

**April 2024**



*Reach for the Stars*

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Happy Spring Republican Friends!

This is my favorite time of the year. I have many great memories as a child that I now get to pass on to my son. Spring is a symbol of growth and new beginnings. As we move into a new season, it is time to re-unite as a party, a strong UNITED REPUBLICAN PARTY. We are a few months away from the 2024 Texas GOP State Convention. This is the time to come together for our party principles, legislative priorities, and candidates. We are only stronger by uniting as ONE PARTY. THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. So, let’s go to San Antonio in May for the 2024 Texas GOP State Convention and have a ‘Grand Ole Time’!



I want to give a HUGE shout out for the many Clear Creek Republican Women members and associate members that served at the recent Galveston County Republican Senate District 11 Convention. Thank you for stepping up to serve. Twenty-two CCRW Members and Associate Members will continue on to serve as delegates or alternate delegates at the Texas GOP State Convention. Please thank them for taking time to represent our county.

Galveston County Republican Party Chairman, Dr. Patrick McGinnis will be our April monthly meeting speaker. As he begins his third term as party chairman, he will speak about his vision for the next two years for the Galveston County Republican Party. Please join us so that you can know firsthand how we can help him carry out his vision.

God Bless Texas!

Della Brown  
 Clear Creek Republican Women  
 President  
*Reaching for the Stars!*

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**April 05 – Monthly Meeting**

Speaker

**Dr. Patrick McGinnis** – Galveston County Republican Party Chair





**April 2024**

**CCRW EVENTS**

**CCRW Monthly Meeting**

**April 05, 2024**

*La Brisa– Mexican Bar & Grill  
501 N. Wesley Dr., League City, Texas*

**11:15 - 12:00                      Doors Open**

**12:00 - 1:00:                      Meeting  
Lunch  
Speakers**

**Dr. Patrick McGinnis** — Galveston County Republican Party Chair  
As Dr. McGinnis begins his third term as party chairman, he will speak about his vision for the next two years for the Galveston County Republican Party and share how we can help him carry out his vision.

**You MUST RSVP by end of day the Monday before each meeting.  
Please RSVP by completing the form on the website here.**

**Please reserve and select choice #1, #2, or #3 by end of the day  
Monday before each meeting.**

**Please note: You may cancel up to 24 hours before meeting, free of charge. After that time, you will be charged for your meal if we are charged by La Brisa for your RSVP.**

**Reminder, we are no longer offering a non-eating option at the monthly lunch at La Brisa, so please select one of the 3 meal options as noted on the website. The \$20 lunch fee is to be paid in cash or check only (made payable to La Brisa).**

**April 2024**

- 31 Mar                      Easter**
- 05                            CCRW Executive Board Meeting – La Brisa  
CCRW Monthly Meeting**
- 22                            Earth Day**
- 23-30                      Passover**
- 25                            Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work**
- 26                            Arbor Day**

**Other Important 2024 Dates**

**CCRW 2024 OFFICERS**

**President**  
Della Brown  
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**VP Membership**  
Chrissy Crews

**VP Programs**  
Hilary Miller

**Secretary**  
Caroline Brazzel

**Corresponding Secretary**  
Lanette Lashway

**PAC Treasurer**  
Cathy Henson

**Treasurer**  
Kayla Allen

**President Emeritus**  
Martha Bosworth

**COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMEN**

**Awards**  
Roxann Lewis

**By-Laws**  
Loretta Roberts

**Campaign Activities**  
Debra Niblack

**Historian**  
Kathie Nenninger

**Hospitality**  
Cyndy Butchere

**Legislative**  
Janet Bell

**Newsletter**  
Jacqueline Irwin

**Parliamentarian**  
Rebecca Milo

**Publicity/Social Media**  
Kate Willis

**Special Events**  
Cinnamon Scully

**2024 SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**Finance/Budget**  
Melissa Johnson

**Internal Review**  
Kari Long

**Website**  
Kristen Day

April 2024

# Membership

## CCRW Membership Update

Republican Friends,

Membership dues are due every year in January. Renewal membership dues are considered delinquent on **MARCH 1, 2024**. Please use the links [here](#) to renew and pay your dues today.  
2024 Membership Goals for Clear Creek Republican Women

- ◆ FULL Membership from 92 to 100
- ◆ Associate Membership from 40 to 50
- ◆ Every Republican elected official become a member or an associate member

### **ANNOUNCEMENT from Texas Federation of Republican Women:**

TFRW will provide funds to clubs in good standing for the Republican Party of Texas State Convention based on **full membership numbers**.

Full dues paying members who join before March 1, 2024, will have the opportunity to receive funds/vouchers to offset expenses for the Republican Party of Texas State Convention. The amount of money CCRW receives from TFRW will be based on our **Full Membership** numbers on MARCH 1. **The more members, the more money CCRW will receive.**

You may pay:

- Online [Become a Member](#)
- In person At a monthly meeting
- Mail Your membership dues in with a completed form. See this site for the [form](#).

You can join as a **Full Member** or as an **Associate Member**.

### **Full Membership \$40**

Women only - home club

\$25 goes to our Texas Federation of Republican Women

### **Associate Member \$25**

Women - who are full members of other Republican Women Clubs

Men - full amount of dues stays with CCRW

To join online follow this link [Become a Member](#) - Clear Creek Republican Women (clearcreekrw.org).



