

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF GREGG COUNTY

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Region 5 District 1

The President's Talking Point

February finds us with a buzz in the air and flurry of news alerts at home and abroad. I want to thank Teresa Cook who has taken seriously the importance of this election year for our country. She has been part of the solution by recruiting numerous volunteer poll watchers and paid poll workers to protect the vote. Tricia will tell you; we are seeing an influx of women who want to join as members. Volunteers are the backbone of any club, event, or campaign. If you are not sure how to help; by knocking on doors or even if it is from home, then talk to us to help you find your voice. Training without action is useless. We will be having teaching moments at every general meeting through November to help members become more informed voters. Knowledge is power. Faith, family, and freedom matter as values we need to nurture for our children and grandchildren. Show them what you can do to foster these beliefs. Strategies to **instill voter confidence** and **early in person voting are:**

<https://bankyourvote.com/> leverages the infrastructure of the RNC and the entire Republican ecosystem:

- Digital and Data
 - RNC Data will work in tandem with RNC Digital to strategically target voters who are most likely to vote before Election Day.
 - Combining a multi-channel digital approach along with the RNC's data-driven ground game, we will target voters for the highest return on investment.
- Ground Game
 - The RNC's field operation has made over 300 million volunteer door knocks and phone calls in the last two election cycles.
 - With a nationwide network of trained volunteers, we will activate neighbor-to-neighbor contact to inform and mobilize Republicans.
- Protect Your Vote
 - Maximizing and expanding the number of early in-person voting locations.
 - The RNC's Election Integrity operation has over 80,000 team members to protect your vote.
 - In the courts, we will continue to fight against bad ballot harvesting laws while also ensuring that it's easy to vote and hard to cheat in American elections.
- Strategic Messaging
 - The RNC, working with the other national committees, will conduct focus groups and message testing on how best to communicate with Republican voters on pre-Election Day voting, equipping Republican leadership and candidates to deliver a unified message nationwide.
 - Maximizing opportunities in addition to traditional media, we will aggressively target young voters on social media platforms and minority voters at our RNC Community

Vote like your country depended on it.

God Bless You and America

Jennifer Kranzman

Republican Women of Gregg County – President



Programs & Special Events

Rhonda Anderson

1st Vice President

Legislative Update

Our Congressman, Nathaniel Moran (TX-01) celebrated the passage of *House Resolution 957*, which condemns the Biden Administration's open borders policies and calls on President Biden to end these policies immediately. The resolution led by Congressman Moran passed the House of Representatives by a 225-187 vote, with fourteen Democrats joining all Republicans in supporting it. The passage of the resolution served as a rare bipartisan rebuke of the national security and public safety crisis caused by Biden Administrations open borders policies and reaffirmed the need to pass meaningful border security legislation like H.R. 2.

The Supreme Court ruled Monday that the federal government can remove razor wire erected on the U.S.-Mexico border by Texas law enforcement, which the government argued illegally prevented them from managing the border.

The 5-4 decision vacated an appeals court ruling last month that allowed the wire to stay amid a continued legal standoff over border jurisdiction.

Chief Justice Roberts (no surprise) led the majority, alongside justices Sotomayer, Kagan, Coney-Barrett & Brown-Jackson, with the remaining justices in dissent.

Gov Abbott ordered the Texas National Guard to continue installing the razor wire despite this ruling.



CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES
Jennifer Kranzman

Attention all members. I am excited to inform you Donna Hallonquist is our new 2024 Campaign Activity Chair. We will continue to ask you to **turn in your volunteer hours monthly by the 5th to donnahall54@gmail.com**. If new members have questions text Donna at 903 241 6025. We will have information at each general meeting on how to count hours. RWGC reported 7194 volunteer hours for 2023. Members, that is impressive. TFRW/NFRW has put a value of \$38 per volunteer hour assistance that impacts the Republican Party. If you are wondering, 7194 hours equates to \$273,372 our club reported and saved the party through our hard work. We had only one member report the political phone calls that equaled 1376 phone calls for 2023. I know a lot more volunteer hours and phone calls were given but just not reported. The 2024 election year should reflect our members' hard work and travel time in attending training, paid poll workers, volunteer poll watcher, voter registration work, campaign rallies, meetings, etc. I urge members to use social media to remind your network of important dates and of our conservative platform values: Faith, Family and Freedom. Do you know it is all about **GET OUT THE VOTE**. We are missing 6 precinct chairs in Gregg County. If you are in voting precincts #2, 3, 8, 15, 16 or 21 we need your help as a precinct chair or co-chair. There is training, monthly meetings and support from other precinct chairs.

This election is the most important in our lifetime. Be a part of the solution.

