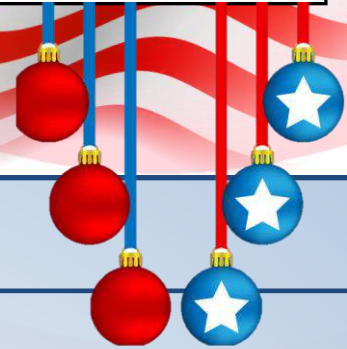


# Bay Area REPUBLICAN WOMEN

## Season's Greetings



### President's Voice

Fellow Members,

Post-election words of wisdom are always hard to come by, especially when the election produces such an unexpected (at least to my mind) result.

The re-election of a County Judge with such a dismal record and questionable ethics for a second term is hard to grasp, and I am sure the how and why of it will be debated for many months. Not the least of which will be why there was a shortage of ballots in mostly Republican areas. There is no reasonable excuse for this, and my hope is that the HCRP will bring litigation and get to the bottom of this. Although, in my heart I don't believe there will be anything substantive to come of it like overturning the election.

However, on the Federal level we did take the House of Representatives and that is no small thing. This should stop most of the devastating Biden agenda and provide some much-needed oversight and investigations. While investigations are necessary and appropriate, passing good legislation and appropriations bills are more important. Even if they go nowhere in the Senate or get vetoed by the President, Americans must see Republicans as problem solvers and forward-thinking leaders. Proving that they can "walk and chew gum" at the same time.

Certainly, this will be a very difficult time for us as a party and as a grassroots organization, but the essence of what makes us Republicans -- our values and our core conservative principles -- remains unshaken. We will weather these "storms" and emerge stronger for the effort.

For now, the election is over, and Thanksgiving and Christmas are around the corner. A time of year for celebrating and being thankful for all that is good in our lives:

our family, our friends and our many blessings, especially the blessing of being born in America.

There will be plenty of time for politics and the strategies for moving forward. For now, I will wish you a Very Happy Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas!

See you all at Egg Nog on Dec. 7th.

Debbie Guitian Roan  
President, BARW



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# Highlights from October Meeting

## Joe Stepp, LTC (USA Retired)



The October BARW Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 25th. Colonel Joe Stepp was our speaker and what a speaker he was. I would kindly refer to him as a “Gentle Giant”. Gentle because is very soft spoken and a giant because his military and community accomplishments are amazing. He is a retired U.S. Army Special Forces (Green Beret) Lieutenant Colonel with an extensive background in Special Operations and Intelligence. Currently, he is the CEO and Founder of Jaguar Six (a company that specializes in leadership, security and intelligence training and assistance to corporate, LEA, military and education clients).

“Our country is exceptional and worth living for”, he said. “We are living today with diverse cultures with mutual goals”. He stressed the importance of building relationships and working face-to-face.

He started off by giving us a history lesson touching on 3 major historical events that involved tyranny (which is the opposite of Freedom).

- 1776 (changed our world) - United States became an independent country from Great Britain. George Washington explained to his soldiers that Congress had "dissolved the connection" between "this country" and Great Britain and declared the "United Colonies of North America" to be "free and independent states. We had done the impossible. Women were steadfast, dependable and assisted in every way imaginable, many even risking their own lives and fearing for their personal safety.
- 1941 - Pearl Harbor/WWII - The United States had the tools necessary to overcome -The Tyranny of Distance.
- 2001 - The United States went to Afghanistan in to wage a necessary war of self-defense against al-Qaeda for the September 11, terrorists’ attacks to our country.