# April 2024 Legislative Update

LEGISLATION submitted by, Janet W. Bell

April 2024

TEXAS

## [ELECTION INTEGRITY](#)

On, 03-14-24, a petition for writ of certiorari was filed with SCOTUS (**Docket No. 23-1021**) for the Arizona election integrity case filed in response to the 2022 midterm election by candidates for Governor and Secretary of State (SOS), Kari Lake and Mark Finchem, against AZ's SOS, Adrian Fontes, and the boards of supervisors of Maricopa and Pima Counties. The case challenges, "... **whether electronic voting machines assure a fair and accurate vote under the Due Process Clause ...**" of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution. The testimony and evidence showed actual electronic vote tampering in prior elections, which the district court disregarded in finding petitioners' claims, "... **too speculative for Article III standing**" and whose finding and dismissal was subsequently upheld by the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Lake and Finchem are asking SCOTUS to rule that they do have standing.

[Search - Supreme Court of the United States](#)

Before 2002, elections overwhelmingly were conducted using reliable auditable paper-based systems. **After the 2000 presidential election recount in Florida and the Bush v. Gore decision**, Congress passed the **Help America Vote Act (HAVA)**. Billions of federal dollars were spent to move states from paper-based voting systems to electronic computer-based systems. Since then, U.S. elections have mostly been conducted using computer-based **election management systems (EMS)** created, maintained, and administered with little to no public transparency by essentially 3 companies, **Dominion, ES&S (vendor in many TX counties) and Hart InterCivic (vendor for Galveston, Harris and other TX Counties)**.

Prior to the 2016 federal election, a series of cyberattacks occurred on state and local election information systems. Consequently, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in January **2017 designated the election infrastructure used in federal elections as a component of U.S. critical infrastructure (CI)**. Under federal law CI refers to systems and assets for which "incapacity or destruction ... would have a debilitating impact on security, national economic security, national public health or safety, or any combination" of them (42 U.S.C. §5195c (e)).

**As of 2019, Dominion, ES&S and Hart InterCivic supply more than 90% of the nation's EMS**. Computer science experts have demonstrated that all three companies systems can be hacked or compromised with malware. For an in depth dive into the world of EMS hacking see, "110 Articles Affirm America's Computerized Voting System Is Online, Compromised, and Vulnerable to Hackers: Documented, Linked, and Quoted 110 sourced articles", by Kanekoa, 03-29-2022.

[Hacking America's Computerized Voting System - Kanekoa News](#)

Since the 2020 general election evidence has been mounting that establishes illegal acts were carried out surrounding the 2020-general and 2022-midterm elections. These acts permeated the election infrastructure and processes across the country. **Following the 2020 Mesa County, CO general election a series of events occurred that would provide a unique glimpse into the actual Dominion EMS**. Voters in Mesa County, concerned that their votes had been somehow compromised, expressed their concerns to Tina Peters, a Navy SEAL Goldstar Mom and the elected Mesa County Clerk. On, 05-25-21, CO's SOS authorized Dominion to perform a new trusted software build that would replace the build used for the 2020 election, would be prior to and therefore in violation of the legally mandated elections records preservation statute requirements (22 months-U.S./ 25 months-CO) and would make it impossible to verify the results of the 2020 and 2021 elections. Concerned about this and wanting to fulfill her legal responsibilities Tina Peters engaged a consultant to make a forensic backup of the 2020 election Dominion EMS server prior to implementation of the new trusted software build. This **provided the first opportunity for forensics experts to analyze the internal workings of the Dominion EMS and compare the 2020 election and new trusted build internal databases; the results of which provided the necessary evidence to file this AZ election integrity lawsuit**. The state of CO indicted Tina Peters on criminal charges for tampering with election equipment; her home was searched by the FBI and her computers, phones, etc. were confiscated. She is currently under threat of being sent to prison. For her story and the forensic audit reports see:

[Reports - Tina Peters](#) ; [Tina Peters - Truth and Liberty Coalition](#)

Per SCOTUS case Docket No. 23-1021:

"... Decades of Evidence Prove Electronic Voting Systems Do Not Provide a Secure, Transparent, or Reliable Vote

71. Over the last two decades the United States has transitioned from a safe, secure, auditable paper-based system to an inherently vulnerable, network exposed electronic equipment-based system. The transition to increased reliance on electronic systems and computer technology has created unjustified new risks of hacking, election tampering, and electronic voting fraud.

72. With each passing election the unreliability of electronic voting machines has become more apparent. In light of this experience, the vote tallies reported by electronic voting machines cannot, without objective evaluation, be trusted to accurately show which candidates actually received the most votes.

73. Credible allegations of electronic voting machine "glitches" that materially impacted specific races began to emerge in 2002. ...



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## Legislative Update cont'd

Per SCOTUS case Docket No. 23-1021 cont'd:

125. Evidence has been found of illegal vote manipulation on electronic voting machines during the 2020 election.

126. Dominion Democracy Suite software was used to tabulate votes in 62 Colorado counties, including Mesa County, during the 2020 election. Subsequent examination of equipment from Mesa County showed the Democracy Suite software created unauthorized databases on the hard drive of the election management system servers. On March 21, 2022, electronic database expert Jeffrey O'Donnell and computer science expert Dr. Walter Daugherty (*TX A & M professor emeritus*) published a report concluding that ballots were manipulated in the unauthorized databases on the Mesa County server during Colorado's November 2020 and April 2021 elections. See: [magaraccoon.com](http://magaraccoon.com), [Reports – Tina Peters](#)

127. On February 28, 2022, and after a comprehensive review of the Dominion systems used in Colorado, cybersecurity expert Douglas Gould published a report concluding that the system was "configured to automatically overwrite log files that exceed 20 MB, thereby violating federal standards that require the preservation of log files," that it was configured "to allow any IP address in the world to access the SQL service port, (1433), which violates 2002 VSS security standards," and that it "uses generic user IDs and passwords and a common shared password, some of which have administrative access," in violation of 2002 VSS security standards.

