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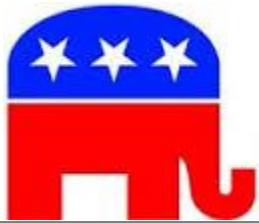


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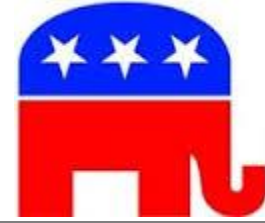
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The Bay Area Republican Women (BARW) typically meets the fourth Wednesday of each month, excluding June and July. The purposes of BARW is to promote an informed electorate through political education, increase the effectiveness of women in the cause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



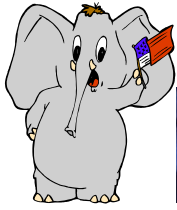
Greetings! We have new representation on the CCISD Board! On Saturday, May 4th **Scott Bowen beat 4-time incumbent Ann Hammond for At-Large Position B.** Thanks to all of you who voted, phone banked and participated in the campaign especially BARW Historian and Bowen Campaign Treasurer, Karen Plante, and BARW Campaign Activities Chair Debbie Roan and her husband Bernie Roan! Big thanks go to my husband, Peter Lauzon for getting Scott name recognition with the huge 4'x8' signs posted at polling locations and high traffic areas in the community. Did you see them?!



Your efforts brought new voters into this election. **Specifically, 70% of the votes cast were from voters that had not participated in prior CCISD elections.** Notice, I said "for this election". Regrettably, voter turn-out is extremely low for one of the highest taxing authorities – our school district. I call you to become more active in the campaign season ahead. Great things can be achieved when we put our words to action!

Best regards,  
Elizabeth Lauzon





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**Tony Buzbee**

**May 2019 Guest Speaker**

**Candidate for Mayor of Houston**



**Hosted by The Bay Area Republican Women**

**Wednesday, March 22, 2019**

**Bay Oaks Country Club**

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

**Social Begins: 11:00 AM**

**Meeting Begins: 11:30 AM**

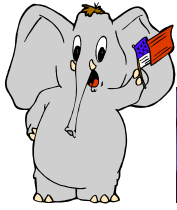
**Lunch Costs \$19.00 Payable at the Door**

**BARW Members and Guests**

**Members and guests MUST RSVP by emailing**

**[barw.rsvp@gmail.com](mailto:barw.rsvp@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.**





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## Tony Buzbee Background Info

**Save the Date:** Our May Guest Speaker is mayoral candidate and prominent Houston attorney [Tony Buzbee for Mayor!](#)

Date: May 22, 2019

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

Location: Bay Oaks Country Club 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd

Cost \$19.00

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

### Speaker Biography:

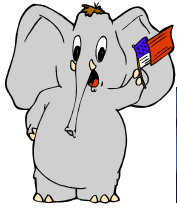
Tony Buzbee has practiced law in Texas for over twenty years. The New York Times has called him one of the most successful trial lawyers in the country. He often represents families of workers who have been killed or severely injured on the job.

Before he found success in the courtroom, Buzbee attended Texas A&M University. Upon graduation, he joined the United States Marines as an Infantry Officer and led Recon Marines all over the globe.

After the Marines, Buzbee was accepted into the University of Houston Law Center. He graduated summa cum laude. After serving as a federal judge's briefing attorney, Tony Buzbee started his own firm. Buzbee has since been routinely recognized as one of the most successful and one of the most talented lawyers in the United States.

Buzbee served as regent of Texas A&M and endowed the Dean's Chair at the Texas A&M University School of Law.





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## TFRW 2019 Convention in Galveston



The Texas Federation of Republican Women Convention is in Galveston this year! If you have never gone to the TFRW convention as a delegate, this is the year to go – It's right in our backyard at **Moody Gardens in Galveston, October 3-5, 2019!**

Our own **Debbie Guitian Roan** is the Co-Chair for the Convention, **Edie Holland** is Information Committee Chair and BARW President **Elizabeth Lauzon** heading up the Decorations Committee.

For three days, the resort will be a fabulous place to meet other like-minded, hardworking Republican women (like you!) who are part of the most active group of grassroots people in Texas.

