

The President's Talking Point

Well September is here again, and it seems like almost yesterday when the towers fell. Do you remember where you were that day as we watched helplessly as terrorists terrorized us on American soil? I was taking care of patients and got bits and pieces as I moved from patient room to patient room. Patient care was still needed. I remember how our country took this travesty and united us like never before. Shoulder to shoulder we were all Americans. Not left or right. Not Democrat or Republican. We all had a country to defend. A kick in the gut; but a wake-up call too. We were vulnerable. Many men signed up to defend our country. American flags flew everywhere. So, we had booked our 1st trip overseas to leave shortly after 9/11. Do we go or do we stay? Is it safe to go? We decided this was not going to stop us and were shocked everywhere we went they recognized us as AMERICANS! They knew this had shaken our nation. Even though other tourist did not speak English on our tours, they knew we were American because of how we dressed. Many looked us straight in the eye and gave us a thumbs up. They were shocked just as we were. How proud I was to show I would not be shaken. We stand for good not evil. Will you stand up with your voice, activism, committee work, bake cookies, sell tickets for our fundraiser, poll watching, donate a silent auction item, attend a school board meeting, help distribute Constitutions to 5th grade students, and become an informed voter to defend Faith, Family and Freedom? There is so much one can do other than paying club dues if you are ready. Stand up and be counted.

TRIVIA QUESTION: Who are our 2 speakers at our Veteran Appreciation event? Nov 4, 2023. Be the first to text me 903 445 8627 with the answer; receive a prize at the September General Meeting.

September 9, 1776 - The United States came into existence as the Continental Congress changed the name of the new American nation from the United Colonies.

September 2, 1789 - The third Presidential cabinet department, the U.S. Treasury, was established by Congress.

September 2, 1945 - President [Harry Truman](#) declared V-J Day (Victory over Japan Day) commemorating the formal [Japanese surrender](#) to the Allies aboard the USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay.

September 26, 1960 - The first-ever televised presidential debate occurred between presidential candidates John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon. Many who watched were inclined to say Kennedy 'won' the debate, while those who listened only to the radio thought Nixon did better. Nixon, who declined to use makeup, appeared somewhat haggard looking on TV in contrast to Kennedy.

September 11, 2001 - The worst terrorist attack in U.S. history occurred as four large passenger jets were hijacked, then crashed, killing nearly 3,000 persons. Four separate teams of Mideastern terrorists, operating from inside the U.S., boarded the morning flights posing as passengers, then forcibly commandeered the aircraft. Two fully fueled jumbo jets, American Airlines Flight 11 carrying 92 people and United Airlines Flight 175 carrying 65 people, had

departed Boston for Los Angeles. Both jets were diverted by the hijackers to New York City where they were piloted into the twin towers of the World Trade Center. The impact and subsequent fire caused both 110-story towers to collapse, killing 2,752 persons including hundreds of rescue workers and people employed in the towers. In addition, United Airlines Flight 93, which had departed Newark for San Francisco, and American Airlines Flight 77, which had departed Dulles (Virginia) for Los Angeles, were hijacked. Flight 77 with 64 people on board was diverted to Washington, D.C., then piloted into the Pentagon building, killing everyone on board and 125 military personnel inside the building. Flight 93 with 44 people on board was also diverted toward Washington but crashed into a field in Pennsylvania after passengers attempted to overpower the terrorists on board.



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



GOP County Fair Booth
Sept 8 to Sept 16 Gregg County Exhibit Hall

Contact Marty Rhymes to sign up to work 2 or more hours at 903 746 0281.

We **need 5 more members to bake 2 dozen+** cookies or brownie-size bars (can only bake not work). This would give us 2 people for each of the 9 days of the fair supplying cookies to sell.

You just review the Food Handler slides (NO TEST) for baking at home at:

americancourseacademy.com/foodhandlerscard/course print certificate by September 5th

If you are interested, I can email you simple guidelines of requirements to bake at home and how to package them.

Veteran Appreciation Event Fundraiser
Nov 4th, 2023, Maude Cobb Convention Center

Ticket sales: Our goal was to sell 100 tickets by the August General meeting. We have 63 sold or pending. I am requesting members to try and sell 4 tickets in any format: Regular, \$50 /2 for \$90/ sponsor a veteran for \$25. Our new goal is to have 150 sold by Sept 20th. Our final goal is 200 – 250 tickets. Ticket sales end Oct 18th. We will be recognizing a member with the top ticket sales in the September and October General Meetings.

Sponsors: We need more tier sponsors to help with the event costs. See tier levels in this newsletter. Sponsors will enjoy a VIP pre-event meeting with our speakers and dignitaries, reserved seating and more.

Auction items: We need donated auction items by Oct 28th. Bring to General Wednesday meetings Sept. 20 or Oct. 18, Board meetings Sept. 6 or Oct. 4 or Event Planning meetings at 12 noon Sept 15, 29, at the GOP office on Gilmer Road. Provide estimated value to set auction bids.

