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Message from the President

March 2025

Dodging DOGE?

"Et tu, Brute?" in *Julius Caesar*, William Shakespeare's famous play Julius Caesar was assassinated by 23 Senators during a Senate meeting on the Ides of March, March 15, in the year 44 BC. Caesar cried out "Et tu, Brute?" "You too Brutus?" as he realized the friend he had trusted and confided in was delivering the cruelest of blows.

Do you know what RICO Laws are? Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations is a 1970's US federal law that aims to combat organized crime and racketeering. It offers legal tools for evidence gathering, penalties and remedies. Since President Trump took office and Elon Musk began the DOGE review of our national budget, internet searches for "Criminal Defense Lawyer" and "RICO Laws" have surged in the Washington area 700%.

Let that sink in!

We have been disappointed by some Republican leaders we have trusted over the years. I comfort myself because I believe now as I believed then that I made the better choice. However, it would be naive for us to believe that all those searches in the DC area are by Democrats alone. Some Republicans we trusted will most certainly be finding reasons to retire soon as they try to "Dodge DOGE" as much as possible. Pay attention.

I worked at St Luke's Hospital for The Community of Hope, a lay chaplaincy training program that facilitated groups around the country. When I found myself in an uncomfortable position, my good friend, Carol, reminded me that sometimes the only thing you can do is to "Keep my side of the street clean." That is where we will be finding ourselves over the next few months. Let's remind ourselves to keep our side of the street clean, be a good steward of the gifts we are given and seek always a higher purpose.

May God Bless you and yours and our great country,

Sylvia Horne

President

Galveston Republican Women, PAC



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Volunteer Hours
 Please report your February hours to Irene Henry
irenem.henry@sbcglobal.net



GRW represented at Nut 'N Bolts





Galveston Republican Women Luncheon Meeting

Wednesday- March 19th, 2025

San Luis Hotel & Resort - Grand Ballroom
5222 Seawall Blvd, Galveston

Reception- 11:15am

Luncheon & Meeting -12:00pm

\$35 pp / \$38 with credit card

Speaker: Margaret Byfield, Executive
Director & Founder of Stewards of the Range

Topic: Protecting OUR Lands

RSVP: by March 16th to Tina Kirbie:

rkirbie@comcast.net

713-504-0304

*special diet requests must be made
with your RSVP

*cancel reservation by March 16th, in order not to be charged





March 2025 Legislative Report

Vice President Jan Broussard

Bills introduced by Terri Leo Wilson include

- HB 518** – Regulates the ownership of agricultural land by nonresident aliens or foreign entities.
- HB 2399** – Ensures transparency and details of court decisions concerning child safety and custody matters.
- HB 2400** – Use of artificial intelligence technology in the classroom for instruction is prohibited.
- HB 2403** – Texas government contracts are prohibited with specified foreign-owned companies in areas relating to critical infrastructure and information/communication technology.
- HB 2410** – Private universities would be allowed to operate open-enrollment charter schools.
- HB 735** – Labeling of country of origin of food products including meat, fish and seafood.
- HB 2387** – Provides benefits for chaplains employed by police and fire departments and other law enforcement agencies.
- HB 706** – Deals with the lack of jurisdiction of international organizations such as WHO, NATO, and World Economic Forum in the state of Texas.

Bills introduced by Mayes Middleton include

- SB 19** – Prohibit tax dollars from being used on taxpayer funded lobbying.
- SB 1005** – (In conjunction with House Bill 1554) Stop the practice of using tax dollars to pay for the legal defense of illegal immigrants.

Other notable bills filed include

- HB 402** – Prevent state agencies from using public funds to support news organizations, with the exception of such agencies as museums and libraries. (Rep Briscoe Cain -R Deer Park)

Name tags



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

Treasurer's Report
Tina Kirbie, Treasurer
Cash Balance Ending
February 28, 2025
\$26,106.36

GRW COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairwoman: Irene Henry

*"Community Engagement: Act of actively PARTICIPATING
IN and CARING ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY."*

**THIS IS WHAT WE DO – SERVE OUR COMMUNITY, SUPPORT OUR CANDIDATES AND
OUR REPUBLICAN PARTY! IT'S OUR MISSION!
INFORMED – INVOLVED – MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Community engagement is not always of a political nature. This month's newsletter gives focus on GRW's "nonpolitical" community involvement. Next month you'll learn more about the "political side" of our engagement.

