

MAY 2021

NEWSLETTER

TFRW Region #17 · Senate District #3

Meetings:

Second Thursday of Each Month Check-In 11:30 AM Program Noon (odd months)

Check-In 5:30 PM Program 6:00 PM (even months)



Letter From Our President

Greetings, Everyone.

This year is passing by rather quickly. Just think, this month will be the end of another school year. We are thankful we have made it through a full year of "COVID" learning and high school and college graduations are upcoming. Pandemic changes are becoming the norm. Teachers and students have adapted to e-learning as well as grandparents and parents have adapted to virtual online doctor visits and working from home.

We look forward to our May 13th meeting to hear a very informative discussion about the COVID 19 pandemic and how it has affected our lives now and in the future. Our guest speaker will be John J. Woods, Chief Growth Officer, Genesis Medical Group (GMG). He will have a candid discussion about the COVID-19 pandemic and opinions about a return to pre-pandemic norms.

We will also be hosting the VFW Color Guard. They will carry out a Memorial Day ceremony honoring all the men and women that have paid the ultimate sacrifice while performing their military duties serving in the US Armed Forces.

May is marked officially as "Military Appreciation Month". Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to ensure the nation was given the chance to publicly show their appreciation for troops past and present. Each year the president makes a proclamation, reminding Ameri-

cans of the important role the U.S. Armed Forces have played in the history and development of our country.

LBRW is offering a great scholarship opportunity for Republican Women of Montgomery County. A \$1,000 Scholarship is offered to the winning lady that has a minimum 60 college hours completed and a GPA of 3.5 or better. The scholarship package must be received no later than July 30, 2021. A copy of the application and award requirements may be found in this newsletter and on the website at www.libertybellesrw.com/schol

We would like to recognize the newly formed RW club – Republican Women of Greater Fish Creek. We are proud to say, this will make the eighth Republican Women's Club in Montgomery County. Welcome!

May 13th will be our last meeting until September 9, 2021. Enjoy your summer! Be safe! And we will see everyone back in September.

Together we will continue to keep Texas the great state that it is!

Republican Women are the life of the party!

**Always grateful,
Caroline McWilliams
President
Liberty Belles Republican Women**

May

GENERAL MEETING

**Join Us May 13th,
11:30am - 1pm at:**

**Panorama Golf Club
73 Greenbriar Dr, Conroe, TX 77304**

Tickets Available May 1st at:

www.libertybellesrw.com

Just a friendly reminder, RSVP's to attend a Liberty Belles General Membership meeting ends on the Friday prior to our meetings. Our meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month. We are having a large number of people calling or emailing after our required number has to be turned in to the restaurant staff for food to be ordered.

**AFTER MAY,
OUR NEXT MEETING
WILL BE IN
SEPTEMBER!
ENJOY YOUR
SUMMER!**

May Meeting

GUEST SPEAKER



**Liberty Belles May 13th Lunch Meeting, Guest Speaker John Woods.
"A Candid COVID 19 Pandemic Discussion"**

Please RSVP and purchase your lunch by Friday, May 7, 2021 on our website at www.libertybellesrw.com

Check-in and lunch at 11:30 am. Program begins at 12:00 noon for Liberty Belles May 13th lunch meeting at Panorama Golf Club, 73 Greenbrier Dr., Conroe, TX 77304.

Our guest speaker will be John J. Woods, Chief Growth Officer, Genesis Medical Group (GMG). He will have a candid discussion about the COVID-19 pandemic and opinions about a return to pre-pandemic norms. In honor of Memorial Day, VFW Post 4709 will present colors and host a Memorial Day Program to commemorate all men and women who have died while serving our country in the US Military.

This is going to be a very "Hot Topic" discussion. We plan to have a huge attendance, so please RSVP now to reserve your seat!

See you Thursday, May 13th at 11:30 am!

We will also be honoring Memorial Day.

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	NOTE
May 9	Happy Mothers' Day	
May 13	LBRW Meeting	Panorama Golf Club • 11:30am
July 8 -11	Texas Youth Leadership Summit	TTU Center at Junction
Aug 26	LBRW Board Meeting	Bell Jackson's House • 5:30pm

Campaign Hours!

Did you know that all your hours of hard work for the Republican Party can be added up for an AWARD?!?! That's right! Send us your campaign hours and let's bring home the trophy!



Here are examples of what counts for hours:

- Working polls
- Going to republican events
- Hosting republican events
- Volunteering for any republican GOP or candidate
- Hours spent driving to and from all republican events

Are there hours that don't count? Yes, only one. DO NOT count the hours spent at the club's Monthly Meetings.