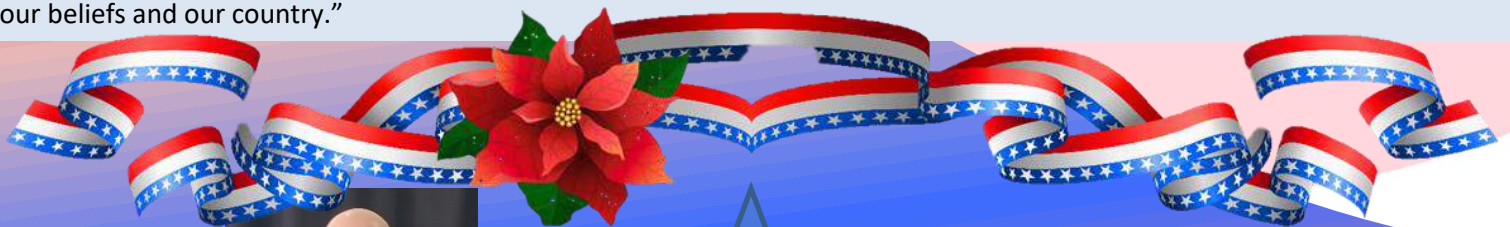
All of these events related to evil, tyrannical men who wanted to dominate.

He told of his personal story when he was in Kuwait from with his son Jordan. He was nicknamed - “Abdullah Jordan” (Father of Jordan). He was asked to join a Human Intelligence Team by General Petraeus to train troops in human intelligence, covert operations and counterintelligence. He said he explained to the troops that “you need to get back up when you have a bloody nose” and that “ it’s in your DNA to fight and engage”. He was determined to not lose one of them and he didn’t.

He discussed the upcoming November 8 elections and how we now face a type of tyranny here. Republican women are making a difference and we can’t afford to lose this election.

He concluded with citing part of the lyrics from America the Beautiful.

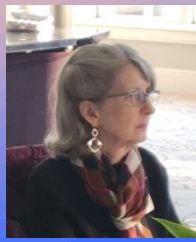
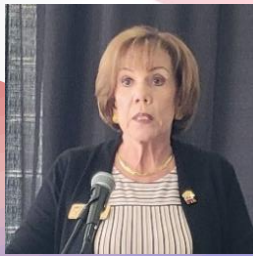
“Let’s Roll” he commented, as he mentioned Todd Beamer (the American passenger who was aboard United Airlines Flight 93, which was hijacked and crashed as part of the September 11 attacks in 2001). Todd was one of the passengers who attempted to regain control of the aircraft from the hijackers. “Remember those before us that gave their lives to protect our beliefs and our country.”



October 25, 2022

Monthly Meeting





**BARW Annual Egg Nog Party  
and Membership Drive**

**Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

**at the home of**

**Mary and Wynn McMullen**

**3207 Acorn Wood Way**

**Houston, TX 77059**

**Time: 11am to 1:30pm**

**A - R bring finger foods/savories**

**S - Z bring desserts**

*You're  
invited*



Next Meeting - January 24, 2023

**Happy New Year!**

## Join BARW for Year 2023

The 2023 Membership Drive is underway! Join or Renew your membership now until December 31st for the low price of only \$25.00! On January 1st, 2023 BARW dues increases to \$35.00 for the year.

Here are the current Membership numbers as of November 9th:

- 95 = Full Members
- 10 = Associate Women Members
- 27 = Associate Men Members
- 132 = Total Members**



17 members have already renewed their memberships for year 2023!

Bring your new and renewed application to the Egg Nog Party on Wednesday, December 7th! Be the most politically active and informed women in Texas! Print the Membership Application form on page 16 to join Bay Area Republican Women for 2023!

Elizabeth Lauzon

1st VP Membership-2022, Bay Area Republican Women



## BARW Purpose

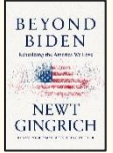
The purpose of **Bay Area Republican Women** is to promote an informed electorate through political education. BARW works to increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through active political participation. We strive to facilitate cooperation among Republican women of Texas, foster loyalty to the Republican Party and to promote its ideals, and work for the election of the Republican Party's nominees.

To join BARW, print and complete the Membership Application form in this newsletter (page 16) and mail it to BARW Membership Chair, P.O. Box 58103, Webster, TX 77598-8103 with your payment, or bring it to Elizabeth Lauzon at the next meeting.

## Continue Learning

### **Beyond Biden: Rebuilding the America We Love** by Newt Gingrich

**Best-selling author Newt Gingrich exposes the anti-American forces that have grown so large and so aggressive in their quest for power.**

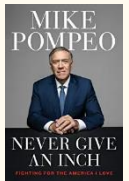


The struggle between the defenders of America as an exceptional nation and the forces of anti-Americanism is reaching a fever pitch. These forces have grown so large, so well-financed, so entrenched and aggressive that they must be studied closely and understood completely if America is to survive this imminent civil war.

