

# **Republican Women of Gregg County**

**July 2025 Newsletter: Vol. 4 No. 7**

**Region 5 District 1**

July is here already! The heat of the summer makes it difficult to maintain our vegetable or flower gardens. My neighbor always has a wonderful garden each year because he preps the land by tilling the soil, plants at the right time, with the right spacing, he includes flowers so the bees will come to pollenate the plants, he provides nutrients, weeds constantly and stays on top of regular watering. You can tell his garden is happy, not lacking for anything. It happily produces luscious zucchini, potatoes, carrots, squash, onions, figs, and pears, to name a few. He tends his garden.

In John 15:1 & 2 our Lord and Savior revealed the importance of our spiritual growth when He told us: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit, he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful."

"Tending to my garden" is an idiom that means to take care of, nurture, and cultivate something personal to the individual, often their own life, goals, relationships, or inner self. It's a metaphorical way of saying that you are focusing on what's important to you and actively working to make it thrive, whether it is a person, thing, or idea. Our RWGC vision of the importance of faith, family, and freedom is core to conservative principles. These principles are our voice of common sense on what works best for America. Are you tending to the faith, family, and freedom gardens of Gregg County? Be a part of the solution and your gardens will thrive.

**Our 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 build strong leaders of tomorrow.*

Have a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July and celebrate the many freedoms some take for granted. Fly the flag proudly to mark Independence Day! I will, and so will my family. Both of my sons fly the American flag proudly!

**GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

**JENNIFER KRANZMAN, PRESIDENT**

**REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF GREGG COUNTY**



# Legislative Chair Update

Sheila Youngberg

**\*\*\*\* SEVERAL REALLY GOOD election reform bills NEVER made it out of the House Calendar Committee. Every single member of the Calendar Committee was assigned by Speaker Burrows and were supporters of his bid for Speaker. Jay Dean and Cole Hefner supported Burrows.**

The Texas Legislature ended its 2025 session on June 2. It passed 3,557 bills and resolutions. Governor Abbott has already signed close to 400 bills; June 22 was the deadline to sign or veto legislation. Several good bills were passed, but a few really good bills never made it out of the House. The following are just a few of the bills that are making their way into becoming law:

SB 2 – School vouchers for qualified impoverished and special needs children

SB 4 -- Cutting property taxes

SB 8 – Immigration bill requiring sheriffs' offices with jails to cooperate with DHS and ICE

SB 9 – No more bail for detained illegals subject to immigration detainers

SB 10 – The 10 Commandments Bill requiring public and charter schools to post copies of The Ten Commandments in classrooms but doesn't require the schools to purchase them

SB 11 – School prayer/Bible reading, which requires school boards to vote on prayer and Bible reading in public and charter schools.

SB 12 – DEI ban in K-12

SB 13 – Parents Bill of Rights, which entitles parents to all written records regarding their children in public schools, including records of all library materials the child obtains from school libraries, medical and mental health services acquired on school property, EVERYTHING concerning their child. Provides parental access to school library catalogs/materials and allows parents to provide to the school a list of books/materials their child may NOT access.

SB 17 – Texas is Not for Sale Bill, which prohibits certain governments, organizations, and individuals from designated foreign countries, including China, from acquiring real property in Texas and establishes a criminal offense for individuals and a civil penalty for companies or entities for violations.

SB 20 – Child Porn Bill – This bill criminalizes and penalizes obscene material depicting children under the age of 18 regardless of whether the images are of real children or AI-generated children.

SB 31 – Life of the Mother Act – This bill allows doctors to perform abortions to protect women whose physical lives are harmed by pregnancy, including tubal pregnancies or instances where the woman needs cancer treatment. BUT it also requires doctors to exercise reasonable care to save the baby when possible.

HB 4535 – Requires informed consent for the Covid vaccine.

SB 1—The State's \$337 billion spending budget for the next 2 years.

**Call our elected representatives and let them know what you think!**

**State Senator Bryan Hughes 903.753.8137**

**State Rep. Jay Dean 903.238.8452**

## KAY BURTON, AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY'S GRASSROOTS ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR, GUEST SPEAKER AT JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> MEETING



Kay Burton, third from right, with a few members of The Republican Women of Gregg County and one very special veteran.

Our June meeting featured Kay Burton of Americans for Prosperity, who shared detailed information about government and school district spending trends in our community. The City of Longview and Longview Independent School District hold millions of dollars of debt, along with interest charges of more than half the principal. By contrast, Gregg County's debt is less than 10% of the City's. That information really got our attention!

