

# **Republican Women of Gregg County**

**August 2025 Newsletter: Vol. 4 No. 8**

**Region 5 District 1**

**Have you noticed how fast the news cycle is moving lately? The Big Beautiful Bill passed, news organizations are changing their messaging, mid-day and late-night TV shows are being canceled, trade deals continue to be finalized, many businesses are canceling DEI policies, and Europe is finding its voice, with numerous protests calling for change. Hold on to your hats. There is much more to come!**

**Thanks to all who attended the Members General Meeting to chat over lunch. Hopefully, we all got to know another member a little bit better. We learned more from you about what we could do better, and appreciate your input.**

**In discussing the Veteran Appreciation Event, we set a goal for each member to sell at least 4 tickets (250 total) by Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. As of this writing, only 5 of our members have paid for 4 or more event tickets, whether guest or veteran tickets. If we are to host a successful event, one we can be proud to have produced, it will require each of us to commit to this goal. With all the work going into creating the premiere veteran recognition event of the year, please allow me to encourage you to do your part. Let's all participate in helping to put a smile on each veteran's face November 1, 2025!**

**We are gearing up for elections preparation, get-out -the-vote training, and more community engagement over issues that affect us all, including our increasing taxes. We are a club that not only educates our members on the issues but organizes to bring strong conservative values back to Gregg County. Don't sit on the side lines. Get in the game. Help us make some touch downs!**

**Our Values: *Integrity, Service, Excellence, Fun, Generosity***

**God Bless You and America!**

Jennifer Kranzman, President  
Republican Women of Gregg County



# Legislative Chair Update

Sheila Youngberg

Governor Abbott called on the state legislature to address some important bills and issues that did not get passed this last session. This special session began on Monday July 21, 2025. The agenda items include:

1. **FLOOD WARNING SYSTEMS:** Legislation to improve early warning systems and other preparedness infrastructure in flood-prone areas throughout Texas.
2. **FLOOD EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS:** Legislation to strengthen emergency communications and other response infrastructure in flood-prone areas throughout Texas.
3. **RELIEF FUNDING FOR HILL COUNTRY FLOODS:** Legislation to provide relief funding for response to and recovery from the storms which began in early July 2025, including local match funding for jurisdictions eligible for FEMA public assistance.
4. **NATURAL DISASTER PREPARATION & RECOVERY:** Legislation to evaluate and streamline rules and regulations to speed preparedness for and recovery from natural disasters.
5. **ELIMINATE STAAR TEST:** Legislation to eliminate the STAAR test and replace it with effective tools to assess student progress and ensure school district accountability.
6. **CUT PROPERTY TAXES:** Legislation reducing the property tax burden on Texans and legislation imposing spending limits on entities authorized to impose property taxes.
7. **PROTECT CHILDREN FROM THC:** Legislation making it a crime to provide hemp-derived products to children under 21 years of age.
8. **REGULATE HEMP-DERIVED PRODUCTS:** Legislation to comprehensively regulate hemp-derived products, including limiting potency, restricting synthetically modified compounds, and establishing enforcement mechanisms, all without banning a lawful agricultural commodity.
9. **PROTECT UNBORN CHILDREN:** Legislation further protecting unborn children and their mothers from the harm of abortion.
10. **BAN TAXPAYER-FUNDED LOBBYING:** Legislation prohibiting taxpayer-funded lobbying, including the use of tax dollars to hire lobbyists and payment of tax dollars to associations that lobby the Legislature.
11. **PROTECT HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS:** Legislation, like Senate Bill No. 1278 from the 89<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, which protects victims of human trafficking from criminal liability for non-violent acts closely tied to their own victimization.
12. **POLICE PERSONNEL RECORDS:** Legislation that protects law enforcement officers from public disclosure of unsubstantiated complaints in personnel files.
13. **PROTECT WOMEN'S SPACES:** Legislation protecting women's privacy in sex-segregated spaces.
14. **ATTORNEY GENERAL ELECTION POWERS:** Legislation proposing a constitutional amendment allowing the Attorney General to prosecute state election crimes.
15. **REDISTRICTING:** Legislation that provides a revised congressional redistricting plan in light of constitutional concerns raised by the U.S. Department of Justice.
16. **TITLE THEFT & DEED FRAUD:** Legislation, similar to Senate Bill No. 648 from the 89<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, which provides strengthened protection against title theft and deed fraud.
17. **WATER PROJECT INCENTIVES:** Legislation, similar to Senate Bill No. 1253 from the 89<sup>th</sup> Legislature Regular Session, that authorizes political subdivisions to reduce impact fees for builders who include water conservation and efficiency measures.
18. **STATE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT** – Legislation, similar to Senate Bill No. 2878 from the 89<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, relating to the operation and administration of the Judicial Department of state government.