- A.** LEARN, LEAD and WIN Votes, with FREE Training for Conservatives @ <https://www.leadershipinstitute.training/>.
- B.** TFRW also has a Free Precinct Chair 101 training video: ["https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fnmWvYqiS0w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fnmWvYqiS0w).
- C.** The Secretary of State also has training for a variety of election worker/watch positions and training manuals. **Our GOP chair must approve you for these positions.**
[Training and Education Resources \(state.tx.us\)](https://www.state.tx.us/training)

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE	Monday, February 5, 2024
LAST DAY TO TURN IN AN APPLICATION TO VOTE BY MAIL:	Friday, February 23, 2024
EARLY VOTING DATES:	Tuesday, February 20 – Friday, March 1, 2024
ELECTION DAY:	Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Again, please send your January political volunteer hrs. and travel time to Donnahall54@gmail.com, not Jennifer **by Feb.5th**

Our club goal for each member is 10 hrs. per month. This includes research, meetings, training, travel time and political phone calls, voting.

Membership Report
Tricia Oxtan 2nd Vice President

*There are three things that will endure- faith, hope and love-
but the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13*

February is here – the month of love. Be sure you reach out to those you love this month. All our members are loved and appreciated for their special contribution of being a part of this fantastic group of women focused on serving our great community, state, and nation! We hope you will join us for our monthly luncheon on February 21st at Saltgrass Steak House at 11:30 am.

If you haven't renewed your membership, there is an application in this newsletter. Please fill it out and mail it with your dues to our address listed at the bottom of the application. If you prefer, you can text or email your application to me and use our Venmo account to pay your dues. Our membership goal for 2024 is to have at least 60 members. Our total membership at the end of 2023 was 52. Each year, we start completely over and every member has to register again. Since the new year began, we have had 38 submit their application and dues so far. If you haven't already submitted your application and dues for 2024, please take a minute and do it today!

The primary season is in full swing now. Everyone needs to mark your calendar and plan to vote on March 5th in the Republican primary. When you vote be sure to bring some friends and family with you to your polling place. Attorney General Ken Paxton has endorsed 4 judges in the upcoming election. If you are like me, it is always hard to know which judges to support with my vote. Paxton has recommended David J. Schenck, Lee Finley, and Gina Parker for the Criminal Court of Appeals and John Devine for the Texas Supreme Court. He endorsed them to help change the law and put the power back into the hands of the AG when it comes to voter fraud! Hope this is helpful!



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND MANY
BLESSINGS ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY!**

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| Pamela Bell | 2-1 |
| Tricia Oxtan | 2 -22 |
| Tanya Dowd | 2-24 |
| Rachel Harrington | 2-24 |
| Sherry Barnes | 2-25 |

Republican Women of Gregg County

Membership Application

2024 Membership Information

Date: _____

Please check one: \$40.00 Active Membership includes Voting Privileges

\$15.00 Associate Men (no Voting Privileges)

\$15.00 Associate Women with Active Membership in another Republican Women's Club

(Not eligible to vote in RWGC)

Name: _____ Birthday (xx-xx-xxxx) _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Birthday (xx-xx-xxxx) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email Address _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

If retired, former Occupation: _____ County Voting Precinct _____

Are you a member of another Republican Women's Club? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, which club? _____

Active Member in that club _____ OR Associate Member in that club _____

Check if applies: **Allow:** RWGC use of my photo Sharing my contact info with members

OPT- IN: RWGC can post my name, email, and phone number on members only

section of the RWGC website.

I AM INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES

Campaign Activities _____ Fund Raising _____ Literacy _____ Building Membership _____

Legislative _____ Caring for America _____ Telephone _____ Outreach _____ Publicity _____

Other Talents, skills or interests you have _____

(Use back for additional information you want us to know.)

Contributions to Republican Women PAC are not deductible for tax purposes.

Checks should be made payable to RWGC PAC, P.O. Box 5, Longview, TX 75606

**Member in the Spotlight: Donna Hallonquist
RWGC Political Activities Chaiman**



I was born in Dallas and am a seventh-generation Texan. I moved to East Texas 20 years ago and it was the best thing I have ever done. I'm Mom to 3 boys and a girl. I have been involved in Texas politics for 25 years and am currently serving as Temporary Camp County Chair, Executive Secretary and Precinct Chair #3. I'm also the founder of ***We are the Elephant in the Room*** on Facebook.



Nancy, Donna, Jennifer and Gwen with Kay Burton, President of East Texas Republican Women