Kay shared with the group that the Texas Legislature gave property owners \$18 billion in relief in 2023. That surprised many in the audience, since property taxes have not decreased. An additional \$10 billion in relief from this Legislative session has to be voted on by the taxpayers. This is one of the Constitutional Amendments we will vote on in November.

Kay encouraged those in attendance to be sure we are informed so we can question our local taxing entities and hold them accountable for the financial decisions that affect all taxpayers. She challenged the audience to get involved in demanding property tax reform in Texas. Timing is critical if citizens are to have a chance of affecting the way our tax dollars are spent – and returned to us, as promised.



Kay has extended an invitation to join her at The Jalapeno Tree on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to hear from a panel of Americans for Prosperity tax policy experts. The discussion will include how to contest property tax rates, how to confront officials about overspending, where we are likely headed in property tax reform, and an evaluation of local spending. Americans for Prosperity will provide The Jalapeno Tree's famous fajita bar for guests. Mark your calendars, and invite a friend!

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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

**“One person can make a difference. You don’t have to be a big shot. You don’t have to have a lot of influence. You just have to have faith in your power to change things.” - Norman Vincent Peale**

Happy July! Hope you are staying as cool as possible! We are happy to welcome another new member this month – **Breezy Kelly**! That brings our total to 61 members. Our goal for 2025 is to have 70 members so we have some work to do to reach that goal. At our June luncheon, we had 2 visitors – **Kimberli Stanley** and **William McWhorter**, 20 members and 1 associate member present.

Please be sure to invite your friends and family to our next luncheon on July 16<sup>th</sup>. We are not having a speaker that day; instead, we are having a time of fellowship and discussion of initiatives among the members. We want to hear from you!

In the quote above it says that **“one person can make a difference.”** That means that **you** can make a difference! There are so many opportunities for you to participate in RWGC. We are looking for people to be officers of the club for next year. We need everyone to volunteer to work in some capacity at our Veterans Appreciation event which will be on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Precinct Chairs are needed in the county organization. There is definitely an opportunity for everyone to serve in big or in small ways. Please let us know your interests and skills and we will help you find the best way to get involved!



**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – JULY 4, 1776**

**Judy Frey – 7/26**

**Breezy Kelly -7/29**



## Political Campaign Activities Chair

### Amy Bridges

VOLUNTEER HOURS are due to Amy on the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month for the previous month. Please forward your name and June volunteer hours to Amy by **July 5th** at [amyanddallas@protonmail.com](mailto:amyanddallas@protonmail.com). Volunteer hours include attending RWGC meetings, any political meeting, government event, community volunteer programs, and RWGC duties.

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Many of our RWGC members were on hand June 19 at The Jalapeno Tree when the Republican Club of Gregg County hosted our SREC committeewoman, Christin Bentley, to discuss results of the 89<sup>th</sup> legislative session. Christin outlined each of the 8 legislative priorities of the Republican Party of Texas and what was done or not done on each one.



RWGC member Gail Apple with Christin Bentley



Melissa Becket with RWGC member Marty Rhymes

That evening, Longview's Melissa Beckett, family advocate and founder of Texas Education 911, announced her candidacy for State Representative for House District 7. Melissa received a warm welcome after introducing herself as a Christian Conservative Republican who will protect families and wallets.

At the close of the Constitutional Convention in 1787, Benjamin Franklin was asked, "Well Doctor, what kind of government do we have, a Monarchy, or a Republic?" Dr. Franklin responded, "A Republic, if you can keep it."

# Americanism

## Gail Apple - Chairman

### Americanism Facts:

July in U.S. history is significant for the Declaration of Independence, adopted in July 1776, marking the nation's birth and separation from Great Britain. This event is celebrated annually as Independence Day. \* The first public reading of the Declaration of Independence occurred on July 8, 1776. \* Confederate troops surrendered Vicksburg, MS to Union forces on July 4, 1863, following brutal fighting that resulted in almost 20,000 American deaths. \* Presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died within hours of each other on July 4, 1826.

**Challenge:** Do we protect the costly freedoms we have been given by sharing America's true story with others?

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### "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." – Psalm 33:12

**Just Say Know** and **Biblical Citizenship** classes kick off a new session July 23. Classes are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month at the Gregg County Republican Party Headquarters, 2802 Gilmer Road, Suite 5, Longview.

The in-depth study of the Constitution and many founding documents is meant to educate and equip us to preserve the rights and freedoms we have inherited. It is the Exceptional Structure of our Constitution that protects our freedoms!

**Just Say Know** - July 23, Aug. 13 & 27, Sept. 10 & 24, Oct. 8 & 22 (All Wednesdays)  
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Bring breakfast snacks!

