

# THE ELEPHANT'S EAR

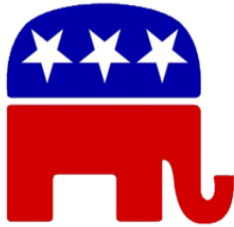


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The Bay Area Republican Women (BARW) typically meets the fourth Wednesday of each month, excluding June and July. The purposes of BARW is to promote an informed electorate through political education, increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through active political participation, and facilitate cooperation among Republican women of Texas, foster loyalty to the Republican Party and to promote its ideals, and work for the election of the Republican Party's nominees.



## President's Message

### Bay Area Republican Women,

Just imagine what our country could accomplish if we started working together as one people, under one God, saluting one American flag. President Trump

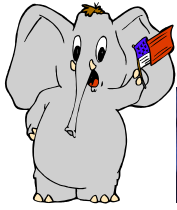
Do you remember Tuesday, November 8th? It was a historic day in our nation's history and yet liberals somehow missed the day completely. Since the day President Trump took office in January we have seen the left working tirelessly to defeat him as if the election was still ongoing. Temper tantrums, bullying, violence and walkout protest are their long standing methods. Liberals take pride in the resistance – but resisting what exactly? Putting America and our citizens first? What kind of American patriot does that?

Since January we have watched this President try and fulfil his campaign promises to the American people who elected him. Since taking office we have seen President Trump work to free the American people from government interference. He signed 13 Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolutions - more than any other President. Thirty executive orders were signed and we witnessed him working with congress to create 28 laws. President Trump put forth a conservative Supreme Court Justice and given half a chance I believe he will do his best for the nation.

Despite their best efforts we must continue to move forward. There is so much work still to be done in our country. I encourage you to stay strong in faith and not grow weary in this battle. Truthfully, I find it frustrating on more days than not, but I know that my values and beliefs are worth defending. More importantly, despite the schemes of man, I know who sit on the throne of heaven. May God continue to bless America!

### Tammy Barrier





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## Speaker Highlight

City Council Member, At-Large Position 1

Topic: How Gangs are Affecting the City of Houston, and the City's Policies on working with ICE and U.S. Customs and Border Protection



Mike Knox is a native Houstonian. He married his high school sweetheart in 1977 and they have raised one son; who now serves the city as a Houston Police Officer. Mike Knox obtained an Associate of Arts degree from the Houston Community College and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Houston – Downtown while working as a Houston Police Officer.

Mike has a long history of honorable public service.

Mike Knox is a veteran who served in the United States Air Force and served over 15 years as a Houston Police Officer. Mike was one of two officers responsible for the creation of the Houston Police Department's first divisional gang unit in 1988 and helped create and served on the original board of directors for the Texas Gang Investigators Association. Mike authored a book entitled *Gangsta in the House; Understanding Gang Culture*, which was published in 1995. This book added to the knowledge base on gang culture and was recognized in 2001 by the National Gang Research Center who awarded it the prestigious "Thrasher" award. Mike served his fellow officers as a Board Member of the Houston Police Patrolmen's Union and chaired the HPPU Political Action Committee. In addition, he served as editor of the "Sentinel" (HPPU) monthly newsletter.

Shortly after publishing his book in 1995, Mike began a consulting business focused on helping law enforcement, schools districts, and communities understand and deal with street gangs and violent youthful offenders.

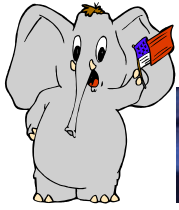
Mike Knox has served his community as a board member of the Spring Branch Education Foundation and was among the original funders of the Spring Branch ISD "Fund for the Future" endowment. He contributed to the creation of the Spring Branch Good Neighbor program.

Mike was recruited in 2007 to help the Spring Branch Management District develop the Public Safety component of its service plan and worked as their Director of Community Service for three years.

For the past seven years Mike Knox has served as the President of the Yupon Estates Homeowners Association.

Mike has a deep interest and investment in Houston and believes Houston City Council deserves a dedicated servant.





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## Meals on Wheels

**In April your donations to Bay Area Meals on Wheels was \$213. That's a good number and they are so grateful and appreciative of our donations, I wish we could make it more.**

**You can write a check for your donation and you will receive a receipt from B.A. Meals on Wheels that you can include in your tax deductions.**

**The recipients of the meals sometimes don't see another person other than the volunteers who bring their food. Many are very lonely and appreciate the interface with other people. Think about donating a couple of hours a week or month to be a driver or a person who rides along. It is very rewarding.**

**Thanks so much for your donations.**

Jean Raffetto – Caring for America Chair

## Club Calendar

### May

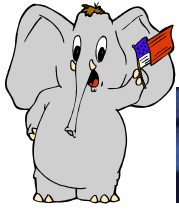
24<sup>th</sup> Bay Area RW meeting, Bay Oaks Country Club, 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd., Houston. 11 a.m. Social; 11:30 a.m. meeting; 12 noon Speaker; \$19.00 price fixed lunch available. RSVP to [barw.rsvp@gmail.com](mailto:barw.rsvp@gmail.com)

25<sup>th</sup> Friendswood RW, Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, 1100 Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, 11:15 a.m.

