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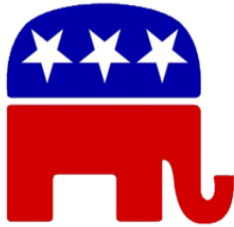


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The Bay Area Republican Women (BARW) typically meets the fourth Wednesday of each month, excluding June and July. The purposes of BARW is to promote an informed electorate through political education, increase the effectiveness of women in the cause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

Greetings BARW Members,

Last week, President Trump's State of the Union knocked it out of the park! Among the many issues that he talked about, I was very pleased to hear him report to the American people that "our union is STRONG"! - and to challenge our Congressional leaders to "choose greatness" over political partisanship. Above all, I was heartened to hear him call out those who will not respect human life, and those wished to enact Socialism. You must name the adversary before you know who to fight.

We, Bay Area Republican Women, are busy preparing for important events and the upcoming elections in November 2019 and 2020! Here are some of the events that need your attention:

**Bay Area Republican Women Monthly Meeting**, February 27th  
**Lincoln Day Dinner at Lakewood Yacht Club**, March 15<sup>th</sup>  
**Belles and Boots**, Austin, 6:00-10:00 p.m., April 24<sup>th</sup>  
**TFRW Legislative Day**, Austin, 8:00 a.m.- 4 p.m., April 25th  
**TFRW 2019 Convention at Moody Gardens** in Galveston, October 3-5, 2019

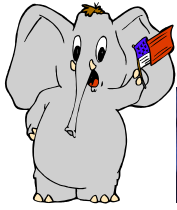
Yes, I know it's a lot, but it's also very exciting. I hope you will consider participating in at least one of these events that is new to you. By doing so you will increase your personal understanding of what a federated member of the Republican Women can achieve, and further the cause of Republican principles. Look for more information in emails and the calendar at the back of the newsletter.

We are in full swing, getting prepared for the Lincoln Day Dinner at Lakewood Yacht Club on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Buy your tickets and pull together your silent auction donations. Remember, this is our fundraiser! I look forward to seeing you all there.

Always moving forward,

Elizabeth Lauzon, President





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**Please join the Bay Area Republican Women for a legislative update from Empower Texans CEO and conservative leader, Michael Quinn Sullivan.**



**A fifth generation Texan, Michael Quinn Sullivan is the CEO of Empower Texans. [www.empowertexans.com](http://www.empowertexans.com). The *Fort Worth Star Telegram* said Sullivan "slays taxpayer dragons in Austin... When the heat is on in Austin, Michael Quinn Sullivan knows how to make it even hotter." *Texas Monthly* dubbed him "the enforcer," on their list of the 25 most influential Texans. The *Dallas Morning News* has called him the state's most influential unelected Republican.**

**A former newspaper reporter, Capitol Hill staffer, think tank vice president and Eagle Scout, Sullivan is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife have three children.**

**Date: February 27, 2019**

**Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Location: Bay Oaks Country Club**

**14545 Bay Oaks Blvd, Houston TX 77059**

**Cost \$19.00 (Must RSVP for lunch) Cash or Check ONLY.**

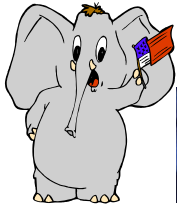
**RSVP to [barw.rsvp@gmail.com](mailto:barw.rsvp@gmail.com)**

**Hope to see you!!**

**Beverly Ferguson-Cooper**

**2nd VP, Programs**





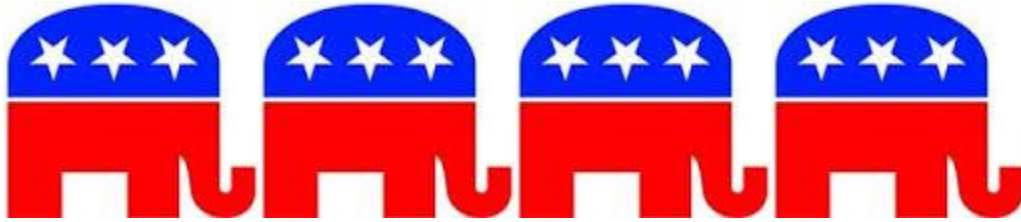
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## Meals on Wheels

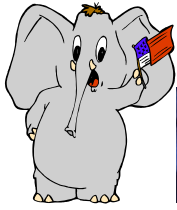
Bay Area Republican Women donated \$189 for Bay Area Meals on Wheels in January. There is such a need in our area. I am hoping we can increase our monthly donations to \$200 +.

