

# REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF GREGG COUNTY

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Region 5 District 1

## The President's Talking Point

Summer is upon us but that doesn't mean Republican Women of Gregg County are all on vacation. We have fundraisers to plan, Conventions State/National to get ready for, legislation that requires our voice, members to recruit, staying visible in our communities and maybe planning to run for an elected position. You see we are a grassroots club made up of active women. Speak up and we will answer your questions to help you get more involved.

So I ordered a t-shirt from Amazon that said in red, "**Female The Real Thing**". Well I got the wrong size and a profile picture of a man with a mustache. Was this human error or a woke person playing games? This is how our country has changed – fake news, coverups, canceling good people because they think differently than the left. But we don't give up, we don't surrender the white flag because that is not in our FEMALE DNA. Behind any good man is a strong woman. You can be part of the solution if you want to.

We need to know who is interested in attending National Federation of Republican Women Convention in Oklahoma City, Sept 28 to Oct 1, 2023 (one delegate and one alternate) or the Texas Federation of Women Convention, Oct 12 -14 in Irving, Texas. RWGC can send 5 delegates and 5 alternates based on our total membership. TFRW has early bird registration discounted until June 20, 2023. Our RWGC members are starting to register. Limit 5 delegates and 5 alternates.

Jennifer Kranzman, Rhonda Anderson, and Marty Rhymes recently attended Nuts and Bolts Training in Mineola. This is a one-stop shop training to learn from the TFRW directors and the Republican Party on any topic imaginable from officers' roles to marketing, fundraising, etc with priceless opportunities to network. We will be bringing home what we learned to strengthen our RWGC club. We have extra workbooks to share with a few members. So the Trivia Question this month is, "Who represented RWGC at the Nuts and Bolts meeting in 2023?"

Text me at 903 445 8627 with the answer. First person will be a winner.



2023 Nuts and Bolts Group

God Bless You and America

Jennifer Kranzman

Republican Women of Gregg County – President



## Programs & Special Events

Rhonda Anderson  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

### Legislative Update

On May 9th, the House voted to expel HD2 Representative Brian Slaton, after an internal investigation proved that he provided alcohol to his underage intern and then proceeded to have an inappropriate relationship with her. This is a violation of House rules, also against the law to provide alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. A special election will be called soon by Gov. Abbott to fill the opening.

Thursday May 11th at midnight was the last day for the house to consider House bills and Joint Resolutions on 2nd reading. A lot of bills died at midnight.

2 great Border bills by Rep. Ryan Guillen were passed in the house. HB 7 passed with several border area Democrats' support and HB800 establishes a mandatory minimum prison sentence of 10 years for those convicted of crimes involving human smuggling. Both bills take major steps to further fund and secure our Southern Border.

SB14: Banning Gender Modification on Minors in Texas, passed on 5/12 after 6 hours of debate and 20 attempted amendments and 2 points of order by the Democrats, all of which failed. This was the 3rd time the bill was presented on the House floor. It passed its 2nd reading and will be law soon, once Gov. Abbott signs the bill. Interesting point to note is that 2 Democrats voted alongside Republicans to protect Children in Texas. One Democrat gave the most compelling, intellectual speech I've heard in a long time. Harris County Democrat Shawn Thierry showed brave leadership to go against party lines to vote her Conscience and to listen to her constituents. The 2nd Democrat is Harold Dutton from Harris County as well. This shows that even with the country divided, there is always common ground on which to unite.

Our State Rep. Jay Dean Authored and co-authored:

**4 signed by Governor.**  
**7 passed by House, in the Senate**  
**1 in conference**  
**1 on House floor**

**HB 2713** (passed as SB 1016) - signed by Governor.

- first bill to hit Governor's desk
- Streamlines ratemaking cases at the PUC to reduce bureaucratic red tape and unnecessary litigation that drives up rates for electric customers (affects both ERCOT and non-ERCOT electricity customers).

**HB 2028** (passed as SB 505) - signed by the Governor.

- closes loophole so that Electric Vehicles pay into State Highway Fund
- currently electric vehicles pay nothing into state highway fund because the fund is funded by gasoline tax, this bill adds a registration fee and an annual fee on Electric Vehicles to go into the Highway Fund

**HB 743 and 744** (as amendments to SB 1017) - signed by Governor

- prevents local governments from restricting consumer access to natural gas and propane (or any other energy source)
- also prevents local governments from restricting gas powered lawn and farm equipment
- added HB 743 and HB 744 as amendments into omnibus SB 1017 which generally protects consumer choice in energy source and engine-type.

**HB 1198 and HB 1199** - passed the House, in Senate (working very closely with Senator Hughes on this one)

- Senator Hughes is carrying in the Senate.
- These bills seek to increase safety on Texas roads of pull-behind trailers. These were filed in response to the tragic deaths of Trent Hepler and years later his sister Kelly Hepler Hall in similar car accidents both caused by improperly connected trailers.
- HB 1198 creates a public awareness campaign promoting proper trailer attachment
- HB 1199 adds improperly connected trailer to the statewide vehicle accident report so we can know how widespread this problem is.

**HB 748** (as HB 1225) - passed the House, in the Senate.

- requires a paper version of the STAAR (or any other required assessment) at parent's or school's request.
- Currently STAAR is fully electronic/computerized, which doesn't work for many schools, many students, many teachers and makes an already difficult, high-stakes, one-day test even harder.

**HB 750** - passed the House, in Senate.

- removes loophole that currently prevents public junior colleges from giving away old books of nominal value. Currently large universities have this ability, but public junior colleges can't.
- Bill brought to us by librarian at Kilgore College (Susan Wilson).