Set up: We need helpers Nov 4th starting at 6:30am to be on site to set up silent auction, tables/room/stage decorations, artwork, assist vendors,

display flags, VIP room photo area, ticket counter, runners, memory table and military scene photo area.

Take Down: We need helpers to clean up after the event.

Marketing: Please share info about the event to your network of friends on social media – Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, church, work, neighbors, – friends, etc. The event is now on the Maude Cobb Convention Center Calendar. Refer people to RWGCTX.COM for registration by mail, online with Eventbrite, or Venmo.

It takes a village not just the event planning committee to make our 2023 fundraiser successful.

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*Sponsor letter for fund raiser is on the next page in case you know anyone that may be interested in sponsoring.

August 2023



Dear Fellow American Patriot,

In honor of our local Military Veterans, the **Republican Women of Gregg County** are planning a large fundraiser. To show our Veterans that we appreciate their service, we have chosen the theme **Freedom isn't FREE**. We acknowledge the commitment and bravery of our Veterans which allows us to enjoy freedoms that people around the world can only dream to have.

Mark your calendar and be the first to honor a military Veteran on **Saturday - November 4, 2023** at the Maude Cobb Convention Center from 12 Noon to 2 pm. Please join us for lunch, a fun time and the opportunity to thank many veterans for their service. The event includes a BBQ lunch, live music, VFW participation, Veteran speakers, silent auction, live auction, military car show and a local high school art contest. **"SARGE", a fully trained service dog, will be presented to a woman Veteran and will be a highlight of the event.** We will also be spotlighting two local organizations that specialize in providing support to our veterans. These organizations are "Veterans Support Commission <https://veteranssupportcommission.com> or on Facebook, and "Counting Stars Ranch" <https://countingstarsranch.com> or on Facebook.

If you are not familiar with the **Republican Women of Gregg County** organization, all our club projects are based on conservative values and we adhere to our club's vision, values and motto.

VISION: To be an influential grassroots movement of women encompassing all generations and cultures in Gregg County: working to nurture the importance of faith, family, and freedom and to build strong leaders of tomorrow.

VALUES: Integrity, Service, Excellence, Fun, Generosity

MOTTO: Leading the next generation to value freedom.

To facilitate this special event for our military Veterans, we are seeking sponsors to support the event and to enable area Veterans to attend. Your attendance, monetary donation, auction item or in-kind service will be greatly appreciated. The funds raised will pay for event expenses, tickets for the veterans and Republican Women of Gregg County club projects. We are anticipating an attendance of between 150 to 200 people. Participating businesses and sponsors will be prominently featured prior to and during the event. Attached you will find our **Freedom isn't FREE VIP Tier Support Packages** for you to consider.

Will you please join us to make this a memorable event for our Veterans? If you have any questions, please call me at 903-445-8627 or email me at etetetetet@aol.com. Thank you for your prompt consideration.

God Bless America and Our Veterans!

Jennifer Kranzman
President
Republican Women of Gregg County
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Legislative Update

The Secretary of State has issued the Ballot Order for the Nov. 7th Constitutional Amendment election. There will be 14 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution. This includes property taxes (homestead exemptions), prohibiting a wealth or net worth tax to families, as well as a cost-of-living raise for retired teachers. Please make sure to get the word out about these important amendments and make sure we turn out the vote.

You can learn more about these by visiting: www.votetexas.gov

Proposition 1 – HJR 126 "The constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage in farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture, and wildlife management."

Proposition 2 – SJR 64 "The constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county or municipality of all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility."

Proposition 3 – HJR 132 "The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual wealth or net worth tax, including a tax on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family."

Proposition 4 – HJR 2 from the second special session "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to establish a temporary limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes; to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads from \$40,000 to \$100,000; to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in certain exemption amounts; to except certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and to authorize the legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts."

Proposition 5 – HJR 3 "The constitutional amendment relating to the Texas University Fund, which provides funding to certain institutions of higher education to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive the state economy."

Proposition 6 – SJR 75 "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state."

Proposition 7 – SJR 93 "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas energy fund to support the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities."

Proposition 8 – HJR 125 "The constitutional amendment creating the broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed broadband access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects."

Proposition 9 – HJR 2, regular session "The constitutional amendment authorizing the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas."

Proposition 10 – SJR 87 "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation equipment or inventory held by a manufacturer of medical or biomedical products to protect the Texas healthcare network and strengthen our medical supply chain."

Proposition 11 – SJR 32 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

Proposition 12 – HJR 134 "The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Galveston County."

Proposition 13 – HJR 107 "The constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory age of retirement for state justices and judges."

Proposition 14 – SJR 74 "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the centennial parks conservation fund to be used for the creation and improvement of state parks."