29<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day

29<sup>th</sup> Sine Die for the 85th Texas Legislative Session





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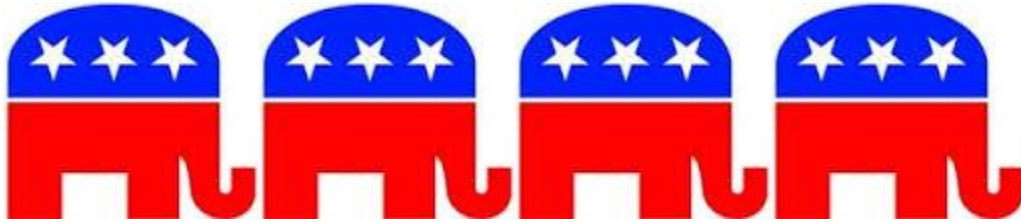
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## June

14<sup>th</sup> Flag Day

18<sup>th</sup> Father's Day



Bay Area Republican Women  
Official Minutes of the General Meeting  
April 26, 2017  
Bay Oaks Country Club

Tammy Barrier, President of BARW, called the meeting to order at 11:40am and welcomed all to the April 26th BARW meeting.

Beverly Ferguson, BARW Chaplain, delivered the Invocation.

Tanya Robertson, SREC SD 11, led us in both the US and Texas Pledge.

Elected Officials or their representatives in Attendance:

Beverly Ferguson for Congressman Brian Babin, Dawn Mc Donald for Rep. Dennis Paul, Tanya Robertson for Rep. Brisco Cain, Tammie Nielson for Commissioner Jack Morman, Kathy Rogers for Rep. Wayne Faircloth and Julie Pickreu, AISD Trustee.

Dana McDonald Assistant to Membership Chair JoAnn McCracken introduced our guests.

The Minutes from the March 22, 2017 meeting were approved as submitted.

Lynn Osina, BARW Treasurer, gave the following report: as of March 31, 2017:

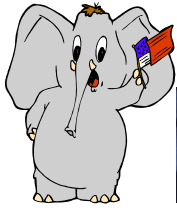
Income: \$28,049.61

Spent: \$16,082.67

Balance: \$11,966.94

Lincoln Day Dinner:      Tickets: \$17,380.00  
   Auction: \$10,319.81  
   Spent: \$14,560.00





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Profit: \$13,139.57

There were no corrections, it was filed for audit.

Jean Raffetto, BARW Parliamentarian and Caring for America Chair, asked the group to be generous in donating to Meals on Wheels. The baskets are on the tables.

Debbie Guitian Roan, BARW Campaign Activities Chair, reminded everyone that Early Voting is underway for the CCISD School Board election and the \$487 Million Bond Issue as well as surrounding local and municipal elections. Debbie asked everyone to help candidates where they can. Early Voting: April 24-May 2. Election Day: Saturday, May 6th. We vote at the 9th Grade Center. More info is on the [www.CCISD.net](http://www.CCISD.net) website.

Elizabeth Lauzon, BARW VP Programs, introduced our guest speaker, Mike Lockhart from ACT for America. Mike spoke about/discussed Islam, Sharia and the Islamization of western countries and culture.

Old Business: 10 members attended the TFRW Legislative Day in Austin on April 6th.

## New Business:

BARW bought a table of 10 at the HCRP Lincoln Reagan Day Dinner on April 28th. There are still seats available...see Tammy after the meeting if you are interested in going.

Elizabeth Lauzon, BARW Program Chair, announced the speaker for the May meeting will be Houston City Councilmember, At Large Pos. 1, Mike Knox. Topic: Gangs, Houston Policy regarding ICE and Border Protection.

The meeting was adjourned at 1pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Roan, back up to the backup Recording Secretary. ☒



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Kathleen Kearns

Clive Taylor

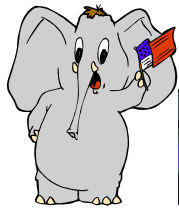
Dana McDonald

Jessica Nguyen

Shelley Rogers

Danny Schnautz





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