There is a wonderful group of people who donate their time to volunteering for the organization. If you are interested in becoming a driver or a helper in packing up the lunches, being a substitute driver or helper, please contact Bay Area Meals at Bay Area Meals on [Wheels@gmail.com](mailto:Wheels@gmail.com). If you, your family or a friend has a need to receive the meals, please call 281-326-3336.

It is a wonderful organization run entirely by volunteers. Let's do our part in supporting it.

Jean Raffetto, Parliamentarian  
Caring for America





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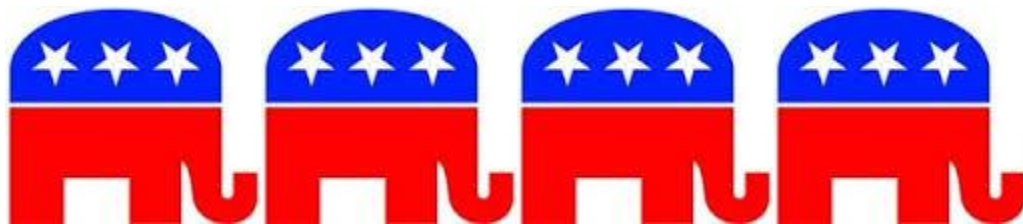


## Campaign Activities:

The 26th of February is a Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar training at the Clear Lake Park Rec. Bldg., 5001 Nasa Rd. 1, 6-7pm. Please try to attend this important meeting and become a Deputy Voter Registrar. I attended one at the Freeman Library on January 29<sup>th</sup>...the room was full! Perhaps 50 people however only 4 or 5 were Republicans. This will not serve us well going into 2020 or in the Mayoral race coming up this November!

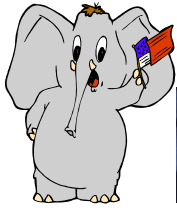
**Working to keep Texas Red!**

**Debbie Guitian Roan**



The 86<sup>th</sup> session of the Texas Legislature has started. Two links to keep track of Committee meetings and bills:  
[www.capital.texas.gov](http://www.capital.texas.gov) or [www.legiscan.com](http://www.legiscan.com)





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## How to Follow the 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature

In case you missed it, the 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature opened on January 8<sup>th</sup> with new House Speaker, Dennis Bonnen of Angleton and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick leading the Texas Senate. Their main priorities will be school finance and property tax reform. If you want to follow what going on in the legislature over and above what you hear and see in the news and social media, it all online! Here are a few websites that can help:

### **Texas Legislature Online**

<http://www.legis.state.tx.us/MnuMyTLO.aspx>

\*Now is the time to follow committee meetings to shape legislation in the future. You can check calendars for meetings, sign up for alerts regarding the committees you follow. You can even watch committee hearings from your computers or your mobile devices. See the links below to the House and Senate Committee pages.

### **House Committee Meeting Information**

<http://www.legis.state.tx.us/Committees/MeetingsHouse.aspx>

### **Senate Committee Meeting Information**

<http://www.legis.state.tx.us/Committees/MeetingsSenate.aspx>

### **Texas House Online**

<http://www.legis.state.tx.us/MnuHouse.aspx>

Website for the Texas House of Representatives. This site provides access to audio and video broadcasts for house chamber proceedings and committee hearings, biographical information, newsletters, and news releases.

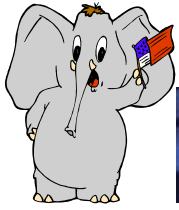
### **Texas Senate Online**

<http://www.senate.state.tx.us/>

Website for the Texas Senate. This site provides access to audio and video broadcasts for senate chamber proceedings and committee hearings, biographical information, newsletters, news releases, and a kids page.

Sources: Julie Faubel, TFRW VP-Legislation and the TFRW website





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## SAVE THE DATE

### FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019

### BARW ANNUAL LINCOLN DAY DINNER

LAKWOOD YACHT CLUB

2425 NASA PARKWAY, SEABROOK, TX



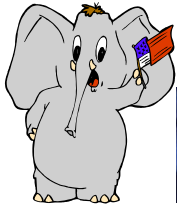
KEYNOTE  
SPEAKER  
DON MC GAHN

FORMER WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL

FOR

PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP





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## Club Calendar

### February

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22<sup>nd</sup> **Washington's Birthday**

27<sup>th</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 am, 12 Noon Speaker. RSVP to [barw.rsvp@gmail.com](mailto:barw.rsvp@gmail.com)

### March

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1<sup>st</sup> **Clear Creek RW**, La Brisa Restaurant, 501 Wesley Dr., League City, 11:00 a.m.

