



Liberty Belle



Ellis County Republican Women Newsletter

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God Bless America



President's Pen!

Hello Patriots,

As I reflect on being a newly elected President of the Ellis County Republican Women's Club, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the incredible journey we will share. Leading this dynamic and dedicated group of women will be one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.

Our club has always stood as a beacon of strength, unity, and commitment to the principles we hold dear. Over the past year, we have achieved remarkable milestones together. From organizing successful community outreach programs to hosting enlightening speaker events, our collective efforts have made a significant impact.

One of the most rewarding aspects of my presidency so far, has been experiencing the steadfast support and camaraderie among our members. Our January meeting was a remarkable success, featuring an excellent speaker and strong attendance, and we also welcomed our new PAC Treasurer and VP Membership Chair. Your enthusiasm and dedication have been the cornerstone of our achievements. From volunteering in local campaigns, engaging in policy discussions, to supporting charitable causes, each of you has played a vital role in advancing our shared mission.

As we look ahead, I am excited about the future of our club. We have a robust agenda planned, with initiatives aimed at empowering women, fostering civic engagement, and promoting conservative values. I encourage each of you to continue your active involvement and bring your unique perspectives to the table.

I am deeply honored to serve as your President and am committed to working tirelessly to advance our goals. Together, we can continue to be effective in our community and beyond.

Thank you for your trust, support, and friendship. Here is to another year of growth, success, and making our voices heard. Remember, **YOU ARE ENOUGH!** Ignite your passion, dig in and make the impossible, possible!

Warm regards,

ECRW President

Programs
Susan Smith – 1st VP

February Guest Speaker: Sheriff Brad Norman



Sheriff Brad Norman has been a Peace Officer since 1998 and was elected as Sheriff for his 1st term which began January 1, 2021. Sheriff Norman has served as Chief Deputy, Operations Captain, Lieutenant of the Narcotics Task Force, Sergeant as well as Deputy under the previous Sheriff, Ray Stewart. Sheriff Norman was elected to a 2nd term in office as Sheriff in 2024, as he ran unopposed.

Sheriff Norman is married to Mandy Norman, his bride of 36 years, and they have three children, 9 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Sheriff Norman holds a Master Peace Officer Proficiency Certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement as well as a bachelor's degree from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, TX. He is also a graduate of the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas Leadership Command College No. 72 at Sam Houston State University as well as the Drug Enforcement Administration's Drug Unit Commanders Academy No. 61 in Quantico, Va.

Membership
Sherrie Hartzell – 2nd VP

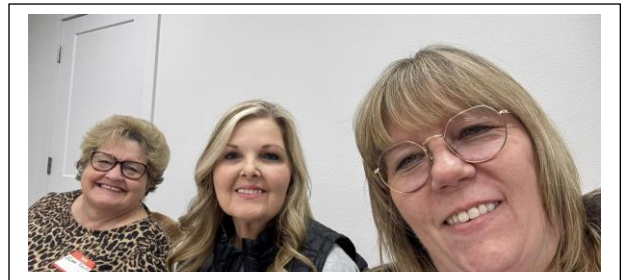
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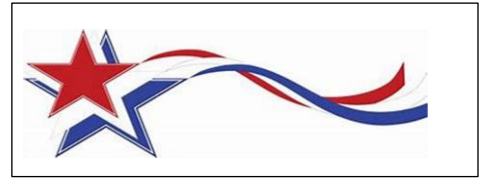
Associate Member: \$10.00



Susan, Sherrie and Samantha at Leadership Training



Campaign/Political Activities Kathy Aulson



Welcome 2025!

Volunteer Hours. Why do we track our time?

Tracking and reporting our volunteer hours measure demonstrate the influence of Republican Women in the political process. They demonstrate the positive impact that TFRW makes in our state!

And for those with a competitive spirit, every year, Ellis County Republican Women, Texas Federation of Republican Women, and the National Federation of Republican Women award the Chapter and member with the most reported hours!

How often?

- Volunteer Hours are reported to TFRW quarterly.
- However, I will be gathering them in “real time” month to month by keeping up with various events and activities, then asking who participated in these on a monthly basis via email and meetings.

How do I track my hours?

Everyone has their own system. I log events on my calendar. Then calculate the hours from there... sometimes estimated. Hours are tracked and reported on a best estimate basis.

What activities count?

Here are some examples of what counts as political activity hours.

- Club Meetings. Time preparing for, traveling to, and attending your club's meetings, events, executive committee meetings.
- Voting! Did you know that voting counts as time? Including travel time!
- Candidate's campaign. Preparation of mailings, posting signs, making phone calls/texting, block walking. Time spent researching a candidate!
- Serving as poll watcher, poll worker, block walker, making phone calls/texting including training for these positions.
- Paid hours such as Election Judge, Election Clerk, or other related paid positions.
- All GOTV (Get Out The v=Vote) efforts.
- Hours of member/associate members who were political candidates.

If you have any questions about reporting your hours, please reach out to me at kathy.aulson@outlook.com or 469-644-5541.

Thank you for all you do and keep up the great work!

Kathy Aulson



Hospitality
Open Chair

The hospitality chair is responsible for setting up refreshments, not necessarily for purchasing out of your own pocket, but getting others signed up to bring them or finding sponsors to cover the refreshments/paper goods.

Please get with Samantha Buford if you are interested or would like more information.



