

Republican Women of Gregg County

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Region 5 District 1

Have you noticed this seems to be the season for taking, not giving? Gregg County elected City Councils, School Boards, Lake Boards, and other governing boards that are all squeaky wheels wanting our money. The problem is simply because the wheels squeak, they “need” new wheels: or so they think. “Is this a need or a want?” I ask. Maybe if they didn’t store the bike in the rain, the wheels wouldn’t squeak. Maybe instead of new wheels, they just need a little grease to fix the problem. But it is much easier to just request more and more money instead of delivering serious performance improvement, budget management and transparency. I wonder what would happen if a DOGE team member trimmed the fat. Let’s start with caps on school superintendents’ salaries and excessive administrative staff in some cases. Do some deserve those salaries in smaller ISDs, when a congressman or family practice physician dealing with life and death decisions makes much less on the average? All that extra cream should go to the children in my book. When expenses for athletics or over the top outdoor image improvements far exceed the ongoing needs of all students to excel in reading, writing and arithmetic, we have lost what is important. The child’s education to become a productive member of society I thought was the mission, and the vision of parents and teachers alike. My mother and sister were teachers and worked tirelessly at school and again after hours at home, paying out of their pocket for bulletin board supplies and other classroom items. We need to get back to the basics, the needs, not the wants, of our school and students, period. Extra-curricular activities are important but not the most important lesson in life. If one cannot read past a third-grade level and cannot exercise critical thinking skills, an individual will struggle every day of his or her life. Every child deserves to be the best that they can be by being nurtured and challenged in their informative years.

Key values for school children include honesty, respect, responsibility, kindness, empathy, perseverance, and cooperation, as these provide a strong moral foundation, shape good character, and equip children to form positive relationships and make sound decisions. Other important values are gratitude, courage, self-discipline, and fairness, which help children grow into well-rounded and contributing members of society. Let’s leave no child behind.

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

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

September legislative report 2025:

The Texas redistricting bill has been passed by both the Senate and the House and is on its way to the governor's desk to be signed into law. The bill was passed largely along party lines. HB 4 is intended to redraw Congressional map lines to give Republicans the advantage in 5 congressional seats now held by Democrats. These seats are vital in keeping a Republican majority in the House of Representatives; if we lose the majority, President Trump will almost certainly face a 3rd impeachment, and all the wonderful work he is doing will be stopped.

The Texas legislature continues work on Governor Abbott's second special session legislative priorities. These priorities include flood relief, flood warning and prevention, water projects, abortion pill regulation, hemp products regulation, protection of women and girls' privacy in sex-segregated spaces, tax relief, a ban on tax-funded lobbying, and a ban on THC. It is vital that we contact our representatives and let them know how we feel about these issues.

Another very important piece of legislation—SB 11, involves a proposed amendment to the Texas Constitution that would empower the Texas Attorney General to investigate and prosecute state election crimes. This must pass if we hope to see election fraud ended in Democrat-held cities.

Senator Bryan Hughes 903.753.8137

Representative Jay Dean 903.238.8452



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

TRICIA OXTON – 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Life is an echo. What you send out *COMES BACK*.
What you sow *YOU REAP*. What you give *YOU GET*.
What you see in others *EXISTS IN YOU*. - Zig Ziglar

Hello ladies! September is here and fall is coming. Cool weather is just around the corner!

At our August luncheon, we were happy to have 22 members and 1 associate member in attendance. Best of all, a former member, **Sharon Williamson**, re-joined the club. Sharon's membership brings us up to **63 members** and **12 associate members** so far this year.

Please take the time at our monthly membership meetings to say hello to someone you have not met, or someone you have not seen for a while. We want everyone to feel welcome and included.

We are very excited about our luncheon program for September 17th. **Christen Bentley**, our SREC representative, will be presenting updates on what is happening in the Texas Legislature. If you haven't heard Christen speak before, this will be a real treat! She has a wealth of knowledge to share with us!



Kristen Ishihara 9-14

Brenda McKinney 9-15

Penny Gunn 9-22

Deidra Keels 9-25

Jennifer Kranzman 9-26

Terri Kitchens 9-29

Political Campaign Activities Chair

Deborah Deas

This is my first month as your Political Campaign Chair. Please be patient with me while I learn my new responsibilities. Recording the volunteer hours of all club members is my primary responsibility.

Why do we keep count of our hours?

The hours our club report reflects the influence we as Gregg County Republican Women have in our community. It tells TFRW (Texas Federation of Republican Women) we are out sharing and promoting Republican values. The time (hours) we are working with the public helps our Republican Leaders at the ballot box. We help keep Texas Red.

What activities count toward our volunteer hours?

- Travel time to and from all meetings and activities.
- Training, did you train to be a poll watcher, voter registration? Count those hours.
- Reading at the Library.
- Helping to set up or take down an event such as our monthly meeting, or training at the GOP office.
- Attending RWGC events, trainings, volunteering with the literacy program.
- Letter writing, emailing, or calling your representatives.
- Organizing an event.

