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God Bless America

President's Message

Cheree' Barrett, President

The Cards are in! We received the cards from Kathy that she spoke about going to the women who vote Republican in Ellis County but are not members of a republic women chapter. There were 2100 for our county and your leadership team voted yea to mailing all of them. I know they are being received because those who check us out of town on Facebook have gone up. If you haven't gotten yours and you had planned to do some, let me know and Vickie Blair or I will get them to you. My # is 972-679-9425.

Convention time is coming up. If you are a delegate, that is great! I look forward to seeing you there. If not, we will miss you. In our last meeting we discussed endorsing per the TFRW. I passed out the guidance TFRW has given.

Our summer meetings are coming and typically our meeting attendance goes down. We have so many cards going out that I know we will get some visiting to see what we are about. Let's keep our attendance up so they see the active, growing chapter that we are.

See you soon! Cheree

ECRW to host the Ellis County Appraiser

On Tuesday, June 14, 2022, the Ellis County Republican Women will convene at 7pm at the Waxahachie Camber, 102 YMCA Dr.

Our June speaker will be Kathy Rodriguez, Chief Appraiser of the Ellis County Appraisal Board. She will be educating us on the appraisal process and the ins and out of the appraisal board. She has been the Chief Appraiser, Registered Professional Appraiser for Ellis County since 1997.

Her employment history started in 1980 in McAllen Tax Office, State Property Tax Board, Taylor County Appraisal District, and Deputy Chief Appraiser. She attended Abilene Christian University and is currently serving as a member of the Nominations Committee for the Texas Association of Appraisal District (TAAD) and previously served on various positions through the years.

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She is a member of the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO). In 2019-2020 she served as Secretary/Treasurer of Texas Chapter of IAAO and Treasurer of Metro Council of Appraisal Districts.

She is President and loyal servant of the Waxahachie Lions Club and Past Chairman of the Board of Directors for Promise Child Development Center.

In 1994 she married Durant Rodrigue and they have two children, one son-in-law, one grandchild and another on the way.

Her motto:

Let's serve others and make a difference in this world!

Membership Report

Hello everyone!

As we are enjoying our summer, please keep reaching out to your friends, neighbors and those that are new to the area who share our conservative values. Invite them to a meeting or event. Also, please reach out to former members who have not renewed their membership.

We started mailing out postcards to recruit new members in Ellis County. If you would like to help, please reach out to Cheree and ask if there are any left to be mailed out. I would like to thank everyone that has helped and those helping with this huge endeavor.

We have 42 Members and 12 Associate Members. We increased our goal from 50 to 60, so let's keep the momentum going!

Beverly Gatlin,
VP Membership Chair

Juneteenth

On June 19, 1865, Union Major General Gordon Granger read General orders, NO. 3 to the people of Galveston. It stated:

“The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them and becomes that between employer and hired labor. The freedmen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere.”

On June 19, 1866, was the beginning of large celebrations that included prayer services, inspirational messages, stories from slaves, food and red soda water. Some of the entertainment included games, rodeos and dances.

June 19th, “Emancipation Day in Texas”, was declared with the passing of House Bill no 1016 by the 66th Legislature Regular Session. On January 1, 1980, Emancipated Day in Texas” became a legal state holiday.



It wasn't until June 14, 1916, nearly 200 years after the first Flag Day that President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14th as the Officially established “Flag Day”.

Doughnut Lovers!

1st Friday in June, Happy Doughnut Day!
Did you know that the Salvation Army workers used wine bottles as rolling pins to roll out doughnuts and fried them in the soldiers' steel helmets? This happened during World War I long before the majority of us were even born. Then when the homesick soldiers returned from the war, they went to the bakeries asking for doughnuts. The story goes doughnuts were unknown in the U. S. at the time. This resulted in many bakeries adding doughnuts to their menu. The National Doughnut Day was established in 1938 to pay tribute to the The Salvation Army which occurs annually on the first Friday in June. So, the next time you have a cup of hot coffee and a delicious doughnut you can thank The Salvation Army Worker.



Happy FATHER'S DAY

A person who encourages structure and teaches. Known for their love of terrible jokes and even worse dance moves. The Father may have several purposes including (but not limited to); taxi driver and handyman.

Volunteer Campaign Hours Update

Thank you to everyone who is volunteering in the postcard project. Don't forget to report those hours when you send me your report!

Speaking of reports, June 30 marks the end of the 2nd quarter for campaign volunteer hours reports. I have to report our 2nd quarter hours to TFRW on July 10 so when I send out the email requesting your report, please answer me by July 9 so that I can get our club report to TFRW in a timely manner.

As always if you have any questions feel free to call or text me at 469-688-7310.

Vickie Blair,
Campaign Activities Chair

Calendar of Events

June 14 – ECRW Meeting

June 14 – Flag Day

June 19 – Father's Day

June 19 - Emancipation Day

June 21 - First Day of Summer

Membership Dues

Please made check payable
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Membership Dues \$35.00

Young Republican \$10.00

Memorial Day

Memorial Day hasn't always been referred to by that name. It was called Decoration Day. It was intended to be a day to decorate the graves of soldiers who lost their lives in the Civil War.

The traditions of Memorial Day have ancient roots. The practice of honoring those who have fallen in battle dates back thousands of years. The ancient Greeks and Romans held annual days of remembrance for loved one (including soldiers) each year, festooning their graves with flowers and holding public festivals and feasts in their honor. In Athens, public funerals for fallen soldiers were held after each battle, with the remains of the dead on display for public mourning before a funeral procession to them to the internment in the Kerameikos, one of the city's most prestigious cemeteries. One of the first known public tributes to war dead was in 431 B.C., when the Athenian general and statesman Pericles delivered a funeral oration praising the sacrifice and valor of those killed in the Peloponnesian War, a speech that some have compared in tone to Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

The Gettysburg Address is a magnificent document and so relevant, even today. Important words such as: "But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate-we cannot consecrate-we cannot hallow-this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract."

Several towns claim to be the originators of Memorial Day, but in 1966 Congress declared a May 5, 1866, ceremony held in Waterloo, New York to honor Civil War Veterans to be when the holiday now known as Memorial Day was born.

In 1971 Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrate the last Monday in May.

December 28, 2000, President Bill Clinton signed the National Moment of Remembrance Act, which designates 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day each year as the National Moment of Remembrance.

Americans war deaths have varied dramatically, depending on the war they served in. Since the Revolutionary War ended 646,596 American troops have died in battle and more than 539,000 died from other, non-combat related causes.

Memorial Day has come to mean the beginning of summer, a time for picnics and barbecues, and a holiday to gather around the family. That happiness and freedom, however, is a product of the real cause for the holiday; the sacrifice made by men and women who have fought and died for the freedoms and liberties Americans hold dear. Memorial Day is a time to remember that the American way of life is not cheap but rather has been purchased by the lives and blood of so many. This quote made by an unknown person pretty much says it all, "Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it, it flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it."

Submitted by former ECRW President Linda Sibley and intended for the May newsletter but was overlooked in my inbox. It's such an interesting article that I had to share it with you.

Thanks, Tommie

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