128. Retired Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Michael Gableman conducted an investigation of the 2020 election in Wisconsin at the direction of the Wisconsin Assembly. Gableman issued a report in March 2022 noting that "at least some machines had access to the internet on election night." He concluded that several machines manufactured by ES&S and used in the 2020 election in Wisconsin were "made with a 4G wireless modem installed, enabling them to connect to the internet through a Wi-Fi hotspot."

In addition to the forensic audit conducted on the Mesa County Election databases, [O'Donnell and Daugherty conducted an analysis of cast vote records \(CVR's\) for numerous counties in the United States](#), including AZ's Pima and Maricopa Counties. The CVR's were mostly acquired by citizens via FOIA requests to their county election clerks. The CVR collects in spreadsheet format the selections contained on each ballot in the order recorded through the tabulator machines without any information that would identify the voter (i.e., no name, address, Social Security number, driver's license number, voter registration number, etc.). See: [magaraccoon.com](http://magaraccoon.com), [fingerprintsoffraud.com](http://fingerprintsoffraud.com) for "[Fingerprints of Fraud](#)" 2020 Election Cast Vote Record Report, Volume 1 which provides findings taken from the 2020 General Election Cast Vote Records (CVR) of 202 counties from nine states, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon and West Virginia. Volumes 2 and 3 for other states are in work.

Cited in case Docket No. 23-1021, from his statement in the AZ case, Dr. Daugherty states, "... in the November 2020 election for which the CVR data was made available, ballots in Maricopa County and Pima County were artificially processed through the tabulators tracking a Proportional-Integral-Derivative (PID) type control function in a closed-loop feedback system. A PID controller or variations of it is a software coded algorithm to maintain a measured process variable (that is, an outcome, such as a ratio) at a pre-specified desired setpoint ...

8. PID controllers are used everywhere, from cruise control in automobiles to Category III autoland for an aircraft making a landing when the runway is completely fogged in, to industrial automation of all kinds, such as robots, refineries and other chemical plants, manufacturing quality control, and self-driving cars.

9. An analysis of the actual cumulative ratios of the vote tallies for early mail-in and in-person votes prior to Election Day ("early votes") for the ten races analyzed in Maricopa County and the seventeen races in Pima County shows a significant and systematic decline in the cumulative ratio as counting progresses. Such a uniform and predictable pattern is so statistically implausible that it would not occur without artificial manipulation. ...

11. As detailed below, my analysis shows to a reasonable degree of scientific and mathematical certainty that vote counting by electronic voting machines used in Maricopa County, Pima County, and other counties throughout the United States that I have examined was manipulated and tightly controlled to reach predetermined outcomes. ... In my expert opinion such predictability is so statistically improbable as to be impossible without manipulation or control and thus demonstrates to a reasonable degree of scientific and mathematical certainty that the tabulation of these ballots was artificially controlled. ... 33. Note that neither the current Arizona statutory election audit procedures nor the various forms of risk-limiting audits used by other states would have detected this controlled manipulation, since they do not take into account the sequence that votes are recorded. ...

42. The evidence detailed above overwhelmingly demonstrates to a reasonable degree of scientific and mathematical certainty that the sequence of the CVR data in both Maricopa County and Pima County shows artificial control. ...

45. Unless and until future proposed electronic voting systems (including hardware, software, source code, firmware, etc.) are made completely open to the public and also subjected to scientific analysis by independent and objective experts to determine that they are secure from manipulation or intrusion, in my professional opinion as a computer expert, electronic voting systems should not even be considered for use in any future elections, as they cannot be relied upon to generate secure and transparent election results free from the very real possibility of unauthorized manipulation. My professional opinion as a computer expert is therefore that hand-marked hand-counted paper ballots should be used instead.

46. I have personal knowledge of the foregoing and am fully competent to testify to it at trial. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 8, 2022 Walter C. Daugherty."

Additionally, recent new evidence has been provided to SCOTUS in case Docket No. 23-1021 showing that, "... since at least 2020, Dominion configured its machines with the decryption keys in an election database table in plain text—protected by nothing other than Windows log-in credentials that are easily bypassed— enabling any malicious actor total control over its electronic voting systems. ...

195. ... Accordingly, Plaintiffs ask this Court to declare that these Defendants violated the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 2, Section 4 of the Arizona Constitution; enjoin Defendants' use of electronic voting systems for future elections..." [Search - Supreme Court of the United States](#)



# April 2024

## Legislative Update cont'd

SCOTUS cont'd.

Status of SCOTUS (Docket No. 23-1021), Arizona election integrity case:

- 03-20-24 Plaintiffs, Lake and Finchem, requested a Motion to Expedite.
- 03-27-24 Pima County Board of Supervisors filed a waiver of its right to respond
- 03-27-24 Arizona Secretary of State, Adrian Fontes, filed a waiver of his right to respond
- 03-27-24 Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, et al., filed a waiver of its right to respond
- 04-03-24 Case DISTRIBUTED to SCOTUS Justices for Conference to be held, 4/19/2024
- 04-09-24 Amicus brief submitted by Georgia Republican Party, Inc.
- 04-19-24 SCOTUS Justices Conference regarding this case to be held

### BORDER CRISIS

03-21-24, In El Paso on the border TX National Guard troops were rushed and overrun by illegal aliens who fought their way past to be processed by Border Patrol Agents. SB4 provides the ability for TX to legally enforce the capture and return of illegal aliens. However, **SB4 is currently on hold pending further review by the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.** Per the U.S. Constitution TX is arguing that it has the right and responsibility to defend its borders when the federal government has abrogated its responsibility to defend the states against invasion.