PLANS UP AHEAD

- **Adopt A Cop** (Ongoing) – Headed by Marcy Hanson
Delivering cards and "care packages" to officers in appreciation for their service to our community. JOIN IN!
- **Lemonade Day** – May -We will sponsor local student/students during this day of student entrepreneurship.
- **Juneteenth Celebration** at Ashton Villa (June) – Headed by Betty Henry
GRW participates in this event since its inception. We do so again.
- **Adria Women's Health**/Galveston Pregnancy Center
GRW ladies supports these two wonderful organizations in their mission to assist women/couples facing unintended pregnancies.
- **Bradazzle** – Breast Cancer Awareness Event – October
GRW will be there to support this year's event which benefits the UTMB Mobile Mammography Program.
- **Veterans Day** – November 11th WE PROUDLY HONOR OUR VETERANS
This year we will be supporting one of the many Veteran organization's in need.
- **Salvation Army** (Ring the Bell) – December
GRW will once again support this annual event to raise money for the SA.

POLITICAL/CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER HOURS

2024 GOAL – 8,000 2024 ACTUAL 9781
2025 GOAL – 20,000 HOURS

We **CAN** do this! We **ARE** doing this- **YOU** only need to submit the number of tireless hours you spend supporting Galveston Republican Women and other Republican PACs/Clubs, supporting our Republican candidates and elected officials, and supporting **OUR Republican Party**.

MEMBERS: Submit hours to GRW

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Submit hours to **GRW IF GRW IS YOUR HOME CLUB**. If another Republican Women Club is your home club, submit hours to them – JUST SUBMIT!

SUBMIT hours to Irene Henry

*Email: irenem.henry@sbcglobal.net or Phone/Text: 281.844.0598 OR
GRW WEBSITE: SELECT "Volunteer Hours" from the menu bar.*

We want you



to join
Galveston Republican Women!



Texas Federation of Republican Women
Legislative Day
AT THE CAPITOL

 Clear Creek
 Republican Women

 GALVESTON
 Republican Women

MARCH 20-21, 2025
 AT&T Hotel and Conference Center
 1900 University Ave, Austin, TX 78705

Registration Fee: \$90
 Includes lunch provided by TFRW

Scan to Register: 

Registration Deadline
March 10th

Event Details
 Enjoy training sessions on how to effectively communicate with your legislators, how to testify on a bill, how to use Texas Legislature online, and presentations on important issues facing this legislative session and Texas. You will have a working lunch and then head to the capital to use what you have learned to talk to our representatives.

CCRW & GRW Bus Ride (Fri. 3/21)
 Charter Bus transportation provided by *Apple Towing, Co.*
 Breakfast Tacos & Chick-Fil-A Dinner provided by *State Senator Mayes Middleton* & *State Representatives Dr. Greg Bonnen, MD & Terri Leo-Wilson*
 Capitol Tour with CCRW & GRW (Optional)

You must register for the event in order to ride the bus
RSVP to Cinnamon Scully at (832) 274-5127

Sad News

Our Deepest Sympathy to one of our past presidents of GRW, Dr. Yolanda Waters (2016 & 2017), whose husband, Alan Waters, passed away on February 19, 2025. He had served on the College of Mainland Board for many years.

A time to Celebrate Alan Water's life will be determined at a later date. GRW will announce those details when we have them.

Please keep Dr. Waters & her family in your prayers.

Rest in Peace Alan. May you enjoy the beauty of seeing God face to face.

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President, Sylvia Horne



Chaplain, Marcy Hanson



Jack Roady Kristin Day Jimmy Fullen Brenda Weber

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 Meeting Continued....



