

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF GREGG COUNTY

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Region 5 District 1

The President's Talking Point

I heard at church on Easter that many are falling into the trap of believing a lie. That brought me to think about our country. People don't think for themselves and don't bother to become informed as to what the truth really is. So we end up with uninformed voters, voting blindly. We must speak our truth of faith, family and freedom to help others become informed voters. The preliminary results of a new member survey for TFRW showed that 61% of new members joined their club because a friend told them about TFRW. Have you asked anyone to join our TFRW/ RWGC club?

On another note, we need your help. This year our goal is to fundraise in order to help conservative Republicans in 2024. We need planners, set up, take down, phone calls, etc. Can you volunteer some time? Any assistance is valuable. We have 6 potential fundraising ideas for 2023:

1. July 4th table at fair grounds
2. September 1st Mystery Dinner
3. September 8-16 County Fair Booth
4. October Chili Cook Off – Police/Fireman
5. November Honor Our Military and Auction
6. Women in History TBA

We have an open RWGC Position for Literacy Chair.
If you like reading, call 903 445 8627 to discuss what the position entails.

TRIVIA QUESTION: What 3 Presidents have been impeached?
Be ready to answer at the May General Meeting for the door prize.

To RWGC mothers in May, a very special thank you from your President.
There is nothing like the love of a mother for her child.

God Bless You and America and Mothers

Jennifer Kranzman

Republican Women of Gregg County – President



Programs & Special Events

Rhonda Anderson

1st Vice President

Legislative Update

Things have been moving fast and furiously at the Capitol and especially in the Senate. On April 26, the Senate passed SB1396 by Senator Mayes Middleton and SB 1515 by Senator Phil King. Both bills bring back the Ten Commandments and Prayer into our Schools. Both bills passed 17-12 along party lines.

Rep. Oliverson's bill, HB2012, passed in the House chamber and will head to the Senate for passage. This bill allows displaying the National Motto, "In God We Trust," in Higher Education institutions. Last session he passed the same bill for public schools.

The first week of May will be a test of conservatism in Texas. Two very important bills are being discussed. Senate Bill 15 by Senator Campbell, the Save Women's Sports bill, will be heard on Monday May 1st in the House Higher Education Committee. It is expected to have the votes to get out of committee and to the House chamber for a vote. On Tuesday May 2nd, Senate Bill 14, the banning of Gender Modification for Minors bill, will be up for a vote in the House Chamber. It has already passed the Senate. Next step after being passed in the House will be to Gov. Abbott's desk for signing.

Also moving through calendars and committees are a lot of education bills to remove sexually explicit material from textbooks and library books. You can follow these bills and other issues that you're interested in by creating an account on the Texas Legislature online. Visit www.capitol.texas.gov and create a free account.

Make sure to contact Rep. Jay Dean's office to let him know whether you support (or not) School Choice and Educational Savings Accounts. Feel free to contact Rhonda Anderson at 678.977.1833 if you need more information to decide. To contact his Longview office, call 903-238-8452 or email: jay.dean@house.texas.gov

House Bills passed:

HB 18, The Scope Act, securing children online through parental empowerment

HB 2, Property tax relief act.

HB 3, Enhances School emergency preparedness and response, (Rep. Jay Dean sponsor)

HB 9, The Texas Broadband infrastructure fund, (Rep. Jay Dean, sponsor)

SB 10, Provides cost of living adjustments for retired educator's pensions (Rep. Jay Dean, co-author)



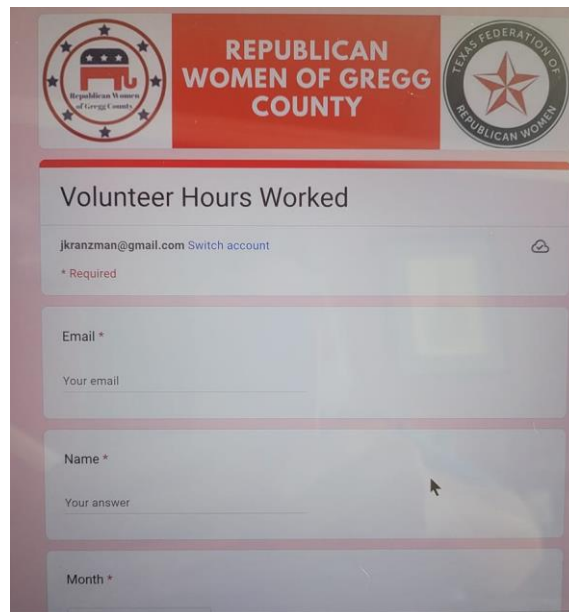
CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