**HB 2723** (amendment to HB 2779) - passed the House, in Senate.

- increasing county judge pay based on seniority when county judges hear state cases (currently all other judges and prosecutors working on state cases are paid based on seniority, except county judges)
- this will especially help rural and smaller county judges.

**HB 4106** - passed the House, in the Senate.

- creates a streamlined, small claims process at PUC for customer disputes to reduce costs for customers, cut red tape

**HB 1185** (amendment to HB 1 Budget) - passed the House and Senate, in conference, but this Rider is included in both versions.

- changes funding stream for Truman Smith Pediatric Home in Gladewater, Texas to draw down additional federal dollars (at no additional expense to Texas)

- protects the absolutely most vulnerable children in Texas, such as one child who was born without a fully formed brain who doctors expected to live for less than 1 year but lived for 10 years at Truman Smith.

**HB 1373** (as SB 2173) - is on the House floor today.

- This bill uses some funds received from the \$26 billion National Opioids Settlement to create a pilot program of drug-take back options to reduce diversion of prescribed opioids (where someone misuses them after they've been prescribed, or leftover drugs are taken by someone else, which is the leading precursor to addiction).

Jay Dean is also coauthor, joint sponsor, cosponsor on:

- HB 7 and HB 800 to protect the border.

- HB 8 junior college financing

- HB 9 increasing rural broadband.

- HB 18 protecting children online and on social media.

- SB 10 TRS COLA (which Jay did file as HB 1201)

- SB 14 prohibiting "gender-related" chemical treatments or surgeries on children

A lot of great work has taken place this session under the leadership of Speaker Dade Phelan,

The final day of session was May 29th



Jennifer Kranzman at Gov. Abbott Rally



**Tina McIlveene - RWGC Publicity Chair**

**Background:** Legal and Oil Gas Secretary, Multimedia Advertising, Public Relations, Assisted with Political Campaigns, Dog Trainer and Breeder.

## CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

Jennifer Kranzman

At the May general meeting 12 RWGC members received training and took the test for Volunteer Deputy Registrar. Thank you each for stepping up to help keep Texas RED. There are so many other things you can do in 2023/2024 to show your activism for our Republican Party candidates, locally and nationally.

**Poll Watcher**

**Block Walking**

**Poll Worker**

**Phone Banking/Text Banking**

**Precinct Chair, if vacant**

**Local Government Committees**

**Volunteer Deputy Registrar**

**Running for local GOP offices**

**Attend GOP Campaign Rallies**

**Attend TFRW (Texas Federation of Republican Women) Training**

**If you have interest, or just want to learn about any role, text me at 903 445 8627.**

**Be a part of the solution!!**

We are working at collecting April or May RWGC hours. You can submit your hours for the previous month when signing in at general meeting. Last year the board set a goal of 10 hrs. per month, per member through: meeting attendance, travel, writing/calling commenting to our elected officials on several hot topic bills, training, TFRW/ NFRW website review, obtaining your Volunteer Deputy Registrar designation, going to rallies, political research, not to mention any phone calls related to the club or of a political nature. Hours are due the **5th** of every month for the previous month.

Find Form At:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd\\_w0tTHoJzv\\_w8\\_H6a09X0a\\_nG4ERxaOW-v7YVCSAXJP1ezw/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd_w0tTHoJzv_w8_H6a09X0a_nG4ERxaOW-v7YVCSAXJP1ezw/)

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 text "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. The form is currently open to a user with the email "jkranzman@gmail.com". There are three required text input fields: "Email \*", "Name \*", and "Month \*". The "Email \*" field has a placeholder "Your email". The "Name \*" field has a placeholder "Your answer". The "Month \*" field is partially visible at the bottom.

## Membership Report

Tricia Oxtan, 2nd Vice President

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY!

Next year is ELECTION YEAR and we will be super busy with our efforts to register NEW VOTERS, to inform the voters of Republican candidates for office and to ensure the voters go to the polls to vote! To do all these things, we need all our current members and many new members on the job. 2024 is the most important election year in our lifetime and we must ensure that we save America from Marxism or worse! We must soundly defeat the Biden Administration, maintain control of the U.S. House, and take control of the U.S. Senate.

We are asking every member to invite a friend or acquaintance to come to our June Luncheon and ask them to join RWGC! Last month, we gained 2 new members for a total of 42 members now. Our goal is to have 69 members, so let's get busy and grow our club! Be our first member to bring someone to our luncheon who joins RWGC!

At our April meeting, we were pleased to have 3 guests. They were Jennifer Briggs, David Sims and Mindy Soape. We hope they felt welcome and will consider joining RWGC!

This month we are celebrating 4 birthdays:

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Cathy Lee	6-3
Rhonda Anderson	6-14
April Jordan	6-14
Dawn Barber	6-20

*Wishing you a wonderfully blessed day!!*





Marty Rhymes, GOP Vice Chair, and Jennifer Kranzman, RWGC President, donating “In God We Trust” poster to Fr Dowery for St. Mary’s Catholic School.



May 17 General meeting with  
Fentanyl Speaker Chief Deputy Craig Harrington



### Important Dates to Remember in June

June 1	NFRW Awards Due Date
June 7:	RWGC Board Meeting
June 14:	Flag Day
June 18:	Father's Day
June 19:	Juneteenth
June 21:	General RWGC Meeting
June 27:	<i>Step Up!</i> Book Study on Zoom
June 28:	NFRW Convention Credentialing Deadline



Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Families traveling on summer vacation
- Tricia Oxtan's son

### NEXT NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

**Due June 15, 2023 for  
July Newsletter**

**PLAN TO JOIN US FOR THE JUNE MEETING ON THE 21st AT  
SALTGRASS. ARRIVE AT 11:30 TO ORDER LUNCH.**

**Program will be Roy Maynard of the Texas Public Policy Foundation,  
reporting on the 2023 Texas Legislative Session.**

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