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God Bless America

President's Message

By Cheree' Barrett, President

We have just returned from the Leadership Conference in San Marcos, and I think the 6 of us had a wonderful time and learned a lot to use this year.

By all reports we had a very successful Candidate Forum. Several said we know how to do it right. Thank you everyone who came, helped and listened to the candidates. KBEC also does such a great job with us every election cycle.

In February it will be our fundraiser at the Dove's Nest on February 21, 2022. If you would like to get a ticket, see any of the Republican Women.

In March we will finally have our regular meeting. It will be after the primary so encourage as many people as you can to get out and vote. At our March meeting our District Director plans to come and visit our meeting so I hope we can have everyone turn out.

Have you gone to our Facebook page and liked it? Did you know we have estimated 600 followers? I say that to say this, we are looking for someone interested in updating us on different media venues. If you are interested, please let me know. We are on Facebook but not every day. There is also Twitter and Instagram and others who we need to get the word out to.

I miss our meetings but looking forward to the fundraiser. Hope to see you all there!

Announcements Regarding Feb Meetings

Our **February fundraiser will serve as our monthly meeting.**

We will resume meeting at the Chamber office for our March meeting, which will be on **Tuesday, March 8th at 7pm.**

We hope to see you at the February fundraiser!

Early voting starts February 14, 2022.

For more information please contact:

Ellis County Elections Office
204 E Jefferson St
Waxahachie, TX 75165
(972)825-5195



TFRW Leadership Day 2022 Recap

By Melody Allen

Several members of our club attend the TFRW Leadership Day event down in San Marcos over the weekend, and I will tell you that we are all fired up about working hard to keep Texas red this year!

This year's theme was "Building Leaders." The day was filled with networking opportunities with other TFRW members from across the state, keynote speakers, a candidate meet & greet, and workshops to learn more about the duties and responsibilities of club offices, as well as other important topics. Some of the workshops we attended to give us more tools for our leadership tool belts included:

- Programs
- Legislation
- Fundraising
- Membership nuts & bolts
- Growing your club
- Social media/newsletter
- Caring for America
- Election integrity
- Awards

During our lunch session, our speaker was Steve Munisteri, Senior Advisor to Greg Abbott. He fired up the crowd by stating that TFRW members were the wall that stopped the blue wave in 2020, and that we must continue to build and hold up that wall to stop the blue wave yet again in 2022!

In the afternoon, a candidate forum was held for Attorney General. Candidates who participated in this forum were Land Commissioner George P. Bush, Congressman Louie Gohmert, and Justice Eva Guzman, as they answered questions posed by a TFRW moderator. They were also able to take a few minutes before the Q&A to share more detailed information about themselves.

All in all, this was a great event for the members of our officer team and committee chairs that attended. We gained many new friends and connections, and we now have more new tools to help us lead and grow our club as we build leaders for our state!



TFRW LEADERSHIP DAY IN SAN MARCOS **January 29, 2022**

Back Row: Melody Allen, 1VP, Program; Cheree' Barrett, President. Front row: Susan Worthy, Treasurer; Jennifer Zarate, Caring for America Chair; Tommie Worthy, Legislative; Beverly Gatlin, 2VP, Membership.

2021 4th Quarter Campaign Hours Report

Our club members reported 202 campaign volunteer hours for the last quarter of 2021. Thank you to everyone who reported your hours. The Ellis County Republican party is in need of volunteers. This headquarters are currently open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday between the hours of 10am and 2pm. They would like to extend these hours. You can phone 972-923-9383 for information.

*Vickie Blair,
Campaign Activities Chair*

Membership Dues

Please mail check payable to **Ellis County
Republican Women PAC** to:

Beverly Gatlin, Membership Chair
2050 Goodwyn Rd, Italy, TX 76651

Membership Dues \$35.00
Associate and Young Republican \$10.00

Legislative Report

On January 10th, Congressmen Jake Ellzey (TX-6) and Ranking Member Kevin Brady (TX-8) introduced the High-Speed Rail Land Acquisition Assurance Act to protect the property rights of Americans.

