

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF GREGG COUNTY
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Region 5 District 1

The President's Talking Point

Thank you to everyone for all your hard work in showing our veterans they are appreciated on November 4th. You really touched the soul of these heroes. Please thank the members of our Event Committee:

Connie Wade, Dawn Barber, Cindy Hull, Noreen Freeman, Tina McIlveene, Rhonda Anderson, Marty Rhymes, Camie Fulton, Tricia Oxtan, Donna Hallonquist, Gwen Wuori and the many more who showed up to help. They represented RWGC well.

Check out the December calendar in this issue for a list of club activities

The holidays are here so we pause to understand what Christmas means to each one of us.

The Gift of Giving

In this season of giving, we find our delight,
As we exchange presents on this magical night.
But the greatest gift, in the end, we'll discover,
Is the love we share with each sister and brother.

So, let's remember the message, simple and clear,
That it's not what we get, but what we give here.
For the joy of Christmas is in kindness and sharing,
In the love we give freely, and the hearts we're repairing.

In every smile and every embrace,
We find the true meaning of this sacred space.
It's the gift of giving, the love that we show,
That makes this season truly glow.



God Bless You and America
Jennifer Kranzman
Republican Women of Gregg County – President



Programs & Special Events

Rhonda Anderson

1st Vice President

Election day was November 7th. In Gregg County there are 72,999 registered voters. Only 11,488 (15.74%) voted on these important amendments

All but 1 passed in Gregg County here's the stats:

1. Passed 89%-11%
2. Passed 68%-32%
3. Passed 80%-20%
4. Passed 88%-12%
5. Passed 64%-36%
6. Passed 80%20%
7. Passed 74%-26%
8. Passed 73%-28%
9. Passed 84%-16%
10. Passed 64%-26%
11. Passed 61%-39%
12. Passed 63%-37%
13. Failed 44%-56%
14. Passed 76%-24%

SB7 was passed in the 3rd special session and signed by Gov. Abbott on November 10, 2023, at the Governor's Mansion. Grassroots activist, Jackie Schlegel's organization, *Texans for Medical Freedom* was the driving force behind this bill. If you remember, Jackie was our Guest speaker several months ago. Her mission is to ban Vaccine mandates. This bill was written and carried by State Rep. Jeff Leach in the house and Senator Mayes Middleton in the Senate. SB7 bans Covid-19 vaccine mandates for any Texas Employee-including medical and nursing students.

A Historic 4th special session was called on November 8, 2023

The Governor is adamant about getting the School Choice and Education Savings Accounts done. HB1 was the bill to follow. House reconvened on Friday 11/17 at 10am.

An amendment to an amendment was introduced by Rep. John Raney to strip Education savings accounts from the bill. The amendment passed because 21 Republican Reps joined all the Democrats and it was stripped from HB1, then the bill was sent back to committee and it most likely will not get another hearing, which will kill the bill. 3 of the 21 Republicans joining the Democrats are from East Texas. They are Travis Clardy HD11, Gary VanDeaver HD1 and Jay Dean HD7. One interesting fact is that all the Freshman House Rep voted in favor of School Choice, so the future is bright to empowering parents and freeing our kids from failing public schools. We will have to wait to see if Gov. Abbott calls for another special session

Other strong conservative bills that passed are:

SB3 by Senator Joan Huffman with house sponsor Jacey Jetton:

This bill appropriates 1.5 billion to continue building the border wall. These funds are in addition to the over 5 billion appropriated to continue funding operation Lone Star. The bill increases DPS overtime pay.

SB4 By Senator Charles Perry with House sponsor Rep. David Spiller, was passed in the Texas house on 11/14/23. This bill authorizes law enforcement to send migrants back to a border point of entry in lieu of arresting and jailing them, which would save taxpayers from footing the bill for housing, food and healthcare and deter illegal entry in the future.

It also creates a state crime to enter or attempt to enter the state illegally from Mexico, with a higher penalty imposed on individuals with a previous conviction of the same crime.

It creates a 2nd degree felony for an individual who refuses to comply with an order to return to where they came from. These Bills are the **strongest stand** that any state has taken to protect its citizens and sovereignty.

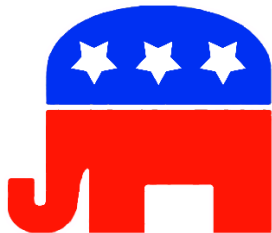
This bill will head to Gov. Abbott to sign.

Run off elections will be the next voting; no date has been announced for those races at this time.

