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President's Voice

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Hello BARW,

We live in dangerous times. In searching my heart for this month's message, considering the events of the last few weeks, and thinking about what is going on in our country, I stumbled on this article in The Atlantic written by <u>Adam J White</u> in February 2020. It is a jewel in my opinion and is very apropos to our current situation.

The government set up by James Madison and the other Founders requires a virtuous public and virtuous leaders—or the whole system will fail.

On December 31, 2020, Chief Justice John Roberts sent his Annual Report on the work of the Federal Courts, in it he called on Federal Judges -- and everyone else--to invest themselves in the preservation of constitutional democracy.

"Each generation," he wrote, "has an obligation to pass on to the next, not only a fully functioning government responsive to the needs of the people, but the tools to understand and improve it." For Roberts, this requires civic education—and something more fundamental than that, too.

What does it take to "keep a republic"? Nearly two and a half centuries into this experiment in self-governance, Americans tend to think that they keep their republic by relying on constitutional structure: separated powers, federalism, checks and balances. But constitutional structure, like any structure, does not maintain itself. Each generation has to maintain its institutions and repair any damage that its predecessors inflicted or allowed. This task begins with civic education, so that Americans know how their government works, and thus what to expect from their constitutional institutions. Yet civic education alone, though necessary, is not sufficient. For civic education to take root and produce its desired fruit, the people themselves must have certain qualities of self-restraint, goodwill, and moderation. Because those virtues are necessary for the functioning of a constitutional republic, they are often called *civic virtue*, or *republican* virtue. However, civic virtue requires civility. Here the article also quotes Justice Gorsuch, in an era of fractured politics, the blessings of freedom come "with the duty of having to listen to and tolerate other points of view," because "democracy depends on our willingness, each one of us, to hear and respect even those with whom we disagree." This is something we seem to have forgotten.

These are just some excerpts, but the article spoke to me it is worth the read. https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/02/a-republic-if-we-can-keepit/605887/

Hope to see you on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Debbie Roan, BARW President



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## Highlights from March 28, 2023

If you did not make our March meeting then you missed out on some great information from our Precinct 8 Constable, Phil Sandlin and Sergeant Anthony Ferraro from the Support Services Division.



With 31 years of experience under his belt, you can rest assured our community is in good hands with our Constable and the <u>Precinct 8 Command Staff</u>. Keeping our families safe and protecting our streets are the top priorities.

Did you know Precinct 8 is approximately 150 square miles and is the home of some amazing landmarks such as: the Pasadena Industrial District, Fred Hartman Bridge, Sylvan Beach, Lynchburg Ferry, San Jacinto Monument, Space Center Houston, NASA, Armand Bayou Nature Center and many beautiful parks. Precinct 8 also has 12 municipalities.

Constable Sandlin gave us some stats and general information on what happens in our community.

- Road Rage on the toll roads 2 to 3 times weekly
- Burglary of motor vehicles, in particular Chevy Trucks (F250) are the #1 stolen vehicles. Most vehicles are broken into by using a "Car Widow Punch" tool. The local refineries and malls are high target areas.
- There is an average of 14 guns a week confiscated from stolen vehicles. The office sends all guns to a ballistics lab to determine if there is involvement in any other crimes. Most guns come from the black market.
- The theft of Catalytic Converters is not as common as before. The price of this has now declined.
- Fentanyl is making its way thru our community. Constable Phil told of us a story of 8 recent fentanyl deaths in Precinct 8.
- Precinct 8 has a team of undercover constables for patrolling higher areas of concern including Baybrook Mall, El Camino Real and 45 South and Edgebrook areas.
- Harris County continues to lead in DWI deaths. Most occur on the toll roads. The precinct has an
  accident reconstruction team to decipher the alcohol, speeding and running of red light accidents.
- Constable Sandlin warned our members of phone scams and cybercrimes. The scammers usually target people of 70 years+.

He also mentioned the "Grizzy's Hood News" (<u>www.facebook.com/GrizzysHoodNews/</u>). If there is news happening anywhere in Houston, there is posting of videos or photos from the thousands of followers, known as the "Hood News Peeps" on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and TikTok.

I could not cover in detail the entire presentation and discussion. To learn more about Constable Phil and the amazing work his office is doing go to the <u>Harris County Precinct 8 website</u>. It is full of valuable resources, information and links.















































































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## Next Meeting - April 25, 2023

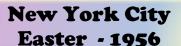


Robbi is a retired civil appellate/litigation attorney. She practiced law at Vinson & Elkins in Austin as an associate and then as a partner from 1992-2007. She also clerked at the Texas Supreme Court for Nathan Hecht

1991-92 after graduating from University of Texas School of Law with high honors. It was her experience at the Texas Supreme Court that led to her involvement in politics. Since 1992, she has volunteered many hours of her time working for the election of Republican candidates including electioneering for Justice Nathan Hecht, Justice then Senator John Cornyn, and Justice then Attorney General then Governor Greg Abbott.