### REPUBLICAN PARTY CONVENTIONS

- 05/23-25/24 TX GOP State Convention in San Antonio  
[2024 State Convention - Republican Party of Texas](https://www.texasgop.org) [Republican Party of Texas \(texasgop.org\)](https://www.texasgop.org)
- 07/15-18/24 Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, WI  
[Republican National Convention \(gopconvention2024.com\)](https://www.gopconvention2024.com)

### TUES MAY, 28 2024 PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

- Mon., 04/29/24 Last Day to Register to Vote
- Mon., 05/20/24 First Day of Early Voting
- Friday, 05/17/24 Last Day to Apply by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)
- Friday, 05/24/24 Last Day of Early Voting
- Tues., 05/28/24 **\*\*ELECTION DAY\*\***
- Tues., 05/28/24 Last Day to Receive Ballot by Mail (7PM if non-postmarked carrier envelope)
- Wed., 05/29/24 Last Day to Receive Ballot by Mail (5PM if postmarked carrier envelope by 7PM @ location of election on election day (unless overseas/mil voter)



Photo Credit



April 2024

## Texas GOP Convention 2024

May 23 - 25, 2024

The Henry B. González Convention Center

Begins 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 23rd

### Galveston County SD 11 Delegates and Alternates from CCRW

Kayla Allen	Jacqueline Irwin
Janet W. Bell	Hon. Cheryl Johnson
Martha Bosworth	Keith Lashway
Della Brown	Lanette Lashway
Mark Brown	Roxann Lewis
Chrissy Crews	Barbara Meeks
Hon. Tom Crews	Fay Picard
Jane Elbert	Loretta Roberts
Laura Gappa	Mary Helen Slone
Cathy Hansen	Paula Smith
Tracy Henderson	Hon. Justin West

### TFRW Events

Thursday night, May 23rd, we will have Fiesta at the Alamo! This will be a FREE event for our members. Guests will be \$25. Register [HERE](#).

Friday night, May 24th, we will hold our Champion of Freedom Gala at the Westin Riverwalk. Tickets will be \$95/person and will be a great time to dress up and enjoy time with our like-minded Republican sisters. We will be announcing our Champion of Freedom winner soon! Register [HERE](#).

### COMMITTEES & CAUCUSES

*Senatorial District (SD) Caucus* – Twice during the convention, delegates will meet together with all the other delegates from their same State Senate district to hold a Senatorial District Caucus. The first SD caucus will be called to order by that SD's Temporary Caucus Chair. These Chairs were appointed by Chairman Rinaldi upon the recommendation of one or both of that district's SREC members. After the meeting is called to order, the delegates will elect a Permanent Caucus Chair to conduct the rest of the caucus business.

*Congressional District (CD) Caucus* – Twice during the convention, delegates will meet together with all other delegates from their Congressional district to hold a Congressional District Caucus. The first CD caucus will be called to order by the CD's Temporary Caucus Chair - who is appointed by Chairman Rinaldi. After the meeting is called to order, the delegates will elect a National Committee Woman, National Committee Man, National Delegate, Presidential Elector, and National Nominations Committee member.

*Temporary Committees* – Each of these committees includes 32 people: a chairman appointed by State Chairman Matt Rinaldi, and one member from each of the 31 Senatorial Districts (SDs) appointed by Chairman Rinaldi upon the recommendation of one or both of that district's SREC members.

- ◆ Legislative Priorities
- ◆ Rules
- ◆ Platform and Resolutions
- ◆ Organization
- ◆ Credentials

### VOLUNTEER

- ◆ *Pages* are 14-18-year-olds who help guide delegates around the convention center, answer questions, and assist staff or SD/CD chairs as needed. If you are interested in becoming a Page, [please follow the instructions on the application, here](#).
- ◆ *Sergeant-at-Arms* are responsible for maintaining decorum with level headed thinking. This may also include escorting guests on the convention floor, guarding doors during voting, checking badges, and much more. If you are interested in serving in this vital position, please follow the instructions [on this link](#) and you will be contacted.
- ◆ For other volunteer opportunities, [please use this application](#).

*Galveston County SD 11 Delegates and Alternates that are full members of Clear Creek Republican Women (as of March 1, 2024) will be eligible for reimbursement for some travel expenses to the state convention in San Antonio. Money will be distributed after the state convention. More information to come about the disbursement in the coming months.*

### TFRW Newsletter Page 3-4 for more information!

Because hotel rooms are expensive, TFRW has a contract for a block of rooms at the La Quinta Inn and Suites San Antonio Riverwalk. Rooms will be \$179/night - \$40 cheaper than the Hyatt and Marriott nearby. The La Quinta is across the street from the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center where the RPT Convention will be held. We will not be able to add additional rooms to our block, so when they are full, they are full. Click [HERE](#) for hotel link.



**April 2024**

**A CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND SERVICE TO COMMUNITY**

**DEBBI CHRISSINGER**

Debbi Chrissinger was a true conservative! While not a native Texan Debbi got here as soon as she could! She was an ardent supporter and a full member of CCRW for years and created the name badges many of us wear. More recently, Debbi served as Publicity Chair, Corresponding Secretary, volunteered on the Events Committee and was always willing to lend a helping hand.

If you knew Debbi, you are aware that she epitomized the phrase 'servant before self'! Debbi encouraged everyone she knew to attend Networking Groups. She volunteered with the Chamber of Commerce, served as a Bell Ringer for the Salvation Army every Christmas and as a Greeter at Clear Creek Community Church. Debbi was also a HUGE fan of the Houston Astros and enjoyed going to the games with friends.

Debbi and her late husband Dean worked together in their business, Taylor MacQuen Advertising. They sold custom advertising specialty items to many businesses and conservative candidates. Dean, who had retired as a full Colonel in the US Army, passed away suddenly in July 2017. His passing affected Debbi and their Cockatoos Ellie and Tiki deeply. The following year, Debbi spread her wings and became a Travel Advisor! She started Destinations Unlimited Vacations and loved helping friends plan their dream vacations.

