

# **Republican Women of Gregg County**

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**Region 5 District 1**

**Melania Trump. The name emits a vision of beauty and elegance, someone soft spoken, a wife, First Lady, writer, businesswoman, woman of faith, but more importantly a mother. She protected Barron, as a mother should over the years, mentoring him to adulthood. If you haven't read her book, Melania, you are missing out on what makes Melania, Melania. What makes her tick.**

**"Fundamental values of hard work, integrity, and kindness resonated deeply, reflecting the core principles that were instilled in me by my parents during upbringing in Slovenia." She speaks of the "crucial lesson in the realities of the political world. In the face of exploitation and deceit, I had to learn another harsh lesson: media and individuals will exploit others for their own profit and fame."**

**Her goal was to share her journey, "recognizing the universal themes of resilience, love, and the pursuit of one's dream.**

**Behind every strong man is a strong woman!**

**Here's to all the strong women, to all the mothers out there.**

**Happy Mother's Day!**

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



# **Legislative Chair Update**

**Sheila Youngberg**

## **Federal Legislature**

The Senate and the House together passed the Budget Resolution Act, which focuses on, among other things, the border, taxes, defense, energy and raising the debt limit. The goal is to cut 1.5 trillion dollars and get our economy back on the right track. Please pray that our legislators will continue to work together through reconciliation to cut as much unnecessary spending as possible.

The House recently passed the SAVE ACT, which would require proof of citizenship to register to vote in federal elections and requires the states to remove all illegal aliens from their voting rolls. The bill is now in the Senate for its consideration.

Senator John Cornyn                      903.593.0902

Senator Ted Cruz                         903.593.5130

Representative Nathaniel Moran      903.561.6349

## **State Legislature**

Election Protection - The Texas Senate has been hard at work passing vital legislation that would protect our elections, tighten up loopholes requiring voter registration, use of paper ballots, and ensure that voters reside where they say they do [to help prevent voter fraud]. Please contact Rep. Jay Dean and ask that he make sure that these important bills are introduced and voted on quickly.

Casinos – Senator Carol Alvarado, (D-Harris Co.), filed a bill to legalize gambling in Texas. The bill, SJR 16, would amend the State Constitution [upon vote of approval of Texas voters] to allow casino gambling, horse-racing, and destination resorts, among other things. Please contact Senator Hughes and Rep. Dean to voice your opinion about this.

School Vouchers – The Senate passed its version of a school voucher program earlier this year. To date, the full House still has not voted on this measure. Please contact Rep. Dean to voice your opinion on HB 3.

Senator Brian Hughes                    903.753.8137

Representative Jay Dean                903.238.8452

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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

*"Education is transformational. It literally changes lives. That is why people work so hard to become educated, and that is why education has always been the key to the American dream, the force that erases arbitrary divisions of race and class and culture and unlocks every person's God given potential." – Condoleezza Rice*

We were delighted to have 12 guests at our membership meeting on April 16, 2025. Guests included **Breezy Kelly, G Floyd, Jean McLaurin, William McWhorter, John and Jerri Moore, John Nadolski, Darrin Rudolph, Roger and Stephanie Askew, J R Valles, and our speaker, Gregg County Judge Bill Stoudt.** The members of RWGC are delighted to welcome **Penny Gunn** as our newest member. In addition to our guests, 26 RWGC members and 1 associate member were present.

Our April meeting was **BRING A FRIEND DAY!** Special thanks go to **Peggy Woods and Nancy Holly** for bringing a friend with you. We currently have 59 members and our goal for 2025 is to have 70 members! To meet this goal, every RWGC member must get involved and bring friends or family members to our meetings. They will thank you for introducing them to our fabulous group of ladies! The May meeting is a perfect time to invite friends and acquaintances who will be interested in hearing about the ongoing battle to protect the water resources of East Texas.