Things to know if you are interested in being a Poll Watcher

Poll Watchers

1. You must have a Certificate of Appointment by a candidate, or in partisan elections, the candidate or a political party. [Sec. 33.006(a)]
 2. You must be a registered voter of the territory, but you do not have to live in the election precinct. [Sec. 33.031]
 3. You cannot be a candidate in that election or elected official. [Sec. 33.032, 33.032]. But a candidate's spouse or children can be poll watchers.
 4. The primary duty of a watcher is to observe the conduct of the election at the location where the watcher has been appointed. A watcher may point out to an election judge or clerk any observed irregularity or violation of the Texas Election Code. However, if the clerk refers the watcher to the judge, the watcher may not discuss the matter further with the clerk unless the presiding judge invites the discussion. [Sec. 33.058(b)]
 5. A poll watcher MUST wear a form of identification prescribed by the Secretary of State and provided by the presiding judge or other election officer. [Sec. 33.051(f)]
 6. Poll Watchers may not:
 1. Talk with an election officer regarding the election except to call attention to an irregularity or violation. [Sec. 33.058(a)(1)]
 2. Converse with a voter. [Sec. 33.058(a)(2)]
 3. Converse with other watchers. [Sec. 33.058]
 4. Communicate in any manner with a voter regarding the election. [Sec. 33.058(a)(3)]
 5. Leave during voting hours on election day without the presiding judge's permission unless the watcher has completed 5 consecutive hours of service at the polling place. If the watcher leaves without permission and prior to completing the 5 hours of service, the presiding judge may refuse to readmit the watcher.
 7. Poll Watchers must be allowed to:
 1. Witness the installation of voting system equipment at the polling place. [Sec.33.059]
 2. Observe the securing of voting system equipment before the election. [Sec. 33.059]
 3. A poll watcher may leave the polling place temporarily in order to use a cell phone or other wireless communication device. If the poll watcher promptly returns, he or she is considered to have served continuously as that term is used for calculating his or her continuous 5 hours, which allows the watcher to come and go. [Sec. 62.011]
 4. Sit or stand conveniently near the election officials to observe the activities of the election. [Sec. 33.056(a)]
 5. Make written notes while on duty. However, if the watcher is permitted to leave the polling place while the polls are open, the watcher may be required to leave his or her written notes with another person selected by the watcher who is on duty at the polling place. [Sec. 33.056(d)]
 6. Observe assistance given to voters by election officials and inspect the ballot before it is deposited in the ballot box to determine if it was prepared in accordance with the voter's wishes. [Sec. 33.057(a)].
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HOW TO READ YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

Jennifer Briggs
Elections Administrator
Gregg County - PO Box 2827
Longview, TX 75601
903-236-8458
www.GreggCountyVotes.com

Secretary of State's Office
Elections Division
1-800-252-VOTE (8683)
www.sos.state.tx.us

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE
(Certificado de Registro Electoral)

GREGG COUNTY (Condado de Gregg)

VOID (VUID)	Gender (Sexo)	Valid from (Válido desde)
1001001001	F	01/01/22
Year of Birth (Año de Nacimiento)	Spec. No (Num. Pcto)	thru (hasta)
1959	11	12/31/23

Name and Permanent Residence Address (Nombre y dirección residencial permanente)

VOTER, SUSIE
123 MAIN ST.
LONGVIEW, TX

Susie Voter

VOTER MUST PERSONALLY SIGN HIS/HER NAME IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT, IF ABLE
(El votante debe firmar esta tarjeta personalmente al recibirla, si puede.)

Party Affiliation (Afiliación del Partido)

US REP	STATE SEN	STATE REP	COMM PCT
1	1	7	2
JP PCT	CITY REP	SCHOOL DIST	
2	LV1	PIN	

Name and Mailing Address (Nombre y dirección de correo)

VOTER, SUSIE
123 MAIN ST.
LONGVIEW, TX 75601

The election on March 5, 2024, is not only about voting for individuals but also voting on 13 Propositions. Vote YES or NO to get some crucial laws revised that could make Texas safer. Some of the Propositions are on hot topic items.

EXAMPLE: Proposition #13

Texas should ban the sale of Texas land to citizens, government, and entities from Chins, Iran, North Korea, and Russia.

Yes

No

Go to greggcountyvotes.com under "What's on the Ballot" in your precinct.

Important Dates to Remember in February

February 15: RWGC Board Retreat
February 19: Presidents' Day
February 19 "Save Our Country from the Gutter" Republican Party Fundraiser @ Oil Bowl
February 21: RWGC General Meeting @ Saltgrass

Call Jennifer at 903-445-8627 for more information or if you plan to attend for head counts

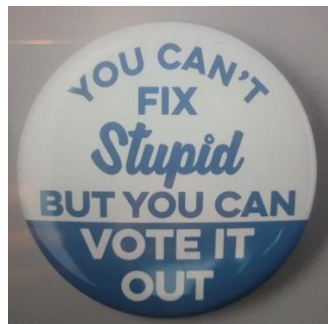


Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Nancy's husband, Larry Holly
- Mr. Frye not needing anymore surgeries in 2024
- Tricia to start feeling better
- Bowling participants for county GOP fundraiser
- Jen's dog to have healthy births
- County Chair – relocation
- National Security – safer borders
- Elections Workers to safeguard the process
- Innocent unborn
- Our elected officials will work harder for the people

PLAN TO JOIN US FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING ON THE 21ST AT SALTGRASS. ARRIVE AT 11:30 TO ORDER LUNCH.

February Program: Marion County Judge Leward LaFleur will be speaking about his role as the new Chairman of the Chief Elected Officials for the East Texas Council of Governments.



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