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God Bless America

President's Message

Beverly Gatlin, President

September 17, 2023 is Constitution Day! I hope everyone takes some time this month to refresh your memory with the Constitution.

We must do our part by having a successful club, by retaining current members, but more importantly, we must recruit new members. We must be known as women who campaign tirelessly for the election of Republican candidates, promote Republican principles, and educate members and the community. We should stay informed and fearless in working to accomplish goals.

As you recruit and invite friends to join us, take the opportunity to share your story of the difference Ellis County Republican Women & Texas Federation of Republican Women has made in your life. Some benefits may be:

- Opportunities to make a difference, have a greater impact, louder voice.
- Networking with women from across the state and country
- Hearing from informative speakers
- Many training opportunities through TFRW and NFRW to help you learn how to be politically effective.
- Meeting and getting to know candidates and elected officials.
- Developing friendships, you never would have had.
- No longer fighting for conservative principles on your own as your TFRW sisters are fighting beside you.

To sum it up, if women are looking for mentorship, networking, resources, training, lasting friendships, opportunity, achievement, recognition, or growth, then Ellis County Republican Women is for them.

It is vital that we stay engaged with the community and keep our club effective by staying motivated, energized, and focused on our goal to educate on legislative issues and elect Republican candidates for the 2024 election. We MUST continue building strong leaders for Texas.

The job of the membership is not a one-person job. It takes a Team to make a club efficient. We need to fire up our community for the 2024 election.

I am so grateful for every member of our club who supports our objectives and dedicates time to making Texas better. Thank you for everything each of you do as we continue to grow. I am also grateful for all the friends I have made over the years through being a member.

Everyone is watching Texas, and the other side is coming after us with a vengeance. We must stay steadfast in our goal to KEEP TEXAS RED!

September Program

On Tuesday September 12, 2023 the members of the Ellis County Republican Women will convene at 6:30 at the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce, 102 YMCA Dr., Waxahachie. The program topic is Hospice Plus-Waxahachie.

What is hospice? Many people think the worst when they hear that term. I think it's because the old school idea of hospice is that it means someone is at the end of their life, and it's thought that hospice is a last means of care. As I cared for my elderly grandparents in their final years, I learned that hospice encompasses so much more than the traditional mindset. In fact, some patients are discharged from hospice care, because their condition has improved and/or their life expectancy is extended.

It can be difficult for patients and family members as they transition to hospice care. Speaking from experience, caring for a loved one at the end of their life can be challenging, confusing, stressful, and tiresome. It is nice to have a helping hand or two, especially when other family members may not step up to help or when family members just need a break or some time for themselves. This is where hospice volunteers can help.

Hospice volunteers can help take off some of the stress of caregivers. They can also supply comfort and support to the patient that is undergoing care. Volunteers can do things such as listen, share stories, play games, bake, or garden with patients. They can run errands for caregivers and provide administrative support. There is a strong need for hospice volunteers, especially in our area.

Our September program will be presented by Hospice Plus – Waxahachie. Hospice Plus - Waxahachie is committed to clinical excellence in hospice care. They see each individual and their family as more than a patient. Their skilled professionals and volunteers design an all-encompassing program, customized to each patient that addresses not only the physical needs but also the emotional and spiritual needs of the patient and family. Their hospice teams provide compassionate care for individuals and their families when life matters most. They honor veterans and military families, and they need volunteers!

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Gold Star Mothers

The tradition of the Gold Star began during World War II. During the early days of the war, a Blue Star was used on service flags and hung in homes and businesses to represent each living active-duty member. As men were killed in combat, the Gold Star was superimposed on the blue star to honor the person for his ultimate sacrifice to the country. Eventually, the mothers of those fallen service members became known as Gold Star Mothers, and their families Gold Star Families.

While all mothers of fallen service members are considered Gold Star Mothers, there's a veterans service organization they can join for support, known as the American Gold Star Mothers. The group, which has about 1,000 active members, was started in 1928 by one woman -- Grace Darling Seibold. Her son disappeared fighting in World War I, so she spent years working at veterans' hospitals in hopes of finding him.

"She met all these other women who were thinking the same thing -- they hadn't heard from their children and went to find them," said Sue Pollard, the 2017 national president of American Gold Star Mothers. "What they found was other children and other mothers who they could support." Seibold eventually learned of her son's death but continued her community service, organizing a group of mothers of the fallen so they could comfort each other and care for those veterans confined to hospitals far from home.