To follow or learn about bills, the best resource is www.capitol.texas.gov



Installation of our RWGC 2024 officers:
Gwen Wuori, Teresa Cook, Tricia Oxtan, Rhonda Anderson & Jennifer Kranzma



CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

Jennifer Kranzman

2024 is all about GET OUT THE VOTE. Stay informed on the issues and be able to discuss with your network on how we offer a different view for managing our country at home and on the world stage. We need everyone to speak up and find your voice. If you believe it, SPEAK it. We are constantly hearing how the other party/parties offer something better. The phrase dates back to the Greek poet Ovid, who lived in the first century B.C. The original saying was, "The harvest is always richer in another man's field." "The grass is greener on the other side" is a proverb about envy and perception. We are so quick to see the negative in our own lot, so everything else looks better.

What can **YOU** do:

1. Become a Volunteer Deputy Registrar and sign people up to vote
2. Become a poll *watcher*: contact Marty Rhymes 903-746-0281
3. Become a precinct chair or an assistant to your precinct chair
4. Hand out platform flyers
5. Carry RWGC business cards with you and invite others to join
6. Encourage your network to vote
7. Encourage our young voters to understand the issues and vote
8. Become a poll *worker*: contact Rhonda Anderson
9. Take free courses from Leadership Institute on: Activism & Advocacy, School Board, Get Out The Vote, Grassroots, Campaign and Candidate Training @ <https://www.leadershipinstitute.training/>
10. Become a resource of election info: absentee voting criteria, early voting, election day voting times, where to vote, etc. on social media, church, service organizations

This election is the most important in my lifetime for sure. Be a part of the solution.

Count all your efforts as political volunteer hours each month due the 5th for the prior month.

Find Form At:

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



REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF GREGG COUNTY

Volunteer Hours Worked

Name *

Email *

Phone *

Membership Report
Tricia Oxtan 2nd Vice President

Merry Christmas to all my RWGC friends! Hope you all have a very blessed Christmas!



At our November luncheon, we were pleased to have our **County Court at Law 2 - Judge Vincent Dulweber** to administer the oath of office to our RWGC Officers for the new year.

As we noted in the last newsletter, it is time for ALL MEMBERS to complete a new membership application. On the next page is a copy of our 2024 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION! **Every member must complete a new application and have it turned in with dues paid by 12-31-2023.** Your new 2024 application may be turned in at any meeting or may be mailed to P. O. Box 5 Longview, TX 75606. Also, many of our husbands join as non-voting Associate Members. If you want your husband to be an Associate Member, please complete a separate application form for him since only one membership can be submitted per form.

If you have any questions about renewing your membership or anything else, please email me at triciaoxton@yahoo.com

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

Noreen Freeman 12-06



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 _____

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 _____ Other _____

Other Talents, skills or interests you have _____

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

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

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Cindy Hull with one of the high school art contestants from the Veteran's Event.



Sarge being presented to a female veteran.



TEXAS STATE SENATOR BRIAN
BIRDWELL SPEAKING AT
RWGC'S "FREEDOM IS NOT
FREE" VETERANS
APPRECIATION EVENT.

NOVEMBER 4, 2024

MAUDE COBB ACTIVITIES
CENTER

200 PEOPLE GATHERED TO
SHOW OUR APPRECIATION
TO OUR VETERAN HEROES!
GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS!

Important Dates to Remember in December

December 5: 9:00am Arabella Veteran Appreciation Request
December 7: 6:30 pm Longview AMBUCS Christmas Parade
December 12: 6-8pm Gamboa Christmas **JINGLE & MINGLE**; bring a friend & finger food
December 15: GOP office 12 – 1pm Christmas Food Box, Nursing home gift bag drop-off
December 16: 9:30 am Rosewood Park Cemetery, Wreaths Across America

Call Jennifer at 903-445-8627 for more information or if you plan to attend any of these events so we can be prepared and know how many to prepare for.



RWGC'S JINGLE & MINGLE!

Everyone is invited to our Meet & Greet!

December 12th from 6pm to 8pm

Michelle Gamboa's Home

Bring a friend who is a prospective member please since this is a membership drive and great opportunity to grow our club!



QR code for access to RWGC'S website!!



Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Kerrin Crawford Family – granddaughter of Deb Butts
- Neil Frey – awaiting surgery date, on walker
- Shirley Holloway & son, Ricky as they care for each other
- Linda Lafferty – after carotid surgery
- Tina & son, Tim
- Harry, dad of Dawn

**PLAN TO JOIN US FOR THE JANUARY MEETING ON THE 17TH
AT SALTGRASS. ARRIVE AT 11:30 TO ORDER LUNCH.**

Program is TBD

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