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*God Bless America*

## President's Message

*President Cheree' Barrett*

I can't believe we are in March already. We had a wonderful candidate forum in January, an amazing fundraiser in February and now it is time to get to work. I want to thank our officers and some of the committee heads for going to Leadership training. I believe it will be our finest year yet.

In March our district director will be at our meeting. I hope everyone can be there to welcome her. She wants to say a few words to everyone and of course meet you all.

The precinct conventions were held last Saturday, and I hope you all were able to attend. You know every year we hear complaints, but we can't seem to get those complaining to understand it all starts at the precinct convention. The County Convention will be March 26 at the Woman's Building in Waxahachie. It will be unique since we are having the ones now in State Senate District 2 and State Senate District 22 together but separate.

I know lots of people will be traveling for Spring Break. If that, is you, be careful and stay safe? If you are like me and staying home, enjoy your time.

So, our goal for membership last year was 50 but we didn't meet it. I'm going to have faith that we not only will meet that this year but increase it to at least 55. Help me meet that goal. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please pay as soon as possible. We now have the ability to use the "square" charge system and of course we still take cash and check. I know Beverly, our 2nd Vice President in charge of Membership, got some great ideas about increasing our membership and Melody has wonderful programs already lined up so you won't want to miss a meeting.

See you soon and take care!



Kathy Endres

*ECRW to host TFRW District Director*

*Kathy Endres has been a member and board member of McLennan County Republican Women in Waco for 10 years. She has served in any position on the board including vice president four times.*

On Tuesday, March 8 the Ellis County Republican Women will convene at 7pm at the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce, 102 YMCA Dr in Waxahachie. 1st Vice President Melody Allen, program chair, has an outstanding program presentation on March for Meals.



At some point in our lives, most of us will be faced with caring for an aging parent or grandparent. As we watch them get older, it can be hard to see them struggle as father time takes its toll. As many of you know, I looked after my paternal grandparents, John & Sue Turner (former ECRW member and associate member) in their later years. It was very hard to see two of the strongest people in my life transform in to very weak and frail individuals. Everyday tasks for them became challenging, especially cooking. I became concerned about them getting the nutrition they needed. That's when a longtime family friend, who is also a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, suggested that I check in to getting my grandparents set up with the Meals on Wheels program.

I investigated it, talked to my grandparents about it, and we got them all set up to start receiving hot, healthy meals, five days a week. This put my mind more at ease, since I knew they were going from eating things like a handful of chips (since it required little to no effort) or cold cereal, to eating hot meals which even included a beverage and dessert! Getting these daily meals gave them something to look forward to each day. Because of this, Meals on Wheels is an organization that is near and dear to my heart.

In the month of March, local Meals on Wheels programs across the country reach out to their communities and local organizations to try and build support that will enable them to serve America's seniors all year long. To speak more about Meals on Wheels and their "March for Meals" project, Lisa Deese, the Development Director for Meals on Wheels North Central Texas, will be our featured speaker for our March meeting. Lisa began her career in non-profit in 2003 as the volunteer coordinator at Dallas Life, which is the largest homeless shelter in North Texas. While there, her passion for seniors grew as she became the director for the seniors and clients with disabilities.

In 2008, Lisa joined Meals on Wheels as the Community Relations Coordinator and moved to Alvarado with her family. She enjoys sharing her passion for Meals on Wheels with local groups, churches, and individuals in our community.

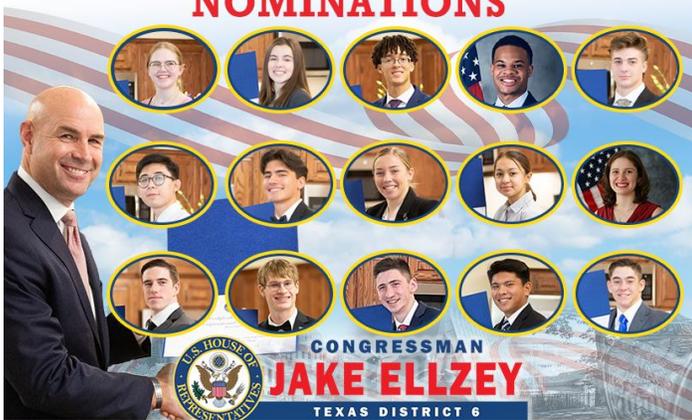
Lisa began the AniMeals program in 2009, serving just a handful of companion pets, and she has partnered with several organizations to serve all our senior pets with pet food, vaccinations, spay and neutering, as well as fun and special deliveries!

As Development Director, Lisa raises awareness and works on funding for our local senior neighbors. She manages individual donors as well as corporate partners, including sponsors for special events such as "Take a Swing at Senior Hunger" golf benefit, as well as "March for Meals."

Lisa is married to Nelson, and they have two children, two grandchildren, and two fur babies.

