

Republican Women of Gregg County

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Region 5 District 1

The division remains among Americans. Trump was elected because a majority of “We The People” wanted change. He won on his view of the economy, numerous tax cuts options, fair trade, legal immigration, abortion, Ukraine, NATO, Israel and Gaza, healthcare, crime, and climate. A party of common sense policies was seen as the direction the country overwhelmingly wanted to support. There was, and still is, a stark contrast between Republicans and Democrats. First, one party fights to save human lives, while the other fights to protect criminals over victims, allow open borders resulting in human trafficking, fentanyl deaths, and so much more. One is the party of law and order, while the other promoted “a summer of love” which bordered on anarchy. If laws are not enforced, we have chaos in our streets. Gangs take hold of businesses and communities because it is so easy for them. Accountability is no longer the negative consequence that makes criminals think twice about their actions. Second, the party of common sense does not use hate speech, vulgar words, and violence as their tools to make their voices heard. The contrast couldn’t be more pronounced.

This brings me to methods of coping, both positive and negative. If you live a life with tools of gratitude, hopefulness, forgiveness and a spiritual presence that God will only give you what you can endure, each bump in the road of life is manageable. If you surround yourself with 24/7 negative talk, anger, victim hood, and hopelessness you never see the forest for the trees of how blessed we are to live in a country with so many freedoms. Freedoms others only dream of. Have a prayerful Easter Sunday April 20th with your family and find the Golden Egg! And for our Jewish members, Happy Passover April 15 to April 20th.

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



Legislative Chair Update

Sheila Youngberg

Federal news:

This has been a busy month for President Trump. On March 15th, he signed the Continuing Resolution passed by both houses of Congress [along party lines] that will continue to fund the government through September 2025. The CR effectively ensures the government remains open, pays for the apprehension and deportation of criminal illegal aliens, and provides for other vital services and programs.

President Trump took unprecedented action on March 20th when he signed an Executive Order directing the dismantling of the Department of Education. The action aims to cut the bureaucratic nightmare that has resulted in poor math and reading test scores along all grade levels and will provide families with greater power in choosing appropriate educational services for their children. Legislation to close the Department of Education has already been introduced in both Houses of Congress. Please contact Rep. Moran and Senators Cruz and Cornyn and let them know your views.

State news:

The Texas Legislature is busy working on religious freedom in public and charter schools. On March 18th, the Senate passed SB 11, which requires school boards to vote on allowing designated time for prayer and Bible reading. The Senate is also close to passing SB 10, which requires the display of the Ten Commandments in public elementary and secondary classrooms. Once passed in the Senate, the bills go to the House for consideration. Please contact Rep. Jay Dean and encourage him to vote for both bills.

The Senate is also considering SB 17, which contains a loophole that would allow citizens of China [and other hostile nations] to own Texas land so long as they currently reside in the U.S. Please contact Sen. Hughes and encourage him to oppose SB 17 UNLESS amendments are made that make it clear that CITIZENS of hostile nations may not purchase Texas land and provides for strict enforcement of such.

Our elected officials, and how to reach them:

U.S. Senator Ted Cruz (903) 593-5130

U.S. Senator John Cornyn (903) 593-0902

U.S. Representative Nathaniel Moran (903) 561-6349

State Senator Bryan Hughes (903) 753-8137

State Representative Jay Dean (903) 238-8452

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

TRICIA OXTON – 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

“Without freedom of thought, there can be no such thing as wisdom- and no such thing as public liberty without freedom of speech.”

Benjamin Franklin

We were excited to have 5 guests at our membership meeting on March 19, 2025. Guests included **Kay Burton, Diane Schexnyder, Jude Schexnyder, Juliet Wellborn and Margot Wellborn**. The members of RWGC are delighted to welcome **Sharon Clark** as our newest member. We truly appreciate the support that **Sharon** and **Brad Clark** bring to our club as our Title Sponsor! In addition to our guests, 18 RWGC members and 3 associate members were present.

At our next membership meeting on April 16th, we will have **BRING A FRIEND DAY!** We are asking every member to bring a friend who is a prospective member to the luncheon that day. We currently have 58 members and our goal for 2025 is to have 70 members! To meet this goal, every RWGC member must get involved by inviting a friend or family member to join us on April 16th!



Lida Vega 4/1

Karen Cundiff 4/5

Linda Lafferty 4/5

Marilyn Thornton 4/12

Cindy Hull 4/21

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Membership Application

2025 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 _____

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

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Political Campaign Activities

Hello Ladies. Great work on the Trump Event and Auction. Several of us went to Mineola for the ABCs Leadership training. These training courses are very informative. Please look at your hours and make sure they are correct. On hours, you can only report political activities. Travel to and from activities, phone calls, events, and about anything that is a political event. If you have any questions please give me a call at 903-241-6025 or email me at donnahall54@gmail.com.