**Biblical Citizenship** - July 23, Aug. 13 & 27, Sept. 10 & 24, Oct. 8 & 22, and Nov. 12  
Three-hour classes from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Books available in class for \$10. Bring covered dish.

#### Constitution Day at the Schools Workshops

Mondays - July 21, Aug 4 & 18, September 8 - 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish.

**"Bills" Classes continue by popular demand!** Classes are Mondays at 1:00 - Call/email Gail Apple to see **which Mondays** we will be meeting. 903-235-4149 or [Foundersdocuments@yahoo.com](mailto:Foundersdocuments@yahoo.com).

\*\*Additional coaches and presenters are needed for Constitution Day at the Schools Workshops. Contact Gail Apple at 903-235-4149 or [foundersdocuments@yahoo.com](mailto:foundersdocuments@yahoo.com) to find out how you can help the next generation learn the important principles in the U.S. Constitution!

*"Every member of the State ought diligently to read and study the constitution of his country and teach the rising generation to be free. By knowing their rights, they will sooner perceive when they are violated, and be the better prepared to defend and assert them."* – **John Jay**, First Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, Colonel in the Continental Army, Contributor to The Federalist Papers, Drafter of New York's first constitution, Chief Justice of the New York Supreme Court, U.S. Minister to Spain, U.S. Secretary of Foreign Affairs, and Governor of New York



## **CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEANS VOLUNTEERING!**

**“Veterans know better than anyone else the price of freedom, for they’ve suffered the scars of war. We can offer them no better tribute than to protect what they have won for us.” – Ronald Reagan, 1983**

The Veterans Appreciation Event on Saturday, November 1, 2025, HOSTED BY THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF GREGG COUNTY, will be Longview’s kick-off event for VETERANS APPRECIATION MONTH IN LONGVIEW! Mayor Kristin Ishihara will be issuing a proclamation honoring our local heroes for the entire month of November. Local businesses and organizations are encouraged to participate in honoring our veterans throughout the month of November with special offers and recognition of their choosing.

This special event is a big undertaking and will require support of all members of the Republican Women of Gregg County. Areas with the greatest need for volunteers include Registration, Decorations, Silent Auction, Ticket Sales, Partnerships, and Adopt-a-Veteran. The committees’ work must be done long before the event! A lot of planning is going into this because we feel such a huge responsibility to show our veterans they are appreciated, supported, and loved.

Every RWGC woman knows someone who would want to “adopt” a veteran for the event by purchasing a ticket or two (\$30 each) to enable veterans to attend the event. Some of our friends and business associates will want to adopt a veteran and attend the event themselves to show their support and appreciation. Guest tickets are \$50 each.

We also need “partners” who will come alongside us and help cover the cost of producing this special day for our veterans. Information on the different ways community members can support our veterans through this event are included in the following form.

We encourage each RWGC member to consider where she can contribute to the success of this special day when we salute our veterans!

Please text Karen Cundiff at 317-716-8271 or email [RWGCVeterans@gmail.com](mailto:RWGCVeterans@gmail.com) to volunteer.

# **VETERANS APPRECIATION EVENT**

## **HONORING OUR LOCAL U.S. MILITARY VETERANS**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025**  
**DOORS OPEN 10:30 A.M. \* EVENT: 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**  
**MAUDE COBB CONVENTION CENTER**  
**LONGVIEW, TEXAS**  
**HOSTED BY REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF GREGG COUNTY**

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

***“Horse Soldier” SFC Will Summers, USA Special Forces, (ret.)***

Will served as a Special Forces Communication Sergeant and an Infantry Officer during his 25 years of service. As part of the 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group and member of ODA 595 “Horse Soldiers,” Will fought in the elite team that delivered an effective first response against the Taliban after the 9/11 attacks. Their mission inspired the motion picture “12 Strong” and *America’s Response Monument*, located at Liberty Park, Ground Zero.