Without a doubt, Debbi left us way too soon, but she's been made whole and is probably dancing with Dean. Friends are encouraged to attend a celebration of Debbi's beautifully lived life on:

Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 1p.m.  
Clear Creek Community Church  
999 N Egret Bay Blvd.  
League City

A reception will be held immediately following.



Ellie and the late Tiki (with Debbi now).





# Looking Back...

## Kathie Nenninger, Historian

CCRW has always been represented at the Republican Party of Texas State Convention through the entire process. After attending their Precinct Conventions, our members have served or attended in great numbers at our District Conventions and State Conventions throughout the years. Many of our members have also served on very important committees not only at our District 11 Convention level but also at the state level. Most of all in Presidential years, many of our members have been elected to attend as distinguished Delegates, Alternates or At-Large Delegates to the National Republican Conventions and as an Elector all representing our Congressional District.



Barbara, Vollmer, Past President, Tommye Randolph, Norma Byous, and Past President Cindy Seidensticker.



Darlene Anene, Claire Worthington, Kathie Nenninger, DeDe Brockman, TFRW President, Bettie Moss, Past President Barbara Meeks, Geraldine Sam, Linda Hancock, Sherry Clark & Carole Ragland.



Barbara Vollmer, Tommye Randolph, Norma Byous, and Kathie Nenninger



Fay Picard, Past President Kari Long, Brenda Weber, Congressman Randy Weber, Past Presidents, Loretta Roberts, Kathie Nenninger, Lillian Murphy and Roxann Lewis.



Kathie Nenninger, Past LC Council Member and CCRW PAC Treasurer, Darlene Anene.



Kari Long, Kathie Nenninger, Roxann Lewis, Fay Picard, Lillian Murphy, Loretta Roberts and Melissa Johnson.

# Literacy and Caring for America April 2024

## Blood Drive

In Memory of Ken Clark & Paul Tibaldo

Thursday, April 11  
3:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
10 Jack Brooks Park Road  
Hitchcock, TX 77563

To schedule an appointment:

[Click Here](#)

**GIVE BLOOD**

Salveston County Commissioner, Ken Clark and Paul Tibaldo, the longest serving president of the GCF&R, were both deeply committed to the youth of Galveston County and the community. Help honor these two great men with your blood donation.

**Ken Clark Working for You Foundation**

**Blood Drive**  
In Memory of  
**Ken Clark & Paul Tibaldo**

Thursday, April 11  
3:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Donor Coach  
10 Jack Brooks Park Road – Hitchcock, TX 77563

\*Successful donors will receive a Blood Center "Imbrella" as a thank you and a BHP voucher for a free short stack of pancakes.  
To schedule an appointment, please scan the QR code below.

All blood donations are in honor of these great men and will go into the general blood supply for all patients in the Texas Gulf Coast region. (DA policy requires blood donors to be unpaid volunteers. No individual may receive a financial benefit or credit from your blood donation today.)

Second annual blood drive in memory of two great men and pillars for the youth of Galveston County and the GCF&R.

Held in conjunction with GCF&R's "Sneak Peek"- family night featuring free admission, low cost wristbands for carnival, and live entertainment.

All successful blood donors will receive a voucher for (1) fair admission, a Gulf Coast Blood Bank umbrella, and our gratitude for helping save lives and remembering Ken and Paul, both of whom we miss dearly.



**April 2024**

## **Volunteers Needed!!!**

### **Become a Deputy Voter Registrar**

**Volunteer Deputy Registrars are needed to staff voter registration booths at upcoming events!!!**

**Q: How can you become a Deputy Voter Registrar?**

**A: In person Training**

**Q: When?**

**A: Third Friday of each month at 10 a.m.**

**Q: Where?**

**A: Galveston County Courthouse – 722 Moody, Galveston, TX  
Commissioners Courtroom**

**Q: What do I need to do?**

**A: Print and complete the application in English [VOT 26-VDR Application 12.3.2022](#) or [print and complete the application in Spanish](#) and submit it to the Voter Registration Department via fax, email or deliver to any GCTO Office.**

**Q: What if I have done this before?**

**A: VDRs who have completed the in person training (with us or another Texas County), may “re-up” via the online application and training program. Those wishing to renew online should complete this online renewal application ([VOT 26 -VDR Application for Renewal Appointment](#)) and email it to [galco-tax@co.galveston.tx.us](mailto:galco-tax@co.galveston.tx.us) or bring it to any monthly training class**

**Upon completion of training, you will receive a VDR handbook, Certificate of Appointment, VDR name badge, identification card, voter applications, registration supplies and the authority to distribute and receive voter applications within Galveston County.**



\*Image from [www.washoecounty.gov/voters](http://www.washoecounty.gov/voters)



**April 2024**  
**Secretary's Minutes – March 2024**

**Clear Creek Republican Women**  
**General Meeting**  
**La Brisa Cantina**  
**March 01, 2024**

- Call to Order:** Della Brown called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.
- Invocation:** Hank Dugie, Candidate for Commissioner, led us in prayer.
- Pledges:** Judge Mark Henry led us in the pledges.
- Approval of Minutes:** Della Brown asked for any corrections to the minutes; hearing none, the minutes were approved.
- Introduction of Elected Officials and Candidates:** Each elected official and candidate introduced themselves.
- Membership:** Chrissy Crews reported that there are now 59 Full Members and 26 Associate Members.
- Treasurer's Report:** Kayla Allen reported that on February 1<sup>st</sup> the bank balance was \$26,805.74 and on February 29<sup>th</sup> the bank balance was \$27,129.78.
- Program:** Della Brown introduced our speaker Jessica Hart Steinmann. She is the General Counsel and Director of Litigation at America First Policy Institute. She is also a former Trump Administration Sr. Official at the Department of Justice. Jessica talked about her time in Washington and highlighted her role on the AFPI Leadership team which has election integrity as one of their priorities. She also talked about TFRW's goal to have more members at Conventions.
- Announcements:** Della Brown announced that Republican Primary early voting ends today and Election Day is March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Hospitality:** Cyndy Butcher drew the winning raffle ticket.
- Adjourn:** Della Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Caroline Brazzel, Recording Secretary





