

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF GREGG COUNTY

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Region 5 District 1

The President's Talking Point

August and the heat of summer is upon us. And things are starting to heat up as we approach the 2024 election year. I believe this is the most important election cycle in my lifetime. I recall the following words: "And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country. My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man." Yes, powerful words written by JFK in 1961, in a different time in American society, by a Democrat. Ask not what your country can do for you is now twisted by depending on big government to care for you. Ask what you can do for your country. He was correct then and these words are correct now. Freedom of speech, freedom of religion, the right to bear arms, and right to life, etc. are freedoms being chipped away strategically. Do stay informed of threats to your liberties. Do know that every conservative vote counts! By voting your voice is heard.

Freedom Is Not Free. We are celebrating local Veteran heroes November 4th, 2023, at Maude Cobb Convention Center. All RWGC members are asked to help get the word out and support this effort in some way, to honor our local Veterans by sponsoring their \$25 ticket to attend. See information about the event and how to obtain a ticket through the pre-registration form for the private event attached in this newsletter. If you prefer to pay online instead of sending in a check call 903 445 8627 for information. Look for updates on our rwgctx.com website. Buying/selling a ticket, donations to the silent auction or becoming a Tier Sponsor are options to support this fundraiser. **Goal: Sell 100 tickets by Aug 11th.**



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





1ST VETERAN APPRECIATION EVENT

**** INDOOR PRIVATE EVENT PRE-PAID TICKETS REQUIRED ****

PLACE: MAUDE COBB CONVENTION CENTER

EVENT TIME: 12 TO 2 REGISTER INSIDE TICKET COUNTER

HONORING OUR LOCAL VETERAN HEROES : "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE "

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

WILLIAM SUMMERS SPECIAL FORCES & SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

HONOR GUARD, DOOR PRIZES, CATERED BBQ LUNCH, LIVE MUSIC

SCHOOL ART CONTEST, LIVE/SILENT AUCTIONS, VENDORS, FREEDOM TRUCK

VETERAN ASSISTANCE INFO, PRESENTATION OF SARGE THE SERVICE DOG

PLUS OTHER EVENTS

GUN AND KNIFE SHOW AT EXHIBIT HALL – MILITARY VEHICLE SHOW FRONT ENTRANCE

FOR MORE INFO CALL: JENNIFER KRANZMAN 903 445 8627 OR GWEN WUORI 903 241 0899

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NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ PHONE _____

CIRCLE TIER SPONSOR 0 1 2 3 4 NUMBER OF GUESTS _____ NUMBER OF VETERAN SPONSORED GUESTS _____

NEED NAMES OF GUESTS AND VETERANS' NAMES/AND MILITARY BRANCH BY OCT 18, 2023 TO FACILITATE REGISTRATION

E MAIL ADDRESS: _____ *CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION + SEATING SENT

****TICKET FEES: \$50 INDOOR EVENT, \$90/ 2 TICKETS, \$25 To SPONSOR A VETERAN FOR EVENT ****

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: RWGC EVENT ACCOUNT

MAIL TO: PO. Box 5 LONGVIEW, Tx 75606

PAYMENT AND PRE-REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE POSTMARKED BY OCT 18, 2023 (SEATING LIMITED)

NO. OF TICKETS _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____ OFFICE USE ONLY: DATE RECEIVED: _____

“Freedom Is Not Free”: Tier Sponsor Levels

November 4, 2023 - Veteran Appreciation Event

Tier 1: Delta Force: \$2500

Largest name/logo on printed material

Presence in media advertising

May display vertical self-standing banner

Verbal Recognition at event

US Flag flown over US Capital (\$25)

VIP event (Mig hanger at airport – Priceless)

Preferred VIP 2 tables for 8/ VIP ribbon (\$550)

6 tickets with 10 veteran guests

Tier 2: Seal Team 6: \$ 1000

Logo on printed material

Presence in most media advertising

May display vertical self-standing banner.