In *Beyond Biden*, best-selling author Newt Gingrich brings together the various strands of the movement seeking to destroy true, historic American values and replace this country with one that's imposed on us by the combined power of government and social acceptance.

### **Never Give An Inch** by Mike Pompeo (January 24, 2023)

**Former Secretary of State and CIA Director Mike Pompeo spearheaded the Trump Administration's most significant foreign policy breakthroughs. Now, he reveals how he did it, and how it could happen again.**



Mike Pompeo is the only person ever to have served as both America's most senior diplomat and the head of its premier espionage agency. As the only four-year national security member of President Trump's Cabinet, he worked to impose crushing pressure on the Islamic Republic of Iran, avert a nuclear crisis with North Korea, deliver unmatched support for Israel, and bring peace to the Middle East. Drawing on his commitment to America's founding principles and his Christian faith, his efforts to promote religious freedom around the world were unequaled in American diplomatic history. Most importantly, he led a much-needed generational transformation of America's relationship with China.

Blending remarkable and often humorous stories of his interactions with world leaders and unmatched analysis of geopolitics, *Never Give an Inch* tells of how Pompeo helped the Trump Administration craft the America First approach that upended Washington wisdom—and made him America's enemies' worst nightmare. It is a raw account of what it took to deliver winning outcomes in the face of a progressive activist media, partisan conspiracies, two impeachments and endless investigations, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Complete with a road map of the trends and players shaping the world today, *Never Give an Inch* is more than a historical review of the Trump Administration's greatest victories. It is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand the challenges of the future. And it is an inspirational story of leadership through dangerous times that will leave you with a greater appreciation for America





# Caring for America

A big THANK YOU to all of you who contributed to Bay Area Meals on Wheels at our October meeting. It was the last meeting of the year when we collected for them. You gave a whopping \$335,00! Thanks again. We will start collecting for Bay Area Meals on Wheels again at our January meeting.

Bay Area Meals on Wheels love the holidays and try to make them special for their clients. If you have a little extra time and would like to help the volunteers spread the cheer, please call 281-406-4961.

Traditionally, we take up a donation for the Fisher House at our annual Egg Nog Party to be held on December 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mary and Wynn McMullen in Bay Oaks. The new officers will be installed and many elected officials will be in attendance. It is a great event. I hope you can all be there.

The Fisher House is a place where families of injured military men and women can stay for free while their family member is hospitalized. It is a way we can thank our military for their service to our country.



Jean Raffetto, Parliamentarian and Caring For America, Chair



## Tweet

**Alexandra del Moral Mealer for Harris County Judge**

@AlexMealer4HCTX

Thank you to all those who supported our campaign for good governance



**ALEXANDRA del Moral Mealer**  
FOR HARRIS COUNTY JUDGE

While we did not accomplish our goal of changing leadership in Harris County, we were successful in elevating the profile of critical issues like the need to appropriately resource our law enforcement and criminal justice system as well as the desire to eliminate corruption and increase transparency in local government. This campaign was always about good government and I am hopeful that we have played a role encouraging that going forward. I am extremely grateful to our supporters and all those who contributed to this campaign.

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# Important Dates

## November

24 Happy Thanksgiving



## December

7 Pearl Harbor Day



**Bay Area Republican Women Egg Nog Party**, at the home of Mary and Wynn McMullen, 3207 Acorn Wood Way, Houston, TX 77059. Time: 11am to 1:30pm

18 Hanukkah begins



21 First Day of Winter



25 Merry Christmas



31 New Year's Eve



## January

1 Happy New Year



5 **Baytown RW**, 888 Chinese Restaurant, 4567 Garth Rd., Ste. 400, Baytown. 5:30pm  
**West Pearland RW**, Big Horn BBQ, 2300 Smith Ranch Rd., Pearland, 6:30pm

6 **Clear Creek RW**, La Brisa Restaurant, 501 Wesley Dr., League City, 11:00am

16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Texas Gulf Coast RW**, La Escondida, 400 W. Parkwood Ave., Friendswood, 6:30pm