Robbi was elected as TFRW VP Legislation at the 2019 Convention to serve for the 2020-2021 term. Her experience in the legal field, particularly in legal research, writing, and communication, provides her with a unique perspective and ability to work with the TFRW Board and with the membership on matters relating to the legislative process.

Robbi has two beautiful daughters and is surrounded by a large and loving family. She enjoys the outdoors and looks forward to the time when she can begin to travel again!

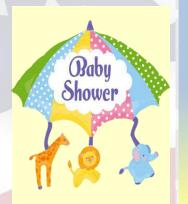




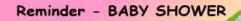








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If you wish to donate items to the "Baby Shower" for the Beltway 8 Crisis Pregnancy Center, please bring them to the April meeting.

The following items are most in need. They are used for the "Diaper Bag Layette" that clients get after finishing 12 or more classes at the time of baby's arrival.

FYI: Children's Back Packs are now in vogue for use as a Diaper Bag. Solid color or Black.

#### CLOTHES

- One outfit
- · One gown or sleeper
- Three onesies
- Two pairs of socks

COVER Three receiving blankets

#### ACCESSORIES AND NOTIONS HUGGIES

- Two bibs
- Two baby bottles
- One pacifier
- One small package of newborn diapers One baby brush and comb set
- One Johnson's Take-Along Pack (shampoo, bath wash, lotion, Powder, diaper rash ointment)







#### WITH ALL DUE RESPECT

It was the first time I realized that behind all the America-bashing at the UN is a genuine desire, even a need, for the United States to lead.

At the end of the day, when the world needs a moral compass to guide them, it's not Russia countries look to.

IT'S NOT CHINA.

## **Definition of Doublethink**

In 1984, the Party used **doublethink** as part of its large-scale campaign of propaganda and psychological manipulation of its leadership and the public. **Doublethink** is the ability to hold two completely contradictory beliefs at the same time and to believe they are both true. Early in the book, doublethink refers to the ability to control your memories, to choose to forget something, as well as to forget about the forgetting process. Later on in the novel, as the Party implements its mind-control techniques, people ultimately lose the ability to form independent thoughts. Eventually, it becomes possible for the Party to convince the public of anything, even if it's the exact opposite of what the public already knows to be true.

Orwell defines doublethink as, To know and to not know, to be conscious of complete truthfulness while telling carefully constructed lies, to hold simultaneously two opinions which cancelled out, knowing them to be contradictory and believing in both of them, to use logic against logic, to repudiate morality while laying claim to it, to believe that democracy is impossible and that the Party was the guardian of democracy. To forget, whatever it was necessary to forget, then to draw it back into memory again at the moment when it was

## Postmodernism

#### What is postmodernism?

<u>Postmodernism</u> is a late 20th-century movement in philosophy and literary theory that generally questions the basic assumptions of <u>Western philosophy</u> in the modern period (roughly, the 17th century through the 19th century).

#### What are some general characteristics of postmodernism?

Postmodern philosophy is characterized by broad <u>skepticism</u> or <u>relativism</u> and a general suspicion of <u>reason</u>. It also broadly asserts that Western intellectual and cultural norms and values are a product of, or are in some sense influenced by, the ideology of dominant or elite groups and at least indirectly serve their interests.

#### What do postmodernists believe?

Many postmodernists hold one or more of the following views:

- (1) there is no objective reality;
- (2) there is no scientific or historical truth (objective <u>truth</u>);
- (3) science and technology (and even <u>reason</u> and <u>logic</u>) are not vehicles of human progress but suspect instruments of established power;
- (4) reason and logic are not universally valid;
- (5) there is no such thing as <u>human nature</u> (<u>human behavior</u> and <u>psychology</u> are socially determined or constructed);
- (6) <u>language</u> does not refer to a reality outside itself;
- (7) there is no certain knowledge; and
- (8) no general theory of the natural or social world can be valid or true (all are illegitimate "metanarratives").



# Caring for America

Thanks once again to all of you who donated to Bay Area Meals on Wheels at our March meeting. You gave \$158 in cash and \$100 in checks, including the one BARW gave in our speaker, Constable Phil Sandlin's, name.

BARW does not meet in June or July so please be as generous as you can be in April and May. You can also contribute on line at bayareamealsonwheels.com. Just let them know you are making your donation through Bay Area Republican Women. If you prefer to donate by mail, just send your check to Bay Area Meals on Wheels, 14045 Space Center Drive, Houston, TX 77062.