6<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday

7<sup>th</sup> **West Pearland RW**, Spring Creek BBQ, 9005 Broadway St., Pearland, 6:30pm

7<sup>th</sup> **Baytown RW**, 888 Chinese Restaurant, 4567 Garth Rd., Ste. 400, Baytown. 5:30pm

10<sup>th</sup> **Daylight Savings Time Begins**

12<sup>th</sup> **Tri County RW**, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. 10:30am

17<sup>th</sup> Happy St. Patrick's Day

18<sup>th</sup> **San Jacinto RW**, Peppers Beef and Seafood, 3604 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. 6:30 pm

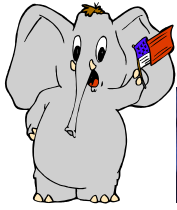
18<sup>th</sup> **Texas Gulf Coast RW**, Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, 1100 Friendswood Dr.,  
Friendswood, 6:30 pm

20<sup>th</sup> **First Day of Spring**

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## **BARW Minutes of General Meeting of January 23, 2019**

President Elizabeth Lauzon called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. Bianca Gracia led the attendees in prayer; Jordan McGinty led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and Tammy Barrier led the attendees in the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

President Elizabeth Lauzon introduced the elected officials.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous general meeting having been previously distributed to the members, President Lauzon asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. There were none. The minutes were approved as distributed.

Reports:

Treasurer: Treasurer Oksana McCord was not present. President Lauzon thanked Oksana for accepting the position of treasurer of the club.

Membership: No report. President Lauzon encouraged those present who were not members to become members of BARW. She introduced the guests who were in attendance.

Corresponding Secretary: Carolyn Hopkins reported that BARW received a certificate of appreciation from Fisher House. She also reported that BARW received certificates of congratulations from TFRW and NFRW in recognition of BARW's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. She reported that a thank you note was received from Ellen Murphy regarding the passing of her mother, Carolyn Smith who had been a long time member of BARW. Carolyn also read the list of those members having birthdays in January.

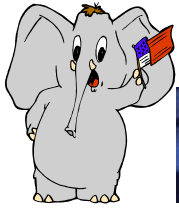
Parliamentarian: No report.

Caring for America: Jean Raffetto reported that BARW had given a lot of money to Meals on Wheels through the years and she explained about Meals on Wheels.

Awards-Volunteer Hours: Edie Holland reported that she submitted to TFRW 181 volunteer hours for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2018 and that a total of 2,741 volunteer hours were submitted to the credit of BARW for the year 2018.







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**Campaign Activities:** President Elizabeth Lauzon reported that \$1,000.00 was contributed to the campaign of Martha Fierro who is the only Republican running for the position of State Representative District 145. Elizabeth noted that Martha Fierro needs our help in her campaign.

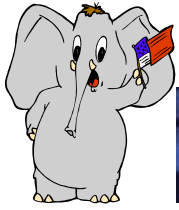
President Lauzon noted that committee positions need to be filled and encouraged those interested to sign up for membership in committees.

**Program:** Beverly Ferguson, Vice-President in charge of programs introduced Sgt. Tony Gracia and Tracy Dudley as the speakers for the meeting. Sgt. Gracia is with the Vice Squad Division of the Houston Police Department. Sgt. Gracia has been with the Houston Police Department for 27 years and is now assigned to the department that investigates human trafficking. He gave a very interesting talk with a video presentation and he stressed the seriousness and the extent of human trafficking here in Houston. Tracy Dudley is Case Manager for The Landing and is a Human Trafficking Survivor Advocate. She spoke about her experiences and the hurt, the work and the dirt of human trafficking.

**Reminders:** President Elizabeth Lauzon reminded attendees of the Lincoln Day Dinner scheduled for March 15, and she reported on the Calendar of Events.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.





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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

*Cindy Kuenneke – 3*

*Janis Bailey – 4*

*Carol Wroten – 9*

*Gloria Gendi – 11*

*Shannon Trochesset – 11*

*Sandra Saunders – 14*

*Estele Campbell – 15*

*Richard Risinger – 18*

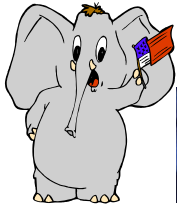
*Natalie Ong – 20*

*Beverly Ferguson – 22*

*Patti Stockman – 23*

*Elizabeth Ford – 24*





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