The Republican National Committee (RNC) has a brand-new initiative to ensure that Republicans can effectively strategize by knowing which votes our candidates can count on.

The **Bank your vote** initiative educates, encourages, and activates GOP voters across the country to bank their votes before Election Day. President Trump is among the Republican leaders adding their voice to this important effort. Please feel free to the video link below on your social media and via your email lists, as it can serve as an important piece of encouragement of pre-Election Day voting for grassroots conservatives.

<https://twitter.com/GOP/status/1684179178625589249?s=20>

On August 4th, a Texas Judge issued a temporary exemption to the state's abortion ban that would allow women with complicated pregnancies to obtain the procedure and keep doctors free from prosecution. Senate Bill 8 restricts abortion access in Texas, after the detection of a fetal heartbeat which normally occurs after about 6 weeks of pregnancy. But hours later, the Texas Attorney General's office filed an appeal with the Texas Supreme Court blocking the Judge's order from taking effect.

The ACLU and several LGBT groups filed a lawsuit on Aug 3rd against Senate Bill 12, which was passed with bi-partisan support, protecting children from being exposed to inappropriate and sexualized performances like Drag Queen shows. SB 12 was signed by Gov. Abbott on June 18th and goes into effect on September 1, 2023.



Jennifer Kranzman and Rhonda Anderson



Noreen Freeman and Teresa Cook

Presenting "In God We Trust" poster

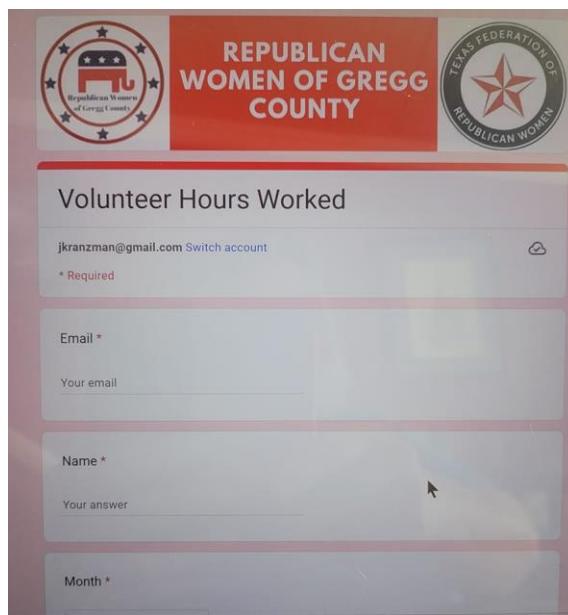
Longview ISD teacher after board meeting

Pine Tree School Board meeting

August was an active month for many of our members. To recap don't forget your travel and time spent at the following: Executive Board meeting, General meeting, writing, calling, commenting to our elected officials this month on several hot topic bills, precinct chair meetings, Veteran Appreciation Event meeting/planning, Oval Office Tour, TFRW zoom meetings, GOP Data Center Zoom training, obtaining your Volunteer Deputy Registrar designation, going to Moran rallies, political research, securing sponsors or tickets for our fund raiser, Primary Debate Watch party, not to mention any phone calls related to the club or of a political nature. I phone and Android log your time on each call you make by date. Look under info for details of each call and total your minutes and # of calls every month. We are collecting 3rd quarter hours monthly for July, August, September volunteer hours no **later than the 5th** for the previous month. We also have you list them on the General Meeting Sign-In form to help capture your hours. If you have sent any hours already thank you.

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. At the top, there are two circular logos: on the left, the 'Republican Women of Gregg County' logo featuring a red elephant and stars; on the right, the 'TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN' logo featuring a red star. The main title of the form is 'REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF GREGG COUNTY'. Below the title, the section heading 'Volunteer Hours Worked' is displayed. The form contains three text input fields: 'Email *', 'Name *', and 'Month *'. Each field has a placeholder text ('Your email', 'Your answer', and 'Your answer' respectively) and a small red asterisk indicating it is required. There is also a link 'jkranzman@gmail.com Switch account' and a note '* Required'.

We had 9 members sign up to be poll watchers for 2023 to 2024 at our General Meeting. Thank you. Training is available online, but the new year starts Sept 1, 2023, so wait till then. Go to www.sos.state.tx.us. Go to Elections and Voting to find training and PDF Guidelines. I have given your name to Brian Bowden our Gregg County GOP Chair. He must approve you and notify the Election Administrator, Jennifer Briggs. We still need more poll watchers for our 18 precincts if interested. Let me know if you don't hear from him.

T shirts have arrived. Wear them at events to show the community we are involved. Pick up remaining purchased t shirts at September 20th General Meeting.