Please contact your representatives and let them know what you think about these issues.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

TRICIA OXTON – 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

*"Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, leave the rest to God.*

*Ronald Reagan*

**Hello Ladies! We are delighted to welcome another new member this month – Melissa Beckett! With Melissa we now have 62 members, and our goal is to have 70 members – so we are making progress. We were happy to have 24 members present at our July luncheon.**

**Have you visited our RWGC website? You really should check it out since you can find great information about our club! There is a "Members Only" section of the website for members to get know more about our club. Go to [rwgctx.com](http://rwgctx.com).**

**We also recommend that you check out the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) website. On the home page of the TFRW website there is a tab called "Help Logging In." There you will find step by step instructions on how to create your unique login and password to access the members only section of the website, [tfrw.org](http://tfrw.org)**



**Barbara Jereb 8-2**

**Linda Nelson 8-13**

**Debra Bolnick 8-19**

**Joyce Hugman 8-22**

## **Political Campaign Activities**

**Submitted by Jennifer Kranzman**

July was a busy month for RWGC. With the 89th Legislative Session having wrapped up and a special session that started July 21<sup>st</sup>, it has been a time of assessing wins and losses and educating ourselves for the upcoming session. On July 15th many of our members were in attendance when Kay Burton from Americans for Prosperity hosted an informative meeting at The Jalapeno Tree. Kay shared a video presentation about all the hard work AFP did to help pass School Choice in Texas and facilitated a question-and-answer session with our own SD 1 Senator Bryan Hughes, along with two other tax policy experts. Many questions revolved around property taxes, and it was a timely reminder of the importance of being engaged and active in our local and state elections as these are the entities that levy our taxes. The more they spend the more we the taxpayers pay!! **CALLING FOR BLOCK WALKERS TO HELP SPREAD THE WORD. ARE YOU A GAME?** Let Deborah Deas know at [deborahjideas@protonmail.com](mailto:deborahjideas@protonmail.com).

Please mark your calendars to submit your volunteer hours by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month for the previous month. Your hours may be emailed to Deborah Deas [deborahjideas@protonmail.com](mailto:deborahjideas@protonmail.com). You can also report your previous month's hours on the General Meeting attendee sign in sheet column titled "Hours." Your research, travel time to meetings, training, speakers/political events, and time attending all count toward your volunteer time investment to conservative values.



# **Americanism**

## **Gail Apple - Chairman**

### **Historic Events in August:**

Aug 18, 1920 - The 19th Amendment, ratified a century ago, is often hailed for granting American women the right to vote. It took three years and was the result of decades of work to ensure that women's roles and rights in American society would dramatically change. Yet, most Black women would have to wait five decades to exercise that right. (*Time.com*)

Aug 6, 1965 - The Voting Rights Act was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson. The Act suspended literacy, knowledge and character tests required by some Southern states in an effort to keep African Americans from voting. It also authorized the appointment of Federal voting examiners and barred discriminatory poll taxes. The Act was renewed by Congress in 1975, 1984 and 1991.

It is interesting to note that in Texas, the legislature had given the Democratic Party the authority to set its own rules, so the Party determined that its primaries were for white voters only. After a white election official blocked a black man the right to vote in the 1940 Texas Democratic primary, NAACP attorneys Thurgood Marshall and William H. Hastie challenged the case all the way to the Supreme Court. In 1944, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 8-1 in Smith v. Allwright that the Texas white primary system instituted by the Democrats was unconstitutional. (*History.com*)

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Aug. 6, 1945 - The first Atomic Bomb was dropped over the center of Hiroshima at 8:15 am by the American B-29 bomber *Enola Gay*. The bomb detonated about 1,800 ft. above ground, killing over 105,000 persons and destroying the city. Another estimated 100,000 persons later died because of radiation effects.

Aug. 9, 1945 - The second atomic bombing of Japan occurred as an American B-29 bomber headed for the city of Kokura, but because of poor visibility they chose a secondary target, Nagasaki. About noon, the bomb detonated killing an estimated 70,000 persons and destroying about half the city.

Aug. 15, 1945 - Emperor Hirohito, via a recorded radio address across the Empire, announced the surrender of The Empire of Japan to the Allies.