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Open Position

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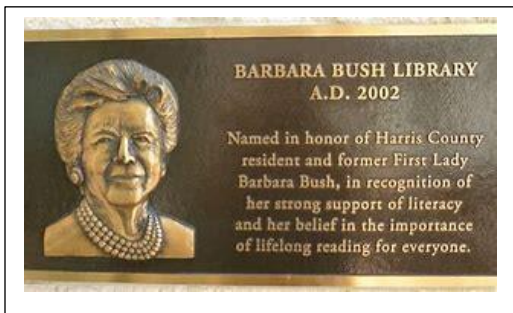
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Literacy Chair
Open Position



The literacy chair is a new position that will handle projects like our Barbara Bush Library book program

Please get with Samatha Buford if you are interested or would like more information.

Scholarships
Cheree Barrett
& Carol Bouldin

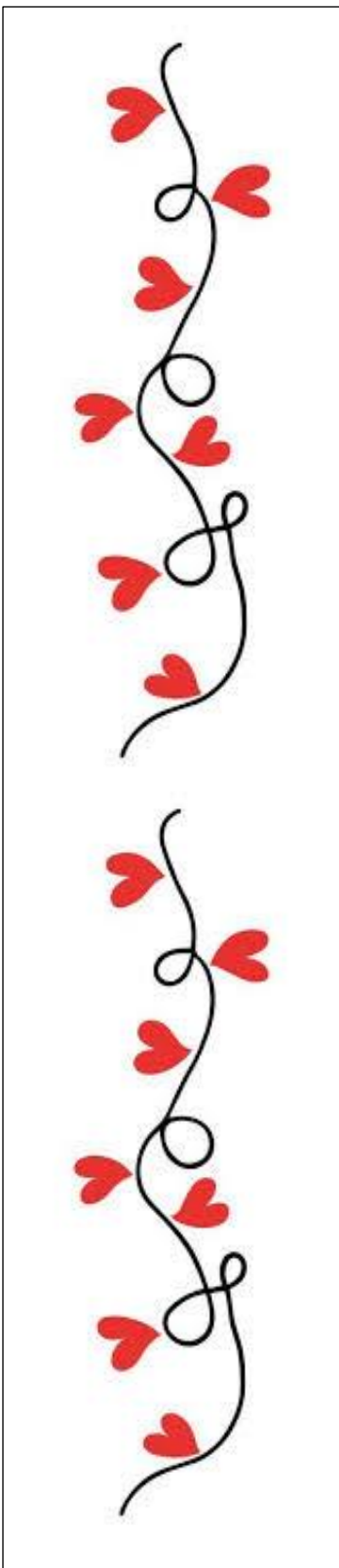
Scholarships will be chaired by Cheree and Carol, if anyone is interested in serving on the interview committee, please contact Cheree at nanbarrett@aol.com Carol at cbouldin@aol.com



Always remember you are braver than you know,
Stronger than you seem,
Smarter than you think
And loved more than you know.



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ECRW – www.ecrw.com
GOP – www.elliscountygop.org
TRFW – www.trfw.org



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SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY PROJECT
IN COVERING THE RESIDENTS AT
MIDLOTHIAN HEALTHCARE CENTER
WITH LOVE

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING A THROW
BLANKET FOR VALENTINE'S DAY
OUR GOAL IS 90 BLANKETS

PLEASE BRING YOUR BLANKETS TO OUR
NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH
6:30 PM
630 FARLEY ST
THE WAXAHACHIE POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY ROOM

**If you would like to
donate and cannot attend
our meeting please
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After our program, we will be putting together Valentines Day cards to deliver at Midlothian Healthcare Center.

Caring for America lead position is open, please get with Samantha Buford if you would like to head this committee or be on the committee. This position finds a project that the members of ECRW can donate to or find needs and challenges the members of our club to help with.

Announcements



Upcoming Meetings and Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Title</u>
02/04/2024	EC GOP Meeting
02/11/2025	ECRW General Meeting
02/17/2025	President's Day
03/04/2025	EC GOP Meeting
04/01/2025	EC GOP Meeting
04/08/2025	ECRW General Meeting
04/21-26/2025	Early Voting Begins Local Political Subdivisions Joint General and Special Elections
04/28-29/2025	Early Voting Local Political Subdivisions Joint General and Special Elections
05/03/2025	Election Day Local Political Subdivisions Joint General and Special Elections
05/06/2025	EC GOP Meeting
05/13/2025	ECRW General Meeting
05/26/2025	Memorial Day
05/26/2025	Parade in Ennis - Polka Festival*

*More information at a later date.

Important Announcement Our new meeting location:

Waxahachie Police Department's
Community Room
630 Farley Street
Waxahachie, TX 75165

TRFW's Upcoming Events

3/20-22/2025

2nd Quarter Board Meeting
Held at AT&T in Austin, TX
Legislative Day: March 20-21 Austin, Texas
Cost: \$90.00/person (covers meeting fee, Thursday dinner, Friday breakfast and lunch).
Event Hotel: ATT Convention Center Hotel (separate cost)

7/18-19/2025

3rd Quarter Board Meeting
Held at Embassy Suite in Roud Rock

10/21-25/2025

4th Quarter Board Meeting and Convention
Held in San Antonio

NRFW's Upcoming Events

9/25-28/2025

National Convention
Held at Rosen Shingle Creek Orlando, FL

No meeting in March for the Ellis County Republican Women.

- Legislative Dinner: February 25, in Georgetown called "Border to Backyard".
- Leadership Training available. For more information visit: tfrw.org
- If you would like a TFRW name badge the cost is \$12.00 and you can order one by going to tfrw.org and order one online or see Samantha Buford for details.



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