



# Liberty Belle



**Ellis County Republican Women Newsletter**  
**Region VII: SD 2 and SD 22**  
Affiliate of the Texas and National Republican Women

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*God Bless America*



## *President's Pen!*

I pray you had a great Christmas and gearing up for the New Year! I appreciate the opportunity to be the new President of the Ellis County Republican Women's Club (ECRW). Thank you to our past President Beverly Gatlin, for her leadership and vision to grow the club exponentially along with all the chairwomen that served under her. Thank you all for your hard work and perseverance the past two years.

I would like to introduce myself and give an outlook for the following year. First, I am a devoted woman of God, a loving wife, a mother of five, and a proud grandmother of twelve. I have a business degree and served as a co-director of True Texas Project of Ellis County. My political involvement includes working on two congressional campaigns, running for Ferris School Board, and volunteering for Ted Cruz's phone bank. Attended the County and State Conventions as a delegate and currently, a Vice Precinct Chair. I am also a member of the GOP Victory Committee, and vetting group for precinct chair positions. Formerly, a member of the Burleson Republican Women's Club and received an award presented by Governor Greg Abbott at the Biennial Texas Federation of Republican Women's meeting as well as, served as a delegate for the club.

As we embark upon a new year for ECRW, I am excited about the great and mighty things we will accomplish together. This endeavor is a team effort, and each of you plays a crucial role in achieving our mission. I am confident about continuing to build our membership and attendance; to promote an informed electorate through political education and activities; and increase the effectiveness of women in government. The new Vice President-Programs has great speakers to educate us on the current events and community needs. The fundraising committee has been brainstorming ideas to set us on a continual growth trajectory. I am excited to see what the new year will bring us as women of the Republican party.

We will also begin an afternoon meeting once a quarter for anyone who would like to attend. More details to come. In January, we will meet at the **Waxahachie Police Department Community Room at 630 Farley Street Waxahachie, TX 75165**. We hope to see each of you there.

I am truly grateful for each of you and the unique strengths you bring to our team. Your dedication and passion inspire me every day.

I appreciate you and look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Let's make it a fantastic one!

Sincerely,

Samantha Buford  
President, ECRW



## Programs

*Susan Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> VP*



Ladies, it is a privilege and an honor to be able to serve in this role. I pledge my support to our new president and to you. I believe she will use this solid foundation to lead our club even higher.

I am extremely interested in doing all I can to keep us aware of current issues. As a history teacher for many years, I can see the results of not being informed or involved in local issues. I was a leader in the schools, taught in and served as a chair on several committees. I also served as a delegate in Smith County's Republican Party after being mobilized by a professor who had served in the army. Her outlook opened my eyes to the importance of being involved locally.

My goal as your Vice President of Programs is to make sure we are aware of the issues that hit us all. I have been interested in politics since I attended UT at Tyler with a Bachelor of Arts in History, and a minor in political science. My husband and I served the community for years, and reaching out to help everyone we could. My goal as part of the ECRW, is to do all I can for our community and our club as we go into the new year. I know we will be able to reach our community and educate more women with the programs we plan to bring to our members.

## Political Activities

*OPEN POSITION*

Our next political activity reporting quarter for our hours for the ECRW club, will include October – December political activity.

The due date for this reporting will be:

**Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m.**

## Important Announcement Our meeting location changed to:

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



## Upcoming ECRW Monthly Meeting Program Schedule

- > **January** – Senior Pastor Kristal Byars  
Topic: Failure is Not an Option  
Married the love of her life 30 years ago and has been an educator for 15 years. Kristal has two anointed kids that are also in ministry. She is an ordained minister with the Church of God out of Cleveland TN and serves on the Texas State Evangelism Board. Kristal's passion is bringing the good news of the gospel to the church. Pastor Kristal says, "Walking, talking, singing, and preaching under the anointing is the only way I long to live!"
- > **February:** Sheriff Brad Norman

**After our program in February, we will be putting together Valentines Day cards to deliver to a facility.**



# Welcome 2025-2027 Officers

**Secretary – Ann Weaver**



Ann Weaver was born and raised in Lebanon and Lancaster Counties Pennsylvania. She grew up on a dairy farm, moved to Texas in 1985 and then to Midlothian in 1993. Ann was a manager for 7-11 for over 10 years and in 1994, she became a Real Estate agent with Century 21 Judge Fite: serving Ellis, Dallas and Johnson Counties. Ann is married to Bill Steddum and has one daughter. She is a Texas Master Gardener, an avid reader and a lifelong Republican.

