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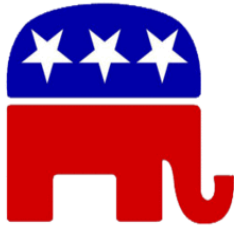


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The Bay Area Republican Women (BARW) typically meets the fourth Wednesday of each month, excluding June and July. The purposes of BARW is to promote an informed electorate through political education, increase the effectiveness of women in the cause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



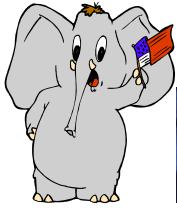
President's Message

Greetings!

Our Lincoln Day Dinner was a huge success! Thanks to all of you who bought tickets, volunteered, attended, donated, and made the Live Auction such a lively and fun event! Because of you, we have the money our Republican candidates need to win elections.

This month I'm going to wax nostalgic. Last week, a group of us ladies gathered at our storage unit to clean and sort through its contents, and we found some gems! We discovered our first scrapbook from 1968. This was the year that Bay Area Republican Women was chartered as the first Federated Republican Women club in Houston. This was also when Houston and Clear Lake were making world headlines with the launch of Apollo 8 and the Saturn V Rocket. We then went onto perusing the scrapbooks for the 70s with campaigns for then Congressman George Bush and Senator John Tower. What exciting and proud moments in Clear Lake! We will bring them out soon so you all can see our club's rich history. We even found some very youthful pictures of some of our current members, and I must say that seeing these women in their hay-day reminds me of what movers and shakers these gals were then, and still are in their hearts!





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Following this nostalgic thread, I later visited my favorite role model/Republican activist-my mother! You wouldn't know it from looking at this sweet little lady, but Mother was quite the civic leader/activist during my childhood. Well into her 80s now, she is still a leader in the Garden Club, nevertheless back in the day she was also our Girl Scout leader, a perennial officer in several clubs, campaign support for my dad's mayoral and Lion's Club campaigns, and later on, an RPT Convention Delegate and Election Judge.

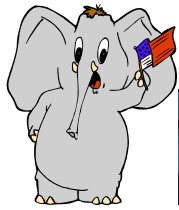
As my sister and I helped Mom host her Garden Club's meeting that morning, she told us that she hoped that the younger women (our age!) who were new to our little town would get a sense of who she was (and still is in my books!) by getting to know her daughters. Likewise, I hope you will make the effort to get to know our club's legacy holders-our long-time members. They have done so many things and have several accomplishments! Some of these gals may not be as active as they were in the day, but others haven't slowed down much! It boggles my mind that the networking we do on social media with just a click of a button, they did by actually calling people, writing letters, and cultivating real friendships. I implore you to honor these ladies by getting involved in campaigns, making connections and working hard for our Republican candidates. Houston and Clear Lake are counting on you all to keep our club's legacy alive and keep our community RED!

CCISD School Board and Pasadena city elections are on May 4th, and early voting is April 22-30. I encourage you to vote for conservative Republican Scott Bowen for CCISD Trustee, and our own Jaimy Blanco for Pasadena City Council. Vote early!

Best regards,

Elizabeth Lauzon





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Bay Area
REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Congressman Dr. Brian Babin

April 2019 Guest Speaker



Hosted by The Bay Area Republican Women

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Bay Oaks Country Club

14545 Bay Oaks Blvd. Houston, TX 77059

Social Begins: 11:00 AM

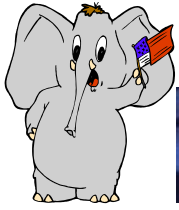
Meeting Begins: 11:30 AM

Lunch Costs \$19.00 Payable at the Door

BARW Members and Guests

Members and guests **MUST RSVP** by emailing
barw.rsvp@gmail.com if you plan to attend.