If you are interested in volunteering or know of someone who needs and wants to receive the meals, you can also contact them at the same email address.

Thanks again.

Jean Raffetto, Parliamentarian Chair, Caring for America

SIX HIRB is Dennis Prager's acronym for the debate-ending names conservatives are called by liberals. If you disagree with the Left, you are one or all of the following -- Sexist, intolerant, xenophobic, homophobic, Islamophobic, racist, bigoted



SIX HAIRBATS = Sexist, Intolerant, Xenophobic, Homophobic, Ableist, Islamophobic, Racist, Bigoted, Ageist, Transphobic, Speciest.

## Breakfast Meeting Minutes Bay Area Republican Women Tuesday, March 28, 2023

#### **<u>CALL TO ORDER:</u>** The meeting was called to order at 8:07 am by President Debbie Roan.

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

Prayer-Invocation: Jean Raffetto Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag: Phil Sandlin Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag: Beverly Ferguson

#### PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTIONS:

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

We have three new members – Jan Smith, Barbara Kuek, and Nancy Stokes

Guests – Sharon Baronet

Beverly Ferguson – Representative from State Senator Mayes Middleton's office Will Carter – Representative from Congressman Brian Babin's office

#### Candidates

Peter Lauzon – Candidate for Clear Creek Independent School District (CCISD) Trustee District 3 Thomas Schoenbien, District 8 Pasadena Roy Morales – Candidate for Houston City Council At-Large position 4 Fred Flickinger – Houston City Council District E, running for Dave Martin's position. Dave is Term Limited. Joan Sweeney – Candidate for District G Twila Carter—Houston City Council At-Large Position 3

#### **APPROVAL OF JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES:**

The minutes prepared by Recording Secretary Carolyn Hopkins went out to everyone in the newsletter and a copy is at the check-in-table.

There were no corrections. Minutes were approved as submitted.

#### **PRESIDENT'S MINUTE:**

**Lincoln Day Dinner (LDD)** is scheduled for Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 2023. Please save the date and be thinking about an auction item for our silent or live auction. Team up with another member and make it special.

**Baby Shower for Beltway 8 Crisis Pregnancy Center** - We are having a "Baby Shower" for the Beltway 8 Crisis Pregnancy Center. We will be collecting items this month and next. Christine Harvey is collecting the items. Debbie had brought some items as examples with prices. If you do not want to shop, you can make a donation.

#### Activities:

CCISD School Board Elections are on May 6, 2023. Position 2 and 3 candidates will be on the ballot. Peter Lauzon, conservative candidate running in District 3. Pete is here and has yard signs to help get out the vote. Take time to speak with Peter and take one of his signs. Early voting starts April 24<sup>th</sup> and ends on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Early voting will be at Freeman Library. Additional information may be obtained by going to Harrisvotes.com.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT – Marcella Irwin

Beginning Balance as of 10/25/22	\$18,802.22
Deposits -	369.88
Expenditures -	88.65
Balance -	\$19 <i>,</i> 083.50

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 (Absent):

Please note that you can now join online through our website **<u>BARW.org.</u>** Be sure to submit both the membership form and your payment. We take memberships at any time, but if you want to be in the 2023 directory, please get them in ASAP.

Full Members = 73 Associate Women = 7 Associate Men =18 Total = 98

#### 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.

Awards/Volunteer Hours: Edie Holland (Absent).

**Newsletter:** Pat Adams, Editor. Another home run from Pat. Thank you.

<u>**1**<sup>st</sup> VP Programs:</u> Adrienne Sun – Adrienne introduced our speaker – Constable Phil Sandlin. Phil has served as Precinct 8 constable since 2011. Phil highlighted the areas that he and his team are responsible for. Addressed some of the types of crime trends that his constables deal with. Very informative presentation on how he and his team of constables are keeping us safe.

Adrienne thanked Phil for his presentation and informed him that BARW would make a donation in his honor as a thank you.

Adrienne also announced that our featured guest speaker for the April meeting will be Robbi Hull, Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) Vice President of Legislation. Please plan to join us. You do not want to miss this.

#### Old Business:

Lincoln Day Dinner is scheduled for Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at Lakewood Yacht Club.