**Membership – Sherrie Hartzell**



I would like to introduce myself. I'm a mother of three amazing boys and two grand-dogs. I'm newly retired after 17 years, as a Senior EDI Analyst for GE Healthcare IT/Athena Healthcare. I have a background in medical insurance working for a major company for many years. My passion is to have a sanctuary for senior dogs, so they may live out their remaining days in a comfortable, loving environment. My political involvement has mainly been from a campaign supporting role and trying to find my place in the political sphere. I'm excited about the opportunity to serve as the new 2nd VP- Membership of the Ellis County Republican Women (ECRW). I look forward to continuing to grow our membership and to create new initiatives in obtaining additional members. Lastly, becoming an asset to our current members and supporting the new ECRW President, Samantha Buford, will be a dedicating responsibility in the new year.

**Parliamentarian – Lindy Beaty**



Lindy Beaty is the Ellis County and District Attorney and will officially take office on January 1, 2025. She has lived in Ellis County since 2004. She has been a licensed attorney since 1999, devoting her entire career to criminal justice. She lives in Waxahachie with her husband Heath and children, Gabriel and Sarah. In her spare time, she likes to travel, go to sporting events, and try new restaurants. She is honored to serve as parliamentarian for the ECRW.

**Website – Ashley Collins**



Ashley was born and raised in Waco, TX then moved to Midlothian 12 years ago. She is a Precinct Chair for precinct 1037. Ashley is married and has three daughters. She is an Election Judge and on the Fundraising Committee for the Ellis County GOP. Go Trump!

**Newsletter Editor – Tabatha Davis**



I was born and raised in Cedar Hill, TX and moved to Ellis County a few years ago. I am married and have three children. I am an office manager at a local rural water company. I love to read and watch football! I am a newly elected Precinct Chair for Maypearl, precinct 1032.

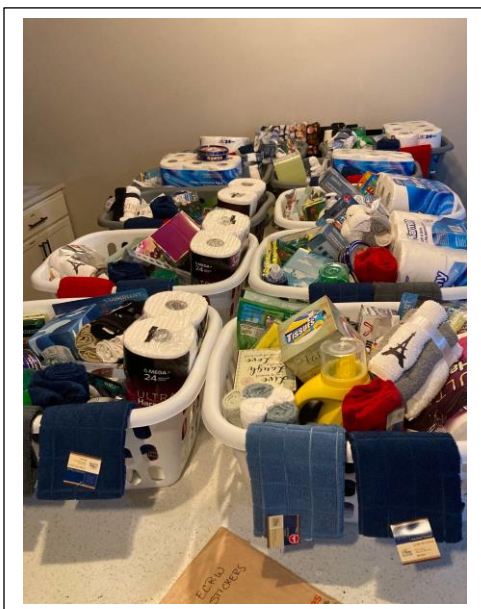


# Caring for America



*Caring for America* chair position is open, please contact Samantha Buford if you would like to chair this committee or serve in a different capacity. This role identifies projects for ECRW to support through donations or discovers community needs where our club members can offer assistance.

ECRW donated 10 baskets to The Heights in Midlothian. Thank you, members, for your donations to make this project a success.



# Upcoming Meetings, Events and Membership Information

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Title</u>
01/07/2024	EC GOP Meeting
01/14/2025	ECRW General Meeting
01/20/2025	<i>Inauguration Day</i>
02/04/2024	EC GOP Meeting
02/11/2025	ECRW General Meeting
02/17/2025	<i>President's Day</i>
03/04/2025	EC GOP Meeting
03/11/2025	ECRW General Meeting
04/01/2025	EC GOP Meeting
04/08/2025	ECRW General Meeting
<b>04/21-26/25</b>	<b>Early Voting Begins</b>
<b>Local Political Subdivisions Joint General and Special Elections</b>	
<b>04/28-29/25</b>	<b>Early Voting</b>
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<b>05/03/2025</b>	<b>Election Day</b>
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05/06/2025	EC GOP Meeting
05/13/2025	ECRW General Meeting
05/26/2025	<i>Memorial Day</i>
05/26/2025	Parade in Ennis - Polka Festival*

\*More information at a later date.

## Membership Dues

Please make check payable to  
**Ellis County Republican Women PAC**

Mail to:  
**ECRW**  
PO Box 387  
Palmer, TX 75152  
**OR**  
Zelle to: elliscounryrw@gmail.com

Membership Dues: \$35.00

Associate Member: \$10.00



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