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Congressman Babin Background Info

Save the Date: Congressman Dr. Brian Babin, will be the April 24th BARW Luncheon Guest Speaker! Dr. Babin is a lifelong conservative and dedicated public servant. He has served our country and community in many roles before his election to Congress in 2015 including as a: national guardsman, commissioned officer, school board member, city councilman, Mayor of Woodville and member of several state boards. Today, Babin serves on several congressional committees that directly impact the Bay Area including: Space Subcommittee on Space (Ranking Member); Committee on Science, Space and Technology; and Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Dr. Babin became involved in politics with the candidacy of Ronald Regan in 1980. He and his wife, Roxanne, were two of the first Republicans in Tyler County. Dr. and Mrs. Babin have 5 children and 15 grandchildren. To learn more about Congressman Babin, please visit www.babin.house.gov or www.babinforcongress.com

The social will begin at 11 a.m., followed by the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be \$19.00, payable at the door. As always, please RSVP to barw.rsvp@gmail.com if you plan to have lunch.

Date: April 24, 2019

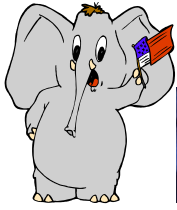
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Bay Oaks Country Club

Cost \$19.00

RSVP to barw.rsvp@gmail.com





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28th Annual BARW Lincoln Day Dinner

Hello BARW,

By this time, I'm sure you have all heard that our Lincoln Day Dinner was an enormous success and a lot of fun too. This was in no small part due to Chris Elguezabal who helped with reservations and seating. Fay Picard and Gayle Beaty who organized the auction and to all the ladies who stepped up to help with check in, check out, set up and helped with the auction during the event.

A special **"Thank you"** to our sponsors and to those who donated to our auction, especially our live auction and to those who bought those items!

Patriot Table Sponsors

Elizabeth & Peter Lauzon

Clark Freight

Brian Babin, U.S. Congressman, CD 36

Judge Kerry Neves, 10th Judicial District Court

Sen. Larry Taylor / Rep. Dennis Paul

Liberty Sponsors

Constable Phil Sandlin, Pct. 8

Freedom Sponsors

Maria Schlitzberger Hall

Rose Zarcaro

Live Auction Items donated by:

Congressman Brian and Roxanne Babin

Congressman Pete Olson and Nancy Olson

State Representative Dennis Paul, Dist. 129

State Representative Greg Bonnen, Dist. 24

Michelle Bechtel, Mayor of Morgan's Point

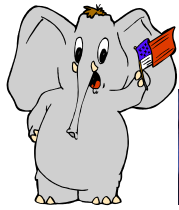
Bill King, candidate for Mayor of Houston

Angelo and Kathy Viscariello of Angelo's Restaurant

Debbie Guitian Roan

Lincoln Day Dinner Chair





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Meals on Wheels

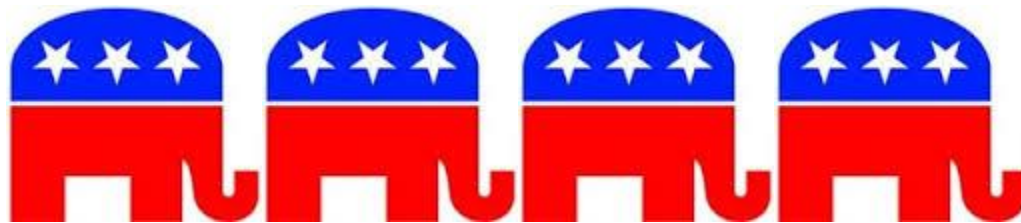
Thanks to all who donated to the Bay Area Meals on Wheels at our March meeting. Total donations were \$149.00. I am hoping we will reach \$200 per month in the future. You may write a check to Bay Area Meals on Wheels and they will send you a receipt that you can use with your income tax return.

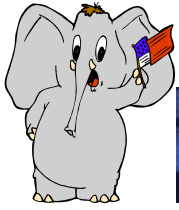
Please keep in mind that no one receives a salary in our local Meals on Wheels as they are all volunteers. They would welcome you if you decide to be a helper in assembling the meals, being a driver or a helper in delivering the meals. Many of the clients have no family or anyone who will drop in and visit with them for a few minutes.

