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God Bless America

President's Message

Cheree' Barrett

Well, our year is coming to a close. I don't know who our new officers will be, but I have enjoyed another year as your President. Next year will be super busy with the elections so everyone needs to put on your boots and badge and let everyone know that the Republicans are keeping this State Red! If you have been asked to be a new officer please take your position seriously so we can get back on track, Covid or no Covid. There is always work to be done and for us, there is plenty to do. Talk to your family and friends and get them to join with us.

Tommie, Susan and I enjoyed our time at the TFRW Convention. There were classes for learning and people to see and hear. We have a new District Director, and she will be coming to visit. If you get a chance to go to Kalahari in Round Rock, you need to go. It was out of this world.

Carol Bouldin has started working on a fundraiser. She needs help and workers. Please help her help us in raising the needed funds for 2022. There will be Candidate Forum, scholarships, Leadership training, etc. pencil these in just like you do everything else. Making that time and being committed are so important and you will be glad you did.

ECRW to host Major Helene Wildish



Major Helene Wildish

On Tuesday, November 9, 2021 the Ellis County Republican Women will convene at 7pm at the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce, 102 YMCA Drive in Waxahachie. The speaker Major Helene Wildish's presentation will focus on her ministry toward helping women to find their inner beauty and self-confidence through Dress for Success. Her other focus in her ministry is putting caring in action for families with children.

Major Helene is with The Salvation Army serving Ellis County. She has been a Salvation Army Officer for 35 years; 29 years of service has been in the Great State of Texas. Four years in Mississippi and 2 years in Florida.

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Get Involved, Part 2

By Melody Allen

Last month I submitted an article about getting involved. The article mainly focused on campaigning, and how we, as Republican Women, are called to actively support Republican candidates while also providing strength and unity for political action.

If campaigning is not your thing, there are more ways to get involved, though, right here within our own club. We have multiple committees and other opportunities for you to serve.

Why should you get involved and serve, though?

An article published in the Washington Post last year revealed the results of a research study conducted on 70,000 subjects on the effects of volunteering. The research showed that compared to people who did not volunteer, people who had volunteered in the past year were more satisfied with their lives and rated their overall health as better. The data also revealed that people who volunteered were happier than those who did not volunteer. Finally, the study showed that those that volunteered were able to build professional skills and grow their social and professional networks.

Don't you want to:

- be more satisfied with your life/improve your self-esteem?
- improve your health?
- be happy? 😊
- develop more skills?
- grow your network?

If you answered yes to any of the questions above, **WE NEED YOU!** 2022 is going to be a busy and challenging year, so jump right in and join us!

Campaign Activities Report

Our club reported 313 volunteer campaign related hours for the 3rd quarter of 2021. Many thanks to those of you who turned in your reports. If you had hours for July, August or September (3rd quarter) that you didn't report I am allowed to include those in the next report. Feel free to contact me at 469-688-7310 if you have any questions about what hours you may count. Have a blessed holiday season.

Vickie Blair,
Campaign Activities Chair

Helene

She has been married 37 years to her husband Don, who is also a Mayor in the Salvation Army. She has one child Captain Stephen Wildish; he is also a Salvation Army Officer. Stephen is married and Major Helene has 3 beautiful grandchildren.

In 1987, she graduated from The Salvation Army College for Officer's Training and is attending Asbury theological seminary College for Continuing Education.



Twenty-first Annual Ellis County Veterans Ceremony

Saturday, November 13th, 2021
10:00am – 12:00pm
Waxahachie Civic Center
Main Ballroom
1-35E at Highway 287



Texas Federation
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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



Spirit of 1776 Trio



Voices of Freedom Choir

We had various entertainers at the TFRW State Convention, but the “Spirit of 1776” trio was one of the attendee’s favorites. The trio that performed were Miguel Arango, a musician and flautist, a female singer he introduced as his cousin and his best friend on the percussions. Miguel was the announcer and lead singer. He also played the guitar, flute and harmonica accompanied by his cousin on the tambourine in a few of the patriotic songs. Their singing and the renditions of each song were beautiful and included Yankee Doodle Dandy and Amazing Grace.

They opened with a video of the Voices of Freedom singing their proposed anthem for the United States Space Force (USSF), the sixth branch of the military designed to protect American interests in outer space. Miguel, a Florida International University alumnus and his brother Federico created the anthem for the Space Force Initiative proposed by President Donald Trump. The brothers have submitted the proposed anthem to the Library of Congress for copyright and have requested TRFW members assistance for the song to be chosen as the official anthem. The video can be viewed on YouTube.

The Voices of Freedom choir is a volunteer musical group organized in 2018 by Emmy Award Winning Musician and Composer, Azerak. The Voices of Freedom primary purpose is to “Sing for the Brave”. The group gets together to sing and play for veterans at different events which honor our nation’s current and former veterans. They were very proud to participate in the “Honor Flight” program flying veterans to Washington D. C. at no cost. “Voices of Freedom also exists to educate young American musicians on the founding principles of our country and the important of keeping our history alive through music.”

By Tommie Worthy



Websites

ECRW – www.ecrw.org
 GOP – www.elliscountygop.org
 TFRW – www.tfrw.org

Caring for America Committee Update

It's hard to believe that it's already November! Thanks to the efforts of our loyal members, we have already collected a large amount of the requested items for the supply drive we are conducting for the Fisher House. Thank you to those of you who have already donated!

There's still time to donate, though, if you haven't done so already, or, you have already done so and want to do more! We will continue collecting requested items at both our November and December meetings.

The requested items are as follows:

- Kleenex
- Paper towels
- Bottled water
- Laundry detergent

At the end of the year, we plan to make one big delivery to the Fisher House of all the items we have collected.



From the Committee

Melody, Linda & Jennifer

November 9, 2021
ECRW Meeting 7pm
Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce
102 YMCA Dr, Waxahachie

Legislative Report

From Cong. Jake Ellzey

Our country has been through a lot during these past months. From recklessly pulling our troops out of Afghanistan to a border crisis with over 1.5 million encounters with illegal aliens this year alone, and now paying much higher prices for gas, groceries, and almost everything else. We have faced hard times before, and there are challenging times ahead because of this administration and congressional Democrats. But there is a light at the end of the tunnel, and we will get there.

I wanted to update you on some of what has been happening in Washington DC.

I voted against the infrastructure and reconciliation package, which contains radical policies from the left which will harm all of you and your livelihoods. To help ensure we have fair voting laws and voting integrity, I voted against HR 4, the bill that would have the federal government take over all elections. I also voted against HR 3755, the Women's Health Protection Act - otherwise called the Abortion on Demand Until Birth Act - that is the left's attempt to fund aborting an unborn child for any reason at any stage of pregnancy until birth.

I supported HR 2048, the Consider Teachers Act, which helps teachers with service obligations and grants in the wake of COVID-19. I also introduced my first bill, the VITAL Assessment Act. This bill will help student veterans reintegrate into their communities, get any help they might need, and help them adjust to their lives as civilians.

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