# Campaign Activities

## Reporting Hours

**You can report hours monthly (click here):**

Look at your calendars/phones at all of your hours. If you have not started reporting your volunteer hours this year, now is the time to start. With the new changes, we may now include hours worked as election clerks, election judges, making phone calls and time spent working for candidates as long as you are not employed by them. Don't forget your travel time to and from events, and any preparations for those meetings or events. Our Galveston County GOP Headquarters has been open and will be reopening again soon just a few offices down. Please **don't forget to volunteer and keep a record of your hours spent**. Awards will be given by TFRW and NFRW to members and clubs volunteering **and reporting** the most hours.

As a reminder...New Categories for Reporting Hours and what to include:

1. **CALLING**

Include all calls for any political activities, such as initiatives or ballot questions.  
Dialing apps will record the number of calls you have made, or you can use your best estimate.

2. **POLITICAL HOURS**

When in doubt, count the hour and round up to the closest whole hour.  
Travel time to and from the activity.  
Research and development of the activity (Example: Social media posts / letters to the editor).  
Preparation and breakdown of activity hours collected are on a best estimate basis.

3. **PRIMARY and ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** hours are counted.

All volunteer political activities, whether paid or unpaid (Example: paid election worker or poll watcher), are eligible.  
\*Individuals who are salaried campaign and/or GOP professional staff do not qualify (i.e., those who earn their living by being employed in politics).

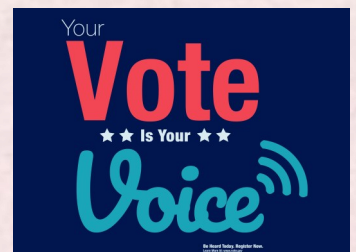
**EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES**

- ◆ All time spent at Club, Region, State, and National Federation meetings or conventions (in person or virtual).
- ◆ All campaign activities benefiting the Federation (TFRW), the Republican Party, or Republican candidates.
- ◆ Attendance at all Republican events, including Rallies, Lincoln Day Dinners, even if tickets were purchased for attendance.
- ◆ Running for Office (partisan or non-partisan) as a Republican Candidate.
- ◆ Walking precincts, preparing letters to the editor or elected officials, any phone calls, radio, TV and social media appearances, posting to social media, voter registration, writing or editing a digital or hardcopy club newsletter, attendance at rallies.
- ◆ Working on any aspect of a Republican campaign (partisan or non-partisan) .
- ◆ Working on Republican ballot questions, initiatives, or petitions.
- ◆ Time spent serving as an elected member of your Local, County, State or National Party Committee.
- ◆ Attending, preparing for, or volunteering at Club, Region, State, and National Federation meetings or conventions.
- ◆ Attending, preparing for, or volunteering at meetings or conventions of the Local, County, State, and National Republican Party or local meetings or conventions.
- ◆ Working at a Local, County, State, National Republican office.
- ◆ Working at a Local, County, State, National Republican candidate or elected official's office as a volunteer.
- ◆ Working as an Election Officer, Poll Watcher, Challenger, or Election Integrity worker.
- ◆ All campaign activities benefiting our Republican Party, candidates, and/or the Federation (TFRW).
- ◆ Time spent making political and campaign calls.
- ◆ Any other political or campaign activities.

Please go to the Campaign Activities/Volunteer Hours page on our website here and submit the hours that you added up.

Our website also has a convenient list of all of the updated activities that you may count as volunteer hours.

We look forward to hearing from each of you and we thank you for all of your work in keeping Galveston County and Texas **RED**.





**April 2024**

## **THE OFFICIAL WORDS**

*STATE REPRESENTATIVE*

*TERRI LEO WILSON*

*DISTRICT 23*

**I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE WHO IS A DELEGATE OR AN ALTERNATE TO ATTEND OUR STATE CONVENTION IN SAN ANTONIO - MAY 20TH THROUGH THE 25TH. IT WILL BE THE LARGEST GATHERING OF REPUBLICANS IN THE WORLD! IT IS THIS IMPORTANT WORK THAT DETERMINES THE DIRECTION OF OUR STATE PARTY. I HAVE BEEN ATTENDING THE TEXAS REPUBLICAN CONVENTION SINCE 1984 - I KNOW, THAT IS A LONG TIME. SO I CAN ATTEST FIRST HAND THAT MANY OF THE PLANKS WE PUT INTO THE PLATFORM AT CONVENTION, BECAME THE LEGISLATION WORKED ON BY OUR REPRESENTATIVES, THAT THEN BECAME THE LAW OF THE LAND HERE IN TEXAS. IT ALL STARTED WITH A DELEGATE CONCERNED ABOUT THE DIRECTION OF OUR STATE AND COUNTRY PROPOSING A RESOLUTION. THE SECOND IMPORTANT WORK AT THE CONVENTION IS THAT WE ELECT THE PARTY LEADERSHIP THAT WILL GUIDE US THROUGH THE NEXT 2 YEARS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE GRASSROOTS OF OUR PARTY BE THE INDIVIDUALS THAT SELECT LEADERS THAT WILL BE OUR VOICE AND ARTICULATE OUR BELIEFS ON BOTH THE STATE AND NATIONAL PLATFORM. THOSE LEADERS WILL THEN WORK TO IMPLEMENT INTO LAW WHAT WE ADOPT INTO THE PLATFORM. THIS CONVENTION IS HAPPENING IN A PRESIDENTIAL YEAR, SO ADDED TO OUR BUSINESS WILL BE THE SELECTION OF OUR ELECTORS FOR OUR PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES, AND THE SELECTION OF OUR NATIONAL DELEGATION.**