If in doubt, write it down, we can talk about it.

Deborah Deas

916-956-0542 - cell

Political Hours are due every month by the 20th so we can meet the TFRW deadline.

How to provide your hours:

1. Text Deborah Deas at 916-956-0542; or
2. Provide hours for the previous month at RWGC general meeting sign in; or
3. E mail Deborah at deborahdeas@protonmail.com.



See You at the Library

The RWGC hosted See You at the Library on August 16, 2025, at the Longview Public Library [it must be noted that it was not a Longview Public Library endorsed event.] SYATL, inspired by Kirk Cameron, is a “nationwide story hour event designed to awaken hearts, ignite wonder, and plant seeds of faith through stories that matter. The event proved to be a huge success enjoyed by children and parents alike! We are looking at expanding these reading hours to other local Gregg County libraries and would encourage all members to join us! A special thank you to members Teresa Cook, Sandra Garrison, Nancy Holly, Mary Ann Verderber, and Sheila Youngberg for making this a special event!



Longview City Council RWGC Voices on Taxes Rhonda, Deborah, Sharron, Gwen, new member Debbie



Congrats to Eric Bui, who graduated from KJC with an Associate Degree in political science!



Cyber War Talks with Speaker Jack Gary, moderated by Connie Gipson. Jack was so informative, we may offer a special session with him!

Americanism

Gail Apple - Chairman

This shall be the second year that RWGC participates in Constitution Week at our East Texas schools. We are very proud of Texas and our US government supporting these laws.

Federal Law Requires Schools and Government Agencies to Teach US Constitution

With the President's signature on December 8, 2004, the Consolidated Appropriations Bill was signed and became Public Law 108-447. It funds a major portion of the federal government for another year. Hidden deep inside the 3,000-page document is the following verbiage inserted by the suggestion of a senator's education policy advisor:

SEC. 111. (a) The head of each Federal agency or department shall-

- (1) provide each new employee of the agency or department with educational and training materials concerning the United States Constitution as part of the orientation materials provided to the new employee; and
- (2) provide educational and training materials concerning the United States Constitution to each employee of the agency or department on September 17 of each year.
- (b) Each educational institution that receives Federal funds for a fiscal year shall hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on September 17 of such year for the students served by the educational institution.
- September 1, 1620: The Pilgrim Fathers set sail for America aboard the Mayflower, which arrived in Massachusetts two months later.
- September 17, 1787: The U.S. Constitution is completed and signed by the majority of delegates at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.
- September 13-14, 1814: During the War of 1812, American forces successfully defend Fort McHenry against British attack. Francis Scott Key is inspired to write "The Star-Spangled Banner" after witnessing the battle and the American flag still flying over the fort.
- September 1928: The discovery of penicillin by Alexander Fleming paves the way for the development of antibiotics and revolutionized modern medicine.
- September 20, 1963: President John F. Kennedy proposes a joint U.S. - Soviet mission to the moon, shifting the focus from a space race to potential cooperation.
- September 11, 2001 - Let us never forget.

Thank you, God, for our Country,

Gail Apple and all of 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."

Using the bill analyses provided by state lawmakers during the 89th Legislative Session, Texas Policy Research has compiled a ballot guide for Texans, which includes a brief summary of what each proposition entails as well as the vote recommendation.

1, 3, 4, 11, 14 recommend NO. Your choice YOUR VOICE YOUR VOTE MATTERS



CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEANS VOLUNTEERING!

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

Constitution Day is a chance to help the younger generation learn about and appreciate the principles on which our country was founded. Training is short, sweet, and fun! See details on the “Training and Events” page below.

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.

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

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF GREGG CO PRESENT



Enjoy a fun and informative talk on our
LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



Wednesday, September 17
Jalapeño Tree at Noon
Arrive at 11:30 to order

Christin Bentley is the State Republican Executive Committeewoman for Senate District 1 and Chair of the Republican Party of Texas' Legislative Priority: Stop Sexualizing Texas Kids.

Christin led a successful statewide campaign to remove pornographic materials from public school libraries, resulting in the passage of The READER Act. She drove major legislative victories that advanced child protection and parental rights including the passage of SB 13, which strengthens school library standards by banning indecent and profane content; SB 412, which repeals the dangerous affirmative defenses that had shielded the distribution of obscene material to minors; SB 12, now recognized as the strongest parental rights in education law in the nation; and HB 4623, which repeals sovereign immunity for public schools in cases of sexual misconduct.



Christin is an education consultant specializing in special education advocacy and a former public school special education teacher. A devoted Christian and sixth-generation Texan, she is fiercely committed to defending our God-given rights and ensuring that future generations inherit a free and moral constitutional republic. She lives in Smith County, Texas, with her husband, Greg, and their two sons, Cody, and Max.



REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF GREGG CO PRESENT

WILLIAM MCWHORTER
CHAIRMAN
OF GREGG COUNTY GOP

JOIN US WEDNESDAY
JALAPEÑO TREE
OCT 15 AT NOON
COME EARLY TO ORDER

 **YES!** 

TRUMP IS PRESIDENT
BUT THERE'S
STILL MUCH
TO DO





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



TICKET INFORMATION ON BACK

TICKET FORM FOR VETERANS EVENT

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

INDIVIDUAL (NON-VETERAN) TICKETS \$50 EACH, OR 2 FOR \$90 (2 or more, \$45 each)

1 TKT. \$50 ___ 2 TICKETS \$90 ___ 3 TICKETS \$135 ___ 4 TICKETS \$180 ___ 5 TICKETS \$225 ___ 6 TKTS \$270 ___

TOTAL FOR VETERAN AND NON-VETERAN TICKETS COMBINED: \$ _____

REQUIRED: NAME _____ PHONE _____

REQUIRED: ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

REQUIRED: EMAIL ADDRESS _____ OCCUPATION _____ OR RETIRED _____

IF YOU ARE INVITING A VETERAN OR VETERANS, PROVIDE HIS OR HER NAME, BRANCH OF SERVICE, RANK, AND DATES OF SERVICE:

*****IF YOU ARE NOT PERSONALLY INVITING A VETERAN, RWGC WILL ASSIGN A VETERAN OR VETERANS TO THE TICKET(S) YOU HAVE PURCHASED*****

CHECKS ARE THE PREFERRED FORM OF PAYMENT. PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

RWGC EVENT ACCOUNT/VETERANS

MAIL CHECK AND THIS REGISTRATION FORM TO RWGC, P.O. BOX 5, LONGVIEW, TX 75606



FOR CASH APP PAYMENTS - INDICATE "VETERANS 2025" ON THE PAYMENT AND

MAIL THIS REGISTRATION FORM TO RWGC, P.O. BOX 5, LONGVIEW, TX 75606.

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*****

YOU MAY DESIGNATE YOUR VETERAN GUESTS OR ALLOW RWGC TO ADOPT A VETERAN FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION.

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

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TRAININGS AND EVENTS

Mark your calendar for upcoming class opportunities!

HOW DO WE MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN? HOW DO WE INSTILL “AMERICA FIRST” VALUES? BY LEADING THE NEXT GENERATION TO VALUE FREEDOM! THEY CANNOT PROTECT WHAT THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND. VOLUNTEERS MAKE A HUGE IMPACT ON TEACHING YOUNG PEOPLE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN AMERICAN. PLEASE SEE WHERE YOU CAN JOIN IN TO HELP. THE REWARDS ARE GREAT!

Constitution Day Workshops – Preparing for Sept 17 when we will teach short 20-minute classes on the Constitution in area schools. We need you and we have your parts ready! Those who have participated in this say it is so rewarding to share our Constitution with area school children. Helping them learn about the Constitution fits perfectly with our mission of leading the next generation to value freedom.

Sept 1, 15 - Mondays - 11am to 1pm at GOP Office. SEPTEMBER 15th – Last chance to get ready for the September 17th Constitution Day Workshops!

RWGC Chaplain Nancy Holly has this to say about Gail Apple's dedication to the Constitution Day Workshops and the other endeavors listed on this page: "It is one thing to contact schools to hand out Constitutions. Gail, however, brings food for the trainees at every training session, she utilizes Patriot Academy materials for our training and presentation, and she even gives us the slide materials on thumb drives. Gail goes the extra mile and has brought her grandgirls to learn as well! How blessed we are to have her example of dedication!"

Biblical Citizenship Classes Again!!!! – Take a journey of biblical principles our forefathers framed throughout the Constitution and American history.

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

Books available for \$10

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. (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!!



Important Dates Coming Up

- ✓ **Sept** **Hispanic Heritage Month**
- ✓ **Sept** **Girls on the Go, PENDING**
- ✓ **Sept 9** **Guns and Gals, 2nd Tuesday 12 noon Top Shot In-Door Range**
- ✓ **Sept 11** **24 years since the terrorist attack – Never Forget**
- ✓ **Sept 17** **Celebrate Freedom Week (Schools teach the Constitution)**
- ✓ **Sept 17** **General Meeting 11:30 The Jalapeno Tree**
- ✓ **Oct 8** **Appointed Poll worker training, new elections office building**

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Tricia's son Tyler with recent surgery
- Governor's signing of Redistricting Bill
- Unspoken requests and our families
- **The continued needs of the those affected by the Texas floods**
- A productive Special Session of the Texas Legislature
- Continual direction of the Nominating Committee
- Meeting our goal of 200 adopted Veteran Nov 1st in attendance
- Active VDRs, Poll Workers
- Fill Precinct Chair positions by heeding the call to serve
- Continued momentum for the Veterans Appreciation Event



PLAN TO JOIN US FOR OUR SEPTEMBER 17th MEETING AT THE JALAPENO TREE. ARRIVE AT 11:30 TO ORDER LUNCH

SEPTEMBER 17th Program:

Christin Bentley SREC Committee Woman - [Legislative Priorities Update](#)

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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.

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 _____

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