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President's Message

Cheree' Barrett, President

I was asked to write about being a 6-year President so here goes. The first year I was President I only intended to serve that one year. I had been Treasurer for 2 years and if you ever think that is an easy position, it is not. However, by becoming President I was holding it until Linda Sibley retired. There were a lot of long-time members that were officers that year and they all had an opinion. For someone that was still working, with involved children it was very stressful. I really didn't know what I was doing but I was able to turn to other members who gave guidance and assistance and by the end of the year I was comfortable with the position. Back in that timeframe Presidents normally serve 2 years although elected each year. The next year was very challenging with my father, and I was glad not to be re-elected.

Then 5 years ago I was at work and received a call from Tommie Worthy that our President at the time had resigned as well as the First Vice President and in order to keep the club going, would I consider taking the President of the club. There were other positions available that she told me about. I finally said, "what do you want me to do?" She said take President. So, I did.

When we started the year, we only had about 1/3 of the club. We have responsibilities for projects that still need to be met, scholarships, dictionaries, constitutions. It was hard to meet those, but we kept pushing forward and had membership challenges.

Even when you try to stay positive there will always be at least 1 that thinks they know all problems and say 1 thing that will bring things down and you have to be prepared to stop that from happening. When you work to rebuild there is no room for negative comments. You also have to think outside the box. I am not a really good person for that so find one person that can do that for you.

Go to training when it's available. All the officers need to go to training as well as committee heads. TFRW can help you with questions and problems. Just ask. Your district director can be a wealth of knowledge. Also, those long time members that you think can't help, they can. I can assure you that the problems you may have are not new and the longtime members want to be helpful if you will let them. Also thank people for their help.

When you find a combination that works, use it. And lastly, have fun! Laughter can help with a lot of things.

A special shout out to Cheree' Barrett for her 6 years of commitment and dedication as the President of the Ellis County Republican Women. Thanks You Cheree'

Christmas Brunch
Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce
December 3, 2022

9:00am

You are invited to attend the Christmas Breakfast swearing in of the officers for 2023 of Ellis County Republican Women. This will be held Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 9:00 am at the Waxahachie Chamber Board Room.

The officers for 2023 are Beverly Gatlin - President, Melody Allen - 1vp programs, Jennifer Zarate - 2vp membership, Melanie Reed/ Carol Bouldin - 3vp fundraising, Emily Peaden - Secretary and Susan Worthy - Treasurer. I know you join with me in wishing them a great year and pledge to assist as needed. Ladies, please invite your families to come.

At our last meeting the following food items were signed up to bring. If anyone wants to change, bring in addition to or cancel, please let me know.

Breakfast Cassarole - Melanie Reed, Susan Worthy, Clarissa Moore and Melody Allen
Pigs in a blanket - Donna Blanton
Appetizer - Janine Schumann
Banana Nut Bread - Tommie Worthy
Muffins - Carma Sullivan
Fruit - Jennifer Zarate
Beverages - Emily Peaden
Cream Cheese - Sharon Tryon
Coffee - Paula Anz
Orange Juice - Vickie Blair
Cake - Bettie Gray
Paper Goods - Cheree
Decorations - Beverly & Tommie

Please reply to this email and let me know if you will be in attendance.

Cheree Barrett

November is Alzheimer's Awareness Month

"Alzheimer's Disease is a truly life-changing illness, and one of the first that arguable can have an impact not just on the one directly afflicted by it, but by their entire family as well"

Source: Alzheimer's Assoc.

Stochastic Terrorism

The attack on Paul Pelosi has brought out the usual rhetoric from the mainstream media (MSM) regarding his attacker being a far-right extremist despite evidence to the contrary, mainly his Pride and BLM flags outside of the bus in which he lives. Reuters, on October 28, said that "experts believe it could be an example of the growing threat of so-called stochastic terrorism..."

The term was first used in 2002 and gained popularity amongst universities throughout the 2010s. It was mostly used when referring to young men who had been radicalized by ISIS in online forums. According to dictionary.com, this term surged in searches after the mass shootings in both Uvalde and Dayton, OH by a whopping 63,389%. It is no surprise that MSM has looked to use the term against its political enemies as the midterms approach. Disagreement from their main discord has been their *modus operandi* for the past two years after turning a blind eye to the Summer of Love in 2020 that affected countless lives and upwards of \$2 billion in damages. Disagree about COVID protocols? Wish the situation in Ukraine was being handled differently? Opposed vehemently to drag queen story hours? Then your questions could lead to violence or motivate another to commit violence, so shut up!

Here's what happens. MSM puts out a message that a group or individual is outside the majority in their beliefs or actions. This makes them seem unwanted from the rest of the group or even dangerous. This coverage, while not overtly hostile, implies that *something must be done*. However, MSM is very careful not to explicitly say this should be done in a violent manner. Unless you are Maxine Waters in which case the messaging is altogether ignored by MSM. Hearing that "something must be done" a person is triggered to act. The act cannot be predicted (stochastic means *randomness*) as this person may have never displayed any previous acts of violence, though rarely the case. MSM then links this person's act back to the person or group that is outside their narrative.

So, going back to the Pelosi crime. January 6th "rioters" are pushed in the MSM as "election deniers" and "extremist groups" who murdered members of the Capitol Police. Trump supporters have been using Republican propaganda and conspiracy theories for the last two years which led this person to attack Paul Pelosi in his home. See how that works?