**I HAVE MENTIONED THE IMPORTANT WORK OF THE CONVENTION, BUT I CANNOT FORGET TO MENTION THE FUN! IT IS JUST GOOD FOR THE SOUL BEING WITH LIKE MINDED PATRIOTS, MAKING NEW FRIENDS, IN A BEAUTIFUL VENUE, WITH GREAT FOOD, AND HAVING LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO SPEAK PERSONALLY WITH THE LEADERSHIP IN OUR PARTY. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



**MEETING CALENDAR FOR AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN CLUBS**

Galveston County Republican Party Comprehensive List

[galvestoncntygop.com/republican-groups/](http://galvestoncntygop.com/republican-groups/)

Bay Area Republican Women—4th Tuesday of the month 7:30am  
at Bay Oaks Country Club, Clear Lake

<https://barw.org/meetings>

Texas Gulf Coast Republican Women—3rd Monday of the month  
6:30p Friendswood Chamber of Commerce

Galveston Republican Women—Beginning March, meetings are the  
3rd Wednesday of the month 11am— Location TBD

<http://www.galvestonrepublicanwomen.com/>

West Pearland Republican Women—1st Thursday of the month  
6pm—Spring Creek BBQ, Pearland

<http://wprw.org/>



**April 2024  
BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to each of you who celebrate in April!  
If your birthday isn't listed, it is because the information was not on your  
membership form.

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|----|------------------|----|-----------------|
| 01 | Mary Kennedy     | 19 | Amber Robertson |
|    | John Kinard      | 20 | Chrissy Crews   |
|    | Bonnie Wilson    | 22 | Kathleen Garcia |
| 10 | Ronald Lieberman | 25 | Sarah Lauer     |
| 11 | Diana Lawless    | 26 | Darrell Apffel  |
| 18 | Cindy Kates      |    |                 |





# UPCOMING EVENTS

*with  
Clear Creek Republican Women*

08  
MAY

## ASTROS WATCH PARTY

Houston Astros vs New York Yankees  
La Brisa Mexican Grill  
Outdoor Patio  
First pitch at 6:05PM



20  
JUL

## THE LUAU

Join CCRW for THE LUAU  
MORE TO COME!



13  
SEP

## ASTROS WATCH PARTY

Houston Astros vs Los Angeles Angels  
La Brisa Mexican Grill  
Outdoor Patio  
First pitch at 8:38PM





April 2024

# Inspiration

—A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

February General Meeting  
Meet the Uncontested Candidates  
Emcee Hillary Miller!





April 2024  
*Inspiration*

—A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

Speed Meeting for the Candidates  
Hosted by CCRW and  
Republican Network of Galveston County



March Meeting

NFRW Spring Board Meeting





# April 2024 Inspiration

—A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

SD 11  
Convention





# Additional Resources

April 2021

## Galveston Votes Elected Officials

Voter Information

GOP Meetings & Resource Links

State Government Resources

Acronyms – Ever hear an acronym and say, “What does that stand for?”

Galveston County Republican Party

## Senate District 11 Committee Appointments 88th Legislative Session

### Senator Mayes Middleton

- ◆ Higher Education, Subcommittee ,Vice Chair
- ◆ Administration
- ◆ Business & Commerce
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Jurisprudence
- ◆ State Affairs

### Representative Greg Bonnen

- ◆ Appropriations, Chair
- ◆ Select Committee on Healthcare Reform

### Representative Briscoe Cain

- ◆ Agriculture & Livestock, Chair
- ◆ Insurance

### Representative Dennis Paul

- ◆ Higher Education, Vice Chair
- ◆ Insurance
- ◆ Local & Consent Calendars
- ◆

### Representative Ed Thompson

- ◆ Appropriations
- ◆ Calendars
- ◆ Natural Resources, Vice Chair

### Representative Cody Vasut

- ◆ Business & Industry, Vice Chair
- ◆ Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

### Representative Terri Leo Wilson

- ◆ Juvenile Justice & Family Issues
- ◆ Pensions, Investments & Financial Services

## Texas Federation of Republican Women – Building Strong Leaders for Texas

TFRW provides the avenue for women to influence policy, develop candidates, and elect the leaders of Texas. We are a multi-generational, multicultural organization that provides the structure and support for political activists to learn, engage, and flourish.

## National Federation of Republican Women -Building Leaders. Energizing Communities.

### Keeping America Strong.

NFRW empowers women from all backgrounds in the political process and provides a forum for women to serve as leaders in the political, government, and civic arenas.

## Call To Action with Toni Anne Dashiell – RNC National Committeewoman

88th Texas Legislature Zoom Series

Fridays at 07:00 a.m.

[Click here to see past TAD Talks and Subscribe to Receive Emails to Register for the Zoom TAD Talks.](#)



# April 2024

## 2022 Texas GOP Priorities

These priorities were chosen by over 5,000 voting delegates at the state convention, June 13-18, 2022 in Houston, Texas. Delegates were presented with a [list of 15 topics selected by the Legislative Priorities Committee](#) after a comprehensive review of resolutions passed at the precinct and senate district levels of the convention process. Delegates were allowed to vote on 8 topics, which became the official Legislative Priorities of the Republican Party of Texas.