Labor Day is here, and summer is coming to a close. In the United States, Labor Day was initially celebrated in 1882 to honor American workers and recognize their important contribution to our society. This extremely hot summer is finally coming to an end. Although temperatures have not dropped yet and we desperately need rain, it can't be too long before the weather cools and the FALL season arrives.

At our August luncheon we were pleased to have several visitors join us – they were Deidre Keels, Theresa Henderson and our speaker, Kellye Duncan Garrett. We hope they felt welcome and will join us again! Our newest member is Sheila Youngberg. Welcome to RWGC, Sheila! We are looking forward to working with you to keep Texas RED!

As a member of the Republican Women of Gregg County, you are also a member of the Texas Federation of Republican Women. This is a statement of our basic beliefs as Republicans as published by RWGC and TFRW. This is also an excellent list by which to evaluate the candidates running for office in 2024! Is their platform consistent with our beliefs as Republicans?

REPUBLICANS BELIEVE IN:

- * The U S Constitution written from Judeo-Christian Principles
- * Pro-Life / Family Values
- * Protecting the 2nd Amendment. The right to bear ARMS.
- * Strong National Defense
- * Smaller Government
- * Balanced Budget / Cutting Expenses
- * Domestic Oil / Gas / Coal Production
- * Decreasing Regulations
- * Supporting Business
- * Repealing Obamacare
- * Religious Freedom / Standing with Israel



This month we are celebrating 3 birthdays:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND MANY
BLESSINGS ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY!!

Rachel Sikes	09-11
Harriet Minze	09-25
Jennifer Kranzman	09-26



Jennifer, Deidra and Dawn at GOP Presidential Primary Debate Watch Party.

The Journey of "Sarge" A Service Dog in Training

Tina has had AKC Registered dogs all her life: Boston Terriers and Toy Poodles but found Saint Bernards to be her passion and her breed since her father-in-law talked about growing up with six children in his family's covered wagon traveling all over the Midwest in the late 1800s with a Saint Bernard, named Brindle. Brindle scared off wolves and Indians and kept all the children herded into their camping areas. Tina began to show dogs and joined the Saint Bernard Club of America. Her first show, she won a blue ribbon and went Reserve Winners Bitch and was hooked! By the 1970s she and her husband helped form Dallas and the Ft. Worth Saint Bernard Clubs, which later became recognized by AKC as The North Texas Saint Bernard Club. She also joined the new Dallas Ring Stewards Club. Tina began to write articles on Saint Bernards and showing dogs. She had four (4) published articles, featured on the front page in DOG WORLD MAGAZINE in seven languages. As the years passed Tina showed all over the country. Grooming beside people of various breeds and serving as Ring Steward in different breed show rings gave her knowledge about many other breeds. Tina showed Saints from Hillsboro, OR to Macon, GA. and bred several Champions. Tina moved to East Texas and joined the Longview Kennel Club. She was approached by the Manager at Petco about training dogs. They did not have much or any training program then, so she just taught what most people wanted, to keep their dogs safe, easy to live with, and basic obedience. Petco organized a training program, and for the last two of the 4 years she was Trainer of the Year out of 16 stores in our District. The district went from Weatherford TX to Monroe, LA. For a brief time, she trained in the Longview and Shreveport stores. Then PetSmart came to Longview and hired her on the spot as she helped open the new PetSmart. While there, she trained over 1,000 dogs, and made many friends. As Tina says, "The best job I ever had"!!! Tina was the only AKC Certified Evaluator for the new AKC CANINE GOOD CITIZEN AWARD and tested students from advanced classes as well as dogs at the Longview Kennel Club Dog Show. She retired from PetSmart in 2014 but continued to train dogs privately at her home. Dogs have always been a huge part of Tina's life and she was excited to train Sarge as a service dog for the needs of a woman Veteran.



Tina McIlveene and Sarge



QR code to access our rwgctx.com website instantly. Scan with your phone, you may need to download a free QR scanner app to your phone to capture the QR code. Look for this QR code on our Republican Women of Gregg County Facebook page, Twitter and event flyers.



Pray for:

Linda Lafferty, Neal and Judy Frye, Tina McIlveene, Trica Oxton, Judy Morgan,

Our school children for a successful school year, and our GOP presidential candidates

Important Dates:

Sept 4 Labor Day

Sept 8 -16 GOP/RWGC Booth at Gregg County Fair/Exhibition Hall - Fundraiser Cookie Sell

Sept 11 Patriot Day - "Never Forget"

Sept 17 Constitution Day

Sept 20 RWGC General Meeting, 11:30 at Saltgrass Speaker: Hanna House for pregnant women

Sept 28 - Oct 1 NFRW Convention - Oklahoma City

Oct 12 -14 TFRW Convention - Irving Convention Center

Oct 18 Ticket sales deadline from Cater to place order.

Oct 28 Silent Auction item donations deadline

Nov 4 Veteran Appreciation Event – doors open at 10:30, program starts at 12 N