**Please share the membership application attached at the end of this newsletter.**



Deborah Deas 5 - 7

Michelle Gamboa 5 - 7

Linda Bobo 5 - 9

Dia Duncan 5 - 17

Gwen Wuori 5 - 18

## Political Campaign Activities



County Judge Bill Stoudt, Speaker



April General Mtg to hear State of the County Address



Members watching the Texas House Legislature



Many members speaking their voice on health care, veterans, and small business owner issues at the State Capital



RWGC President Jennifer Kranzman speaks with House Representative Jay Dean

**The club is looking for a new Political Activities Chairman.  
Contact Jennifer Kranzman if interested at 903 445 8627.**



# **Americanism**

**Gail Apple - Chairman**



**May is designated as Military Appreciation Month. Patriotic days include:**

**May 1 - Loyalty Day is a time to reaffirm loyalty to the United States and recognize the heritage of American freedom.**

**May 17 - Armed Forces Day, celebrated the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, honors men and women currently serving in the U.S. Military**

**May 26 – Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the U.S., observed to honor men & women who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.**

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF GREGG CO. PRESENT:

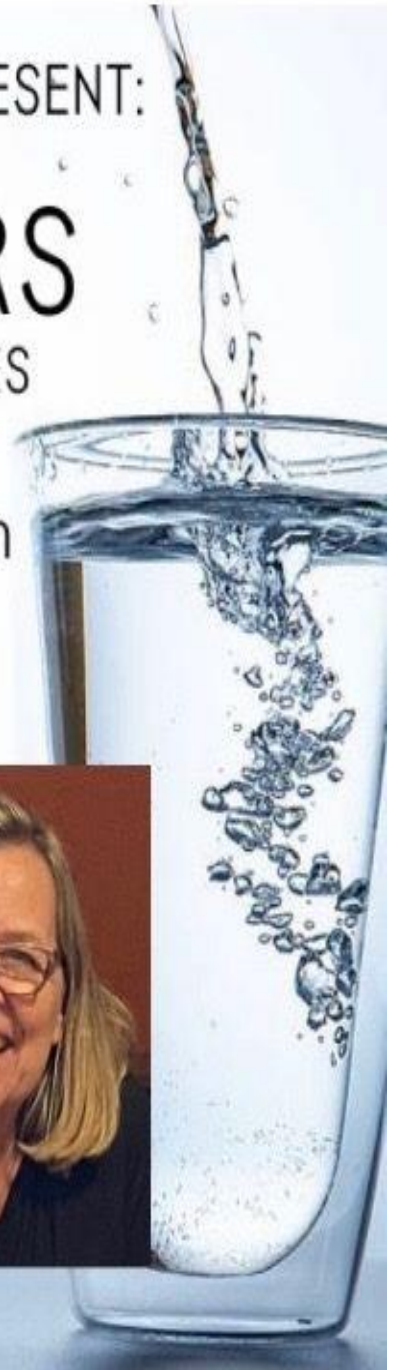
# TEXAS WATER WARS

DALLAS WANTS OUR AQUAFER AND LAKES

Learn how we can win this fight from  
East Texas Water Warrior  
**SHARILYN PARR**



Wednesday  
May 21 at Noon  
The Jalapeño Tree  
Arrive early to order



**Stay Informed!**

**Join us May 21<sup>st</sup>!**

**Bring a friend or two!**

# **VETERANS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON – NOVEMBER 1, 2025**

**MAUDE COBB CONVENTION CENTER**

**HOSTED BY THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF GREGG COUNTY**

## **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK**

**(PLUS, IT'S MORE FUN!)**

RWGC IS KICKING OFF **VETERANS MONTH** (BECAUSE VETERANS DESERVE A MONTH, NOT JUST A DAY!) BY HOSTING A LUNCHEON HONORING VETERANS ON NOVEMBER 1, 2025. WE ARE EXCITED TO BE ORGANIZING LONGVIEW'S PREMIERE EVENT TO HONOR VETERANS AGAIN THIS YEAR!