The Gold Star Mothers raise funds for veterans, active-duty service members and their families, as well as other Gold Star families. They're active year-round, visiting veterans at homes and hospitals, taking them snacks and gifts, reading them stories and letting them know someone is always there for them. Around the holidays, they raise funds for Wreaths Across America.

On a personal note, I was accepted into American Gold Star Mothers in March this year. I am still involved with the Blue Star Mothers and remain a member but now I am also a Gold Star Member, and I am very accepted in both.



Family
Member
Service
Banner

By *Cheree Barrett*

Proud Gold Star Mother of
Sgt James R Barrett
10/2/1982- 08/01/2016

Get to Know Your District Part I

By Congressman Jake Ellzey



Cong. Ellzey visiting with constituents at a recent Town Hall Meeting in Ennis.

As August comes to a close, I want to thank everyone who has attended an event, opened up your business to me for a tour, or just said hello around town. The best part of this job is getting to connect with so many great Texans as I travel through District 6. This month at home has rejuvenated me, and I look forward to getting back to D.C. to continue working hard for all of you.

This month, I was able to meet with over 30 groups, tour 13 different businesses and facilities throughout the district, and hold a very informative telephone town hall. We have such a diverse district, and it was so great getting to travel to every county this month. We covered a lot of ground, but I look forward to continuing my visits throughout this year.

The Geographical area of District 6

As you know, I represent Congressional District TX-06. I get asked the question of what comprises our District. The congressional district lines were redrawn in January 2023, and now TX-06 includes all or parts of 9 counties: Ellis, Navarro, Anderson, Hill, Cherokee, and parts of Tarrant, Dallas, Freestone, and Johnson counties. I am very honored to represent the fine folks that live in my District.

As a U.S. Congressman, I have committed to spend most of my time in Washington DC representing you. With this schedule, there are not as many days in the District as I would like. Geographically, as you can see from the map, the District is spread out from the tip of Las Colinas to the town of Rusk.

(Part II in October Edition)

Thank You

I want to thank all of you for nominating me for the new position of Courtesy Chair. This position will include sending out cards to stay in touch with the membership and friends. The cards would include, but not limited to, Get Well, Thank You, Thinking of You and Sympathy/Condolence ones.

Mostly, thanking Jennifer Zarate who so willingly called me and took time out of her day to explain the job to me.

Special Thanks for the gift card for the new 7Brew Drink Place. I took my granddaughter there and it was quite a treat. It was delicious. The new drink is Cinnamon Roll. Give it a Try! We have such a loving, giving bunch of gals that work so hard for our great Republican club to keep it going. That is a gift in itself. I don't see how we can go awry, I am sure of this.

Also, I want to thank Linda Bounds and Cecilia Lively for the teamwork in us getting our snacks put together for July. Lovely treats were enjoyed by all.

Special thanks to Linda Bounds' husband who was kind enough to come and explain in detail our U.S. Constitution. He did a job over and above of what he needed to say to make sure how important the Constitution is to our Country at our July meeting. Also, to keep it enforced and explained it's important to our future generation who we are losing in our country.

"Thank You" to our hard-working Republican Ladies that keeps our Club going. Keep it up there is no way we can lose.

By Barb Jacobs,

September 24, 2023



Gold Star Mother's Day



U.S. Constitution Day

President George W. Bush signed the Proclamation 8289 that September 17, would be the Constitution Day and Citizenship Day; and the week would be known as Constitution Week. The Proclamation was signed on September 17, 2008.

A Proclamation

“Americans are united by the ideals of equal justice, limited government, and the rule of law. On Constitution Day and Citizenship Day and during the Constitution Week, we remember the vision and determination of the Framers to build a free society, and we celebrate the historical document they created to achieve that goal.”

The ECRW started this TFRW Constitution Day Project in 2009 and presented 2800 booklets that year. Some of the organizers were Judge Bob Carroll, Kim Garlitz, Maureen Kennedy, Johnny Brown and many of our long-time members. A complete detail report of this year's program will be presented at the September meeting.



Emily Peaden

Emily started her official office position this year as the ECRW Secretary. The family relocated to Tennessee and we regret that she had to resign her position. Many good wishes went out to she and her husband.

God Bless America!

Social Luncheon

Our August Social Event was held on August 19th at Butter and Grace in Waxahachie and hosted by Cheree Barrett, Immediate Past President and Beverly Gatlin, President. Thank you to Barb Jacobs who brought her friend Karon Otts! Karon joined our club, I would like to thank her, and I look forward to getting to know her.

