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President Message

Cheree' Barrett, President

If only it were that easy to know who was going to win the races that we are voting for. Hopefully you've either early voted or plan to vote on Election Day. I'm sure some of our races will have run-offs and it's kind of sad to hope we do just so we can have people wanting to be active in the party and Republican Women. I know that a lot of our election judges are also members of Republican Women. I want to challenge you to be available for delegates to the State Convention in San Antonio in June. Mel Birdwell recently challenged me and our club to get our membership total at least back to 50 or higher. I am going to challenge the club as well. Be involved. Have a voice and be part of the process.

I was so pleased with the turn out for our Lincoln Day dinner at the Civic Center. We had great food and a wonderful speaker. I was so pleased that so many were interested in her books. I remember her saying, what are you afraid of? Speak up and let yourself be heard!

See you at the Polls!!

ECRW to host Texas State Rifle Association Representative



Alice Tripp

On March 20, the ECRW members and guests will convene at 7p.m. at the Woodmen of the World facility for their monthly meeting.

The featured speaker will be Legislative Director Alice Tripp with TSRA.

The Texas State Rifle Association was founded in 1919 and although TSRA is an independent, non-profit association, TSRA works closely with NRA to protect and enhance the Second Amendment rights of Texans.

In 1998 Alice Tripp was hired as TSRA's employee-lobbyist to replace long-time lobbyist Dr. James T. Brown who was retiring. She is the only registered, full-time gun lobbyist to serve through 10 legislative sessions.

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Tripp

She continues to work with the Texas Legislature to support Second amendment issues including CHL, hunting, and general gun ownership, including the unlicensed possession of a handgun. TSRA’s Legislative history can be found at www.tsrapac.com.

During election years her duties include rating and endorsing candidates and incumbent legislators and managing TSRA’s Political Action Committee fund.

You might be surprised to know that those with a Texas handgun license and with written authorization from the “institution” have always been able to enter a school building. See Penal Code 46.03. This was built into the handgun license in 1995. After the Sandy Hook tragedy, 84 Texas ISDs used existing Texas law to allow various members of their faculty to be armed in the classroom. Today we are told there are well over 100 ISDs. The school marshal “license” is not a requirement.

Alice claims to be the “point person” for TSRA, a grassroots lobby association with 37,000 members.



Let’s make our Candidates proud by going to the polls.

Caring for America

**WANTED
10 pair of willing hands**

to be a part of an ECRW team to package boxes of food for “Kids against Hunger”

Saturday, April 7, for a 2 hour shift plus fifteen minutes of training at

First United Methodist Church, Waxahachie

Volunteer teams from various organizations will be packaging boxes of food to be delivered to starving children in 60 countries around the world. This is an opportunity to be involved in a community effort, requiring only a couples of hours time from each of us.

To get involved call Jane Vineyard, at 972.938.9715

There are three shifts we could work 8:30am-10:30am or 10:30am-12:30pm or 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Let me know your preference.



Jane Vineyard.
Caring for America Chair



It’s that time again – no not tax time. It’s time to report campaign activity hours again. Volunteer hours are a measurement of the influence of Republican Women in the election process. TFRW and our club deserve recognition for the volunteer contributions we make toward getting Republicans elected! As Campaign Activities Chair I will be reporting our clubs campaign related activities for January-March 2018 in early April. I will be unable to attend the March ECRW meeting but the officers have copies of the reporting form for you to fill out. I will be sending members an email with info about what you can claim as campaign activity hours.

*Thanks,
Vickie Blair, Chair*



New Members

Paula Baucum
 Cynthia Billingsley
 Melissa Olson
 Tricia Powell
 Lisa Phoenix



Texas
 Independence
 Day
 March 2, 2018

Texas Flag

On March 1, 1836, at the village of Washington on the Brazos fifty-four delegates of the Convention met and wrote and adopted the *Texas Declaration of Independence*. This was accomplished with daily reports of the invasion by Mexico on Texas and the battle at the Alamo. Richard Ellis was elected President and Herbert S. Kimble Secretary.

Please keep our members and their families in your prayers as they are recovering from illnesses and surgeries.



April
 1st



*Good luck to everyone!
 And may all your dreams come true!!*

The first St. Patrick's Day parade in America took place in New York City. Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City on March 17, 1762. Over 100 St. Patrick Day parades take place in the United States each year, but the New York City and Boston are the largest.

The United States has four cities named Shamrock after the floral emblem of Ireland. They are Shamrock, Texas, Mount Gay-Shamrock, W. VA, Lakes. Ind. and Shamrock, OK.

In Dallas, the Greenville Area businesses presents the 2018 parade on Saturday, March 17th. Step off on Greenville at Blackwell, Ends at Yale Blvd/SMU Blvd @ Central Expressway.

Calendar

- March 2- Texas Independence Day
- March 6 – Primary Election
- March 11 – Daylight Saving Time Begins
- March 17 – St. Patrick's Day
- March 20 – ECRW Meeting at 7pm
- March 25 – Palm Sunday
- April 1 – Easter

Membership Dues

Please mail check payable to Ellis County Republican Women PAC to
 Donna Blanton, Membership Chair
 102 Sewell Ave., Midlothian, TX 76065
 Memberships Dues \$25.00
 Associate & Young Republican \$10.00