HOW DO WE PRODUCE A SUCCESSFUL EVENT? BY MAKING SURE EACH VETERAN WHO ATTENDS FEELS APPRECIATED, RESPECTED, HONORED, LOVED, SUPPORTED, AND PROUD THAT THEY SERVED THEIR COUNTRY WHEN CALLED UPON TO DO SO.

### **WE ARE THANKING THEM ON BEHALF OF A GRATEFUL NATION**

**VOLUNTEERS** ARE CRUCIAL TO HOSTING A GREAT EVENT. PLEASE TAKE A LOOK TO SEE WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE, KEEPING IN MIND MOST OF US WILL NEED TO HELP ON MORE THAN ONE COMMITTEE. THE CONTRIBUTION OF YOUR TIME AND TALENT WILL BE PUT TO GOOD USE.

**INVITATIONS/PROGRAMS/SIGNAGE** - ARE YOU ARTSY? GOOD WITH GRAPHICS? DETAIL ORIENTED? HELP DESIGN THE MARKETING MATERIALS THAT WILL CONVEY THE PURPOSE AND THEME OF THE EVENT.

**DECORATIONS – TRICIA OXTON, CHAIRMAN** – WORK WITH TRICIA IN CREATING A BEAUTIFUL SETTING FOR THIS VERY PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION! IF YOU ATTENDED THE AMERICA FIRST CELEBRATION, YOU SAW JUST HOW TALENTED TRICIA IS WHEN IT COMES TO CREATING A WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE. SHE'S SUPER-ORGANIZED TOO, WHICH IS NOT TYPICAL OF SOMEONE SO CREATIVE, BUT A REAL PLUS WHEN IT COMES TO COMMITTEE WORK. ONLY SIX SPOTS OPEN FOR THIS FUN COMMITTEE!

**SPONSORSHIPS – CONNIE WADE, CHAIRMAN** – CONNIE IS GREAT AT GETTING SPONSORS, BUT TO FULLY FUND THIS ENDEAVOR, AND *HOST AS MANY VETERANS AS POSSIBLE*, RWGC MEMBERS WILL NEED TO APPROACH POTENTIAL SPONSORS TO UNERWRITE CERTAIN COMPONENTS OF THE EVENT.

**TICKET SALES AND DISTRIBUTION** – EVERYONE IS ON THIS COMMITTEE! IF WE ARE TO HAVE A WELL-ATTENDED EVENT, WE MUST BE WILLING TO ASK FRIENDS AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATES TO **SPONSOR A VETERAN** AND PURCHASE A TICKET FOR THEMSELVES. THIS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY APPEAL TO A LOT OF PEOPLE. THEY JUST HAVE TO BE ASKED!

**HOSPITALITY – GREETERS/VIP ROOM – TERESA COOK, CHAIR** - PLEASE NOTE: AS HOSTS, ALL RWGC MEMBERS WILL BE ACTING AS GREETERS OF THE EVENT, WITH MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE HAVING SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS SO THAT ALL AREAS OF THE VENUE ARE COVERED. WHO BETTER TO COORDINATE THIS THAN A FORMER AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER?

**SILENT AUCTION – KAREN CUNDIFF, CHAIR** –HOSTING THIS EVENT COMES AT A PRICE. RWGC WILL RAISE FUNDS VIA A SILENT AUCTION SET UP AT THE BACK OF THE BANQUET ROOM. THIS COMMITTEE WILL BRAINSTORM TO COME UP WITH ITEMS THAT REFLECT THE HIGH ESTEEM WITH WHICH WE HOLD OUR VETERANS AND WILL WORK TO PROCURE DONATED ITEMS FROM AREA BUSINESSES. PLEASE NOTE: ANY ITEMS DONATED MUST MEET THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE BEFORE BEING INCLUDED.