18 **Galveston RW**, Hilton Galveston Island Resort, 5400 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, 11:30am

24 **Bay Area RW**, Bay Oaks Country Club, 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd., Houston, 7:30am  
Social, 8:00am Speaker, 9:00am Business Meeting. RSVP to [barw.rsvp@gmail.com](mailto:barw.rsvp@gmail.com) for breakfast. Continental Breakfast \$13





# November

1	E. Faye Ray
3	Lana Leslie
3	Sherry McNeil
11	Dawn McDonald
14	Moujin Chen
17	Susan McCoy
23	Rhonda Bryant
29	Bianca Renee Gracia
29	Carolyn Hopkins
30	Ann Marie Doolin



Happy Birthday

# December



5	Susan Galanski
7	Irene Wilson
25	Holy Williamson



# BARW 2022 Officers



**President**

**Debbie Guitian Roan**



**1st Vice  
President**

**Elizabeth Lauzon**



**2nd Vice  
President**

**Adrienne Sun**



**Recording  
Secretary**

**Carolyn Sue Hopkins**



**Corresponding  
Secretary**

**Debbie May**



**PAC Treasurer**

**Marcella Erwin**



**Immediate  
Past President**

**Beverly Ferguson-Cooper**



**Advisor  
to President**

**Margaret Sucre-Vail**

# Breakfast Meeting Minutes

## Bay Area Republican Women

### Tuesday, October 25, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 8:01 am by President Debbie Roan.

The monthly general meeting of Bay Area Republican Women was held at Bay Oaks Country Club.

Prayer-Invocation: Debbie May

Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag: Phil Sandlin

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag: Phil Sandlin

**PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTIONS:**

Debbie recognized new members, guests, elected officials and candidates.

**APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES:**

The minutes prepared by Recording Secretary Carolyn Hopkins went out to everyone in the newsletter and also a copy is at the check-in-table. Another big thank you to Pat Adams for a great September newsletter.

There were no corrections. Minutes were approved as submitted.

**PRESIDENT'S MINUTE:**

- 1) Reminder of renewal of membership dues. If you do so before December 31, 2022, you will pay the current \$25. Dues increase will begin January 1, 2023. Associate dues will go from \$15 to \$20 on January 1 as well.
- 2) Starting in January breakfast will be coffee, tea, water, pastries and muffins for a fee of \$13.
- 3) TFRW Tribute to Women nominee from BARW was Edie Holland. Sadly, Edie broke her toe and is unable to be with us today. We will present her with the award at our January meeting.
- 4) Festival of Trees will be upcoming. Gaye Wylie is the contact person. Chapter Club members will decorate a tree that will be placed in an office.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Marcella Irwin**

Beginning Balance as of 9/27/22	\$20,446.54
Deposits	- 100.00
Expenditures	- 600.00
Balance	\$19,946.54

No corrections. Treasurer's Report submitted for review.

## **Reports of Officers, Boards and Standing or Special Committees:**

### **1<sup>st</sup> VP MEMBERSHIP Elizabeth Lauzon:**

Full Members = 93  
Associate Women = 10  
Associate Men = 27  
Total = 130

### **PARLIAMENTARIAN/CARING FOR AMERICA: Jean Raffetto**

Jean reminded everyone about the baskets on the tables for contributing to Meals on Wheels. Thanks for your contributions.

### **Campaign Activities**

Thanks to our BARW members for stepping up to the plate to work the polls for our candidates.

**Awards/Volunteer Hours:** Edie Holland absent.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Chris Elguezabal presented the report and made a motion for the 2023 Slate of BARW officer's election. There were no nominations from the floor. Motion was approved by Valerie Brumfield and seconded by Ann Marie Doolin.

The Slate of Officers for BARW for 2023 were approved are as follows:

President – Debbie Guitian Roan  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Membership – Elizabeth Lauzon  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Programs – Adrienne Sun  
Recording Secretary – Carolyn Hopkins  
Corresponding Secretary – Debbie May  
PAC Treasurer – Marcella Erwin  
Immediate Past President – Beverly Ferguson

**Newsletter:** Pat Adams, Editor. Another fabulous newsletter for September.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs:** \_Adrienne Sun – Adrienne introduced our speaker –Joe Stepp. Joe is a former Green Beret and provided a history lesson from the forming of our country to the present.

