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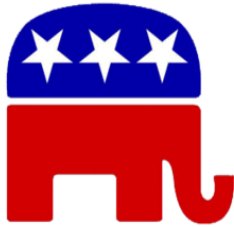


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The Bay Area Republican Women (BARW) typically meets the fourth Wednesday of each month, excluding June and July. The purposes of BARW is to promote an informed electorate through political education, increase the effectiveness of women in the cause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

### Texas First Lady at BARW May 23rd Meeting!

Have you made your reservations for our May 23rd meeting with *Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott*? Reservations started flooding in as soon as this meeting was announced, so make sure that you have your seat reserved! Due to security, **walk-ins will not be accepted** and purchasing a lunch plate (\$19) is a must! So, email your reservation to [barw.rsvp@gmail.com](mailto:barw.rsvp@gmail.com). You won't want to miss this special event!

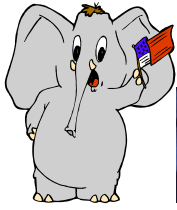
### Volunteer Opportunities!

There are several ways to get more involved in BARW! So, if you haven't been very active, and would like to be more involved in the club, here's how you can help.

- ❖ *Check-in Help*: We need 4 volunteers to welcome and check-in guests at the May 23rd meeting.
- ❖ *Chaplain*: We need a Chaplain for Bay Area Republican Women to lead us in prayer. If you would like to be our Chaplain or if there is a member that you would like to recommend, please let me know.
- ❖ *Bylaws Chair*: This person is responsible for editing changes in the bylaws once a year. This is a wonderful way to contribute to the club if you have a limited amount of time to give.
- ❖ *Historian*: Do you like taking pictures? The Historian takes pictures at all the club activities to be recorded in the BARW yearbook.

Call or text me at 713-397-8270 if you are able volunteer, or if you can recommend someone who can help.





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## Moving at the Speed of Trump!

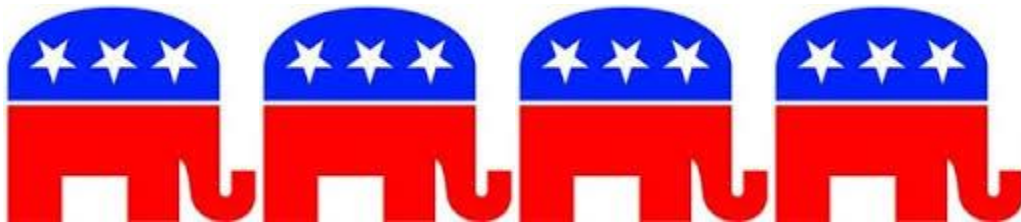
This is an exciting time to be an American! Don't be shy about telling your friends and neighbors about our President's good news! In the brief time that President Trump has been in office he has:

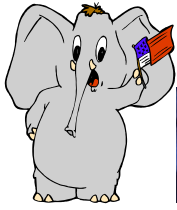
- Secured the release of 3 American prisoners from North Korea
- Captured the top 5 ISIS leaders
- Canceled the Iran Deal (By the way, this was **not** a treaty ratified by Congress!)
- Agreed on a date for peace/denuclearization talks with North and South Korean leaders
- Moved the U.S. Embassy to Israel to its rightful place in Jerusalem
- Removed restrictions and cut taxes to bring unemployment to 3.9% and bring black unemployment to an all-time low!

MAGA!

God bless you all,

Elizabeth Lauzon  
President, BARW





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## Speaker Highlight- Cecilia Abbott

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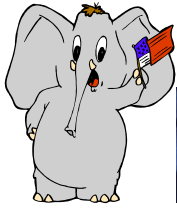
Cecilia Abbott has devoted her life to serving others. She was a teacher, vice-principal and principal at several Catholic schools across Texas. Most recently she served as the principal of the Cathedral School of St. Mary in Austin from 1996 to 2001. Cecilia then went on to another noble calling, working as the managing director of community relations for a company specializing in senior adult health care facilities and services.

Cecilia is a product of the American Dream. The granddaughter of immigrants from Mexico, Cecilia was raised in San Antonio by parents who were both educators, and who instilled in Cecilia, her sister and two brothers a love of learning and helping others. Cecilia took their lessons to heart, and studied at the University of Texas at Austin before subsequently earning three degrees from the University of St. Thomas in Houston: a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, a Master's degree in Education and a Master's degree in Theology.

Cecilia also believes strongly in giving back to our communities. She serves on the board of several organizations and educational institutions and is a member of numerous philanthropic groups. She is a member of the University of St. Thomas Board of Directors, the Huston-Tillotson University Board of Directors, the Cathedral School of St. Mary Advisory Board, and the Saint Gabriel's Catholic School Board of Trustees. She is also a member of the Women's Symphony League of Austin, the Austin Chapter of the National Charity League, and the Dell Children's Women's Trust. Cecilia is a former member of the State Board of Educator Certification, where she was appointed by then-Governor Rick Perry and served from 2001 to 2008, and also served on advisory boards for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Texas Regional Office, the Holy Trinity Seminary, the Austin Diocesan School, Ballet Austin, Alzheimer's Texas, and the Principals' Center at Harvard Graduate School of Education. A prolific animal lover, Cecilia has nurtured numerous dogs into their late teens. She has raised a variety of pets, including a Nubian goat named Petunia and the Abbott family's current dog, Pancake. Cecilia is also a classical music devotee, having begun piano training at the age of six. The training came in handy when she moved into the Castilian Dorm at UT where she serenaded her future husband from behind the keyboard with music, the likes of which he had never heard.