Christmas Favorite

By Cheree' Barrett

When I was growing up, we always went to Bristol, TX. Bristol has a lunch there every year and you purchase a plate ticket and then get in line to fix your plate. The cemetery would purchase Turkeys and give them to the women to cook. Then whatever your sides would normally be get fixed and donated to the cemetery association. Then mid-afternoon they took leftover turkey and make turkey salad and sold sandwiches. That was supper.

After the food, you can play bingo and win prizes. If you won so many times, then you could get a quilt. You played bingo with cards not a dauber. You could get beans to cover your card. After those you use cards that you would slide a little plastic piece.

Now as an adult my husband and I still like going to Bristol and that is where we will be this year.



Membership Report

For 2022 membership year we submitted 44 members to TFRW and have added 3 since October 31st that will be included in the 2023 membership year. The membership year starts in November. The New Members are:



Janine Schurman Cecilia Lively
Clairissa Moore

Membership Dues are \$35.00/year. Spouses and Young Republicans (18-40 can join as an Associate Member for \$10.00

We are required to have 10 members by December 31, 2023 to stay affiliated with TFRW & NFRW.

2022 Year in Review

Melody Allen
1st Vice President of Programs

It's hard to believe that we will soon be closing the books on 2022. My how time flies, but you know what they say, "time flies when you are having fun," and the ECRW had a lot of fun this year with all the events and activities in which we participated.

We kicked things off in January at the TFRW Leadership Day in San Marcos where several members of our club participated in workshops on topics ranging from fundraising and growing your club to officer development and leadership. I thoroughly enjoyed this event, as I was able to mix, mingle, and network with other TFRW members from across the state. In fact, since I served as our vice president of programs this year, some of the connections I made at Leadership Day sparked ideas for many of the programs we presented at our monthly meetings this year. This is always a great event and I'm so very glad I was able to take part! This event is only held every 2 years, but I'm already looking forward to TFRW Leadership Day 2024!

January 2022 also meant that we sponsored the local candidate forum for Republican candidates that were running in the upcoming primaries. This year we even had candidates that were running for offices at the state level participate, and many commented on how great our forum was in comparison to others they'd attended that were hosted by other conservative groups across the state.

In February, the month of love and the month in which we honor our presidents, we hosted our annual Lincoln Day Fundraiser. This year's fundraiser was hosted at the Dove's Nest, with speakers including Congressman Jake Ellzey, Senator Bob Hall, and Representative Brian Harrison who addressed our group remotely, live from the border.

March was the first month we met as a club and the first month for our monthly programs. In serving as our Vice President of Programs, I really wanted to provide speakers and topics that would be interesting to not only our membership, but hopefully to other conservative women and men as well. My hope was that we could create some awareness with topics that might spark folks to get more involved in not only our club, but also in Republican-themed activities in general.

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A few of our top programs for this year included the following:

- Living in a Border County
 - Presented by fellow TFRW members that live in border counties
- Patriot Paws
 - Service dogs for disabled American veterans
- Critical Race Theory, Social Emotional Learning, and the Liberal Agenda in our Schools
 - Presented by Cindi Castilla, President of the Texas Eagle Forum
- Current Status of Pro Life & the Protection of Religious Liberty
 - Presented by Jonathan M. Saenz, President of Texas Values
- Texans Against High-Speed Rail

Several ECRW members were selected to serve on the Ellis GOP Victory Committee, which is a group that was formed to organize volunteers, assist candidates, and assist with everything in between to get local Republican candidates elected this fall.

Activities included the following:

- Parades and local events, such as 4th of July parades and local Heritage Day festivals
- Candidate meet & greets
- Block walking and phone calling training and execution
- Literature management
- Sign placement across the county and at polling places
- Staffing poll greeters/electioneers outside of polling places

Many ECRW members also worked inside polling places as election judges and clerks, so ECRW played a big part in getting Republican candidates elected and ensuring our elections ran smoothly.

Amid all the hustle and bustle of campaign season, ECRW members also managed to plan and host a fabulous event celebrating our club's 40th anniversary! This was a

See 2022

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momentous occasion with many elected officials from around the county in attendance, as well as TFRW President Kit Whitehill.

All in all, 2022 was a great year for our club. I am looking forward to the challenge of continuing to bring informative, engaging programs to our group in 2023 as I serve a second term as 1st Vice President of Programs. Even though there will be no candidate elections next year other than at the local level, there is still much work to be done in our club and in our party. Let's continue to do our part to further the TFRW agenda by educating others through our programs, by giving back to our community through our scholarships, and by growing our membership through recruitment. I can't wait to see what the future holds for us for next year.

Cheers to a healthy and prosperous 2023!

Ellis County Veterans Celebration!

After 12 years of service the Ellis County Veterans Ceremony made several changes. The Local Ellis County Marine Corps League Detachment 1452 spearheaded the effort to keep this special event going. The MCL has a special group tax exemption with the IRS. It has a tax-exempt 504 (c)(4) non-profit veterans service organization.

The MLC are in the process of creating a 501 (c)(19) non-profit veterans service organization that will allow them to take over the ceremony. "We have created a corporation in the State of Texas called the Heroes Service Coalition, Inc. This organization encompasses veterans from all branches of service and civilians alike. Once approved and official with the IRS, the ceremony will officially be moved over."

The Celebration was on Saturday, November 12, 2022.

"Freedom is never more than one generation from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for protected and handed on from the to do the same"

~~ President Ronald Reagan