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President's Message

Cheree' Barrett, President

Hello ladies!

We are on countdown until our 40th Anniversary celebration and I hope you are all planning to come. Just come and enjoy the evening. Our TFRW President will be there to recognize our 40 years as well as our Elected Officials and our members, you, the ones who have done the work for the last 40 years. I want to thank our committee for their planning and hard work. COME CELEBRATE!!!!

And the countdown is also on until Election Day! Please continue to encourage your friends and neighbors to get out the vote. Don't assume we will maintain status quo. When we assume that we have lost the position whether now or later. I remember one time my husband lost an election by 3 votes. When we talked to people, they said we thought you had it and didn't need our vote. Every vote counts and it does make a difference. You can't have change unless you are part of the answer.

If you didn't get to see the baskets of baby items that we are donating, you missed out. They are so cute and helpful. If you haven't made your donation yet, call Linda Bounds and she can help you.

At our next meeting Jen Zarate is going to give us an update on Victory, the plan we are using to help our candidates win. I know several on her committee have been super busy training and setting up events. She is also on Caring for America committee and our 40th Anniversary. Perhaps she needs help, and you have some free time so contact her and volunteer!

Remember we are having our celebration and still having our meeting on the 11th so we can hear the report from our nominating committee for officers next year. Remember you can still volunteer and nominate before the vote to elect. We will not meet in November due to our meeting on election day. We will let you know when the swearing in will be.

I hope to see you on October 8!

Cheree'

ECRW To host President of Murphy Nasica

The Ellis County Republican Women will convene on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce, 102 YMCA Drive, Waxahachie. The speaker for October is Craig Murphy.

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Program*Craig Murphy*

Our speaker for October is Craig Murphy, President of Murphy Nasica. Originally founded in Texas, Murphy Nasica & Associates (MNA) is a political consulting firm that represents clients at every level of government: municipal, state, and federal. The victories that began in the Texas Legislature have stretched across the rest of the country. MNA has assisted clients in every region of the United States.

With over 30 years of experience in American politics, Craig Murphy has earned a reputation as one of the most respected and successful communicators in the business. He has worked on hundreds of campaigns across America and served for nearly a decade as a Communications Director in Washington D.C. He is among the winningest consultants working in American politics today.

Craig will share with us his insights on the current races in Texas. As we inch closer to the start of early voting and election day, he will share some information on polling and possible outcomes for many of these top races.

Membership Report

*Please welcome our newest member,
Janine Schurman*

Let's continue to invite family, friends and neighbors to attend our meetings.

We will start collecting 2023 Membership Dues November 1, 2022.

Our current membership is 45 with 13 associate members.

Beverly Gatlin,
2nd VP Membership

Blackmail's Sneaky Relative

By Emily Peaden

In the continuing saga of the Mar-a-Lago raid by the FBI and the appointment of a Special Master, the DOJ has recently won their appeal to review the supposed classified documents. As this scenario unfolds, a term that has not been heard in quite some time made an appearance – **graymail**. Unlike blackmail, there is no extortion money or physical harm, but the stakes can be just as high.

If you remember back in the 1980s during Oliver North trial, the term *graymail* popped up in the mainstream media for possibly the first time. North and his defense team hoped to use classified documents to show that he was ordered to defy a congressional ban on aid to the Contras. Allowing for the release of these documents could have resulted in a security problem or an international scandal.

Graymail can happen on one of two ways. First, the outright blackmail of the government to force them to drop a case or the defendant will reveal classified info if they do not. Second, the classified evidence can be requested for use in a trial. The Defendant is banking on the fact that the government will not want this information released as this evidence could exonerate the Defendant or make it tough to prove their guilt considering such evidence.

This, to my surprise, is a legal form of blackmail. The Classified Information Procedures Act (1980), or Graymail Law, was designed to counter the second situation described above as a work around that allows a judge to review the evidence. Prior to 1980 the government could not determine whether a successful prosecution could put national security at risk and this Act provided a way to do that.

You can dive deeper into the Act by reading the CRS Report for Congress, Classified Information Procedures Act (CIPA): An Overview by Larry M. Eig at <https://sgp.fas.org/crs/secretcy/89-172.pdf>.

Do you have a term that you have always wondered about? Let me know! 1046@elliscountygop.com or find me at the [meetings!](#)

Campaign Activities Hours

Just a heads up, our campaign volunteer hours report for the 2022 third quarter will be due October 15. The third quarter includes July, August, and September. You'll be able to report your hours at the October meeting and I'll be sending out an email that you can use to turn in your hours as well. We reported 1359 hours for the second quarter of 2022. That's awesome. I know a lot of you have been working all kinds of hours this quarter. Let's report them all and see if we can beat that last report. If you have any questions about reportable hours give me a call or text at 469.688.7310.

Vickie Blair,
Campaign Activities Chair

*Thank
You*

Thank you for giving me the honor of attending the 2022 Tribute to Women. It was a very special event and I enjoyed myself immensely. You gave me a memory I will cherish.

Sincerely,
Vickie Blair

ECRW 40th Anniversary

The day of our reception is fast approaching, and we are looking forward to seeing you there!

Please RSVP, if you have not already done so by October 1, 2022 to:

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Thank You

Membership Dues

Please make check payable to:

Ellis County Republican Women PAC

Mail to:

Beverly Gatlin, Membership Chair

2050 Goodwyn Rd. Italy, TX 76651

Membership Dues \$35.00

Associate Member (Spouse) \$10.00

Young Republican (Ages 18-40) \$10.00

Constitution Week

Constitution Week was September 19th thru September 23rd and ECRW provided thirteen hundred constitution booklets to the 5th grade students as a resource for the teachers. ECRW started this community project in 2004.



God Bless America