Jeannie Koenig Fran Card Carol Jean Mulrain Jan Broussard Sylvia Horne Irene Henry Marcy Hanson Jane Rigsby



Judge Rebecca Milo Benda Weber Chris Kinard Michelle Hatmaker



Lorreta Roberts Judge Michelle Slaughter Kayla Allen Roxanne Lewis



Bobbie Loretta Roxanne Cindy Amber



Kristen Barbara Emmeline Pam Terri Wendy

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 Meeting Continued....



Georgia Young and other visitors from Clear Creek and Pearland Republican Women



**Irene Henry with
Cathy and Chris Fredrickson**



**Betty Henry with
Paula and Neil Eshelman**



**Vaun Henry Mary Jo
Naschke Joe
Guistie**



**Pam
Schwertner Marilyn
Swanson**

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 Meeting Continued....



Cheryl Crawford Vicki Hooten Sylvia Horne



Ann Winkleman Brenda Atchley



Renee and Jon Siewers



Bill Mattson Mollie Smith



Irene Henry Deborah Roan



Greg Gardner Jack Roady



Fran and Terry Card



**Cindy Duty Betty Henry Faye Keller
Carol Jean Mulrain Henry Elmendorf**

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Lunch Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

San Luis Hotel – GRAND BALLROOM
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President, Sylvia Horne called the meeting to order at 12 noon and welcomed everyone
Chaplin Marcy Hanson led us in the opening prayer.

President Sylvia:

1. Requested that we all say the Pledge of Allegiance to The United States of American and Texas.
2. Asked all new members to stand and be recognized.
3. Quoted Jordan Peterson: "As we become more accustomed to 'Winning' I'm not tired of it yet..." and "Wandering Uphill, every citizen has the responsibility of Civic Engagement"
4. Announced the winning raffle ticket for the bronze statue of President Trump.

Program: Staying Safe in an Unsafe World: a handout was at each place setting cautioning people to Focus, Avoid Distraction, Pair Up and listed the different types of Self Defense devices,
Brenda Weber introduced our speakers: Jimmy Fullen, Galveston County Sheriff, Jack Roady, Galveston County District Attorney, Wesley Burns, and Kristen Day.

Jimmy Fullen, :

1. Fully Staffed;
2. Committed to cleaning up the hot spots of Bayshore, San Leon and Boliver from drugs and other illegal activities;
3. Dealing with the mental health crisis;
4. Pledging to be transparent; and,
5. Cautioned everyone to be aware of their surroundings.

Kristen Day, Member of CCRW and Trains Women in Firearms Safety:

1. Situation Awareness;
2. Eye Contact is important;
3. Practice your skills; and
4. Lock your doors.

Jack Roady, Galveston County District Attorney:

1. The Self Defense Law in Texas is Clear;
2. You have a right to protect yourself, your property, another person and their property
3. Devil is in the details'
4. Deadly force is a crime and subject to investigation to see if it was justified;
5. Look up the Texas State Law Library and search 'stand your ground'".

Wesley Burns, Manager of Shooters Corner in Texas City:

1. Regarding the different devices listed on the handout, you should keep in mind what intentions you have for using the device, since this will determine what to purchase;
2. Practicing is essential.

Question and Answer Period

Brenda Weber thanked our speakers and presented them with a "thank-you" gift.

Tina Kirbie stated that we recently revised our Bylaws according to Texas Federation of Republican Women standards. GRW will send, via Constant Contact, a copy of the new Bylaws to all the Primary (Regular) Members. In order for us to be able to adopt the new Bylaws, 2/3rds of our Primary Members must vote in favor of accepting them.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00

Respectively Submitted by Linda Dreith, Recording Secretary.

Calendar of Events

Save The Date

1st Monday	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 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

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

Young Republicans of Galveston County: [Facebook](#)

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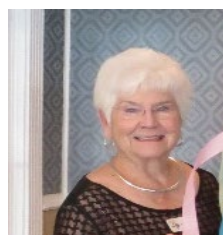


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2025 Membership Chair Asta Timm

2025 (as of February 28, 2025)	Membership.....	128
	Regular Members	74
	Associate	54

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



GRW-PAC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION 2025

Dues for the 2025 Membership Year are payable NOW.

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 #