Verbal recognition at event

US Flag flown over US Capital (\$25)

Reserved table for 8 (\$350 value)

6 tickets with 4 veteran guests

Tier 3: Ranger Company \$750

Logo on printed material

Presence in most media advertising

May display vertical self-standing banner

Verbal recognition at event

Reserved table for 6 (\$250 value)

4 tickets with 2 veteran guests

Tier 4: Special Tactics \$450

Logo on printed material

2 tickets with 2 veteran guests

Reserved ½ table for 4 (\$150 value)



MOTTO: Leading the next generation to value freedom.

RWGC members - contact Connie Wade to check our master list of sponsors so we don't duplicate efforts.

Programs & Special Events

Rhonda Anderson

1st Vice President

Legislative Update

Great News for Texans,

In a special session, the Legislators have passed the largest tax break in the history of Texas. Highlights of the bill include:

- Over \$12 billion will be spent on reducing the school property tax rate for all homeowners and business properties
- All homeowners who homestead their homes (5.7 Million homeowners) will get a \$100k homestead exemption
- Non homesteaded properties, valued at \$5 million or under, including residential and commercial properties will receive a 20% circuit breaker on appraised values as a 3 year pilot project.
- Legislation will also include saving on the franchise tax for small businesses and create a newly elected position on local appraisal boards

These items will be on this November's ballot as a Constitutional amendment, so make sure everyone you know goes out to vote. The Secretary of State has issued an order removing Texas from the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) system. This is an Interstate cross check system that contains many flaws. The order was sent on 7/20 and will become effective 91 days from this date. This is pursuant to SB 1070 being passed in the 88th Session. The ACLU has filed a lawsuit seeking to prohibit the enforcement of Senate Bill 14, banning gender modification of minors. The suit is not unanticipated, and the Legislature and legal team are confident in the law and believe any attempts to overturn will be unsuccessful. Gov. Abbott has appointed a new interim Attorney General while Ken Paxton awaits his impeachment trial. Gov Abbott announced his Deputy chief of Staff Angela Colmenero would fulfill the duties effective July 14. Previously, Former Secretary of State John Scott served in this role for 7 weeks. Paxton was impeached by the House in May and his Trial in the Senate is Scheduled for September 5

Other news from Rhonda:

* We are going to the Pinetree and Longview ISD School Board meetings on 8/14 to present our "In God We Trust" posters.

* Also, the first presidential debate will be on TV 8/23

*The Lone Star Republican Women's club is hosting an event honoring Congressman Nathaniel Moran on 8/31 6p-8:30p
Location is Prieferts Hanger, 2630 South Jefferson, in Mount Pleasant TX.
Attendees must RSVP to Donna by 8/25 to donnahall54@gmail.com or 903-241-6025.
\$10 cover at the door. Catfish King and Chick-Fil-A will be catering.

HB 900, passed and signed into law by Gov Abbott, prohibits sexual content in school libraries banning explicit books along with additional measures to increase parents' input in Texas classrooms.

CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

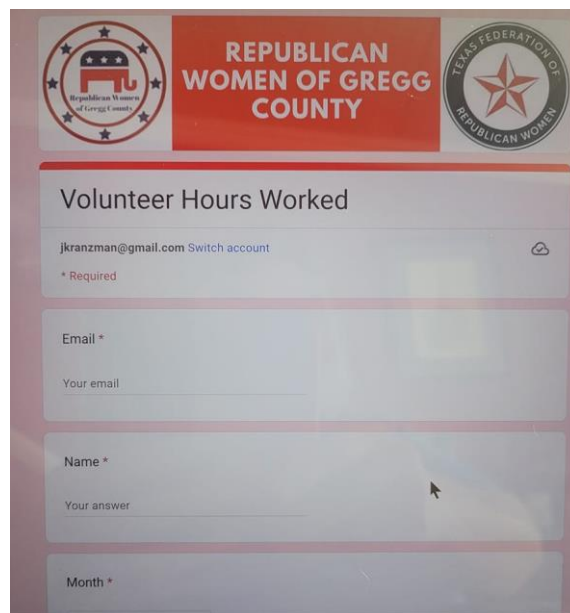
Jennifer Kranzman

Even in the lazy months of summer, campaign activities are ramping up for 2024. The election worker training for Gregg County is tentatively planned for Sept 16th but has not been posted yet on their website. If you would like to be a trained poll watcher where you watch the process of voting, give us your name so you can be approved by our county GOP Chairman. We have several precinct chair vacancies for precinct #3, #5, #6, #15, #17, and #21. If you are interested let Marty or Rhonda know. The following members are presently Precinct Chairs: Rhonda Anderson # 7, Dawn Barber # 9, Marty Rhymes #12, Nancy Holly #13, Jennifer Kranzman #18, Gwen Wuori # 20. There is training, networking, and meetings to help you understand the role. All precincts could use captains or helpers. If you want to be a part of putting America on a better conservative track, get involved. We cannot sit on the sidelines any longer. Do you see our conservative values slipping away? Hope you do not have to say, I wish I had been more involved.

Our Club Political Hours (1418) and Phone calls (264) were reported to TFRW for the 2nd Quarter. Top member with most hours and calls was your President. I am working free for you, our children, and our conservative voice. Please provide your volunteer hours/number-minutes of calls for July no later than August 5th.

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)

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 has a header "Volunteer Hours Worked". Underneath, there is a text input field for "Email *" with the placeholder "Your email". Below that is a text input field for "Name *" with the placeholder "Your answer". At the bottom, there is a dropdown menu for "Month *". A "Required" label is visible next to the email field. The form is displayed on a mobile device screen.

Text any questions to 903-445-8627. Remember your hours, including travel included, are not a perfect science. Best guess is acceptable.

Trivia question: Name 3 RWGC members who are also Precinct Chairs. The winner will be announced at our next general meeting on August 16th.

Membership Report

Tricia Oxtan, 2nd Vice President

It's Back to School time for your kids and grandkids and the end of summer is just around the corner. Spend some special time with the kids in your life before they get busy again with school and all their activities. Be sure to plan your schedule to include our Republican Women of Gregg County's monthly luncheons, our monthly board meetings (where everyone is welcome) and to include time to prepare and participate in our special projects and fundraisers. We have several amazing events coming up this Fall! We need every member to do her part to make these events the best they can be.

Always remember –

Together Everyone Achieves More

At July's meeting, we had seven guests! They were: Kimberly Baron, Kristi Antonick, Darrin Rudolph, Nicole Tarpley, Kay Burton, Kay Neff and Jalam Lewis. We also gained a new Associate Member – Tony Barber! Thanks, Dawn, for signing up your husband as a new associate member.

Our current membership is still holding at 42, and our goal is 60 members. A little bird told me that we are expecting 2 guests at our August luncheon that are interested in joining us as new members. Be sure to introduce yourself to them and make them feel welcome to our organization.

This month we are
celebrating one birthday:

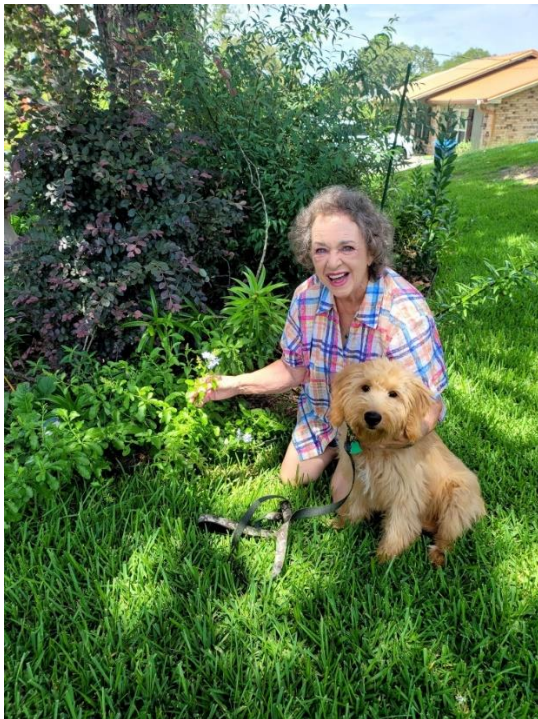
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND
MANY BLESSINGS ON YOUR
SPECIAL DAY!!**

