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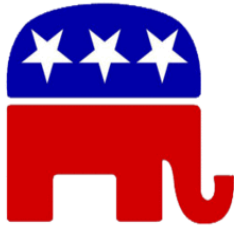


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The Bay Area Republican Women (BARW) typically meets the fourth Wednesday of each month, excluding June and July. The purposes of BARW is to promote an informed electorate through political education, increase the effectiveness of women in the cause 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

Be Powerful! Donate, Campaign, and Vote in the Primary

The Lincoln Day Dinner was a blast! Col. Allen West was a phenomenal and gracious speaker! Debbie Roan once again worked her magic - with the help of Gayle Wylie, Tammy Barrier, and Lynn Osina. Many thanks to all the members and friends of Bay Area Republican Women who donated to the auctions and especially to those who bought the auction items. Without you we couldn't provide support to amazing Republican candidates.

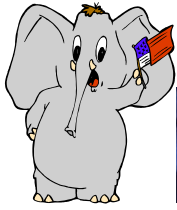
Primary Early Voting starts February 20th! It's a really long ballot and I urge you to study the candidates and then vote in each of the races. As you know, candidate choices begin in the primaries. Be powerful and take part in the selection of our government representatives! During the Judicial Candidates Forum, one of the candidates noted how important supporting down-ballot races are to keeping Harris County RED. He implored you to pick a down-ballot candidate that really speaks to you, then donate and campaign for that candidate. Actions like this really do make a difference in these lesser known races.

Our speaker for our February 28th meeting is the Honorable Christi Craddick, Chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission. Her topic will be "What's to Come for Texas Energy". Invite your friends, especially those in the energy and chemical industries. They will be interested in what Commissioner Craddick has to say, and as always, RSVP by email to barw.rsvp@gmail.com. Indicate if you will be buying a lunch (\$19.00) during the meeting.

Remember, voting the entire ballot will help keep Harris County and Texas RED!

Elizabeth Lauzon
President, Bay Area Republican Women





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Speaker Highlight-Chairman Christi Craddick



Christi Craddick is in the forefront of the newest wave of pragmatic conservatives moving into leadership roles across Texas. Raised in a strong conservative household, retained as legal counsel by prominent Texas firms, and shaped by more than a decade as a trusted political adviser, Christi has set a clear standard of integrity, self-reliance and innovation in her role as Chairman at the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Since her tenure on the Commission began in November 2012, Craddick has pushed to maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of an energy industry that is driving the state's unparalleled economic success. In the process, she has repeatedly proven that sensible

regulations, careful listening and plain talk can foster innovation that has solidified Texas leadership in the energy sector.

Making it a top priority, Christi has worked to educate the public about the oil and gas industry and its impact in Texas. She has fought against Washington's one-size-fits-all environmental policies that would kill jobs and stifle energy production growth. Christi has advocated for recycling in the oilfields, helping to drive the percentage of reclaimed water upwards, an essential achievement in a state enduring a multi-year drought.

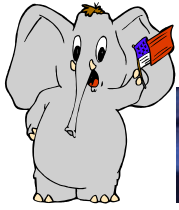
As part of her efforts to modernize the agency, Christi has championed an Information Technology (IT) overhaul for the Commission, seeking improvements that would upgrade the Geographic Information System, increase public access to the agency's data, and speed up inspections and permitting times.

A native of Midland, Christi earned both her Bachelor's Degree as a Plan II graduate and her Doctorate of Jurisprudence from The University of Texas at Austin. During her career as an attorney, she specialized in oil and gas, water, tax issues, electric deregulation and environmental policy.

Following the example of her father and mother, Craddick has been drawn to public service and politics. As president of a grassroots advocacy firm, she took the lead on work in coalition building in the public policy arena and development and implementation of issue strategies.

Christi serves her community as a member of organizations including the State Bar of Texas, University of Texas Liberal Arts Alumni Advisory Council, Southern States Energy Board, The National Petroleum Council and Dell Children's Medical Center Foundation. Christi resides in Austin with her daughter, Catherine, and is an active member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church.





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Meals on Wheels

Heartfelt thanks to all of you attendees at the January meeting. You generously gave \$353.00 for the Bay Area Meals on Wheels organization. Bay Area Republican Women have donated to this organization for many years as our Caring For America program. Last year we donated \$1,767.50 to Bay Area Meals on Wheels from your donations.

The Bay Area Meals on Wheels organization has been in existence for 35 years. It is totally manned by dedicated volunteers who deliver meals to shut-ins in our area five days a week. If you are interested in helping them out, either as a regular or as a substitute, you may contact John Hatch at 281-406-4961 or visit them on the web at www.bayareamow.org/

Thanks again for your generosity.