Jennifer Kranzman

The 1st quarter RWGC hours were submitted to TFRW. We reported 940 hours compared to the previous quarter of 791. 158 political calls were reported for a total of 17 hours by one person only. Twenty-six percent of members submitted hours. We will ask you to submit your hours for the previous month when signing in at general meeting. Last year the board set a goal of 10 hours per month per member thru meeting attendance, writing/calling, commenting to our elected officials on several hot topic bills, training, TFRW/ NFRW website review, obtaining your Volunteer Deputy Registrar (VDR) designation, going to rallies, political research, not to mention any phone calls related to the club or of a political nature. Watch for emails for House or Senate Bills requiring our attention. Hours are due the 5th of every month for the previous month. We had 12 members certified in April as VDRs. Thank these members for their activism.

Find Campaign Hours Form At:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd_w0tTHoJzv_w8_H6a09X0a_nG4ERxaOW-v7YVCSAXJP1ezw/viewform. (Copy link in your browser)



The image shows a screenshot of a Google Form titled "Volunteer Hours Worked". At the top, there are three logos: the Republican Women of Gregg County logo on the left, the title "REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF GREGG COUNTY" in the center, and the Texas Federation of Republican Women logo on the right. Below the logos, the form title "Volunteer Hours Worked" is displayed. Underneath the title, the user's email "jkranzman@gmail.com" is shown with a "Switch account" link and a cloud icon. A red asterisk indicates a required field. The form contains three input fields: "Email *", "Name *", and "Month *". Each field has a placeholder text: "Your email", "Your answer", and "Month *". A mouse cursor is visible over the "Name" field.

Membership Report

Connie Wade, 2nd Vice President

Since we celebrate Mother's Day in May, let's consider this month as a great opportunity to recruit new members! RWGC's meetings are tailored to inform and encourage conservative women and to offer participation on many levels. Our upcoming May meeting will feature Chief Deputy Craig Harrington of the Gregg County Sheriff's Office Field Services who will be talking about Fentanyl use in Gregg County. Each of us as sisters, aunts, mothers or grandmother's cares about our families and upcoming generations. We are rightly concerned about what a scourge this particular drug has become. PLEASE invite the women in your life to attend this very informative meeting.

Kudos to Rhonda Anderson for our April program. There was obviously intense interest in becoming Deputy Voter Registrars as this meeting recorded the largest attendance thus far this year. Let's do even better for May's meeting attendance!

RWGC members celebrating birthdays in May are *Renea Schott* on May 9th, *Stacy McMahan* on the 16th and Treasurer *Gwen Wuori* on the 18th.

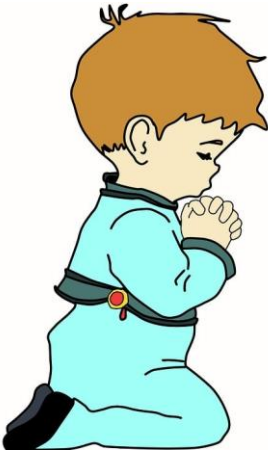
We are still awaiting TFRW's final certification of our updated bylaws. Once we have it, the 2023 Membership Directory will be emailed to members by our Secretary Judy Frey. If you are not able to access the directory by email and/or print it, please contact me by text at 903-746-1280 and one will be printed and mailed to you.

Membership for 2023 currently stands at 40. There is always room for more members; and EACH of YOU can be a **RECRUITER!** If you haven't signed your spouse up as an Associate member, please do so. I am filling out an application for my "I am not a joiner!" husband Jerry as soon as I finish writing this.



Important Dates to Remember in May

May 2: Teacher's Day
May 3: RWGC Board Meeting at noon at Gregg County GOP Headquarters
May 4: National Day of Prayer
May 6: Nuts and Bolts Training in Mineola. Registration is closed
May 6: Nurse's Day
May 14: Mother's Day
May 15: Peace Officer's Day
May 17: RWGC Monthly meeting at Saltgrass (**New Membership Drive – bring a friend**)
May 23: Railroad Commissioner Wayne Christian in Marshall from 6-8pm at 100 West Boliver Street
May 29: Memorial Day



Please keep the following in your prayers:

- High School Graduates
- Betsy Knol
- Tricia Oxton/ son
- Gwen's mom in hospital
- Our Nation

**PLAN TO JOIN US FOR OUR MAY MEETING ON THE 17TH AT
SALTGRASS STEAKHOUSE AT 411 EAST LOOP 281.
ARRIVE AT 11:30 TO ORDER LUNCH.**

**Program will be the Gregg County Chief Deputy over Field Services,
Craig Harrington, who will speak on fentanyl use in Gregg County**

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