Joyce Hugman 8-22



The Journey of "Sarge" A Service Dog In Training

Well, July 14th was Sarge's 5 month birthday. This birthday boy is growing a lot. He told me this heat is RUFF RUFF!! He also told me he has received several gifts. He listed his gifts as HOW TO: sit, down, stay, no jump, leave it, wait at door, silent wait hand motion like if on the phone, short come to sit, look at me, all in less than 3 weeks. Impressive. Sarge said he wants more and more gifts. We are presently looking for a woman veteran who will take Sarge to his forever home in a few months. Help Sarge out and get it touch with me (Tina McIlveene) if you know a woman veteran who can say "Sarge, you made my day". Please ask your pastor, home health or family nurse, neighbors, etc. if they know of someone who needs a doggie friend!!



Sarge wants to encourage everyone to be selling tickets or registering guests for the event on November 4th. For it to be successful we must ALL be out selling it and looking for sponsors.





Meet Linda Lafferty

Our New Literacy Chair

In 2020, I moved to Texas, with my husband, to escape the political woes of California, a state where my children were 5th generation born.

I have two daughters, Molly and Brandy, both Registered Nurses, who have moved to Longview and bought homes, as well.

We are all staunch Conservatives and proud to be here. Like the old cliché, we got here as fast as we could.

I was a member of the Visalia Republican Women Federated before coming to Texas. I'm looking forward to working with the Republican Women of Gregg County and hope I'm able to contribute to the continued effort to keep this wonderful state red!



Important Reminder

Repeat – Border Care Project Collection - Aug 16th General Meeting

Bring:

Powdered Electrolytes (examples " Liquid IV, Drip Drop, Liquids Labs, Propel, Sqwinched)
Hand Sanitizer
Towelettes
Wound wash or Saline solution
Insect Repellent
Sun Screen
Snacks that hold up in heat

Check or Cash

(Make checks out to Camino Real Republican Women and in the subject line put Border Care)



Michelle Gamboa was named to the 40-under-40 young members of TFRW. We of RWGC are so proud of her and the work she does for the Republican party!!



Connie Wade was named TFRW July 2023 Woman of Distinction in honor of her multitude of accomplishments.

Important Dates to Remember in August

August 2: RWGC Executive meeting

August 4: Event Planning meeting (GOP office)

August 9: First Day of School for Longview ISD

August 16: RWGC General Meeting: Goal 100 ticket sales due

August 16: First Day of school for Pine Tree and Spring Hill ISD

August 18: Event Planning meeting



QR code for access to our website!!



Please keep the following in your prayers:

- All our precious students and educators in Gregg County as they start back to the 2023-2024 school year.
- Tina McIlveene – quick recovery
- Tricia Oxtan – heel healed and successful surgery in the future
- Continued prayers for Tyler Oxtan

**PLAN TO JOIN US FOR THE AUGUST RWGC MEETING
ON THE 16TH AT SALTGRASS.
ARRIVE AT 11:30 TO ORDER LUNCH.**

**Program will be TFRW Chairman - Kellye Duncan Garrett
on "Caring for America Projects"**



NEXT NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

**Due August 20, 2023 for
September Newsletter**

Thank you so much for being prompt with this. I was able to complete the newsletter this month several days before the end of the month. The end of the month is a busy time for me and I want you to know how much I sincerely appreciate being able to get it done in a timely manner.

Noreen Freeman

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