#### New Business:

No new business

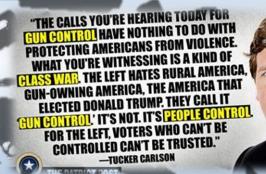
Our next general membership meeting is Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 am

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Respectfully Submitted, Carolyn Hopkins BARW Recording Secretary

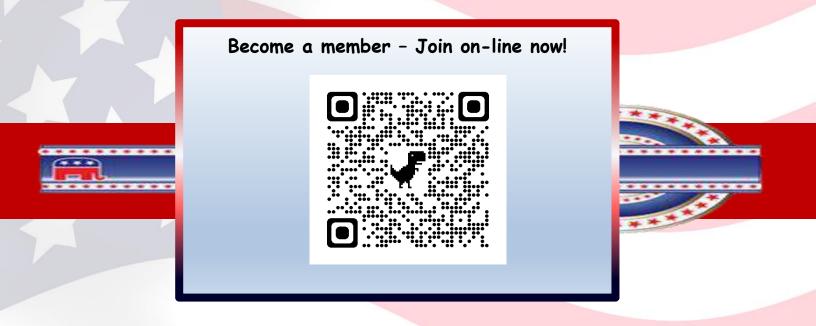


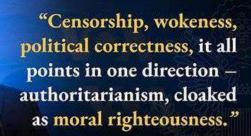
## BARW Purpose

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 17) 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.

Join on-line using the QR code below.





SECRETARY OF STATE MICHAEL R. POMPEO

## **Important Dates**

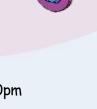
#### APRIL

- 1 April Fool's Day
- 2 Palm Sunday
- 5 Passover Begins
- 6 **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
- 7 Clear Creek RW, La Brisa Restaurant, 501 Wesley Dr., League City, 11:30am Good Friday
- 9 HAPPY EASTER
- 17 Texas Gulf Coast RW, La Escondida, 400 W. Parkwood Ave., Friendswood, 6:30pm
- 15 Galveston RW, San Luis Resort, 5222 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, 11:30am
- 24 Early Voting begins
- 25 Bay Area RW, Bay Oaks Country Club, 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd., Houston, 7:30am Social, 8am Speaker, 9am Business Meeting. RSVP to <u>barw.rsvp@gmail.com</u> for breakfast. Continental Breakfast \$13

#### <u>MAY</u>

- 2 Early voting ends
- 4 **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
- 5 Cinco de Mayo Clear Creek RW, La Brisa Restaurant, 501 Wesley Dr., League City, 11:30am
- 6 Election Day CCISD and Small City elections
- 14 Happy Mother's Day
- 15 Texas Gulf Coast RW, La Escondida, 400 W. Parkwood Ave., Friendswood, 6:30pm
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# Peter Lauzon For ccisd trustee district 3



## Father of 2 CCISD grads

- Chemical Engineer (Phillips Petroleum, Conoco, ConocoPhillips, and Phillips 66 Companies)
- Small Business Owner

#### Active Community Servant (BSA Troop 848, the Bay Forest Community Association, and the Society of Plastic Engineers-South Texas Section)

Lifelong Republican

## VOTE Peter Lauzon May 6th

Early Voting April 24th-May 2nd

Hope for America begins at the local level. Vote for common sense, moral values, and the future of our nation!

## CCISD School Board Election District 3 Early Voting -Begins April 24

# Peter Lauzon For ccisd trustee district 3

### Protecting the Taxpayer

Next to federal income tax, ISD taxes are the highest taxes Texas homeowners pay. As a CCISD trustee, Peter will maintain the homestead tax deduction and ensure oversight over bonds to prevent shifting costs from operating expenses.

# Expanding Opportunities for Quality Education

When implementing programs for students we must begin with the end in mind. CCISD must adequately prepare students for their future, whether they be trade-focused or university-bound. Peter will expand opportunities for students to participate in trade programs as well as ensure an academically excellent curriculum that emphasizes traditional education over any political agenda.

### Transparency & Tracking Success

If it's not measured, it is not understood. Peter is a skilled analyst familiar with benchmarking organizational performance. His own children having graduated, Peter can fairly and transparently assess whether CCISD is achieving its goals without bias or conflict of interest. It will take the commitment of all CCISD stakeholders to meet these goals and ensure our students are getting the education they deserve. That's why Peter will give parents a voice in decisions that will affect their children, and he will support teachers by keeping resources in the classroom.

## f /Lauzon4CCISD

Pol. Adv. Paid for by Peter Lauzon for Clear Creek ISD

## **BARW 2023 Officers**

RO-	President	Debbie Guitian Roan
	1st Vice President	Elizabeth Lauzon
	2nd Vice President	Adrienne Sun
	Recording Secretary	Carolyn Sue Hopkins
	Corresponding Secretary	Debbie May
CORE TO A	PAC Treasurer	Marcella Erwin
	Immediate Past President	Beverly Ferguson-Cooper
	Advisor to President	Margaret Sucre-Vail

## BAY AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

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## Other Area Republican Women Groups

**Baytown RW** 

Clear Creek RW

Galveston RW

Texas Gulf Coast RW

West Pearland RW



For meeting dates, times, and locations, please check the calendar on page 14.

# Stay Connected

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