# Legislative Report

## MILITARY ACADEMY NOMINATIONS



Recently Congressman Ellzey submitted his list of 15 nominations for the U.S. military academies.

Congressman Ellzey stated, “One of my favorite duties as a Member of Congress is nominating outstanding young men and women to our nation’s service academies from the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Having been a Naval Academy graduate myself, I know firsthand the magnitude of the sacrifices these students are willing to make in service to our country. I had the opportunity to meet with these exceptional candidates seeking a nomination. This was a highly competitive process, and I could not be prouder of what they have already accomplished in their extracurricular activities and academics. I want to see even more candidates applying to the academies and to my office for nominations in the coming years.”

“Acceptance is a service academy appointment requires at least a nine-year service obligation, including four years at an academy and five years of active-duty service.”

High School juniors interested in applying for a future nominations call reach out to [kyler.murphy@mail.house.gov](mailto:kyler.murphy@mail.house.gov) or call 469-550-7150 for more information.

Source: Communication Director, Cong. Jake Ellzey

# Caring for America

By Jennifer Zarate

As 2022 is getting underway the Caring for America team is developing a plan for the year. The statewide theme from Texas Federation of Republican Women is “Feeding Community”.

Realizing that large communities have lots of food banks and small communities have few if any, the broad theme allows us the ability to focus on our communities’ specific needs. In Ellis County we are fortunate to have several options and are in the process of finding a good fit for our club.

As you know, the border is still oozing with problems and the Border Patrol is still hard at work. Our supply drive last year was a success, and we would like to do something again this year. Instead of collecting supplies, as it’s challenging to get them down south, we are working on other ideas to assist and show the Border Patrol our support and appreciation.

At the statewide TFRW Leadership Day it was mentioned that the Republican Party has lost women voters and they cite Republicans as uncaring. We can help change that wrong thinking as we work to help those in need by demonstrating the caring and generosity of the Republican Women!

## Membership Report

*Beverly Gatlin, Chair*

Membership count as of February 28<sup>th</sup> is 30 with 7 Associates.

### *New Members*

Linda Beakley  
Anne Griffin



Catherine Bird  
Carma Sullivan

Kay Hall

State Senator Bob Hall

**Membership Dues \$35.00**

Make check payable to ECRW PAC

Mail To: Beverly Gatlin,

2050 Goodwin Rd, Italy TX 76651

Associate \$10.00

Young Republican \$10.00

## *Lincoln Day Reception*

On February 21<sup>st</sup> we hosted a Lincoln Day Reception, our annual fundraiser, at the Dove's Nest in historical downtown Waxahachie. Thanks to our VIP sponsors, members and guests we exceeded our goal of \$10,000! The amount raised will be used to fund our scholarship program, purchase of Constitutional booklets and campaign awareness activities. The event featured Cheree Barrett as our emcee and Congressman Jake Ellzey as our keynote speaker with updates from State Senator Bob Hall and State Representative Brian Harrison. Many thanks to the Cindy and Andrew Burch at the Dove's Nest for hosting and serving the delicious appetizers. Thanks also goes to County Commissioner Pct. 2 Lane Grayson for the Invocation and the Ellis County Explorers for leading the Pledges to the flags. Entertainment was provided by Roger Williams on the saxophone.

VIP sponsors included John Bielamowicz, Brian Birdwell, Vickie Blair, Jake Ellzey, Cathy Gillespie, Lane Grayson, Bob Hall, Ed Harrison, Richard Rozier and Tommie Worthy.

The ECRW membership appreciated the time and effort that 3rdVP Carol Bouldin gave in planning and organizing the Lincoln Day Reception on February 21. It was well received and very successful.

By Susan Worthy,  
Treasurer

### *ECRW Scholarship*

The scholarship applications are arriving daily and before long the committee will be meeting to make selection of about 12 to 15 students to conduct personal interviews with.

The committee is Donna Blanton, Julie Dowd, Beverly Gatlin, Melody Allen, Cheree Barrett.  
Tommie Worthy, Chair

## *Service Academy Info*

By Scott Gilfillan  
Communication Director,  
Cong. Jake Ellzey

During February, we have worked tirelessly to protect Americans from harmful legislation such as H.R. 4521, The C.O.M.P.E.T.E.S Act, which funds Green New Deal initiatives and fails to accomplish its main objective to combat Chinese growth and power. I, and my fellow Republicans, are working to enact legislation that is in the best interest of the American people. While it is hard to get such legislation passed in the minority, we have found success with some legislation such as H.R. 3076, The Postal Service Reform Act.

When I'm back home in the district, I like to actively meet the amazing people and organizations that make up and support our district. I am grateful for the opportunity to continue serving all of you. I always say "field trips" in the district are one of my favorite things I get to do. These outings give me a firsthand look at the amazing people and industries we have in our own backyard. It is truly an honor to see firsthand the hardworking Texans in our district and the companies they work for. I am continually in awe of the products that are manufactured/produced/assembled right here.