A special thank you - BARW will make a donation to Meals on Wheels donation will be made in honor of Joe's presentation.

Please check the newsletter or BARW website for other Republican Women meeting times and locations.

**Old Business:**

Our annual Egg-Nog Party will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the home of Mary McMullen, 3207 Acorn Wood Way, Houston, TX 77059. Time – 11 am – 1:30 p.m.

Last Names starting with A – R bring finger foods/savories  
Last Names starting with S – Z – bring desserts

A collection for Fisher House will be taken at this event. Fisher House provides support for military families.

**Announcements: Key Election Dates to Remember**

October 24<sup>th</sup> -First Day to Early Vote

November 4<sup>th</sup> -Last Day to Early Vote

November 8<sup>th</sup> - ELECTION DAY

Early voting locations: Freeman Library, Islamic Community Center, University of Houston Clear Lake.

Remember there is no straight ticket voting, you must vote individually all the way down the ballot.

Republican candidates will be listed first.

Our next monthly meeting is Tuesday January 24<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Please check the newsletter or the website for other Republican Women meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 am

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carolyn Hopkins  
BARW Recording Secretary



## Reprinted from Texas Insider for your thoughts and consideration

### **Democrat's Relative Success is Not a Measure of American's Rationality, but of Cultural Submission & Wokeness**

by: 11/11/2022 Source: [texasinsider](#)

[Seems like Democrat's "Messaging" turned out to be Somewhat Successful in turning back the Republican's expected 2022 Red Wave.](#) by N/A is licensed under [N/A](#)

***Let's Get Real: Since Liberal Socialist-Democrats are winning the American Culture War, in the end they'll win in Politics***

By [George Neumayr](#)



The GOP's lackluster performance on Tuesday speaks not only to the party's fecklessness, but also to the liberalism of the American people. Even if the GOP had run uniformly strong candidates, they would still have struggled to persuade Americans in thrall to left-wing propaganda.

The truth is, whoever owns the culture in the end owns politics.

**The complacent assumption of many pundits is that politics revolves around the "economy, stupid."**

**But what truly animates politics is the culture that shapes voters.**

**Whoever controls that culture usually wins.**



The Left has dominated American culture for decades, and thus enjoys a perpetual advantage in our politics. Democrats appeal to raw emotion; Republicans appeal to common sense. Democrats encourage voters to take the low road, whereas principled Republicans urge them to take the higher one. Needless to say, the latter pitch is a much harder sell in a corrupted democracy. It is easier to win in American politics as an advocate of self-indulgent wokeness than as a proponent of the natural moral law.

Of course, most pundits never blame the irrationality of the people for an election outcome. They seek, instead, to flatter the people and attribute their rejection of a particular party to a good cause. Hence, pundits – even conservatives – chalked up the people's indifference to the GOP as a distaste for Trumpian "chaos" and so forth.

But that flattering explanation makes little sense, given that the people reelected a swath of incumbents responsible for our chaotic and unstable country.

**Let's get real: The American people are electing the pols they deserve, demagogues who mirror the woke prejudices of an increasingly propagandized people.**

According to the media, "threats to democracy" constituted one of the top concerns of the people. How lame.

**Large segments of the American public clearly swallowed Joe Biden's self-serving "malarkey" on that subject whole. Never mind that Biden was clearly referring not to authentic threats to democracy – but challenges to regnant liberalism.**



**Biden is not afraid for democracy, but afraid of it. He desires a one-party state.**

The relative success of the Democrats on Tuesday is a measure not of the public's rationality, but of its submission to wokeness. Those in the 18–29 demographic voted for the Democrats overwhelmingly – a tribute not to their wisdom but to their lack of it. These voters entered the booth after receiving a warped education at colleges and universities swimming in wokeness. It is nearly impossible to impress upon this generation the dangers of liberalism. They simply shrug at any description of them.