### 1. Protect our Elections:

Restore felony penalties and enact civil penalties for Election Code violations, which shall be enforceable by any Texas jurisdiction, including the Texas Attorney General. Require citizenship verification of each voter. Restrict the distribution of mail-in ballots to only disabled, military, and citizens that are out of state. Reduce the time allowed for early voting, and eliminate the three-day gap between early voting and election day. Establish closed primaries in Texas. As technology evolves, we encourage the passage of legislation that ensures the security of our elections.

### 2. Secure the Border and Protect Texans:

Texas shall immediately deny all taxpayer funded services and subsidies to illegal aliens. We call upon the Governor to assert his duty under Article 1, Section 10, Clause 3 of the US Constitution to declare an invasion on our Texas border and do everything in his power to protect Texans from this invasion. The legislature shall direct the Governor to enter into an Interstate Compact with one or more states for Border Security.

### 3. Ban Gender Modification of Children:

Texas must ban chemical castration, puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, genital mutilation, bodily alteration surgery, psychological/social transitioning, and any other methods applied to or performed on children.

### 4. Stop Sexualizing Texas Kids:

Repeal Texas Penal Code "Obscenity Exemption" 43.24(c), which allows children access to harmful, explicit, or pornographic materials and 43.25(f)(2 3), which allows sexual performance by a child. In addition, prohibit teaching, exposure, and/or discussion of sexual matters (mechanics, feelings, orientation, or "gender identity" issues), and prohibit use or provision of related books and other materials using criminal, civil or other enforcement measures.

### 5. Ban Democrat Chairs:

To ensure all legislative Republican priorities are given a fair opportunity to become law, the Republican-controlled Texas legislature shall adopt a rule that would end the practice of awarding committee chairmanships to Democrats.

### 6. Abolish Abortion in Texas:

Abolish abortion by ensuring the right to life and equal protection of the laws to all preborn children from the moment of fertilization, including adopting effective tools to ensure the enforcement of our laws to protect life when district attorneys fail to do so.

### 7. Defend Our Gun Rights:

Protect our gun rights against threats, such as red flag laws, federal, state or other restrictions, by strengthening and preserving our inalienable rights under the second amendment to protect our life, liberty and property. The Texas Legislature should eliminate gun-free zones.

### 8. Parental Rights and Educational Freedom:

Parents are the primary decision makers for their children in all matters. This authority shall be protected as an inalienable right. This shall include the choice of schooling where the money follows the child without strings attached, and enforcement and penalty mechanisms when parents' rights are violated. The right to education shall be free from any social theories.



## Reach out to CCRW ON THE WEB

Our website has a lot of information we keep up to date as possible for you. Please browse around and let Kristen Day know if you find anything incorrect or needs to be updated.

Want to be in the know, get our monthly updates via our Mailchimp email list? Be sure to sign up at the top of most pages where it says “Subscribe to our Mailing List:” and enter your first and last name and email. You only have to do it once. If you have done it before but no longer getting our emails, we likely have hit your junk/spam folder. You’ll need to white label our domain “clearcreekrw.org” and make sure we aren’t listed as junk and then you should continue getting our emails.



## Social Media

Growth is GREAT and with it comes change, so we are rolling with it.



The CCRW Facebook group just updated the rules – we now require you to be a member of our club (Full or Associate) in order to post.

We will still moderate them to keep them relevant and polite as our focus is to inform, not to further divide our party/club. We also still request that you limit your posts to 1x/week and the best way to get to know the members is to come to our meetings or events throughout the year. Please do NOT send your posts to us, you may post directly to the group, we will approve them, as long as you are current member


You can join quickly and immediately just by going to our Membership page, filling out the form and making your modest \$40 payment for 2024.



# April 2024

# Membership Chair

2024 Membership Applications are available at each meeting or save time and paper and fill one out on our website [www.clearcreekrw.org](http://www.clearcreekrw.org). There needs to be a form filled out by every Member and Associate Member each calendar year, even if your information remains the same. The club must stay in compliance with the Texas Ethics Commission. We appreciate your understanding. You may click on the following link to complete your membership application on our website: <http://www.clearcreekrw.org/become-a-member/>



*Clear Creek*  
Republican Women

**Clear Creek Republican Women PAC**  
**Galveston County, Texas**  
**2024 Membership Application**

**\* INFORMATION IN BOLD IS REQUIRED BY TFRW – PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Home? \_\_\_ Cell? \_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (Month/Day) \_\_\_\_\_

Full Member \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Member \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ (Member of another RW Club or a Male)

Have you voted in a recent Republican Primary? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

Member of another RW Club? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, which RW Club? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about CCRW? Website \_\_\_\_\_ Facebook \_\_\_\_\_ Newspaper (which) \_\_\_\_\_

Friend (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help with the following (Please check all that interest you)

Audits \_\_\_ Awards \_\_\_ By-Laws \_\_\_ Campaign Activities \_\_\_ Caring for America \_\_\_ Directory \_\_\_ Events \_\_\_  
 Fundraising \_\_\_ Hospitality \_\_\_ Legislative \_\_\_ Literacy \_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_ Outreach \_\_\_ Parliamentarian \_\_\_  
 Publicity \_\_\_ Social Media \_\_\_ Website \_\_\_

Hobbies/Areas of Interest/Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**I'll save the Club money and take an electronic directory** \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail with check payable to:  
**CCRW PAC**, P.O. Box 2171, League City, TX 77574-2171

Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Dues and Donations are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal income tax purposes  
Corporate Payments Are Not Permitted



# CCRW Name Badge Order



Badge Size 3" x 1-1/2" white with magnet back • Color CCRW logo

*Your info printed Black --or --Blue (circle choice, black is default)*

**\$15** delivered to CCRW meeting • **\$17** Delivered *(Includes sales tax)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Line #2: *this could be last name*

Line #3 \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail Order & Check to: o: **Taylor MacQuen Advertising**  
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