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President's Message

Cheree' Barrett, President

I can't believe school will start again in 2 weeks. It seems like summer has flown or should I say...burned up.

We had a very good turnout for July meeting. I think Melody has done an exceptional job this year with our programs and I really enjoyed June and July.

Our speaker from Texas Eagle Forum gave us such good information about Woke, CRT and SEL I took 5 pages of notes. I went home and started looking at some of the schools in Ellis County and then I talked to other people and was so surprised that it was worse than I had thought.

Did you know that teachers can be written up if their lesson notes are longer than 10 or 15 minutes? Did you know that schools and businesses are going by she they, he we, etc. If you forget twice, you can be written up. If you are female by birth and decide you want to be male over the summer you must adapt quickly and if not... you guessed it written up. Also they play recordings saying breathe in and breathe out kind of like yoga.

I don't know about you, but I am surprised they learn anything, and it isn't the fault of the teacher it is really the fault of the parents because you allow this to go on. I urge you to contact the school or do your own research.

August meeting will be on Texas Values!

On Tuesday, August 9, 2022 the Ellis County Republican Women will convene at 7:00pm at the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce, 102 YMCA Dr. Waxahachie.

AUGUST PROGRAM

By Melody Allen, 1st Vice President of Programs

We are Republican Women, which means, for the most part, we are aligned on many of the issues that are facing our county, state, and country. One of these issues includes religious liberty, as most of us are God fearing women. Another issue is marriage and family since they are the foundation of civilization and fundamental to a healthy society.

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“99 Days to the General Election”

Program

Pro-life is another issue that is important to Republican women since most all of us believe that life begins at conception.

For our **August program**, Texas Values, a non-profit lobbying, and advocacy organization that directly advocates for faith family, and freedom in the state of Texas, will be speaking on the **status of prolife and protection of religious freedom**.

The Texas Values vision is to stand for biblical, Judeo-Christian values by ensuring Texas is a state in which religious liberty flourishes, families prosper, and every human life is valued.

Texas Values promotes our core values of faith, family, and freedom in Texas through:

- Policy research
- Public education and standing for truth in the media
- Grassroots mobilization
- Voter education
- Reviewing legislation and providing legal analysis
- Testifying at the Texas Legislature, State Board of Education, and other governmental entities

In 1922, [First Liberty Institute](#) was founded under a different name as a small advocacy organization. It has spent the last four decades advancing the cause of faith, family, and religious freedom in the state of Texas.

In 2008, First Liberty opened an office just two blocks from the Texas Capitol, to expand its state focused efforts to protect freedoms and strengthen families. What began nearly 4 years ago has grown into the state's most important pro-family organization and a national non-profit law firm exclusively dedicated to defending and restoring religious liberty across America.

Texas Values: A New Chapter

In 2012, a news organization was born out of First Liberty Institute to meet the growing challenge of holding firm to our Texas values of faith, family and freedom. Building upon our successful, decades-long legacy of standing up for family values in our state, Texas Values will preserve and advance the values that matter most.

Through effective education, research and issue advocacy, Texas Values speaks up for faith, family and freedom through public policy, grassroots mobilizations, and by standing for truth in media.

Texas Values operates as an independent 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization and is the state family policy council (FPC) in Texas recognized by the [Family Research Council](#).

Source: txvalues.org/about

**Who is this “Farrah”
I keep hearing about?**

As it turns out, “Farrah” isn’t a person at all, unlike House Intel Committee member Congressman Eric Swalwell’s Chinese spy friend, Fang Fang. This is a new series where we will try and flesh out the meaning of little-known, little-used terms and make sense of them. You may have heard this term more recently on the news, but it does not have a simple explanation. In fact, you may be more confused than before.

FARA, or the Foreign Agents Registration Act, is a 1938

Congressional statute that seems self-explanatory. Foreign individuals, or “foreign agents”, must register with the Attorney General if they are acting on behalf of a “foreign principal”. There have been seven prosecutions under this law from 1966-2016, but that changed in 2016 when the DOJ decided FARA was too lenient. Since there have been ten prosecutions with possibly one more in the works.

