**Celebrate the TRUMP TRAIN – FULL SPEED AHEAD!**





## January 2025 Legislative Report Vice President Janice Broussard

### For 89th Legislative Session

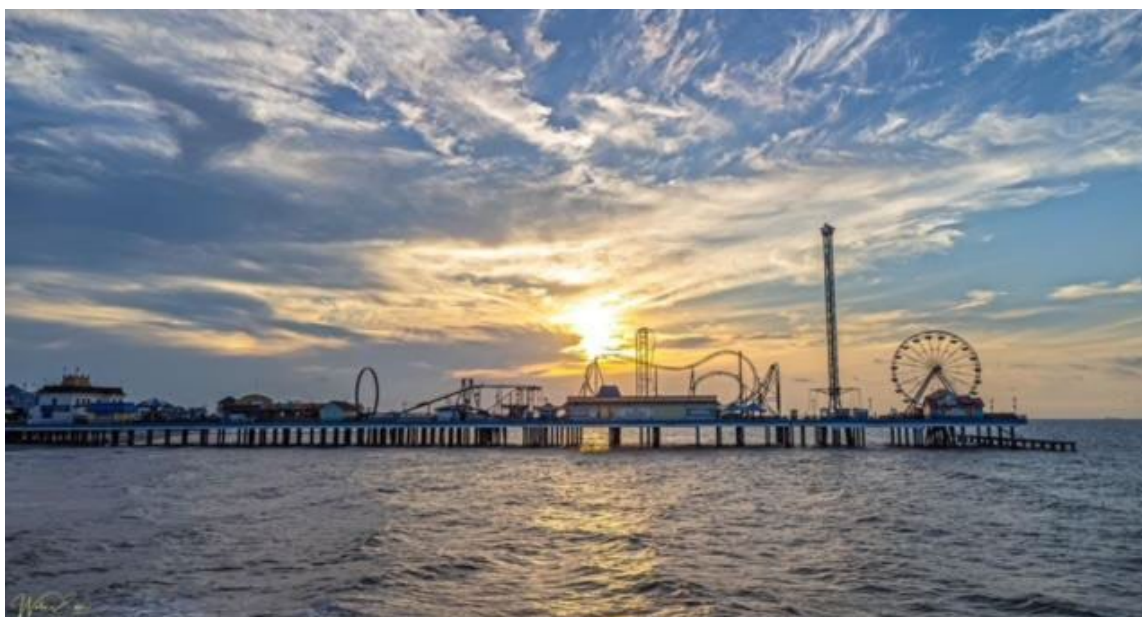
Welcome to a new year and a new legislative session. This 89th Regular Session will adjourn on January 14, 2025 and as of January 8, there has already been 1,774 bills filed in the House and 738 bills filed in the Senate. There will be many thousands of bills filed before the March 14th deadline.

There is a user-friendly site that facilitates monitoring of bills and sponsors and committee activities. Go to **[capital.texas.gov/reports/general.aspx](https://capital.texas.gov/reports/general.aspx)** Instructions will lead you through the site.

Some of the bills to monitor for election integrity include:

- SB-505 - Secretary of State to audit, assess fines and appoint a conservator to oversee elections in county for 2 election cycles for committing election fraud.
- SB-511 - Ban use of taxpayer money to mail unsolicited voter registration cards,
- SB-506 - Ban rewording of ballot language to confuse voter on voting issue.

More to come next newsletter.



**GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
POLITICAL AND CAMPAIGN  
VOLUNTEER HOURS – YEAR END RESULTS**

**\*\*\* CONGRATULATIONS \*\*\*  
WE SURPASSED OUR GOAL**

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

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>1<sup>ST</sup> Quarter</u>	<b>2415</b>	<b>1582</b>	<b>2277</b>
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</u>	<b>2216</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>1711</b>
<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</u>	<b>2039</b>	<b>1557</b>	<b>2737</b>
<u>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</u>	<b>2466</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>3056</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9136</b>	<b>5001</b>	<b>9781</b>

**Thank you AWESOME PEOPLE for submitting your volunteer hours. the results – WE NOT ONLY MET OUR 2024 GOAL OF 8,000 HOURS, WE SURPASSED IT! EXCITING!! NEW goal for 2025 is 10,000 and I KNOW we can meet that goal. Let's do it!**

