



# GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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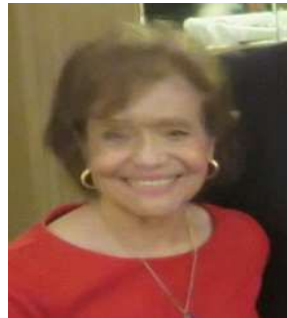
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**Volunteer Hours  
Please report your  
Hours to Irene Henry**

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## GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN Message from the President

**February 2025**

Remember Diana Washington's love song "What a difference a day makes, 24 little hours brought the sun and the flowers where there used to be rain."

Can you hear it in your head? If not, look it up and enjoy listening to it. I'm feeling that way about our country right now. So much is happening so fast it's hard to catch our breath. Seeing heads aspinning is quite fun. There is so much that needs to be fixed and we are just beginning. It took years for their slow disgusting plans some had in mind to finally get our attention. And now we have an opportunity to make things right.

The song ends with "and the difference is you." While President Trump and his administration are making a difference on the National scale; locally, the difference is you.

Be involved, speak the truth, be the difference today. Local Action equals National Impact.

Happy Valentine's Day  
Sylvia Horne, President  
Galveston Republican Women PAC

# Galveston Republican Women Luncheon Meeting

PROGRAM:  
Staying Safe  
in an  
Unsafe World

wear your  
Red

Sheriff Jimmy Fullen  
District Attorney Jack Roady  
Wesley Burns, Shooters' Corner

★ **Feb. 19th 2025 - Wed.** ★  
**@San Luis Resort & Hotel - Grand Ballroom**  
5222 Seawall Blvd., Galveston - TX

**Reception: 11:15am**

**Luncheon Meeting: 12:00pm**

\$35pp cash/check- \$38pp credit card

RSVP by SUNDAY, Feb 16th to  
Tina Kirbie, [rkirbie@comcast.net](mailto:rkirbie@comcast.net)  
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## **February 2025**

### **Legislative Report**

### **Vice President Janice Broussard**

Time for some background information for the legislature mechanics.

First the speaker is the presiding officer of the House of Representatives. Chosen from the representatives from among its members for each new legislative session.

The speaker is charged with maintaining order during floor debate, recognizing members to speak and ruling on procedural matters. As required by the constitution, the speaker is required to sign all passed bills and resolutions and may vote on all questions before the house.

The House Rules of Procedure, as adopted by the majority of the house members at the beginning of the session, determines any other duties and responsibilities of the speaker. Subject to seniority rules, the speaker appoints membership, chair and vice chair to the standing committees. The speaker also appoints conference committees, creates select committees and non-session interim studies. The speaker refers all proposed legislation to committee.

The speaker is a formidable force in the house but in a committee the chair rules. The chair presides at the committee meetings and controls deliberations and activities, schedules committees, determines the necessity of public hearings and postings and appoints all subcommittees.

New operating rules for the house include a provision prohibiting minority party chairmanships but the standing committee vice chairs are reserved for members of the minority party. Under the drafted rules, chairs will “affirm” the vice chair’s input on hearings, agendas for those hearings and invited witnesses for those hearings.

Next month we will explore some of the relevant bills and their status.

**GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
POLITICAL AND CAMPAIGN  
VOLUNTEER HOURS**

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** hours 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.

**2025 Membership Chair Linda Dreith**

<b>2025</b>	<b>Membership.....105</b>
	<b>Regular Members.....65</b>
	<b>Associate.....40</b>

*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.

**Treasurer's Report  
Tina Kirbie, Treasurer  
Cash Balance**

**Ending January 31, 2025  
\$26,183.00**

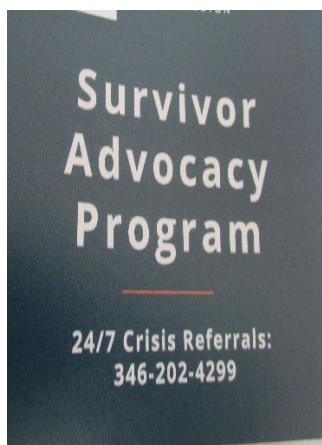
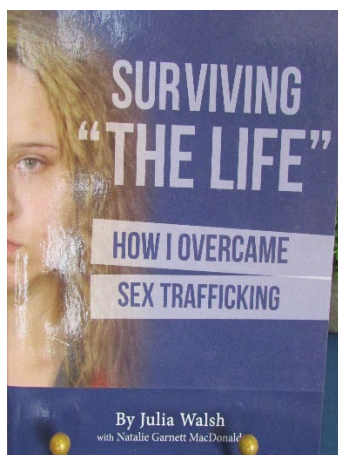
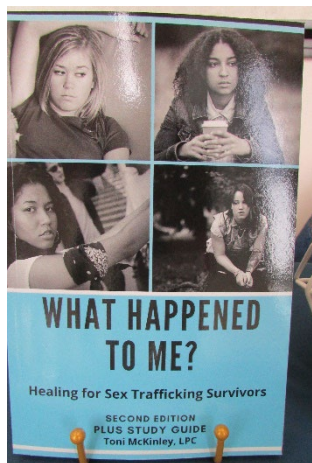
## Galveston County is getting it's own Sex Trafficking Program

Today there are an estimated 79,000 youth and minor victims of sex trafficking in the state of Texas alone. Human trafficking occurs **any time a person is forced, tricked, or manipulated into providing labor or sexual services for someone else's financial gain.** Human trafficking can include forced labor, domestic servitude, organ trafficking, debt bondage, and/or sex trafficking and forced prostitution.



Kerri Taylor founded 'Unbound Now' which has expanded into Brazoria, Galveston, Fort Bend Counties and works with Austin and College Station. Friday Jan 31, at the Galveston Court house, many community groups came together to announce that Galveston County now has its own Unbound unit, which will be called 'Care Coordination,' under the direction of John Lee.

Unbound Now works and trains the police departments in Galveston County, the Sheriff's department and even TABC, who often go into bars to check on liquor compliance and report suspected sex trafficking.



Once notified, 'Care Coordinator' sends out one of their trained advocates, to stay with victims, escort them to forensic unit at UTMB if needed, help with safe housing, clothing and many aspects of care.

The Early Intervention Specialist will meet with the identified youth to build rapport, determine goals, and set up a service plan, utilizing the Casey Life Skills Assessment Tool.

Galveston Resource Crisis Center Staff provide lectures to church and social groups but are not allowed in our schools.

FBI Special Agents have emphasized the disturbing trend of parents trafficking their own children for drugs. Often these are the parents who will not allow discussion of the subject in schools. Traffickers often use their own homes or cheap motels for these acts, driven by the need to fund their drug habits.





Fran Card

Photographer and  
Contributor of article.



# 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> 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)





## 2025 Elected Officers



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# 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):

<input type="checkbox"/> Awards	<input type="checkbox"/> Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws	<input type="checkbox"/> Fund-Raising	<input type="checkbox"/> Phone
<input type="checkbox"/> Campaign Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Get Out the Vote	<input type="checkbox"/> Program
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Legislative	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify your interest) _____		

### For GRW use only:

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

E-mail List

TFRW Submission # \_\_\_\_\_