**Honor Guard, Catered BBQ Lunch, Recognition of Veterans**  
**50+ Veteran Services Vendors, Silent Auction, Door Prizes**

#### **Ancillary Events:**

**Military Vehicle Show (Entrance) & Gun and Knife Show (Exhibit Hall)**

### **PARTNERSHIP LEVELS**

#### **USA DELTA FORCE \$2,500**

Name or Logo on printed materials  
Presence in social media advertising  
May display vertical self-standing banner  
Verbal recognition at event  
Receive U.S. flag flown over the U.S. Capitol  
Two VIP tables of 8 (6 guests/10 veterans)  
May participate in program\*

#### **USMC MARINE RAIDERS \$1,250**

Name or Logo on printed materials  
Presence in social media advertising  
Verbal recognition at event  
Receive U.S. flag flown over Capitol  
One VIP table for 8 (4 guests/4 veterans),  
plus 4 veteran tickets



## **USAF PARARESCUE JUMPERS (PJs) \$750 USN SEAL TEAM 6 \$500**

Name or Logo on printed materials

Name or Logo on printed materials

Presence in social media advertising

VIP table for 8 (4 guests/4 veterans)

Verbal recognition at event

Verbal recognition at event

VIP table for 8 (4 guests/4 veterans),

plus 2 veteran tickets

\*Examples of participation in the program: Prayer, Leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Introduction of Speaker.  
Please note: Partners who find they cannot attend the event may donate any or all of their "guest" tickets to provide lunch for a veteran.

### **PLEASE INDICATE PARTNERSHIP LEVEL:**

**USA DELTA FORCE - \$2,500**

**USMC MARINE RAIDERS - \$1,250**

**USN SEAL TEAM 6 - \$750**

**USAF PARARESCUE JUMPERS (PJs) - \$500**

**INDIVIDUAL TICKETS: \$50 PER GUEST**

**\$30 PER VETERAN**

**(INDICATE NO. OF TKTS.)**

**NAME**

**ADDRESS**

**CITY**

**ZIP**

**MOBILE PHONE**

**\*EMAIL ADDRESS**

**ALTERNATE CONTACT**

**PARTNER'S NAME FOR PRINT MATERIAL:**

**PLEASE SEND A DIGITAL IMAGE OF YOUR LOGO TO:**

**[RWGCVETERANS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RWGCVETERANS@GMAIL.COM)**

**IF YOU ARE INVITING U.S. VETERANS TO BE YOUR GUESTS (SEE PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION), BE SURE TO E-MAIL EACH VETERAN'S NAME, BRANCH, RANK & DATES SERVED TO [RWGCVETERANS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RWGCVETERANS@GMAIL.COM).**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE A SILENT AUCTION ITEM?**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE A DOOR PRIZE?**

**PARTNERSHIP AMOUNT \$**

**ADDITIONAL TICKETS AMOUNT \$**

**TOTAL DUE \$**

# **RWCG CAN ACCEPT VENMO PAYMENTS!**

**PLEASE INDICATE "VETERANS EVENT" ON THE PAYMENT.**

**BE SURE TO FILL OUT THE FORM AND MAIL IT TO P.O. BOX 5, LONGVIEW, TX 75606, OR EMAIL IT TO [RWGCVETERANS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RWGCVETERANS@GMAIL.COM).**



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

**MAIL TO: PO. BOX 5 LONGVIEW, Tx 75606**

**PAYMENT AND REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE POSTMARKED BY OCTOBER 21, 2025  
(SEATING IS LIMITED).**

**PLEASE EMAIL THE NAMES OF YOUR GUESTS TO [RWGCVETERANS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RWGCVETERANS@GMAIL.COM) BY 10/21/25.**

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR E-MAIL FOR CONFIRMATION  
OF REGISTRATION AND SEATING**

**DATE PAYMENT RECEIVED BY RWGC:**

**AMOUNT: \$**

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# **JULY 16, 2025 - MONTHLY MEETING AT THE JALAPENO TREE**

Arrive at 11:30 a.m. to Order Lunch \* 12:00 p.m. – Meeting Begins



The Republican Women of Gregg County are  
involved in so many things!

Each RWGC member possesses unique gifts which can  
contribute to the success of our mission. This meeting  
is an opportunity to learn more about our initiatives,  
and see where you would like to get involved.

Your community needs you!

Please join us on Wednesday, July 16th  
Jalapeño Tree at Noon  
Come at 11:30 to order lunch

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QR code for access to RWGC website!!