If you have any questions please visit our website: www.libertybellesrw.com/committees



OPEN TO COLLEGE STUDENTS
& HIGH SCHOOL JRS & SRS

TEXAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT JULY 8-11

Leadership Institute
Kimble County Republican Party
Republican Party of Texas

cordially invite you to attend



TTU Center at Junction

Apply at texasyouthdevelopment.weebly.com

Limited space available

email for info: TexasYLS@gmail.com

QR Code for direct link to application



www.junction.ttu.edu

TEXAS FEDERATION
of
Republican Women

TFRW 2021 BIENNIAL CONVENTION
OCTOBER 13-16, 2021

**CLICK HERE
TO WATCH THE
TFRW 2021
CONVENTION
VIDEO!**



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CONVENTIONS

**CLICK HERE
TO MAKE
YOUR ROOM
RESERVATION!**

3001 KALAHARI BLVD,
ROUND ROCK, TX 78665

Get ready to come Dazzle at the TFRW 2021 Biennial Convention this fall, October 13-16, 2021 at the African-themed Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center in Round Rock, Texas. The resort features an indoor waterpark, a luxurious spa, world-class dining, arcades, and a state-of-the-art convention center for your enjoyment during your stay.

The Biennial Convention will include educational workshops and speakers, exposure to related organizations and companies in the exhibit area, opportunities for engagement with fellow TFRW members, and so much more.



Texas Federation of Republican Women 33rd BIENNIAL CONVENTION October 13-16, 2021 ★ Round Rock, Texas

MEMBER/GUEST of MEMBER

AT-LARGE DELEGATE

DELEGATE

ALTERNATE

Early Registration

\$190.00
Through June 30, 2021

Registration

\$250.00
July 01-September 30

Late Registration \$335.00

October 1-10

Name to appear on badge _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Occupation (REQUIRED) _____

My TFRW Club is _____

List any dietary restrictions _____

List any other restrictions _____

I am President of my TFRW Club.

You will receive an email from Eventbrite to confirm your registration.

Please check each event that you plan to attend.

<input type="checkbox"/> Meet & Greet Elected Officials / Candidates	Thursday, October 14th	9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> Come & Go Welcome Reception	Thursday, October 14th	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> TFRW Officer Slate Meet & Greet	Thursday, October 14th	8:00 PM - 9:00 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> Buffet Breakfast Hosted By Commissioner Christi Craddick	Friday, October 15th	7:30 AM - 8:45 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> Club Awards Luncheon *	Friday, October 15th	12:30 PM - 2:25 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> 10 Outstanding Awards Banquet Dinner*	Friday, October 15th	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Breakfast Buffet **	Saturday, October 16th	7:30 AM - 8:45 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> TFRW Officer Installation Luncheon *	Saturday, October 16th	1:15 PM - 2:45 PM

* At these events, you will be seated with your club unless you specify otherwise. (Check Below if a Patron)

TFRW 2021 Patron Members I am a TFRW Patron/Associate Patron. My club is a Patron Club. I am the Patron designee

As a Patron for dining events, I wish to be seated At a Patron's Table With my Club

** RESERVATIONS for the MEMORIAL BREAKFAST are REQUIRED due to limited seating.

President's Dinner available online separately at: Saturday, October 16th 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

www.tfrw.org/events/convention

ADDON # ___ @\$12.00 each Dazzle Convention PIN To Be picked up at TFRW Booth

TOTAL DUE \$

TFRW Patrons & Past 10 Outstanding Award Honoree/10 Outstanding Reunion & TFRW Patrons Reception

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Friday, October 15th: I will attend as a past 10 Outstanding Award Honoree as a 2021 Patron

Mail completed form and a personal or PAC check made payable to: TFRW Convention 2021 PAC, Attn: 2021 Registration, PO BOX 171146, Austin, TX 78717-0041

NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR CANCELLATIONS; HOWEVER, NAME CHANGES WILL BE ALLOWED. ALL NAME CHANGES MUST BE RECEIVED BY TFRW IN WRITING BY MAIL OR EMAIL. NO NAME CHANGES WILL BE HONORED AFTER October 13, 2021. EMAIL NAME CHANGE REQUESTS TO TFRW@TFRW.ORG, OR MAIL THEM TO TFRW, PO BOX 171146, AUSTIN, TX 78717-0041. HOTEL ROOM CHANGES MUST BE HANDLED WITH THE HOTEL DIRECTLY. SOLICITATIONS MADE BY FEDERAL CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS ARE LIMITED BY FEDERAL LAW. THE FEDERAL CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS ARE SOLICITING ONLY DONATIONS OF UP TO \$2500 FROM INDIVIDUALS AND UP TO \$5000 FROM MULTI-CANDIDATE POLITICAL COMMITTEES. THEY ARE NOT SOLICITING DONATIONS IN ANY AMOUNT FROM CORPORATIONS, LABOR ORGANIZATIONS, NATIONAL BANKS, FEDERAL CONTRACTORS, OR FOREIGN NATIONALS. POLITICAL AD PAID FOR BY TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN CONVENTION 2021 PAC, A TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATION UNDER SECTION 527 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CODE. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TFRW CONVENTION 2021 PAC ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE AS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES. CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOT PERMITTED. NOT AUTHORIZED BY ANY CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE

September Meeting

GUEST SPEAKER

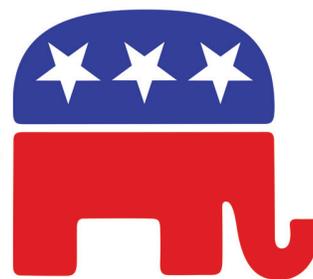
2020-2021 TFRW President
Glynis Chester

TFRW provides the avenue for women to influence policy, develop candidates, and elect the leaders of Texas. We are a multi-generational, multicultural organization that provides the structure and support for political activists to learn, engage, and flourish.

*Join us in September
for one meeting you
will not want to miss!*



Republican Reports



As a follow up to our newsletter last month we would like to report that SB 11 has died on the Senate floor. Senator Huffman vows to try again in two years:

<https://www.houstonpublic-media.org/articles/news/politics/2021/04/09/395442/republicans-push-to-consolidate-power-in-texas-appeals-courts/>

LBRW has resolved our sup-

port for HB 4599 which creates a new County Court at Law for Montgomery County. The language from HB 4599 has been included in two omnibus bills numbered SB 1530 and HB 3774. These bills are efficiently making their way through the legislative process and are expected to pass thus creating our newest court in Montgomery County.

Some weeks ago constitutional carry made out of the House.

Since then there has been much ado concerning the bill as it appeared that Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick was reluctant to schedule the bill for hearing. Recently, though the bill made it past the Senate Committee and is headed to the Senate floor for a vote soon.

<https://www.texastribune.org/2021/04/29/constitutional-carry-dan-patrick-texas-senate/>



Scholarship/Awards



With students and families overwhelmed by the cost of college the Liberty Belles Scholarship

Committee is happy to announce that we are currently taking applications for the 2021 scholarship year. The award of \$1,000. will be announced this fall.

We are proud to continue helping graduates and undergraduate students who reside in Montgomery County. The Liberty Belles are extremely pleased to be able to help an individual pursue their education goals. The scholarship

provided by Liberty Belles would not be possible without the outstanding members donations. We would like to thank all our sponsors and participants in our annual FUNraiser held this past spring. The mystery dinner party theme was a great success.

We encourage all our members to reach out to any students they know to apply for our 2021 scholarship award by completing all steps on our website. Deadline for applications July 30, 2021.

Michelle Johnson

Scholarship/ Awards

<https://www.libertybellesrw.com/schol>

Past Recipients



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Liberty Belles Republican Women College Scholarship Award Requirements

Completed application and all required documentation is due by **July 30, 2021**

1. College student with at least 60 hours completed
2. Female
3. Enrolled in college for the Spring of 2021
4. GPA of 3.5 or higher (submit most recent college transcript)
5. A brief scheduled interview (in person or virtually).
6. Two brief letters of recommendation – one from an adult (not a relative) who can attest to your character and achievements, and one letter from a different adult who can verify your official academic achievements including your GPA. Letters should be personal and informal. Writers should address the letters to ‘Liberty Belles Republican Women Scholarship Committee.’
7. One double spaced essay (approximately 200-250 words) relating to why you believe you should be awarded this scholarship and how you plan to demonstrate future Republican activism.
8. A small current photo of yourself
9. Registered to vote
10. Resident of Montgomery County, Texas
11. A completed scholarship application

Mail your scholarship packet with all materials listed above to:
Michelle Johnson 11775 Grand Harbor Blvd., Montgomery, TX 77356

All other questions and other correspondence should be addressed to:
michellelibertybells@gmail.com

We hope to hear from you soon. Thank you for applying!