So, who can be held accountable under this law?

A “foreign agent” could be an individual, or an entity, who acts inside the U.S. at the direction of a “foreign principal” or whose activities relate to a “foreign principal”. A “foreign principal” could be a lot of people; a foreign government or political party; a foreign corporation or organization, or an individual.

With this broad definition, this could easily include a regular businessman on a consulting trip, charitable organizations on mission, or folks at a university. The law does not require there to be a contract and no payment is needed. Merely a request from an outsider for a meeting with U.S. government officials or advice on how

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to best influence U.S. policy could trigger the requirement to register.

Wow, this is complicated. And it gets more complicated. The term “foreign principal” can also include any partnership outside the U.S., like a foreign parent company of a U.S. subsidiary. A quick Google search shows this applies to some of our most recognizable companies---I was stunned!

With that in mind, take a guess as to how many FARA registrants there are – thousands, tens of thousands, a million? Nope, only 501. (*You can find a list of Active Registrants at efile.fara.gov: click on the Browse Filings in the side menu.*) This loosely worded statute is extremely vague, seemingly on purpose. FARA was necessary and should be used “no matter who it ensnares”, proclaimed the Washington Post. However, it seems to have ensnared the President’s son...we shall see if justice is indeed blind.

Do you have a term that you have always wondered about? Let me Know!
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*By Emily Peaden,
ECRW Member*

Membership Report

Beverly Gatlin, 2nd Vice President

“We ARE GROWING”, Please welcome our newest members, Patricia Flournoy and Vickie Dillow, and new associate member Mike Dillow, MISD, Trustee.

We received a “Shout Out” from TFRW for meeting or exceeding our 2021 membership size! Way to go Ellis County Republican Women!! Let’s keep the momentum going. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to one of our meetings. Membership Dues are \$35.00/year. Spouses can join as an Associate Member for just \$10.00/year

We can reach our goal, if we all work together!

Caring for America

Fifty years of hard work with no light at the end of the tunnel and then boom Dobbs v. Jackson happens striking down Roe v. Wade and returning it to the states where constitutionally it has always belonged. So many groups toiled in the fields and labored with determination and tenacity as unsung heroes. We are thankful and proud of them, but we are not done. There are many women who need our help more now than ever. As Republican women we need to be there for them to offer encouragement and support.

Caring for America has decided to team up with First Look. First Look is a pregnancy crisis center offering services in clinical, spiritual and educational areas. In the coming months we will begin collecting items for gift bags and First Look will distribute them to new moms.

There will be several opportunities to help. We will need people to put together gift bags, write notes to new moms and deliver them to First Look. And of course, we will need items donated. If you have any suggestions for items, please let us know. We are just now deciding on the best items to include. At last meeting a signup sheet was passed around and we received good feedback. If you can’t make the meeting(s) but would like to help, reach out to me via email, jen_zarate@att.net

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up” Gal 6:9

Jennifer Zarate &
Linda Bounds,
Caring for America Chairs

Campaign Activities Hours

Congratulations to our club for reporting 1350 volunteer hours for the second quarter of 2022. That was fantastic!

In an effort to make reporting your hours simpler for you I will have a form at the August meeting for you to report your July hours and phone calls. All who participate will have her names put into a drawing for a gift certificate for a free cup of coffee. Will of course be from a coffee house that does not publicly support a liberal agenda.

*By Vickie Blair,
Campaign Activities Chair*



Women's Equality Day

On August 26, all around the county workplaces, libraries, organizations, and public facilities participate in celebrating Women's Equality Day with special programs, displays, video showings, and many other activities to commemorate the passage of the 19th Amendment.

National Friendship Day

In 1930, Hallmark Cards started a marketing strategy by sending out cards to special friends. It was Founder Joyce Hall who designed the day to be August 2.

By 1935, U. S. Congress pronounced the first Sunday of August as the National Friendship Day.

In 1998, the holiday had gained popularity that the United States named Winnie the Pooh as the world's Ambassador of Friendship.

In 2011, the U.N. designed July 30 International Friendship Day during the 65th session.



Membership Dues

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