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God Bless America

Message From our President!

It has been a very busy year. We are just about done with the election run-offs, and few of us just got back from the Republican Party of Texas Convention in San Antonio, where a lot of good things were accomplished.

Now, we will need to focus on getting President Trump and Senator Ted Cruz elected in November 2024. There is still a lot of work to do to make this happen, and we need to continue to grow our club and register new voters. We will need “all hands-on deck” to volunteer.

For now, let’s all take a breather for just a short period of time. Our fundraiser is on Saturday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Railport Brewing Company in Waxahachie. Let’s make this event a well-deserved, fun, and relaxing evening! We need everyone to sell tickets so we can fund our scholarship program for our high school seniors. I’m excited for this event and looking forward to visiting with you all!

I want to encourage everyone to remember that we are all on the same team! Let’s continue to work together for the success of our team.

Keep Texas **RED** and add your piece to our puzzle!

Beverly

Beverly Gatlin
President



Important Announcement

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

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

Programs
Melody Allen, 1st VP

June Program: Run Gen Z

**This month our speaker is Mason Morgan of the
Run Gen Z Organization**

Let's face it, ladies, we are not getting any younger. Some might say that our country is in shambles because of the leadership (or lack thereof) by the left in the White House, DC in general, our state legislature, our counties, cities, and school boards. So, who will save this country? Is there hope for the future? Never fear, for an organization called "Run Gen Z" is here!

What is **Run Gen Z**, you ask? Before we answer the question about the organization itself, we must first answer the question about Generation Z. Do you even know what age group makes up this generation? Generation Z is comprised of folks born in the years between 1997 – 2012. I do not know about you, but I was graduating from college, entering the work force, and getting settled into my career during the years that these youngsters were born, so this makes me feel old! Ha!

The mission of **Run Gen Z** is to "empower and mentor conservative trailblazers from Generation Z to pursue leadership opportunities, including public office that allow them to work toward a more constitutionally focused government.

Join us for our June program as **our speaker, Mason Morgan, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Run Gen Z**, shares with us more about their vision to help Generation Z'ers act, take charge, and take control of the future by supporting the vision of the founders of this country. They do so through the promotion of conservative political values, such as limited government, free market capitalism, individual responsibility, and fiscal restraint.



Campaign and Political Activities
Samantha Buford

Our next reporting quarter will be for the second quarter of 2024. This will include April – June campaign and political activity.

The due date for this reporting will be:
Tuesday, July 9 at 3:00 p.m.

At the State Convention during our senate and congressional caucus meetings, we were honored to have been visited by the following elected officials.

Lt. Governor Dan Patrick

Senator Bob Hall

State Representative Brian Harrison

City Councilman Chris Woolsey



We need YOU!
Volunteer for these committees!
Programs
Membership
Hospitality
Fundraising

Membership

Jennifer Zarate, 2nd VP

Thank you to the wonderful ladies of our membership! We currently have 67 members and 25 associate members. Way to go y'all. Remember to always bring a friend.

Reach out to me if you have any questions about your status. Payment can be made by mailing a check to me, or our Zelle account. Check the section in this newsletter for specific payment details.



Republican Party State Convention

The Republican Party of Texas State Convention is held every two years. This year it was the last week of May in San Antonio. What a fun convention! The Republican Party elected the following:

- State Party Chairman, Abraham George
- Chairwoman, D'Rinda Randall
- National Committee Woman, Debbie Georgatos
- National Committee Man, Dr. Robin Armstrong our SREC (State Republican Executive Committee) and
- Delegates to the National Convention

We also voted on 246 party platform planks and legislative priorities. This being an election year, we had both our senate and congressional caucus meetings. Approximately 8,000 people registered for this Convention.

I am honored to have been able to serve on the Credentialing Committee. The Credentialing Committee handles vetting all the delegates and verifying a vote in the March Republican Primary or an Oath of Affiliation. This work was done ahead of the Convention and required that I be there a couple of days in advance.

At the Convention we heard challenges to seated delegates. One delegate can challenge the appointment of another delegate. We heard two very interesting challenges! We listened to testimony from each party and then asked questions and had a lively discussion. A vote was taken and then a recommendation was made to the entire delegation at the Convention for a final vote.

Ellis County Republican Women were well represented with 9 of us at the State Convention!! Way to go ladies!

Membership Dues

Please make check payable to
Ellis County Republican Women PAC

Mail to:

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Maypearl, TX 76064

OR

Zelle to: elliscountyrw@gmail.com

Membership Dues: \$35.00

Associate Member: \$10.00

Young Republicans (Ages 18-40): \$10.00

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Title</u>
6/11/2024	ECRW General Meeting
6/16/2024	Father's Day
6/18/2024	EC GOP Meeting
6/22/2024	ECRW Fundraiser at Railport Brewing Co.
7/1/2024	ECRW Board Meeting
7/2/2024	EC GOP Meeting
7/4/2024	July 4 Independence Day
7/9/2024	ECRW General Meeting
7/9/2024	ECRW Campaign and Political Reporting Due
7/30/2024	ECRW Fundraiser at Texas Theater
8/5/2024	ECRW Board Meeting
8/6/2024	EC GOP Meeting
8/13/2024	ECRW General Meeting

Fundraisers

Cecilia Lively, 3rd VP

I am excited to announce that we have two fundraising events this summer. Be sure to mark your calendars! Your attendance to these events will help Ellis County Republican Women (ECRW) to support college bound seniors with scholarships, support Republican party's nominees, and provide the US Constitution booklets to area schools.