We only have April and May to make donations prior to our summer break. Bay Area Meals on Wheels is a wonderful organization and one that is needed in our area. Please be generous.

Thanks again,

Jean Raffetto, Chairman
Caring for America





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Campaign News:

School Board Elections are the very next election we need to be concerned about. There is only one contested race and that is At-Large Position B. Although this is a technically non-partisan race there is a conservative candidate running for this position. His name is Scott Bowen. While I probably would have voted for Scott based on the aforementioned, I have attended two candidate forums held for this race and I can unequivocally say that Scott is the best person for the job. He comes to the position with the mind of an engineer and passion for good governance. It was impressive to see him more than hold his own against someone who has held the position for 12 years. 12 years ago, Scott was a student in CCISD and says the excellence of this school district is what brought his parents to the Clear Lake area 25 years ago and he wants to help maintain that standard of excellence as a Trustee. This is a low turnout election and your vote will make a difference. Please vote and bring a friend!

Early Voting Times and Locations

April 22–26 | 8:00 AM–5:00 PM

April 27, 29 & 30 | 7:00 AM–7:00 PM

Education Support Center

2425 East Main Street
League City, Texas 77573

Learner Support Center (old 9th Grade Center)

2903 Falcon Pass
Houston, Texas 77062

Clear Brook High School

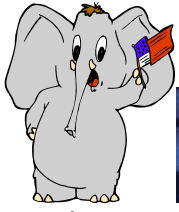
4607 FM 2351
Friendswood, Texas 77546

Election Day is May 4th 7am – 7pm at your District Location.

Debbie Guitian Roan

Campaign Activities Chair





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Legislative Resources to Follow the Texas Legislature

<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>

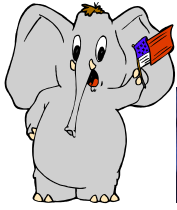
Website for the Texas House of Representatives. This site provides access to audio and video broadcasts for house chamber proceedings and committee hearings, biographical information, newsletters, and news releases.

Texas Senate Online

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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.





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Minutes - General Meeting March 27th, 2019

Call to Order: 11:40am by BARW President Elizabeth Lauzon

Prayer: Bianca Gracia

Pledge to the US Flag: Councilman Dave Martin

Pledge to Texas Flag: Scott Bowen

BARW President, Elizabeth Lauzon, welcomed all guests, Elected officials and Candidates. Elizabeth also reminded everyone that the Bylaws and Newsletter Board Positions are still open.

Minutes: were approved as written.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Oksana McCord presented the report. There were no corrections. Report was filed for review.

1st VP Membership: No Report

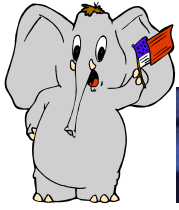
Corresponding Secretary: Carolyn Hopkins: Presented a Thank you from the VFW for the Operation Uplink donation for Speaker Michael Quinn Sullivan. Carolyn announced all members with March Birthdays.

Carolyn asked Joyce Jacobs to come forward to report on "Christmas Cards for Soldiers" written at our Egg Nog Party. Joyce reported that the Cards were very much appreciated and presented BARW with a Flag flown through the skies of Kuwait, Iraq, Jordon and Syria on an Osprey helicopter and an authentication certificate courtesy of Major Vanessa Clark.

Lincoln Day Dinner Chair: Debbie Guitian Roan: Debbie encouraged the club to take a "victory lap" for an awesome Lincoln Day Dinner. Debbie thanked everyone who participated either by donating, attending and/or working the event.

Campaign Activities: Debbie reported that the very important school board elections are on May 4th, which is also the uniform election date for small cities with early voting starting on the April 22nd. Scott Bowen is running for the School Board At-Large Position B, the only contested position. She urged members to vote in this





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important election and to support Scott the only Republican. Debbie also encouraged any members who live in Pasadena to support BARW's own, Jaimy Blanco for city council.