## **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR MEMBERS, LEADERS, AND NATION**

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

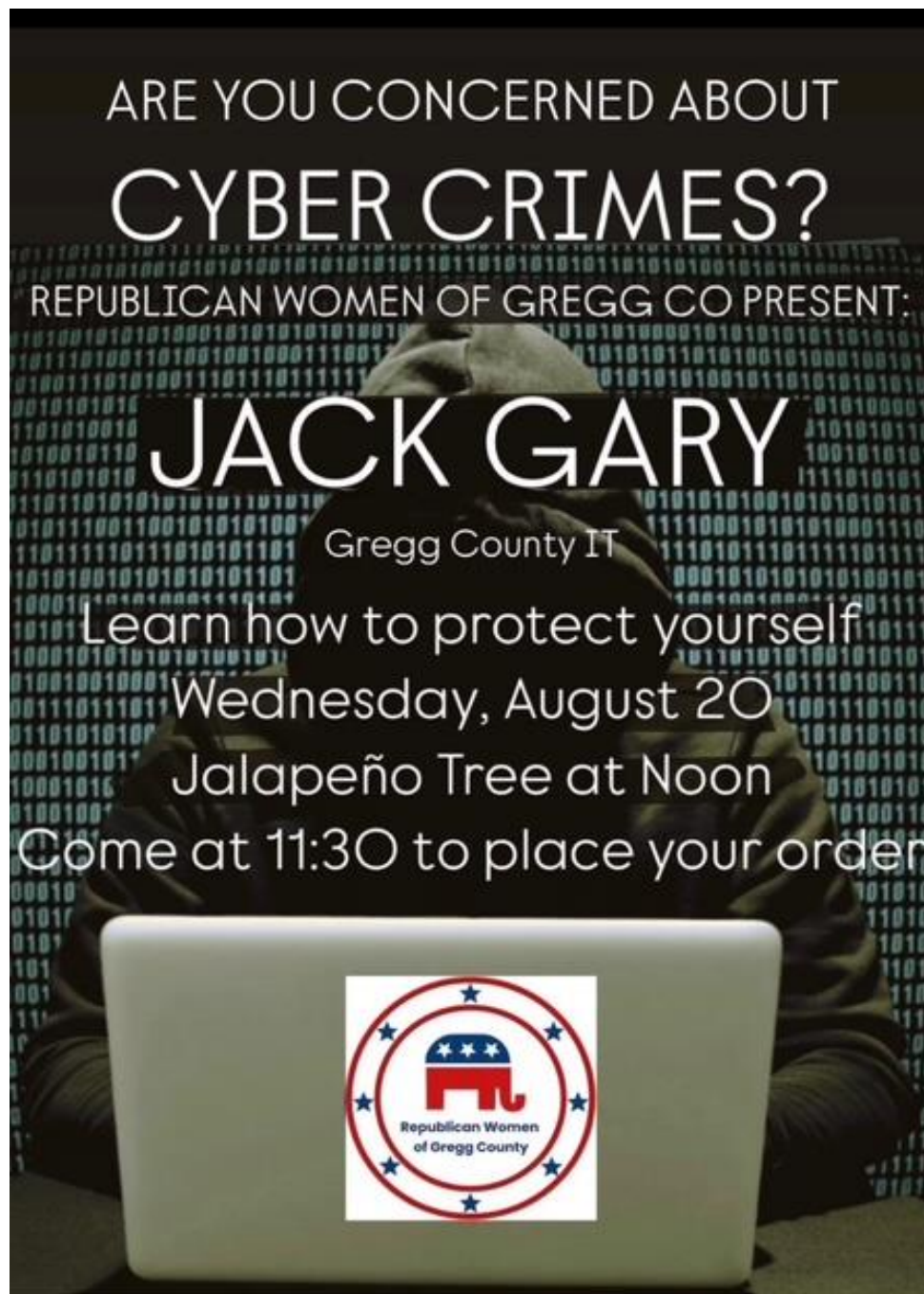
Matthew 7:7-8

- Safe, healthy pregnancy for Olivia McWhorter (It's a boy!)
- Comfort and healing for those who suffer pain or illness silently
- Good attendance at RWGC July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Safe summer travels for members and families
- RWGC volunteer help for Veterans Appreciation Event Nov 1<sup>st</sup>
- Dawn Barber and family
- Sharon Dehoff – neck pain and headaches
- Comfort for Breezy in the loss of her sister; prayers for good health for her family and friends
- Marty to be a comfort to former in-laws in loss of a family member
- Nancy and Larry Holly
- Tricia Oxtan and son
- Precinct Chairs to be filled
- The plans of those who attempt to destroy America from within will be thwarted
- Wisdom, integrity, and courage for Texas legislators
- Protection and strength for President Trump and elected officials
- Protection and safety for first responders and law enforcement
- Safe celebration of America's 249<sup>th</sup> Independence Day!

**“NOW THE LORD IS THE SPIRIT, AND WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS LIBERTY.”**

**- 2 CORINTHIANS 3:17**





The FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center's 2024 Internet Crime Report reveals 859,532 complaints of suspected internet crime and details reported losses exceeding \$16 billion – a 33% increase in losses from 2023. The most complaints were received from California, Florida, and Texas. People over the age of 60 suffered the most losses at nearly \$5 billion.

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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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