The favorite color of both the Presidents is purple, so we asked that anyone who wore purple, their name would go in a drawing for a prize. New member Karon Otts was the lucky recipient.

Everyone had a wonderful time. The food and service were great!

Thank you to everyone that came, and I hope to see you at our next event.

Beverly Gatlin, President



Karon Otts
Cynthia Walker
Cynthia Stouff ((Associate))

Membership and Renewal Drive

As we dream of fall weather take a minute to think about October and our fall membership and renewal drive. Our new membership cycle begins Nov. 1, 2023, and runs through Oct. 31, 2024. Be sure to bring your dues and a friend. Think about; Who would you like to bring? Who would be a great asset to our club? Who do you know that would love to get involved politically? Who might be a missing piece to our club? Consider your friends, neighbors, coworkers, relatives, church members and acquaintances. I bet many ladies are interested in our club but don't know much about us or know how to join. Let's ask them!

Invite them for a fun and festive evening with food, drinks, and prizes for our membership and renewal drive at **Tuscan Slice, 401 N. Hwy. 77, Waxahachie, Tx.** on **Thursday, October 19th at 6:30 p.m.** We would love for each member to bring their annual dues and at least one guest to the event. We all have at least one someone we could ask. Please **RSVP** to jen_zarate@att.net no later than October 5, 2023.

We currently have 46 members. If we all brought one person to join, we could double our size to 96! We are gearing up for the 2024 election season and what a difference 96 ladies could make. We are a REPUBLICAN County. Our ECRW membership should reflect it.

Jennifer Zarate,
Membership Chair

Hospice

According to research conducted by the Mayo Clinic, volunteering has multiple benefits, including 2 health benefits for older adults:

- 1) Improves physical and mental health
- 2) Provides a sense of purpose and teaches valuable skills

Come out to our September meeting to learn more about Hospice Plus – Waxahachie and learn more about becoming a volunteer!

By Melody Allen,
1st VP Program

God Bless the United State Flag

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Calendar of Events

Sept 4- Labor Day

Sept 5 – Ellis County GOP Mtg. 6:30pm

Sept 11- Patriot Day

**Sept 11- ECRW BD Mtg 613 Ferris Ave. Ste.
207, Waxahachie TX**

Sept 12- ECRW Monthly Mtg. 6:30pm

Sept 15- National POW/MIA Recognition

Membership Dues

Please make check payable to
Ellis County Republican Women PAC

Mail to

Jennifer Zarate

PO Box 396

Maypearl, TX 76064

Membership Dues \$35.00

Associate Member \$10.00

Young Republicans 18-40 \$10.00

Constitution Day

“Each educational institution that receives Federal funds for a fiscal year shall hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on September 17 of such year for the students served by the educational institution.

Public Law 108-447 Sec. 111 Division J-SEC 11(b)

Members celebrating a successful Community Project



Caring
For
America

Summer
2023 Project

Great Success
\$550 Raised

A big thank you to all who contributed to our Summer 2023 Caring for America project!! Our goal was to raise \$350, and we exceeded our goal by raising \$200 more than that for a total of \$550 for this great organization. Below please read the letter of thanks from Eagle Oak Retreat Foundation, Italy Texas. We are still planning on a tour of Eagle Oak's facilities for those interested in the fall when temperatures are not so hot. Stay tuned for details.

Ellis County Sherriff's Department could use a moral boost! It is the little things we do that can make such a difference in someone's life. For our September meeting, let's do something special for the men and women who work for our Sherriff's Department. Please be prepared to donate some money to go toward a special treat (to be determined) to be delivered to our Sherriff's Department in September. We will also have a card for you to write a note of encouragement to the brave men and women who work hard keeping our county safe. A thank you from Linda Bounds and Jennifer Zarate for supporting our Caring for America's projects. Together we are making a difference in Ellis County!

The NFRW Convention is coming up soon!
September 28th-30th in Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma. For more information visit
<https://www.nfrw.org/convention-oklahomacity>.
[#TFRWLeads](#) National Federation of Republican
Women If you are interested in attending or being
a delegate, please let Beverly know.

TFRW 34th Biennial Convention
October 12th-14th

Irving Convention Center
Los Colinas Irving, Texas
For more information about registration.
<https://www.tfrw.org/events/convetion/>.

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