**Let us reflect on what history has taught us!!**

**Below are the 17 ballot propositions that voters will be able to vote on in the November 2025 Election.**

Proposition 1 (SJR 59) "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the permanent technical institution infrastructure fund and the available workforce education fund to support the capital needs of educational programs offered by the Texas State Technical College System."

Proposition 2 (SJR 18) "The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of a tax on the realized or unrealized capital gains of an individual, family, estate, or trust."

Proposition 3 (SJR 5) "The constitutional amendment requiring the denial of bail under certain circumstances to persons accused of certain offenses punishable as a felony."

Proposition 4 (HJR 7) "The constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of the revenue derived from state sales and use taxes to the Texas water fund and to provide for the allocation and use of that revenue."

Proposition 5 (HJR 99) "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property consisting of animal feed held by the owner of the property for sale at retail."

Proposition 6 (HJR 4) "The constitutional amendment prohibiting the legislature from enacting a law imposing an occupation tax on certain entities that enter into transactions conveying securities or imposing a tax on certain securities transactions."

Proposition 7 (HJR 133) "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a veteran who died as a result of a condition or disease that is presumed under federal law to have been service-connected."

Proposition 8 (HJR 2) "The constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing death taxes applicable to a decedent's property or the transfer of an estate, inheritance, legacy, succession, or gift."

Proposition 9 (HJR 1) "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation a portion of the market value of tangible personal property a person owns that is held or used for the production of income."

Proposition 10 (SJR 84) "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of the appraised value of an improvement to a residence homestead that is completely destroyed by a fire."

Proposition 11 (SJR 85) "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district of the market value of the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled."

Proposition 12 (SJR 27) "The constitutional amendment regarding the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, the membership of the tribunal to review the commission's recommendations, and the authority of the commission, the tribunal, and the Texas Supreme Court to more effectively sanction judges and justices for judicial misconduct."

Proposition 13 (SJR 2) "The constitutional amendment to increase the amount of the exemption of residence homesteads from ad valorem taxation by a school district from \$100,000 to \$140,000."

Proposition 14 (SJR 3) "The constitutional amendment providing for the establishment of the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, establishing the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund to provide money for research on and prevention and treatment of dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders in this state, and transferring to that fund \$3 billion from state general revenue."

Proposition 15 (SJR 34) "The constitutional amendment affirming that parents are the primary decision makers for their children."

Proposition 16 (SJR 37) "The constitutional amendment clarifying that a voter must be a United States citizen."

Proposition 17 (HJR 34) "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the amount of the market value of real property located in a county that borders the United Mexican States that arises from the installation or construction on the property of border security infrastructure and related improvements."

**YOUR VOICE AND YOUR VOTE MATTER!**





THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF GREGG COUNTY  
invite you to join us in recognizing  
our local veterans at the  
VETERANS APPRECIATION EVENT

## *A Salute to Heroes*

Saturday, November 1, 2025

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Maude Cobb Convention Center



### *Keynote Speaker*

“HORSE SOLDIER” SFC WILL SUMMERS, US Army  
Retired Special Forces Communication Sergeant,  
Infantry Officer with 25 years of  
service, 5th Special Forces Group and member of ODA  
595 “Horse Soldiers,” the elite team that delivered an  
effective first response after the 9/11 attacks,  
memorialized in the movie “12 STRONG”



HONOR GUARD \* CATERED BBQ LUNCH  
RECOGNITION OF VETERANS  
50+ SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR VETERANS  
SILENT AUCTION \* DOOR PRIZES  
MILITARY VEHICLE SHOW



HOST A VETERAN for \$25

GUEST TICKETS \$50



RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

**ADOPT A VETERAN FOR JUST \$25!**

I WILL SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_ VETERAN(S) @ \$25 EACH FOR A TOTAL OF: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**INDIVIDUAL (NON-VETERAN) TICKETS \$50 EACH, OR 2 FOR \$90**

**(2 OR MORE TICKETS, \$45 EACH)**

1 TICKET \$50    2 TICKETS \$90    3 TICKETS \$135    4 TICKETS \$180    5 TICKETS \$225

**TOTAL FOR VETERAN AND NON-VETERAN TICKETS COMBINED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION OR RETIRED \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECKS ARE THE PREFERRED FORM OF PAYMENT!**

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: RWGC EVENT ACCOUNT/VETERANS**

