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God Bless America

President's Message

Cheree' Barrett

DECEMBER 7, 1941 A DAY THAT WILL LIVE IN INFAMY

Yes, that is what President Roosevelt said after the mass surprise attack at Pearl Harbor Hawaii. Today is the 80th anniversary of the attack and the over 2000 casualties that were suffered that day.

Last March our family went to Oahu and we all took the tour of Pearl Harbor. A lot of things are different than the last time I was there in the early 90's. Rick was doing his 2 weeks active duty and I flew over for a week. They show footage in a theatre of that day and it was pretty terrible same as the movie. What is always different are the stories about that day. In fact, I read one last night that there were 2 babies born on December 7 in the midst of all the blood, death and pain, 2 babies were born. In a small room, and they relocated twice while they were in labor. He said sometimes people did pick up on it reading his birth certificate but most times not.

The Japanese had been pretending to be our friends and even gave the President friendship medals but knew they were lying then.

When you go to the Arizona Memorial the boat takes you by battleship row. We don't even have battleships now. So, on our visit my husband, Rick, talked to our grandchildren about what made a battleship and how it was different from the ship he was on and why we don't have those anymore. When we got to the Arizona it appears as it the smokestacks are almost rusted off and water height. The memorial straddles the ship, so you see both ends. What I found interesting is how many sailors have had their remains returned to the Arizona to be buried with their shipmates. They have the names of the men who perished that day and then other names have been added. You have to wonder what connection there that is makes them have that much loyalty to their shipmates. Was it because you didn't have a phone or internet to stay in touch so that's all the family they had? Or could they have that much love for their country. I choose to believe it is both.

Whatever it is we need it today!

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Caring for America Committee Update

By Melody Allen

So, we've just about made it through another year, and we've had another successful campaign for our Caring for America project for this year. We have been collecting Kleenex, paper towels, bottled water, and laundry detergent for the Fisher House, and let me tell you, my garage is full since I'm housing the collected items there until we deliver them later this month! The items are taking up so much space (which is a good thing since we've collected A LOT), that my husband will be glad to get that space back in the garage soon! Ha!

There's still time to donate, though, if you haven't done so already, or, you have already donated and want to do more! Reach out to any of us on the Caring for America committee, and we will work out a date and time to collect any more items from you.

Currently, we are planning to deliver the collected items to the Fisher House on Tuesday, 12/28. We plan to take a tally and provide a breakdown of all the items collected. We will also take some pictures and will gladly share the tally and pics with all of you! Look for this info in the January newsletter.

We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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ECRW December Meeting

On December 4, 2021 at 9am the Ellis County Republican Women held their Annual Christmas Brunch at the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce, 102 YMCA Drive. Special guests including Judge Cindy Ermatinger, Judge Bob Carroll, Congressman Jake Ellzey, Constable Casey Borders, Candidate Rich Ridgeway.

President Barrett welcomed the members and guests, and Melody Allen gave the invocation. The program was the swearing in of the 2022 officers by Judge Ermatinger using the Bible held by Congressman Ellzey. Judge Ermatinger and Judge Carroll gave an update of their court hearings being moved to the Waxahachie Civic Center due to the COVID 19 pandemic. A brief history of the Ellis County Republican Women organization was by Judge Carroll.

Beverly Gatlin, decorating chair, used black tablecloths, Christmas table runners and potted red Poinsettias were used for the festive affair.

The members provided an array of delicious food.

Texas Federation of *Republican Women*

Save the Date!

Leadership Day 2022

Embassy Suites by Hilton Hotel
Conference Center & Spa
San Marcus, Texas

First Qtr. Board Meeting Friday, January 28

Leadership Day, Saturday, January 29

Advent Devotion on Love

By Rev. Stefani Reed-Meyer,
daughter of Melanie Reed

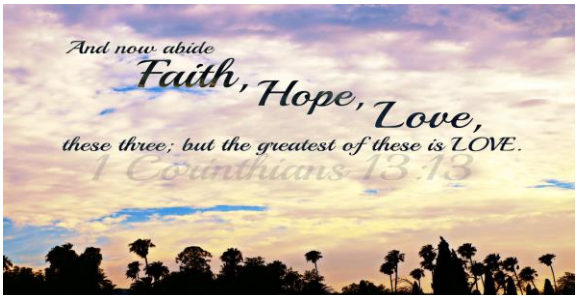
It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight.