Also, in full swing is the race for Houston Mayor, Debbie also reminded everyone that Councilman Dave Martin, Dist. E is also up for re-election in Nov. There is a lot of work to be done between now and then.

Debbie, TFRW 2019 Convention Co-Chair, also reminded everyone that volunteers are still need for the Oct. convention.

Parliamentarian/Caring for America: Jean Raffetto: Jean reminded everyone to be generous when donating to Bay Area Meals On Wheels, an organization near and dear to BARW.

Volunteer Chair: Edie Holland: Edie requested everyone send her their Volunteer Hours for the last quarter.

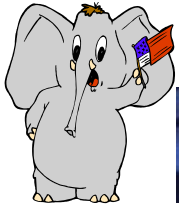
2nd VP Programs: Beverly Ferguson-Cooper introduced our speaker Candidate for Mayor of Houston, Bill King. Bill talked about his vision for the City of Houston, election strategy, Statistics, Demographics and the importance of Turn Out! Beverly reminded everyone that next month's speaker is Congressman Brian Babin.

President Lauzon announced upcoming meeting of local Republican Women's groups and TFRW.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Guitian Roan for Gayle Beaty





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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Okšana Y McCord – 14

Rebecca Lynn Bush – 15

Regina Halle – 16

Susan Watts - 19

Walter Bell – 20

Rebecca Gaye Moore – 20

Lisa Meehan – 21

Kelly Sheehy – 21

Sherry Peterson – 23

Joyce Baker – 24

Denise Pennacchi – 29

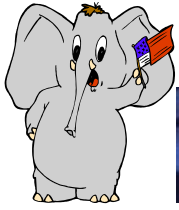


Calendar of Events

April:

- 4th **Baytown RW**, 888 Chinese Restaurant, 4567 Garth Rd., Ste. 400, Baytown. 5:30pm
- 4th **West Pearland RW**, Spring Creek BBQ, 9005 Broadway St., Pearland, 6:30pm
- 5th **Clear Creek RW**, La Brisa Restaurant, 501 Wesley Dr., League City, 11:00 a.m.
- 9th **Tri County RW**, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. 10:30am
- 14th **Palm Sunday**





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15th **San Jacinto RW**, Peppers Beef and Seafood, 3604 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. 6:30 pm

15th **Texas Gulf Coast RW**, Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, 1100 Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, 6:30 pm

15th Tax Day

19th **Good Friday**

19th Passover Begins at Sundown

21st **Easter Sunday**

22nd Earth Day

22nd – 26th Early Voting CCISD School Board, 8am-5pm

24th **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 Congressman Brian Babin. RSVP to barw.rsvp@gmail.com

27th – 30th Early Voting CCISD School Board, 7am-7pm

May:

2nd **Baytown RW**, 888 Chinese Restaurant, 4567 Garth Rd., Ste. 400, Baytown. 5:30pm

2nd **West Pearland RW**, Spring Creek BBQ, 9005 Broadway St., Pearland, 6:30pm

3rd **Clear Creek RW**, La Brisa Restaurant, 501 Wesley Dr., League City, 11:00 a.m.

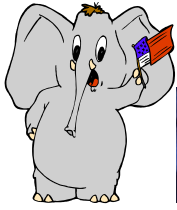
4th Unified Small City Election Day

4th CCISD School Board Election Day

12th Happy Mother's Day

14th **Tri County RW**, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. 10:30am





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14th **Greater Houston Council**, Trini Mendenhal Sosa Center, 1414 Wirt, Houston, 10:30am

18th Armed Forces Day

20th **San Jacinto RW**, Peppers Beef and Seafood, 3604 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. 6:30 pm

20th **Texas Gulf Coast RW**, Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, 1100 Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, 6:30 pm

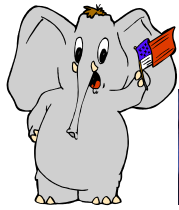
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27th Memorial Day Observed

October:

3rd – 5th TFRW Convention, Moody Garden Hotel, 7 Hope Blvd., Galveston





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