Here are some of the *tentative* highlights of the convention:

- Sip, Shop & Stroll in Galveston's Historic Strand
- Meet Republican State, Local, and National Candidates
- Hear Fabulous and Inspiring Speakers: Candidates, Authors and Entertainers throughout the Convention
- Meet *and Elect* Statewide Officers of the Texas Federation of Republican Women
- Attend Workshops and Training for club and personal development
- Dip your toes in the sand and enjoy Moody Gardens Resort for 3 whole days!

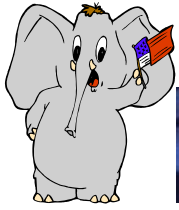
Volunteer Opportunities: There are many great opportunities to get involved with the activities of the convention. Volunteer for a few hours! It doesn't take much time and you'll meet such interesting people.

For more information and Moody Garden Hotel reservations, click on this link:

<https://www.tfrw.org/events/convention/>

"It's Island Time, Again!" Come join us!!





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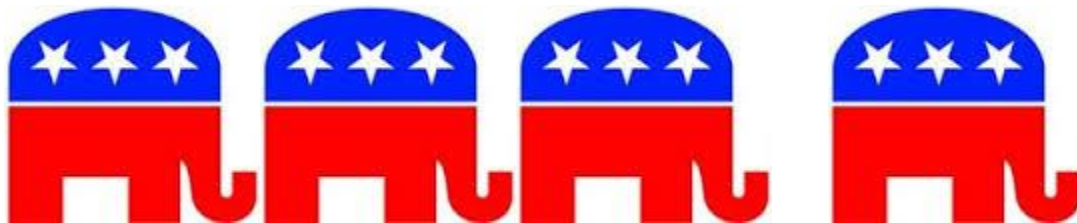
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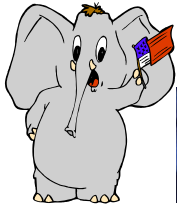
## Meals on Wheels

Our donations in April came to \$135 for Bay Area Meals on Wheels. We have only the May meeting to make another donation until our August meeting. I hope all of you will increase your May donations to help Bay Area Meals on Wheels get through the summer

Thanks to each one of you who faithfully donate each month. It is greatly appreciated.

Jean, Chairman  
Caring for America





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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>

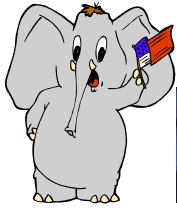
Website for the Texas House of Representatives. This site provides access to audio and video broadcasts for house chamber proceedings and committee hearings, biographical information, newsletters, and news releases.

### Texas Senate Online

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## BARW Minutes of General Meeting of April 24, 2019

President Elizabeth Lauzon called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

Congressman Babin gave the prayer invocation. Ken Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed by Sherry Peterson leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

President Lauzon welcomed the dignitaries and guests to the meeting.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the March meeting that were printed in the newsletter, so they were approved as presented in the Newsletter.

Treasurer Oksana McCord presented the financial report. There were no corrections or additions to the report. It will be filed with the minutes.

Campaign Activities/Lincoln Day Dinner Chairman Deborah Guitian Roan discussed the upcoming CCISD election and the campaign of Scott Bowen for Trustee-at-large. Ken Clark added encouragement to vote for "conservative values" candidate.

Sherry Peterson, the Convention Chair for the Texas Federation of Republican Women and Debbie Roan, Co-chair, articulated the need for volunteers and encouraged member involvement. The convention will take place in October in Galveston at Moody Gardens.

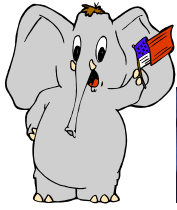
Dana McDonald 1<sup>st</sup> VP of membership- membership report attached. At this time there are 100 paid members.

Parliamentarian/ Caring for America Chairman Jean Raffetto reported that BARW donated \$149 to meals on Wheels. She encouraged on-going generous giving.

Chris Elguezabal encouraged use of the reservation system that we might adequately prepare the luncheon numbers correctly.

Awards Chairman Edie Holland- absent.





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2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President- Programs Beverly Ferguson-Cooper introduced our speaker, Congressman Brian Babin.