Philippians 1:7-9

Love is a necessary part of Advent. It is only through love that we even celebrate Christmas. Although Paul comes after the birth of Jesus, his opening to the letter to the church at Philippi offers a lesson for all of us. He asks the church to let their love overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight. Don't we all want more knowledge and insight? Don't we all want to grow and do better and learn from our mistakes? Paul entertains the idea that this type of growth can only happen through an overflowing of love. There must be something inside of each of us actively participating in love in order for us to grow in our knowledge and insight. It's a beautiful idea. As a pastor, I always want to read one more book before I finish my sermon - I want to make sure I've gotten all the knowledge I can before I tackle bringing about a message. But what is a sermon without love? What is Advent without the reminder of the love God has for all God's people? May we choose love today.

PRAYER

God, we ask that your love overflow from each of us. Encourage us to find ways to demonstrate love to others and to grow in the process. Amen.

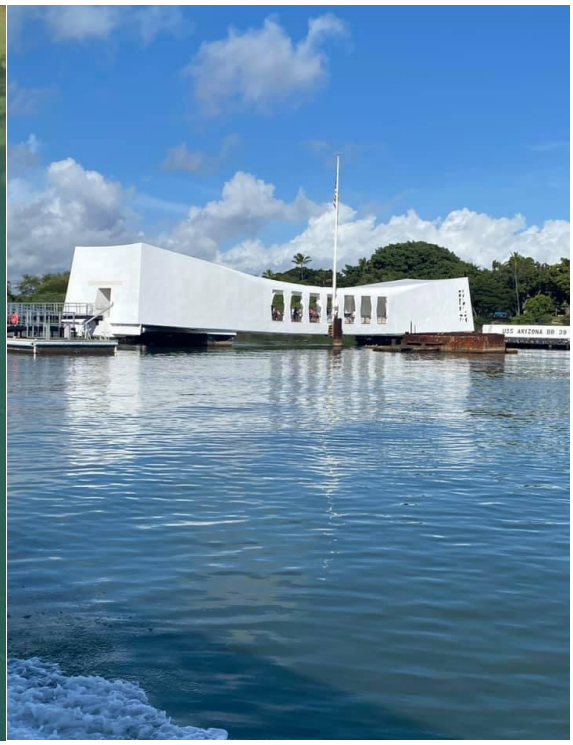


2022 Officers being sworn in by Judge Ermatinger

President Cheree' Barrett, 1VP Melody Allen, 2VP Beverly Gatlin, 3rd VP Carol Bouldin, Secretary Melinda Reed, Treasurer Susan Worthy and Cong. Jake Ellzey.

President Cheree' Barrett and Melanie Reed surprised me with gifts for years of service in the ECRW.

~Tommie



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2022 Officers and Committee Chairs

Cheree' Barrett	President
Melody Allen	1VP – Program
Beverly Gatlin	2VP Membership
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Caring for America	Jennifer Zarate
	Linda Bounds
Legislative	Tommie Worthy
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It's hard for me to find the words to express my feelings of appreciation to a group of Republican ladies and friends. This organization has meant the world to me whether here in Ellis County or in other parts of this great state of TEXAS. Over the years I have garnered many lovely friends that I dearly love mingling with when I get the chance. Thanks for the opportunity to be a member of ECRW.

With Love,
Tommie

Office of the Secretary of State of Texas - Certified Candidates
Election Date- 03/01/2022 – 2022 March 1ST Republican Primary

Office	Candidate Name	Candidate Status	Party
State Representative District 10	Brian Harrison	Primary	Republican
District Judge, 40th Judicial	Bob Carroll	Primary	Republican
County Judge	Chuck Edge	Primary	Republican
	Todd Little	Primary	Republican
County Court t Law NO. 1	Jim Chapman	Primary	Republican
County Court at law NO. 2	A. Gene Calvert, Jr.	Primary	Republican
District Clerk	Melanie Reed	Primary	Republican
County Clerk	Krystal Valdez	Primary	Republican
County Tax Assessor-Collector	Paul Christenson	Primary	Republican
	Richard Rozier		
County Treasurer	Cheryl Chambers	Primary	Republican
County Commissioner Precinct 2	Lane Grayson	Primary	Republican
County Commissioner Precinct 4	Kyle Butler	Primary	Republican
	Dennis Deweerd	Primary	Republican
	Rich Ridgeway	Primary	Republican
Justice of the Peace Precinct 1	Chris Macon	Primary	Republican
Justice of the Peace Precinct 2	Jackie Miller, Jr.	Primary	Republican
Justice of the Peace Precinct 3	Dan Cox	Primary	Republican
Justice of the Peace Precinct 4	Cody McKinney	Primary	Republican
	Louis Ponder	Primary	Republican
	Danell Winter	Primary	Republican
County Constable Precinct 2	Casey A Borders	Primary	Republican