This bill ensures that Texas Central's high-speed rail and other high-speed rail projects cannot seize taxpayer land for projects that will never be started. The High-Speed Rail Land Acquisition Assurance Act as filed will require companies to acquire all the land needed to finish a high-speed rail project before construction can begin.

"This bill is about protecting private property rights, which is what Texas was built on," said **Congressman Ellzey**. "I will never give in when it comes to opposing private interests using eminent domain to take someone's property. Land cannot be taken, homes destroyed, and lives disrupted for a private company's boondoggle. The High-Speed Rail Land Acquisition Assurance Act will protect land that families have owned for generations and depended on for their livelihoods."

"Many questions remain about Texas Central's plans to build and finance this controversial high-speed rail project, and I support any necessary reforms that will protect the rights of landowners whose farms, ranches, and homes sit along their proposed route," said **Congressman Brady**. "Our government was created to protect our liberties—not take them away—and I will continue to fight against anything that would grant this company the ability to seize rural landowners' property without their consent."

Ellzey is helping lead the charge in Congress against High-Speed Rail Projects and their use of eminent domain. Filing the High-Speed Rail Land Acquisition Assurance Act is the first step in ensuring the protection of Americans property rights:

Source: Congressman Ellzey

Tommie Worthy, Chair

Membership Chair Report

I attended my first Leadership training January 28 and 29, 2022 in San Marcos, Texas, hosted by the Texas Federation of Republican Women. The theme was "Building Strong Leaders for Texas".

They had informative workshops, a Candidate Meet & Greet, and an Attorney General Candidate forum. And, we had many opportunities to network with other Republican women from across our great state.

I am looking forward to utilizing what we learned to help our Club and Party grow, and to spread the message of the Republican Party of Texas.

If you are looking for a way to be more involved, there are many ways to do that. Our county has Precinct Chair positions available, so check with the county chair to see if there are any openings in your area. You have until February 12th to get your application in to apply.

It is also time to prepare for assisting your Ellis County with the March primary election. If you haven't done so already, please contact the Republican County Chair to volunteer your services as election judges, election clerks or whatever else the party may need help with during this busy time.

If we work together, we can ensure we keep Texas Red.

Current membership is count is 19. Thank you for renewing and please join me in welcoming these new members:

Aidan Justice
Tara Harrison
Emily Peardon

Beverly Gatlin, Chair



THE ELLIS REPUBLICAN WOMEN
LINCOLN DAY RECEPTION

Monday, February 21, 2022

The Dove's Nest
105 W. Jefferson Street
Waxahachie, Texas 75165

Keynote Speaker

CONGRESSMAN JAKE ELLZEY

Washington D.C. Update

State Senator Bob Hall

Senate District 2

The State of Texas Update

STATE REPRESENTATIVE BRIAN HARRISON

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VIP Reception Hosts/Photo Op/2 Attendees ~ \$500
Supporters/Main Reception/2 Attendees ~ \$100
Individual/Main Reception/1 Attendee ~ \$50

5:00 pm ~ VIP Reception/Upstairs Loft ~ 5:30 pm ~ Main Reception

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What is the Patron Program?

“The PATRON Program provides a unique opportunity to take your TFRW membership to the next level. This special sponsorship program helps TFRW complete its mission by giving direct financial support to the organization year-round.”

One of the privileges of being a Patron is attending the Patron’s Reception held the night prior to Leadership Day.

The featured speaker this year was Retired United States Air Force Captain Joni Marquez. She served two combat tours in Afghanistan. She spoke about her experience as the fire control officer on an AC-130 gunship when her crew witnessed the shutdown of a Chinook Helicopter call sign “Extortion 17” by Afghan insurgents on August 6, 2011. 18 Navy Seals were among the 31 Americans that died in the accident. It was a very intense and emotional speech. The movie *Fallen Angel – Call Sign: Extortion 17* details the events on on that night and is available for rent or purchase on SalemNow.com.

Joni is now serving in an organization that is committed to defending the rights and freedoms of men and women in uniform. The organization is Pipe Hitter Foundation and she’s serving in the position of secretary on the Board of Directors.

By Tommie Worthy
TFRW Patron



TFRW Patron Event
January 28th, 2022
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Guest Speaker:
Retired Air Force Capt.
Joni Marquez