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God Bless America

President's Message

The Primaries are over, and we are on to the May elections and a local run-off. Thanks to everyone that helped get Republicans elected! Many great Republicans were elected across the great state of Texas, when seats were flipped or Rhinos were replaced. Let's keep up the great work! There is a lot more work to be done in 2024!

March is time for our Precinct and Senate/County Conventions. I hope you will attend and become a delegate or alternate and attend the GOP State Convention this May in San Antonio.

We must work to ensure every American is registered to vote. We must continue to educate every citizen on how to protect our Republic.

Keep Texas **RED!**

Add Your Piece to Our Puzzle,

Beverly

Beverly Gatlin
President



ECRW March Luncheon
March 16, 2024 @ 11:30
To be determined

Important Announcement

Our meeting location changed to:
Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce
412 S. Rogers Street, Suite #100
Waxahachie

Park behind the building and go in the back door.
Suite #100 will be on the left.

Programs

Melody Allen, 1st VP

March Program: Quilts of Valor = Healing

This month our speaker is Laura Winckel of the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 with a dream. Founder Catherine Roberts' son Nat was deployed in Iraq. According to Catherine: "The dream was as vivid as real life. I saw a young man sitting on the side of his bed in the middle of the night, hunched over. The permeating feeling was one of utter despair. I could see his war demons clustered around, dragging him down into an emotional gutter. Then, as if viewing a movie, I saw him in the next scene wrapped in a quilt. His whole demeanor changed from one of despair to one of hope and well-being. The quilt had made this dramatic change. The message of my dream was: **Quilts = Healing.**"

The model appeared simple: have a volunteer team who would donate their time and materials to make a quilt. One person would piece the top and the other would quilt it. She saw the name for this special quilt: it was Quilt of Valor.

Our speaker, Laura Winckel, joined QOVF in 2009 and explained, "As the wife of a husband who served as career Army for 27 years, my commitment comes from deep within my sense of self. It is important to me that Veterans and active duty who have been touched by war understand that there are those who wish to comfort them by showing their gratitude with the awarding of a Quilt of Valor."

Laura has held numerous board positions within the military community during her spouse's 27 years of active duty; numerous board positions for various local quilt guilds including president, special programs (charity quilts) and programs chair. Laura has served as a member of the Executive Staff for Quilts of Valor as the first Director of Membership. She has served as a group leader for her group Quilters with a Heart that she formed in Harker

Campaign Activities Chairman
(Political Activities)

Samantha Buford has graciously accepted the position of Campaign Activities Chairman (Political Activities).

Please welcome her in this new position!

Thank you!

Beverly

It's Almost Convention Time!

Senate District/County Mar 23rd

State – May 23-25th

For details about your Precinct Convention, Reach out to your county party or contact your county chair for information on time and location.

We need YOU!
To volunteer for Committees

Programs
Membership
Hospitality
Fundraising

Need Committee Chair
Public Relations/Newsletter
Campaign/Political Activities

Membership

Jennifer Zarate, 2nd VP

Thank you to the wonderful ladies who renewed their membership on time!! If you haven't yet, you are considered delinquent on March 1 by TFRW. Please reach out to me ASAP and we can get your membership current. We currently have 55 members and 22 associate members. Way to go y'all.

This month we will have lunch on Saturday, March the 16th at **Union 28 starting 11:30 a.m.** Be sure to invite a friend to lunch. This is a great opportunity to introduce your friends to our club in a casual environment. We want other wonderful like-minded women to join alongside us to help secure a victory in 2024!!!!

Reach out to me if you have any questions about your status. Payment can be made at the March meeting this Tuesday, mail a check to me, or Zelle. Check the section in this newsletter for specific payment details.

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

Calendar of Events

March 9 th	Precinct Conventions
March 12 th	ECRW General Meeting
March 16 th	ECRW Social Luncheon/Location to be determined
March 23 rd	Senate District/County Conventions
March 29 th	Good Friday
March 31 st	Easter
April 1 st	ECRW Board Meeting
April 2 nd	EC GOP Meeting
May 23 rd – 25 th	Republican Party of Texas Convention

March 5th Primary Watch Party

It was a great time at the Watch Party on Tuesday, March 5th hosted by Ellis County Republican Party. There were many great silent auction items donated.

Thanks to everyone that came out to support both clubs.

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March is **Women's History Month**. Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987.

Purple, Green and White are the colors of International Women's Day. Purple signifies justice and dignity and being loyal to the cause. Green symbolizes hope. White represents purity, albeit a controversial concept.

There are many ways we can celebrate **Women's History Month**; by supporting women-owned businesses, donating to organizations that support women or learn about women from different backgrounds and share their stories. Provide Education on Gender Equality: Educate others about gender equality and women's rights by sharing information with friends, family, and colleagues. Start conversations about these issues and encourage others to act.

To all you incredible women, I wish each one of you the courage to continue to uplift, inspire, and empower each other to create a wave of positive change. Keep challenging what is expected or what is considered the norm.

I want to thank you for being an inspiration to me every day!

Beverly

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