Jean Raffetto
Caring For America Chair

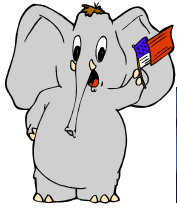


Campaign Activities

Hello All,

Early Voting and primary election day are upon us. Please do your own research. Do not fall prey to the "Pay to Play" pamphlets that are filling your mailbox. We have many good candidates that deserve your vote that have not been endorsed by these "conservatives". A little "leg (web) work" can help. If you have any questions feel free to call me. Once your decision is made be sure to VOTE! Here are the dates you need to remember....





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February 20th First Day Of Early Voting

February 23rd Last Day to Apply For a Ballot By Mail

March 2nd Last Day to Early Vote

March 6th Election Day

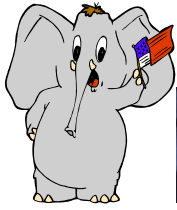
March 6th Precinct Convention, 7pm....this is the first step on the road to the State Convention in June.

In addition, there are 11 Republican State Propositions to vote on:

Here is the full list of ballot propositions submitted by the SREC for inclusion on the 2018 Republican General Primary Election ballot:

1. Texas should replace the property tax system with an appropriate consumption tax equivalent. Yes/No
2. No governmental entity should ever construct or fund construction of toll roads without voter approval. Yes/No
3. Republicans in the Texas House should select their Speaker nominee by secret ballot in a binding caucus without Democrat influence. Yes/No
4. Texas should require employers to screen new hires through the free E-Verify system to protect jobs for legal workers. Yes/No
5. Texas families should be empowered to choose from public, private, charter, or homeschool options for their children's education, using tax credits or exemptions without government constraints or intrusion. Yes/No
6. Texas should protect the privacy and safety of women and children in spaces such as bathrooms, locker rooms, and showers in all Texas schools and government buildings. Yes/No
7. I believe abortion should be abolished in Texas. Yes/No
8. Vote fraud should be a felony in Texas to help ensure fair elections. Yes/No





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- 9. Texas demands that Congress completely repeal Obamacare. Yes/No
- 10. To slow the growth of property taxes, yearly revenue increases should be capped at 4%, with increases in excess of 4% requiring voter approval. Yes/No
- 11. Tax dollars should not be used to fund the building of stadiums for professional or semi-professional sports teams. Yes/No



Let your voice be heard! VOTE!!

Debbie Guitian Roan

BARW Campaign Activities Chair

Club Calendar

February

20th

Early Voting Begins

22nd

Friendswood RW, Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, 1100 Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, 11:15 a.m.

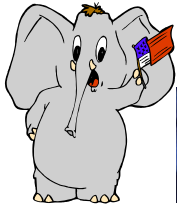
23rd

Last Day to Apply for a Ballot By Mail

28th

Bay Area RW, Bay Oaks Country Club, 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd., Houston, 11:00 a.m. Social, 11:30 a.m. Business Meeting, 11:30 a.m., 12 Noon
Speaker: **Christi Craddick, Chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission.** RSVP to barw.rsvp@gmail.com





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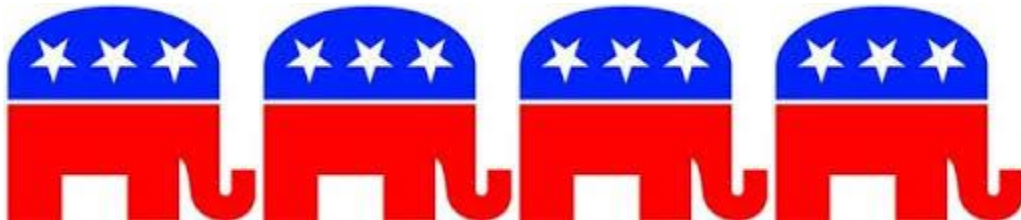
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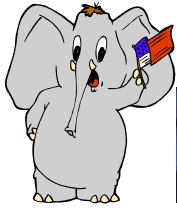
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March