**THANK YOU for your commitment to Galveston Republican Women, our Republican candidates and elected officials, AND our Republican Party.**

**SUBMIT hours to Irene Henry**

**Email: [irenem.henry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:irenem.henry@sbcglobal.net) - Text: 281.844.0598**

**OR GRW WEBSITE: SELECT "Volunteer Hours" from the menu bar**

**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 County Sheriff's Office 2025



## Galveston County Sheriff's Office Swearing In Wednesday, January 1, 2025







**The Fullen Family**



**Galveston Republican Women  
Christmas Luncheon Meeting**  
San Luis Hotel – Main Sail Room  
5222 Seawall Blvd., Galveston  
December 18, 2024

Installation of officers for 2025



**Emily Fisher, newly appointed Judge of the 306<sup>th</sup> Judicial Court, installing 2025 GRW officers.**



**Betty Henry awarding  
Linda Dreith  
The  
John Tower  
Woman of Distinction  
Award  
2024**

**Galveston Republican Women Christmas Luncheon Meeting Continued**

**Our guest speaker,  
Matt Howerton,  
Political Manager American Promise**  
**Speaking on  
Financial Election Integrity**



**Matt is a longtime family friend of David, Vaun and Irene Henry**



**Center pieces by Janice Brouard**

**Galveston Republican Women Christmas Luncheon Meeting Continued**

**Leading  
the members  
in  
The Trump Song!**



# Galveston Republican Women Christmas Luncheon Meeting Continued



## Galveston Republican Women Christmas Luncheon Meeting Continued



### *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 Minutes

Wednesday, December 18, 2024  
San Luis Hotel, Main Sail Ballroom  
5222 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, TX

President, Sylvia Horne called the meeting to order at 12 noon and welcomed everyone.

Deborah Jackson led us in the opening prayer.

Sylvia asked all Elected Officials and candidates to please come forward to lead us in the pledges.

Sylvia recognized Janice Broussard for the lovely centerpieces on the table which can be purchased for \$20.00.

### Announcements from the Podium:

1. January 11th, a workshop will be held beginning at 10:00 am, at the MUD Building, in Bayou Vista.
2. GRW is looking for someone with computer skills to assist Joyce Bell with the newsletter.
3. January 20th an Inaugural Ball will be held at Fisherman's Wharf.
4. Sylvia called Jane Rigsby to give an accounting of the monies donated to the Salvation Army: the two buckets yielded \$476.00 in Cash and \$650.00 in checks for a total of \$1,126.00; Added to that was the contributions from attendees at the GRW meetings held in October and November in the amount of \$960.00. The grand total donated was \$2,086.00.
5. Sylvia called Betty Henry to the podium to announce the "Woman of Distinction" and to present the award to Linda Dreith.

### Installation of Officers:

Sylvia called upon Emily Fisher, who was just appointed to the 306th Judicial District Court by Governor Abbott, to install the 2025 slate of Officers:

Sylvia Horne, President;  
Brenda Weber, 1st Vice President (in absentia);  
Janice Broussard, 2nd Vice President;  
Fran Card, 3rd Vice President;  
Tina Kirbie, Treasurer  
Linda Dreith, Secretary.

Program: Irene Henry introduced our speaker: Matt Howerton, Political Manager American Promise TOPIC: Financial Election Integrity

Irene Henry thanked our speaker and presented him with a "thank-you" gift.

Door Prize Drawing: Beverly Davis won: Southern Living Christmas Cook Book, a Christmas motif cutting board, dish towel and hand soap in a Christmas container

Sylvia asked everyone to stand and participate in the Trump dance.

Everyone sang "We Wish You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"  
Meeting was adjourned at 12:50

Respectively Submitted by Linda Dreith, 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.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](#)

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)

## 2025 Elected Officers



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## 2025 Advisory Board Members



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# 2025 Advisory Board Members continued



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Co-Fund Raising Chair  
Sandra Pollock  
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## 2025 Membership Chair Linda Dreith

<b>2025</b>	<b>Membership.....</b>	<b>103</b>
	<b>Regular Members.....</b>	<b>64</b>
	<b>Associate.....</b>	<b>39</b>

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Tina Kirbie, Treasurer**

**Cash Balance**

**Ending December 31, 2024**

**\$26,525.41**



# 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 #