Liberty Belles Scholarship Committee

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Liberty Belles Republican Women Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Texas Zip Code:** _____

Home phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Email Address: _____

Current GPA : _____ **Are you registered to vote?** _____

Major(s): _____ **Did you vote in the last election?** _____

Community Activities including political, civic, and school positions held:

Activity	Organization	Position Held	Year(s)

Participation in activities that support the Republican Party or its conversation platform:

Activity	Organization	Date Performed

College (s) applied to: _____

College (s) accepted for 2021: _____

Note: Include additional pages if needed

I verify that the information above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ **Date** _____



Ruthie McGrath

Update From Our Hospitality Committee

As Chairman of the Hospitality Committee I would like to thank those who are making their reservations online by the deadline. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the months we meet and our deadline for the rsvps is the Friday before the meeting. I know we are all busy people so I organized a Telephone Committee to contact the members each month

giving details of the meeting. Most of the committee will text as many of us don't answer unknown phone numbers. A text will allow you to review the details and even forward to a friend you would like to invite. It is very important to notice the deadline so we have an accurate number to turn in to the Clubhouse. There may be a time your plans change and

you are able to attend and the deadline has passed. If that happens please call me and let me know. Please also call if you need a special dietary meal or want to attend without eating so I have adequate seating. I would like you to let me know if you are not getting a reminder call or text so I can resolve that issue.

(713)557-7663

Thanks to all who are getting their reservations in online by the Friday before the meetings. I need an accurate number to turn in so the restaurant can prepare our meals.

I also appreciate those who contact me for dietary limitations or who are not eating but need seating. This is especially necessary since we have seating restrictions at this time.





Learn From Lady Justice

Helpful Information From
Judge, Claudia Laird
Montgomery County Court #2

Do You Have A Will?

The good news is writing a will is much easier than you think. In Texas there are two types of wills: a formal will (executed with formalities including two witnesses) and a holographic will. Both types of wills are equally valid. A holographic will has only two requirements. First, it must be entirely in the testator's handwriting, and second, it must be signed by the testator. Who is the testator? Very simply put, it's the dead guy. So, if you write a will to dispose of your things after you pass away then you are the testator. Just hand write a will and sign it. It's that easy.

There are some other things you can include in your will, that are not required, but are helpful to those of us who are involved with the process that takes place after death.

It is helpful if you date your will.

It is helpful if stated in your will

that, "this will revokes all prior wills." If you have a prior will, this lets us know that you are replacing that will. Even if you don't have a prior will, someone may produce some writing (maybe a letter or something they made up) that they claim is your will.

It is helpful if you put what we attorneys call a residuary clause in your will. A residuary clause tells us what to do with "the rest of your belongings" as the case may be. If you have a very simple will that says something like, "I give everything to my wife, Jane Doe" then a residuary clause is not necessary. Lots of folks like to give different items to different people, though. A will may indicate that a piece of jewelry goes to someone, the guns go to someone else and the house to yet another individual. In this situation, oftentimes, something is missed. Maybe more jewelry, guns or property was bought after

the will was made. Maybe the testator simply forgot to mention a vehicle or bank account. The residuary clause would state, "The remainder of my estate goes to [person's name]." This makes sure the probate judge knows what happens to ALL of your property, not just things you noted specifically.

Fill in the blank forms that can be found on-line do not qualify as holographic wills, because they are partially typed and partially in the testator's handwriting. Remember, the holographic will must be entirely in the testator's handwriting (no typing). Typed forms can qualify as a formal will, if they are signed and witnessed under circumstances that exceed the scope of information in this article.

This author always suggests seeking out legal advice when a will is desired.

April Meeting



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We Got A Shout Out From TFRW!

Shout out!

The following clubs have reached or surpassed 100% of their membership goals for 2021. Thank you for all you do! Continue to grow!

SMALL CLUBS

Alice King RW	Angleton RW
Barbara Bush RW*	Baytown RW*
Braes RW	Buffalo Gap RW
Burleson Area RW*	Cameron Co RW
Chambers Co RW*	Cross Timbers RW*
Dallas Downtown RW	Dallas Star RW*
East Montgomery Co RW*	Falls County RW*
Grimes County RW*	Irving RW*
Pecan Valley RW*	RW of Burleson Co*
RW Denton Collin Dallas Co*	Shelby Co RW*
Spirit of Goliad RW*	Texas Cactus Rose RW*
Texas Tea Party RW*	Upshur County RW*
Val Verde Co RW*	West Pearland RW*

* Club has surpassed 100%

MEDIUM CLUBS

Brazosport RW	Cherokee Co RW*
Greater El Paso RW*	Hutchinson Co RW*
Kendall Co RW*	Nueces Co RW*
RW of Trinity Co*	Washington Co RW*
Wilson Co RW*	