Donna Kay Hallonquist
903-241-6025



This is Donna's last report as Political Campaign Chair. We thank her for the hours she has volunteered as chair. The club is looking for a new Chairman. Donna is willing to mentor the new chair in her new role. Contact Jennifer Kranzman if interested at 903 445 8627.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF GREGG CO PRESENT

Gregg County Judge Bill Stoudt

GIVES HIS STATE OF GREGG COUNTY ADDRESS



Longview
Jalapeño Tree
Wednesday
April 16 @ Noon,
arrive at 11:30
to order your lunch



April 16th is not April Fool's Day

It is Bring a Friend to a RWGC Meeting Day

Best Dressed New Lady in Red Day Contest

We will do a Facebook Live for prayers and pledges.





RWGC members Legislative Fay in Austin



Senator Bryan Hughes and TFRW Women



ABC of Leadership meeting in Mineola.

Rhonda Anderson, a RWGC member, was announced as the next Region 5 Director for TFRW.

TFRW also offers a nice scholarship for 2025 graduating High School women. Deadline is May 20th. Contact:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qAMe3n1rluiB5VxpuJwozfabGxGM9wo7/view>

Republican Women of Gregg County Gregg County High School Senior Scholarship

Due: **April 15, 2025**

Amount: \$1000

Eligibility:

- 2025 Female High School Graduating Senior in Gregg County
- U.S. Citizen or legal resident
- Affirm personal and political values align with the Republican Platform
- Will be a registered voter age 18 by August 2025 with plans to act on your patriotic duty to vote
- Minimum High School GPA equivalent to a "B" and provide transcripts
- Three (3) character letters of recommendation (school, community, or church)
- Author a 300-word essay on your educational goals and future career plans
- Proof of acceptance to a 2-year or 4-year college or accredited trade school
- To receive funds, the recipient must present proof of admittance to a 2- or 4-year college or trade school
- Affirm availability to accept the scholarship July 16, 2025, at The Jalapeno Tree in Longview at 12:00 noon, if selected
- Provide written permission to allow your photo to be taken and provided to the Longview News-Journal and social media
- Essay must be the applicant's original thoughts and words and should reflect the level of composition and standard use of the English language generally expected of entering college freshman. Use paragraphs, correct spelling and punctuation, and concise sentences with a subject and predicate that agree.

Essay format requirements:

- Times New Romans 12 pt. font and double-spaced with 1-inch margins
- Not to exceed two 8.5" x 11" pages
- Must be at least 300 words, not counting the title (include word count at the end of your essay)
- Title your essay
- Quotes and/or references though not required must be cited using MLA format
- Do not include your name on the essay itself. It is strongly advised that another person review your work for corrections as noted above. Computer spell and grammar check will not catch all errors! All applicants receive fair and equal reviews. All decisions are final.

ANY AI CONTENT IS AN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION. IT WILL BE TESTED.

Apply at rwgctx.com, find scholarships from pull-down menu.



Volunteer Opportunities

Literacy Committee – Mentoring Low Level Readers

Telephone Committee

Text Messaging Committee

Newsletter Chair (Word Document)

Caring for America Chair

Political Campaign Activity Chairman

Want to help but not sure how and where, let us know

Treasurer

Secretary

Precinct Chairs

RWGC Social Groups

Girls on the Go: Enjoy outings with members

Guns and Gals: Making Shooting Fun Again

Bowling: Making Bowling Great Again

Call Jennifer for more information 903 445 8627

Girls on the Go

Visited Brad Clark, our Title Sponsor, at Eagle Eye Firearms on March 26th and had a great time. Sharon, his wife, had made a cake for us that was still warm. Brad did hands-on training with us and gave us an in-depth introduction to revolvers, semi-automatics, ammunition and how to safely handle guns. Then we practiced shooting with a laser gun and target to use what we had learned.



Nancy

Tricia



Wanted: Any member who would like to be our monthly newsletter chair. Requires computer skills in Word for editing. Collect standing reports and add club info monthly. Samples and training available. Call Jennifer Kranzman at 903 445 8627 for more information.



QR code for access to our website!!



Important Dates to Remember in April

- ✓ **March 8 - ABCs of Leadership in Mineola**
- ✓ **April 9 - BC Class 9:30 & Just Say Know 11:30, GOP office**
- ✓ **April 15 - Tax Day & RWGC Scholarships Due**
- ✓ **April 20 - Easter Sunday - Christ is Risen, Passover ends**
- ✓ **April 23 - Trip to Austin, Am. for Prosperity, with Kay Burton**
- ✓ **April 23 - BC Class 8:30 & Just Say Know 11:30, GOP office**

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Nancy and Larry Holly
- Connie Wade
- Dawn Barber
- Exceptional RWGC Scholarship applicants
- Members and caregivers suffering in silence
- Safe travels
- Invite new members to General Meeting
- Enhanced volunteerism within RWGC
- President Trump, and elected officials
- World Peace



**PLAN TO JOIN US FOR OUR April 16 MEETING AT THE JALAPENO TREE.
ARRIVE AT 11:30 TO ORDER LUNCH**

***April Program: Judge Bill Stoudt
State of Gregg County***

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