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President's Message

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2024!

I am very excited for this new year! It will be a very busy year with elections. I would like to encourage you to get involved with working the elections, helping with a campaign. There are many ways to get involved to suit just about anyone's abilities.

We also have many social events planned for this year and we hope that you can attend some of those. There are a few new faces on the board, and we also have some committee chairs that have stepped down that will need to be filled. Please thank those that have stepped up as willing to serve. Committee Chairs will be starting to build their committees and if you want to serve on a committee, please reach out to that new Committee Chair.

TFRW Leadership Day is the end of this month. This is a great opportunity, and any member can attend. There will be breakout training sessions, Candidate Meet & Greet and a final session to train you on everything you need to know to become a Delegate and attend RPT Convention.

Our 2024 ECRW theme, "Add Your Piece to Our Puzzle" is important so that we work on building our club. We must be strong and steadfast to beat the democrats and elect strong Republicans!

I am looking forward to working alongside each one of you to do our part in defending Texas. I am honored to serve you!

Keep Texas **RED!**

Add Your Piece to Our Puzzle,

Beverly
Beverly Gatlin
President

Important Announcement

Meeting location changed to:
412 S. Rogers Street, Suite #100
Waxahachie

Park behind the building and go in the back door.
Suite #100 will be right there.

Programs

Melody Allen, 1st VP

Sneak Peek at February Program

For our February program, we will host Sheena Rodriguez of Alliance for a Safe Texas.

The mission of Alliance for a Safe Texas is to inform and educate our fellow Texans about the consequences of illegal immigration and open border policies.

Alliance for a Safe Texas fights to combat this through the following 3-prong approach:

1. Through legislative, city, and county efforts
2. Providing support to border counties and law enforcement throughout Texas
3. Exposing the truth of the horrific realities that impact our southern border and affect every corner of our great state and nation

Ms. Sheena Rodriguez is a wife, mother, and the president of Alliance for a Safe Texas. She is actively involved in doing her part to secure our border by providing testimony and resources in the Texas Legislature, and she makes regular trips to Washington, D.C. to do the same.

Come out next month and hear Ms. Sheena speak!



HAPPY
NEW
YEAR

TFRW Leadership Day 2024 – Uniting Republican Women for Texas

By Melody Allen

It is that time again; time for TFRW Leadership Day 2024. Leadership Day is by far my favorite TFRW event. It is only a one-day event, but you can learn so much and meet so many in a single day.

So, what is Leadership Day, you might ask, especially if you are new to our club or may have never attended at TFRW Leadership Day event.

TFRW Leadership Day is an event that is held each January in even-numbered years. It consists of general sessions with various guest speakers, and smaller break-out sessions that provide tools and training for officers, committee members, or any club member. Some of this year's break-out session topics include the following:

- Club Leadership and Issue Management
- Growing and Retaining Membership
- A Roadmap to Fundraising
- Digital Marketing Strategies
- Awards – How They Can Help Your Club
- Level Up Your Leadership

These break-out sessions can be attended by ANY member. You do not have to be in a leadership role to attend these sessions. In addition to the general sessions and break-out sessions, there is usually a candidate meet & greet, in which many candidates that are running for office from the federal level down to other regional roles are available to truly meet with TFRW members and answer questions.

I always learn so much when I attend TFRW Leadership Day, and I have made some great connections as well, as this is a great networking event, too. It is also a chance to learn from members of other Republican clubs about what they are doing to grow their club, raise funds, and get folks involved in the political process.

This year's event takes place in **Georgetown, Texas** on **Saturday, January 27th**, and it is an all-day event. Most of us that are attending will be driving to Georgetown the day before (Friday, January 26th). Also, if you are interested in attending the event but do not really want to drive to Georgetown by yourself, no worries! I will have plenty of room in my vehicle for anyone that needs a ride down there.

Consider going to this event! It will get you fired up and prepared about all that needs to be done in this pivotal election year. I promise you that you will be glad you attended!

So, get registered before the registration rate increases! Go to <https://www.tfrw.org/> for more info on registration and the host hotel.

Also, feel free to reach out to me or any of our officers if you have more questions or would like more info on this event. I hope to see you there!

Membership

Jennifer Zarate, 2nd VP

With the holidays behind us we can plunge forward into the new year full steam ahead. We are going to need all that steam to defeat what we have been enduring for the last three years. We may feel exhausted but now is the time for an adrenaline boost.

Primary season is upon us. Working in the polls is a critical part of the election process and keeping integrity in the system. Early voting begins February 20th with election day on March 4th and the need to staff 29 polling locations that day. Please reach out to Paula Anz at 972-268-3507 if you want to help. This is a great way to learn the behind-the-scenes process of how voting works.

But wait there's more! There are many candidates who would love to have your help. Locally, we have a contested D.A.'s race, a judicial race for the 443rd Court, and a constable race. Pick your candidate and offer help by putting up signs, block walking, phone calling, donating, texting, helping with social media comments or posts. If you aren't comfortable reaching out just yet be sure to attend the candidate forum where you can learn lots more and talk to the candidates individually. Every member has a part to play. Let's find out where you want to help and get busy!

Calendar of Events

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| Jan. 15 th . | Martin Luther King Jr. Day | Feb. 6 th | GOP Meeting/Pct Chair Training |
| Jan. 25 th . | ECRW Candidate Forum | Feb. 20 th | First day of Early Voting |
| Jan. 26 th . | TFRW 1 st Qtr. Board Meeting. | Feb. 23 rd | Last day to apply ballot by mail |
| Jan. 27 th . | TFRW Leadership Day | | |
| Feb. 5 th . | Last day to register to vote | | |
| Feb. 5 th . | ECRW Board Meeting | | |



Leadership Day 2024
Uniting Republican Women for Texas

January 27th
7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
SHERATON AUSTIN GEORGETOWN HOTEL
&
CONFERENCE CENTER
1101 Woodlawn Avenue Georgetown, Texas

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Republican Women

The purpose of Leadership Day is to provide training for TFRW members.

Inspiration and motivation will be provided through our general sessions and informative workshops will provide you with the tools needed to be an effective leader. Gain insight and inspiration from women across the state and build relationships that will last a lifetime!

Special focus this year...Getting TFRW members to the RPT Convention!
Strength is in numbers. We need to positively strengthen our party!
"Unity not Uniformity"

Welcome Reception January 26 th SHERATON AUSTIN GEORGETOWN HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER 1101 Woodlawn Avenue Georgetown TX 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Leadership Day January 27 th SHERATON AUSTIN GEORGETOWN HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER 1101 Woodlawn Avenue Georgetown TX 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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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

Campaign Activities Chairman (Political Activities)

Vickie Blair

Happy New Year Ellis County Republican Women. January 2024 means that our 2023 Fourth Quarter Volunteer Campaign Hours Report is coming due. Please report your hours by January 14 to allow me time to prepare our report. On January 7, I sent an email with reporting information.

The subject line is ECRW-2024 First quarter report due. Although this report is due in 2024 it is for the months of October, November and December 2023 There are a lot of activities that are reportable. I have attached TFRW Guidelines for reporting and I hope that you will take a few minutes to review those.

You can reply to the email I sent you or text to my mobile at 469.688.7310.

If you have any questions, give me a call on my mobile number above.

Thank you.

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Ellis County Candidate Forum

*Republican Primary
Thursday, January 25, 2024*

*Meet and Greet
6:00pm*

*KBEC Radio
Broadcast Live on 1390 A.M. – 99.1 F.M.
7:00pm – 9:00pm*

*Waxahachie Civic Center
2000 Civic Center Lane
Waxahachie, TX 75165*

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