Our first fundraising event is Saturday, June 22, 6:30 - 9:00 P.M. A **Party in Paradise** with music entertainment from the **Fin City Band** (a Jimmy Buffett tribute band) at the:

Railport Brewery
405 W Madison Street
Waxahachie, TX 75165

Railport is a family, pet friendly venue that offers cornhole and free hula lessons offered from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. The Latitude Cigar Lounge for the adults will remain opened late.

This will be an evening of fabulous music and for the first one hundred people to arrive, they will receive **a free snow cone!** Railport Brewery will also create a special Shanty for the night. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available for purchase. So put on your favorite tropical shirt, slide into your flip flops, and enjoy the music.

For dinner there will be two food trucks to buy from:

Filipinaville Island and Tacos Facio y Guisado

So, relax, let someone else cook, and be entertained.

Tickets can be bought in advance thru Zelle elliscountyrw@gmail.com or at the door.

- \$50 for adults
- \$15 for ages 11-18
- Free for ages 10 and under

We are also offering an opportunity for you or a business to sponsor a table. We have three levels available full of perks. For more information, please contact Cecilia Lively via email at CeciliaLively2@gmail.com

Our second fundraising event will be held on July 30, at the:

Texas Theater
110 W Main Street
Waxahachie, TX 75165

Our featured comedian and motivational speaker will be none other than Mr. Dennis Swanberg! Ticket pricing will be:

- \$50 for adults
- \$15 for ages 11-18
- Free for ages 10 and under

The ECRW appreciates your support to help college scholarships for seniors, Republican nominees, and for helping us teach our next leaders about our US Constitution with booklets delivered to our Ellis County school districts.



Legislative Update Cassie Bird, Legislative

Texas Primaries and The Contract with Texas

The run-off elections for the Texas primaries occurred on May 28th, and the conservatives continued to crush the liberal establishment. In the March 5th primaries, 9 liberal establishment republicans lost to their conservative challengers and 8 more were forced into a runoff. Last week those runoff elections occurred and 6 of the liberal establishment republicans were defeated. These wins were historic victories for the conservative grassroots in Texas!

Following years of Texas House Speakers betraying Republican voters by putting radical Democrats in charge and colluding with them to destroy liberty, there are now, at a minimum, 5 current members and 16 new members who are dedicated to reforming the Texas House and have signed a document called the "Contract with Texas," which is below.

Cassie Bird



Contract with Texas

To Reform the House of Representatives and Select a Real Republican Speaker

Texas voters have repeatedly elected Republicans to serve as Governor, Lieutenant Governor, in every state-wide office, and given Republicans huge majorities in both the Texas House and the Texas Senate.

However, for far too long, Republican Speakers of the Texas House have centralized power to themselves, which renders individual Texans without effective representation, and colluded with Democrats to advance progressive policies and stop Republican priorities.

The House's most recent session was marked by obstruction, dysfunction, and a lack of fundamental fairness in application of the House's Rules, and this cannot continue. The message of last month's primaries was self-evident and sent a clear message that business as usual is not acceptable.

The future of our state is on the line, and, with an out of control federal government that seeks to undermine our borders, the Constitution, and our freedoms, Texas must lead by example. As conservative Republican members and prospective members of the Texas House, we are committed to reforming it from a body of liberal dysfunction to a body that more faithfully serves Texas voters, and it is time for new leadership in the Texas House.

To keep the promises we've made to Texas voters we, the undersigned, expect the next Speaker of the House to advance the cause of liberty and adhere, at a minimum, to the following reforms to improve the integrity, transparency, and efficiency of the House:

1. Only solicit support for Speakership from Republican members
2. End the practice of awarding Democrats with committee chairmanships
3. Ensure all GOP legislative priorities receive a floor vote before any Democrat bills
4. Replace the current liberal Parliamentarians with staff committed to only offering advice on adherence to House rules, not to advancing their personal ideology
5. Limit the Speaker to two terms to reduce their power over individual members
6. Ensure there are no longer any Democrat-majority committees
7. Stop parliamentary abuse by requiring only substantial adherence to House rules to keep hyper-technical points of order from killing good legislation
8. Allow audio/video recording of all House proceedings, including point of order debates
9. Start substantive work as soon as Session begins to end delays that kill priority legislation
10. Reform the Calendars Committee to increase transparency and accountability
11. Select a Republican as Speaker Pro Tempore
12. Decentralize power by prohibiting the distribution of political funds from the Speaker

Texans expect and demand more from us. These changes will allow us to respond to the challenges they have identified, and we intend to fulfill our promise to our constituents — the promise to reform the Texas House.

We respectfully call upon and invite our fellow prospective and current House Members to join in this effort.

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