True, the inept leaders of the GOP failed to rouse their own side to turn out in large numbers. But that is also a measure of the Left's cultural hegemony, which has infiltrated the Republican Party and rendered it increasingly impotent.

The message of the Republicans is pathetic, and boils down to saying that it will follow in the same direction as Democrats – but do so at a slightly slower speed.

The defeat of GOP Pennsylvania Senate candidate Mehmet Oz leaves egg on the faces of “conservative” kingmakers like Sean Hannity, who lectured rank-and-file Republicans that Oz alone was “electable.” Obviously not. The opponent of Oz whom Hannity smeared, [Kathy Barnette](#), couldn't have done any worse than the smarmy pitchman. Oz managed to lose to a stroke victim who could barely form sentence fragments.

**If conservatives are serious about recapturing American politics, they must first wrest American culture away from the Left. That would require restoring conservatism to religion and civil institutions.**

**But “conservatives,” under the sway of liberalism, disdain that hard work and wouldn't want to achieve that restoration even if it were possible. They, too, look down on homeschoolers and devout Christians.**

It has to be admitted that the Democrats – for all their flaws – practice politics far more seriously than the GOP. The Democrats revive their fallen, as in the case of Fetterman, while the GOP shoots theirs. Notice all the complaining among the GOP consultant class about J.D. Vance, whose victory provided one of the few bright spots on a bleak night. Let's hope Vance remains unimpressed by these country club Republicans.



Gimmicks and aping the wokeness of the Democrats will not heal the GOP's woes. The purpose of politics, after all, is not simply to win but to win on the principles essential to saving the country.

That's only possible if the culture changes and reflects those principles.

The predominant culture today in America is as addicted to a civilizational death wish as any of the progressive countries in Europe. Any GOP autopsy on Tuesday's moribund performance must begin with a thorough analysis of that fundamental sickness – and a commitment to cultural reconstruction.



**[George Neumayr is a Senior Editor at The American Spectator, and author most recently of The Biden Deception: Moderate, Opportunist, or the Democrats' Crypto-Socialist?](#)**



# BAY AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Dues for Current Year November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print) First Middle Last

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ (Information Required by Texas Ethics Commission)  
Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month / Day (If Applicable)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or P. O. Box City State Zip plus 4 digit extension

Telephone: Cell: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Home: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Office: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ (Information Requested by BARW & TFRW)

County & Voting Precinct #: (BARW By-Laws Article IV, Sect. 1)	Precinct# _____ Brazoria County	Precinct # _____ Galveston County	Precinct # _____ Harris County
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**Type of Membership:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 25.00 Full Membership for Women \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New Member

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 15.00 Associate Membership RWC Members \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New Member  
Name of RWC Full Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 15.00 Associate Membership for Men \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New Member



Areas of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_ Literacy \_\_\_\_\_ Legislative \_\_\_\_\_ Campaign Activities \_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising  
\_\_\_\_\_ Events \_\_\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Publicity \_\_\_\_\_ Community Service  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Make Checks Payable to: **BARW-PAC** Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
**(CORPORATE CHECKS ARE PROHIBITED)**  
For Information Call:  
Elizabeth Lauzon at 713-397-8270

Send to:  
BARW Membership Chair  
P.O. Box 58103  
Webster, Texas 77598-8103



## Other Area Republican Women Groups

Baytown RW

Texas Gulf Coast RW

Clear Creek RW

West Pearland RW

Galveston RW



For meeting dates, times, and locations, please check the calendar on page 8.

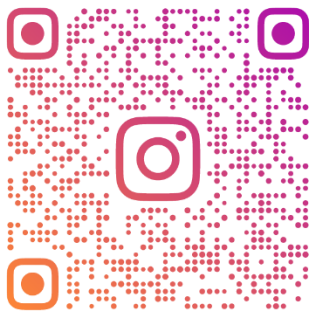
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- <https://barw.org/>

### BARW Facebook

- <https://www.facebook.com/Bayarearepublicanwoman/>



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### Instagram

#bayarearepublicanwomen



Debra Risinger  
Social Media

### Local, State, Federal, & Other Informational Web Page Links

- <https://barw.org/links/>