**ENTERTAINMENT/PROGRAM – JENNIFER KRANZMAN, CHAIR, KAREN CUNDIFF, CO-CHAIR –** KEYNOTE SPEAKER, SPEAKERS, ENTERTAINMENT, YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS, A/V PRESENTATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SPECIAL GUESTS. HELP DESIGN A MEANINGFUL PRESENTATION IN HONORING OUR VETERANS, INCLUDING REACHING OUT TO LOCAL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AND SCHOOLS TO INVITE SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN TO BE A PART OF THANKING OUR VETERANS.

**ACCOUNTING FOR THE EVENT – GWEN WUOIRI, CHAIRMAN –** A SMALL BUT VERY IMPORTANT COMMITTEE - IF BUDGETING AND KEEPING UP WITH EXPENDITURES IS YOUR THING, YOU ARE NEEDED HERE! GWEN IS A PRO, SO THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT THIS CRUCIAL COMPONENT OF ANY EVENT!

**CLEAN-UP –** SETTING UP IS ALWAYS FUN. CLEANING UP, NOT SO MUCH, BUT IT WON'T TAKE LONG IF EVERYONE PITCHES IN (SEE THE QUOTE AT THE TOP!), AND IT IS THE WAY WE FINISH STRONG!

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/THANK YOU LETTERS –** PROPER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SPONSORS AND OTHER DONORS IS PARAMOUNT TO SHOWING OUR APPRECIATION AND KEEPING THEM INVOLVED WITH THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF GREGG COUNTY AND OUR INITIATIVES.

**HELP SERVE THOSE WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY!**



**Veterans Appreciation Event 2023**







## **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**

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

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

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

**Bowling: Making Bowling Great Again!**

## UPCOMING CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS – SAVE THE DATES!**

**Bills Workshops** - “Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn,” a wise man once said. Come learn with all of us how to look up and follow a bill from the beginning to its end. You get to help determine the end!!! We will be INVOLVED!

Mondays - June 2, 9, 16, 23 from 1pm to 3pm @ GOP Office

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

Mondays - June 2 & 16, July 21, Aug 4 & 18, Sept 1 & 15 from 11am to 1pm @ GOP Office

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On these workshops it is not required to attend all of them. We all have busy summers!

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

Wednesdays - July 23, Aug 13 & 27, Sept 10 & 24, Oct 8 & 22, Nov 12 from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm @ GOP Office  
Books available for \$10.

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

Wednesdays - July 23, Aug 13 & 27, Sept 10 & 24, Oct 8 & 22, Nov 12 from 9:30 am to 11:30 (Oct. 22 & Nov 12 are workshop days added.)

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

Call or text Gail Apple for more information at 903 235 4149. All workshops & classes offered via Zoom.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7331674728> Mtg ID: 733 167 4728





QR code to access RWGC website.



### **Important Dates in May – Military Appreciation Month!**

- ✓ **May 1 – Loyalty Day – Reaffirm allegiance to the USA!**
- ✓ **May 8 – Mother's Day**
- ✓ **May 13 - Gals & Guns - 10:30 at Top Shot Longview**
- ✓ **May 14 – BC Class 8:30 & Just Say Know 11:30 a.m., GOP office**
- ✓ **May 15 – Girls on the Go - 10:30 at the Arboretum**
- ✓ **May 17 – Armed Forces Day - Honoring active-duty military**
- ✓ **May 21 – General Meeting - The Jalapeno Tree 11:30**
- ✓ **May 26 – Memorial Day**

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Nancy and Larry Holly
- Dawn Barber and her mother
- Tricia Oxtan
- Shirley H's Son
- RWGC volunteer help for Veterans Appreciation Event Nov 1<sup>st</sup>
- A productive Texas Legislature passing conservative bills
- President Trump, and elected officials
- World Peace
- Pope Francis RIP



**PLAN TO JOIN US FOR OUR May 21<sup>st</sup> MEETING AT THE JALAPENO TREE.  
ARRIVE AT 11:30 TO ORDER LUNCH**

***May 21 Program: Sharilyn Parr  
Texas Water Wars***

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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