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- 1st **West Pearland RW**, Spring Creek BBQ, 9005 Broadway St., Pearland, 6:30 p.m.
 - 2nd **Clear Creek RW**, La Brisa Restaurant, 501 Wesley Dr., League City, 11:00 a.m.
 - 6th **Election Day**
 - 11th **Daylight Savings Time Begins**
 - 13th **Tri County RW**, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. 10:30 a.m.
 - 17th **Happy St. Patrick's Day**
 - 19th **San Jacinto RW**, Peppers Beef and Seafood, 3604 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. 6:30 p.m.
 - 20th **First Day of Spring**
 - 22nd **Friendswood RW**, Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, 1100 Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, 11:15 a.m.
 - 25th **Palm Sunday**
 - 28th **Bay Area RW, Bay Oaks Country Club, 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd., Houston,** 11:00 a.m. Social, 11:30 a.m. Business Meeting, 11:30 a.m., 12 Noon Speaker. RSVP to barw.rsvp@gmail.com
 - 30th **Good Friday**
 - 30th **Passover Begins**





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Chaplain's Corner

Parable of the Wheat and Tares

2017 The Tares AND 2018 MORE PRAYER

The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares

²⁴ Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. ²⁶ But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. ²⁷ So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' ²⁸ He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' ²⁹ But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn. Matthew 13:24-30 New Kings James Version (NKJV)

We sowed good seed and won the Presidency, Senate and House. But while men slept, our enemy came and sowed tares among us (wheat) and went their way. We had planted good grain until the grain sprouted and found enemies appeared with the good crop (wheat). Then the people asked the Leader did we not sow good seed during the election? How is it that we have so many Tares (enemies)? The leader replied, "An enemy has done this." The people then said, "Do you want us then to go and gather them (enemy) up? But he said, "No, lest while you gather up the tares (enemy) you will also uproot the wheat (good) with them.

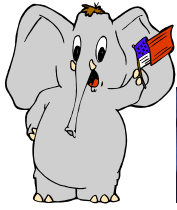
The parable goes on further to let them both grow together so we won't ruin the harvest completely. It is of utmost urgency that we PRAY that our wheat (Republican Leaders) don't leave because of the tares. The wheat carries a heavy burden. Let's LIFT OUR FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEADERS UP DAILY IN PRAYER LEST THEY BURNOUT IN THE FIGHT.

Beverly Ferguson, M.Ed.

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Official Minutes of the General Meeting

January 24, 2018

Bay Oaks Country Club

Elizabeth Lauzon, President of BARW, called the meeting to order at 11:25 am and welcomed all to the January 24th BARW meeting. Elizabeth then delivered the invocation. Sophia Mafrige and Erin Lunceford led us in pledges to the US and Texas flags.

Elected officials present were Judge Michelle Slaughter, Judge Theresa Chang, Justice Brett Busby, Judge Sheri Dean, and Judge Michael Landrum.

Candidates present were Richard Risinger, Sophia Mafrige, Fred Shuchart, Judge Michelle Slaughter, Alyssa Lemkuil, Garic Tipsword, Martza Antu, Judge Theresa Chang, Erin Lunceford, Renee Magee, Michelle Fraga, David Tang, Justice Brett Busby, Judge Michael Landrum, Sherry Peterson for Karen Boatman, Judge Jay Karahan, Judge Sheri Dean, and Terry Yates.

Guests present were Marina Batchelor, Barb Kolodgie, Kay Waghorne, Kelly Waterman, and John Flecher. Marina and Barb became new members.

Beverly, 2nd VP, announced the beginning of our judges' forum. Kelly Waterman was the Master of Ceremonies while Will Carter directed the Facebook Live presentation. The candidates running for a judgeship position gave the audience a brief overview of their qualifications.

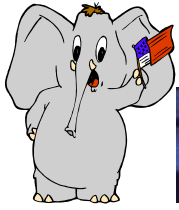
Carolyn Hopkins, Corresponding Secretary, read thank you notes for our donations from two organizations, San Jacinto and the Alzheimer's Association.

Jean Raffetto, Caring for America Chair, encouraged everyone to be generous so the needs of our community can be met. We have been involved in the project for around 30 years.

Debbie Roan, Campaign Chair, Debbie gave information about the Lincoln Day Dinner which is to be held February 3rd. She also gave dates for the upcoming election in March. Tammy Barrier, auction chair, talked about donations for the live and silent auctions to be held at the Lincoln Day Dinner.

Lynn Osina, Treasurer, gave the report to the club as of the end of 2017. We have a balance of \$18,638.38. Income as \$1,595.00 and expenditures were \$15,267 in last quarter. This leaves a negative





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balance of \$5,415.25 for the year. Due to some technical problems, this report will be held over until February for corrections.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Elguezabal - Recording Secretary



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Beverly Ferguson-22

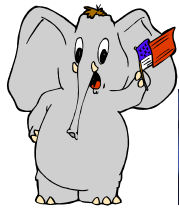
Cindy Kuenneke-3

Natalie Ong-20

Richard Risinger-18

Sandra Saunders-14





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