**MAIL CHECK AND THIS FORM TO RWGC, P.O. Box 5, LONGVIEW, TX 75606**

**RWGC CAN ACCEPT CASH APP PAYMENTS - HOWEVER,  
A CONVENIENCE FEE WILL BE CHARGED BY CASH APP.**



**PAYMENT AND REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE POSTMARKED BY OCTOBER 21, 2025**

**SEATING IS LIMITED**

**\*\*\*PLEASE E-MAIL THE NAMES OF YOUR GUESTS TO RWGCVETERANS@GMAIL.COM BY  
10/21/25\*\*\***

**BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR E-MAIL FOR CONFIRMATION  
OF REGISTRATION AND SEATING!!**

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## **CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEANS VOLUNTEERING!**

**Literacy Committee – Help school kids who are struggling to learn to read. How rewarding!**

**Communications Committee: Outreach to RWCG members via phone calls, texting, and the monthly newsletter.**

**The Newsletter Chair position requires basic “Word” editing skills. Committee chairs submit reports each month, and the newsletter chair incorporates these into the newsletter, along with additional club information provided by the President. Training will be provided. Please call Jennifer Kranzman, acting newsletter chair, at 903 445 8627 for more information.**

**Other volunteer opportunities will be featured next month!**

### **RWGC Social Groups**

**Girls on the Go: Enjoy outings with members**

**Gals & Guns: Making Shooting Fun Again!**

**Bowling: Making Bowling Great Again!**

**Call Jennifer for more information 903-445-8627**

# ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT CYBER CRIMES?

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF GREGG CO PRESENT:

# JACK GARY

Gregg County IT

Learn how to protect yourself

Wednesday, August 20

Jalapeño Tree at Noon

Come at 11:30 to place your order





## SAVE THE DATES

Mark your calendar for upcoming class opportunities.

**Constitution Day Workshops** – Preparing for Sept 17 to teach short 20-minute classes on the Constitution in area schools. We need you and we have your parts ready!

Aug 18, 25; Sept 8 & 15 - Mondays 11am - 1pm - GOP Office

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At these workshops, it is not required to attend all of them. I know we have busy summers.

**Liberty (formerly Biblical Citizenship) Classes** – Take a journey of biblical principles our forefathers framed throughout the Constitution and American history.

Sept 10, 24; Oct 8, 22; Nov 12 @ GOP Office Wednesdays @ 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

Books available for \$10

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**Just Say Know/I Govern Classes-** Enhance your knowledge of how to use your voice as an effective activist with a few simple steps.

Sept 10, 24; Oct 8, 22; Nov 12 @ GOP Office - Wednesdays @ 9:30 am to 11:30 am

(Oct. 22 & Nov 12 are workshop days added)

Text Gail Apple 903-235-4149 for more information.

***“No free government, nor the blessings of liberty, can be preserved to any people but by frequent recurrence to fundamental principles.” - George Mason***



QR code for access to our website!!



## **Upcoming Important Dates**

- ✓ **TBD**      **Girls on the Go, Mid America Flight Museum**
- ✓ **Aug 12**    **Guns and Gals, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 12 noon Top Shot in Door Shooting**
- ✓ **Aug 16**    **See You at The Library Story Time 12 to 2pm (Pending)**
- ✓ **Aug 20**    **General Meeting 11:30 a.m. - The Jalapeno Tree**
- ✓ **Aug 21**    **VDR training (register people to vote) - Noon - Jalapeno Tree**
- ✓ **Oct 8**      **Poll worker training possibly in new elections office building**
- ✓ **Nov 4**      **Special election on Propositions see attached**

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Nancy and Larry Holly
- Safe pregnancy for Olivia McWhorter
- Dawn Barber, and her family
- Terri Kitchen undergoing medical testing
- Those who suffer pain or illness silently
- End of war between Russia and Ukraine; Israel and Hamas
- The continued needs of the those affected by the Texas floods
- A productive Special Session of the Texas Legislature
- Wisdom and courage for our elected leaders
- President Trump, and elected officials
- Safe summer travel for members
- The Veterans Event – Participation of RWGC members, reaching as many veterans as possible
- Nominating Committee to identify officers for next year



**PLAN TO JOIN US FOR OUR AUGUST 20<sup>st</sup> MEETING AT THE JALAPENO TREE.  
ARRIVE AT 11:30 TO ORDER LUNCH**

***August 20 Program:***  
**Jack Gray - Are You Concerned About Cyber Crime?**

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# **Republican Women of Gregg County**

## **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.

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### **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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