Dr. Babin introduced and acknowledged his staff who were present. Dr. Babin discussed various current topics concerning the Republican party. He discussed Democrat Omar and her anti-Israel stance. He said that Israel was naming a town after President Trump due to his support of Israel. He discussed the Mueller Report, the democrat's reaction to it, and how they cannot move past it. He discussed issues with healthcare, such as the 2017 reform of the AHC which was voted down by 1 vote, and the democrat's proposal for universal healthcare and Medicare for all, which would cost over \$3.2 trillion per year. He explained how freedom of choice and capitalism would be removed from the healthcare system if these measures were implemented. Some other ideas being proposed by democrats involved Senator Warren proposing a ban on all new oil well drilling if she were elected president and the proposal by Bernie Sanders and Kamal Harris to allow \$ 3.7 trillion in student debt that the tax payers would end up paying. He concluded his time by discussing the immigration crisis, and the proposed open borders by the democrats. He discussed that Houston and Austin are technically sanctuary cities and this should be changed.

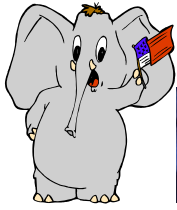
President Lauzon announced upcoming meetings:

**May:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Baytown RW**, 888 Chinese Restaurant, 4567 Garth Rd., Ste. 400, Baytown. 5:30pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **West Pearland RW**, Spring Creek BBQ, 9005 Broadway St., Pearland, 6:30pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Clear Creek RW**, La Brisa Restaurant, 501 Wesley Dr., League City, 11:00 a.m.
- 4<sup>th</sup> **Unified Small City Election Day**
- 4<sup>th</sup> **CISD School Board Election Day**
- 12<sup>th</sup> Happy Mother's Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> **Tri County RW**, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. 10:30am
- 14<sup>th</sup> **Greater Houston Council**, Trini Mendenhal Sosa Center, 1414 Wirt, Houston, 10:30am
- 18<sup>th</sup> Armed Forces Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> **San Jacinto RW**, Peppers Beef and Seafood, 3604 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. 6:30 pm







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27<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Observed

## October:

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> **TFRW Convention, Moody Garden Hotel, 7 Hope Blvd., Galveston**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Gayle Beaty, Recording Secretary

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

*Jay Karahan – 1*

*Debbie Branch – 1*

*Matthew Harlan – 10*

*Joyce Morgan - 14*

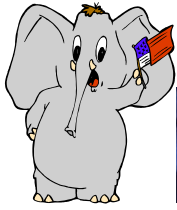
*Dana McDonald – 17*

*Sara "Lanie" Brown – 22*

*Edie Halland – 30*

*Danny Schnautz – 21*





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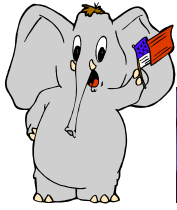
## Judge Holly Williamson Honored



Congratulations to Judge Holly Williamson on being named the 2018 Judge of the Year by the Justices of the Peace & Constables Association of Texas!

Celebrating with Judge Williamson are BARW members Deer Park City Council Member Rae Sinor, Constable Phil Sandlin, Beverly Ferguson-Cooper -Congressman Babin's Regional Director of Community Relations, Jean Raffetto, Judge Holly Williamson, Gayle Wylie, Elizabeth Lauzon and Pasadena Mayor Jeff Wagner. Congratulations!





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## Calendar of Events

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16<sup>th</sup> Happy Father's Day

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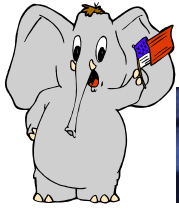
21<sup>st</sup> First Day of Summer

### July:

4<sup>th</sup> Happy Independence Day

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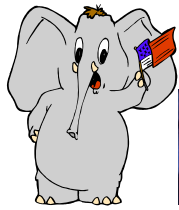
## August:

28<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: RNC National Committeewoman Toni Anne Dashiell. RSVP to [barw.rsvp@gmail.com](mailto:barw.rsvp@gmail.com)

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[The Galveston County Republican Party](http://www.galvestoncountygop.org)