But most importantly, Cecilia is a proud mother to her daughter, Audrey, and a devoted wife to her husband of 36 years, the Governor of Texas, Greg Abbott. With her husband's election as Governor, Cecilia made history by becoming the first Hispanic First Lady of Texas.





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## **Meals on Wheels**

**We had a wonderful response to our request for donations for Bay Area Meals on Wheels at our April meeting. We collected \$335.00! Thanks to all of you who donated. It is so appreciated.**

**May will be the last meeting where we collect for Bay Area Meals on Wheels until August. Please consider making your donation for the entire three months (May, June and July) when we meet in May. If you write a check, you will receive a receipt to put with your income tax records.**

**We will start collecting for them again in August, September and October and then not until January of 2019.**

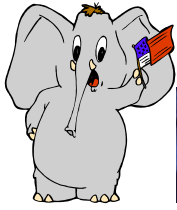
**As I have said before, their organization is run completely by volunteers - no paid staff. The need is great so please do what you can.**

**Bay Area Meals on Wheels provides a much needed service in the CCISD school district. It is a grand way for BARW to support our community.**

**Thanks again. Have a great summer and we'll see you again in August.**

**Jean Raffetto  
Caring For America Chair**





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## Campaign Activities

Please remember to vote in the Run-Off!

### Important Dates for the Run-Off Election:

- May 11<sup>th</sup>: Last Day to Apply for a Ballot by Mail (received, not postmarked)
- May 14<sup>th</sup> : First Day of Early Voting
- May 18<sup>th</sup>: Last Day to Early Vote
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Primary Run-Off Election Day

### Texas State Republican Convention Dates:

June 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>: RPT State Convention, San Antonio

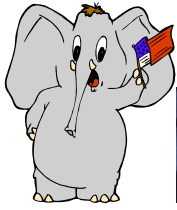
Don't forget to keep track of your volunteer hours!

Working to Keep Texas Red!!

Debbie Guitian Roan

BARW Campaign Activities Chair





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## Club Calendar

### May

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18<sup>th</sup>

Last Day to Early Vote

21<sup>st</sup>

**San Jacinto RW**, Peppers Beef and Seafood, 3604 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. 6:30 p.m.

22<sup>nd</sup>

Primary Run-Off Election Day

23<sup>rd</sup>

**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](mailto:barw.rsvp@gmail.com)

24<sup>th</sup>

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

28<sup>th</sup>

**Memorial Day**

### June

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14<sup>th</sup>

**Flag Day**

14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>

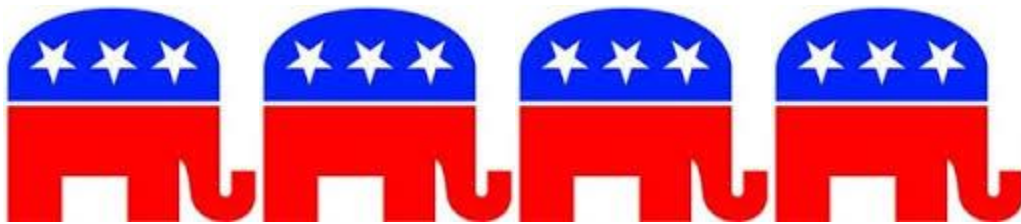
**RPT State Convention**

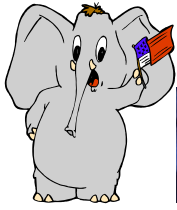
17<sup>th</sup>

**Happy Father's Day**

21<sup>st</sup>

**First Day of Summer**





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## Official Minutes of the General Meeting

April 25, 2018

Bay Oaks Country Club

Elizabeth Lauzon, President of BARW, called the meeting to order at 11:35 AM and welcomed all to the April 25<sup>th</sup> BARW meeting. Sherry Peterson then delivered the invocation. James Dickey and Cindy Asche led us in pledges to the US and Texas flags.

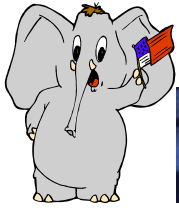
Dana McDonald, 1<sup>st</sup> VP for Membership announced the guests, elected officials, and candidates who were present at our meeting.

Debbie Roan, Campaign activities chair, Talked about the details for the convention and gave the dates for the runoff election.

Jean Raffetto, Parliamentarian/Caring for America Chair, encouraged us to be generous in our donation to the Meals on Wheels Program. She talked about its importance and reminded there is only one more month to donate before our summer break.

Eddie Holland, Volunteer Hours/Awards chair stated she turned in 564 volunteer hours. BARW has the Hospitality service for the Greater Houston Council Meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup> which is to be followed by a Paul Simpson Luncheon Campaign Strategy meeting to follow. RSVP's are needed for the lunch. Cindy Segal set up the program which is to encourage women to run for office





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Beverly Ferguson, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, introduced Cindy Asche and James Dickey. They are running for RPT chairman position. The election for this position will be held at the June convention.

The Candidates Forum began with a five minute introduction by each candidate followed by a question and answer period. This was streamed on Facebook live.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Elguezabal - Recording Secretary



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

*Sara "Lannie" Brown – 22<sup>nd</sup>*

*Eddie Holland – 3<sup>rd</sup>*

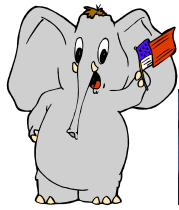
*Jay Karahan – 1<sup>st</sup>*

*Dana McDonald – 17<sup>th</sup>*

*Danny Schnautz – 31<sup>st</sup>*







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