LARGE CLUBS

Clear Creek RW*	Coppell RW*
Fannin County RW*	Fort Bend RW*
Hays County RW*	Liberty Belles RW*
Salado Area RW*	Texarkana Texas RW*
The Woodlands RW*	Walker Co RW*
Wise County RW*	

JUMBO CLUBS

Burnet County RW*	Lubbock Area RW*
Northwest Forrest RW*	Rockwall Co RW*
RW of Katy*	Smith Co RW*

SUPER JUMBO CLUBS

Parks Cities RW*

A **BIG** thank you to Charlotte Belin, 2nd VP of Membership and all the other hard working Liberty Belle Memebers for helping our club surpass 100% of our membership goal for this year! Great job y'all!

Local Liberty Support



WE KICKED MAY OFF RIGHT BY SUPPORTING COMMISSIONER ROBERT WALKER AT HIS LOCAL FUNDRAISER!



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LIBERTY BELLES MEETING

April 8, 2021

Minutes

Call to Order at 6:09 p.m. by President Caroline McWilliams at the Panorama Club House. There were approximately 34 in attendance.

Judge Dennis Watson led the prayer and led the National Pledge of Allegiance. County Commissioner Robert Walker led the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of Elected Officials: Judge Dennis Watson, presiding Judge of County Court at Law Number One; Commissioner Robert Walker, Precinct; and Sarah Tillman Henry was in attendance for Representative Will Metcalf.

Ms. Henry gave an update as to what is going on during this legislative session in Austin, Texas. The house and senate passed election integrity measures. The house passed several second amendment bills. The Texas legislature is funding troopers on the Texas side of the border. Rep. Metcalf's bill, HB 2211, "hospital visitation rights visitation bill" is still advancing. The bill would provide for each patient to have one advocate in the hospital with the patient when there is a declared public health disaster. Senate Bill 11 reorganizes COA's, and Re. Metcalf is opposed. The law forming a new county court at law number Six in Montgomery County should pass. The new court, by vote of the local judges, will include full time juvenile court cases and civil cases under \$250,000.

Minutes – There were no additions or corrections to the minutes from February 2021. As there were no corrections, the Minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report – There was no Treasurer's Report.

Old Business – The FUNraiser on March 4, 2021 was well attended. Thanks went out to sponsors, those who participated in the "mystery", and donors.

New Business - TFRW (Texas Federation of Republican Women) state biennial convention will be held October 13-16, 2021 at the Kalahari Resort in Round Rock, Texas.

Michelle Johnson, Scholarship Chair encouraged everyone to look for applications for scholarships on the website.

Dar Kurtz introduced the speaker, Nick Adams.

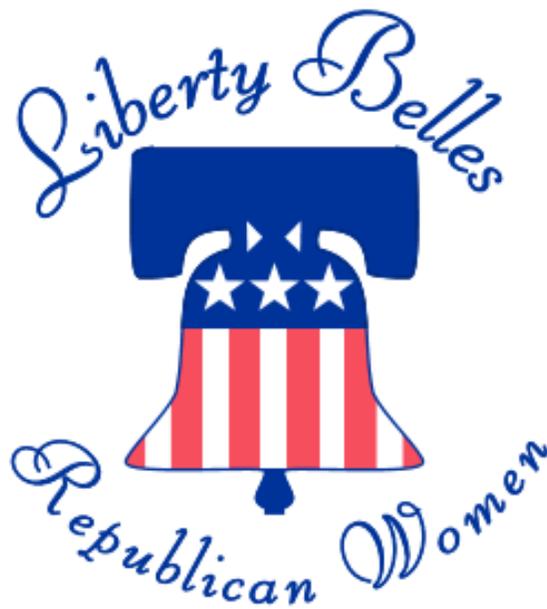
Bob Hathaway donated the door prize, and Jane Johnson claimed the winning ticket.

The next meeting is May 13, 2021 at noon.

Charlotte Belin made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ruthie McGrath seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:015 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Hall
Acting Secretary



Links

Below you will find all updated links that are clickable

Liberty Belles Republican Women:
www.libertybellesrw.com

Liberty Belles Republican Women Bylaws:
www.libertybellesrw.com/about

Liberty Belles Republican Women Membership Form:
www.libertybellesrw.com/about

Texas Federation of Republican Women:
www.tfrw.org



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Republicans believe every day is the Fourth of July, but the democrats believe every day is April 15.

— *Ronald Reagan* —

AZ QUOTES

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