



# Bay Area

## REPUBLICAN WOMEN

### President's Voice

#### BE A TRUTHTELLER!

One of the great challenges today is to be a Truth teller. There is such a thing as objective truth although watching the news one does begin to wonder. Today we are bombarded by things we know are factually incorrect. They are not true and yet we are expected to believe them, endorse them, and not challenge them.

In 1984 Orwell posits, "What if the people in power could change the facts to suit their narrative so completely that we didn't even know it had happened?" Once thought impossible, that time seems to be fast approaching.

To quote Tucker Carlson, "When honest people say what is true, calmly and without embarrassment, they become powerful. At the same time, the liars who've been trying to silence them shrink. They become weaker". I hope that this is true because another quote from Orwell states:

"In a time of deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act."

Remember, everyone is entitled to their own opinion but not their own facts. When it is uncomfortable, when it's unpopular, even when it's dangerous to speak the truth, that is the precise time that the truth should be spoken.

Be a truth teller in an age of liars.

See you on the 23<sup>rd</sup>!



Debbie Roan, BARW President

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## Highlights from April 25, 2023

### Robbi Hull -VP Legislation

[vplegislation@tfrw.org](mailto:vplegislation@tfrw.org)

(request to be added to email for legislative updates)



#### **How a Bill Becomes a Law**

The Texas Constitution and the Rules of the House and Senate set the procedure that a bill must follow in order to be passed into law. Here are the basic steps in the legislative process:

- Bill filing/introduction
- First reading and referral to committee
- Committee consideration
- Floor consideration on second and third reading
- Engrossment
- Consideration in opposite chamber
- Concurrence in opposite chamber's amendments, or conference committee report
- Sent to Governor
- Governor signs bill or takes no action
- Bill becomes law on effective date

Bills that do not pass or are vetoed by the Governor must be reintroduced the next session; the bill number does not carry over.

Just a thought – Killing a bill is easy; passing a bill takes great effort and patience!

For more information: [Legislative Reference Library of Texas: How a Bill Becomes a Law](#)

88th Legislature Regular Session

**Texas Legislature Online**

<https://capitol.texas.gov/>

### **The 2023 BARW Directories are Coming!**

We are finishing up the final touches on the new 2023 BARW Directories. The 2023 BARW Directories will be available to pick up at the next meeting on Tuesday, May 23rd. Special thanks to Jordin Kruse who offered to mail out the Directories to members who are unable to attend the meeting, and to all of the volunteers who will help distribute the Directories at the May meeting.

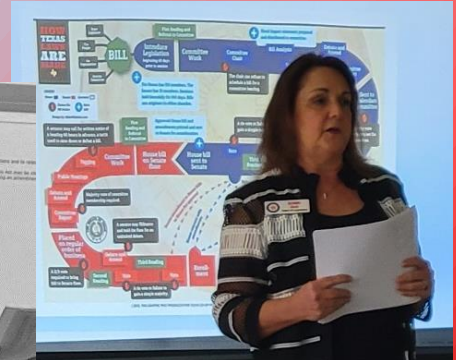
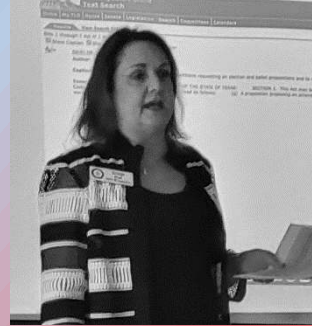
Here are the membership numbers:

78	Full Members
8	Associate Women Members
20	Associate Men Members
106	Total Members

To join Bay Area Republican Women, see page 9 to join on-line or page 14 for the Membership Application.



# Pictures from April 25 Meeting







#### ACTION ALERTS

Remember, when you contact the legislature, you are speaking as an individual, not as a representative of TFRW or of your club.

## Next Meeting - May 23, 2023

Dr. Karen Engle was officially named to the Superintendent of Schools position for the Clear Creek Independent School District in December, 2022.

Dr. Engle is a product of the District, having attended Clear Lake City Elementary, Webster Intermediate and graduated from Clear Lake High School. Her children have also graduated from CCISD, and she now has a grandchild attending school in the District.

Her long list of professional accomplishments includes elementary principal, high school principal and assistant superintendent of secondary education for CCISD. Previous experience includes 2 years as an elementary principal in Pearland ISD and 4 years as a primary school assistant principal in Santa Fe ISD.

Dr. Engle has a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Baylor University, a master's degree in teaching from University of Houston-Clear Lake and a doctor of education from Bethel University.





BARW's Debbie Roan and Chrissy Harvey delivered the baby shower items to the Beltway 8 Crisis Pregnancy Center. Volunteer Diane Fanning was happy to have them.

To **argue** with a person who has renounced the use of reason is like **administering medicine to the dead.**

– Thomas Paine



AZ QUOTES





# Happy Birthday

2 Della Brown  
13 Rex Teter  
25 Jill Williams  
30 Edie Holland

30 Barbara Kurek  
30 Clive Taylor  
31 Peter Lauzon



"When honest people say what's true, calmly and without embarrassment, they become powerful. At the same time, the liars who have been trying to silence them shrink. They become weaker. That's the iron law of the universe. True things prevail."



## Continue Learning

### Seven Different Generations

- The Greatest Generation (born 1901–1927)
- The Silent Generation (born 1928–1945)
- Baby Boomers (born 1946–1964)
- Generation X (born 1965–1980)
- Millennials (born 1981–1996)
- Generation Z (born 1997–2012)
- Generation Alpha (born 2013–2025)

#### A Year-by-Year Guide to Different Generations and Their Parenting Styles

[www.parents.com/parenting/better-parenting/style/generation-names-and-years-a-cheat-sheet-for-parents/](http://www.parents.com/parenting/better-parenting/style/generation-names-and-years-a-cheat-sheet-for-parents/)

### Environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG)

Source: Wikipedia

**Environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG)**, also known as **environmental, social, governance**, is a framework designed to be embedded into an organization's strategy that considers the needs and ways in which to generate value for all organizational stakeholders (such as employees, customers and suppliers and financiers).

#### Dimensions

1. Environmental aspect: Data is reported on [climate change](#), [greenhouse gas emissions](#), [biodiversity loss](#), [deforestation/reforestation](#), pollution mitigation, [energy efficiency](#) and [water management](#).
2. Social aspect: Data is reported on employee safety and health, [working conditions](#), [diversity, equity, and inclusion](#), and conflicts and humanitarian crises, and is relevant in risk and return assessments directly through results in enhancing (or destroying) [customer satisfaction](#) and [employee engagement](#).
3. Governance aspect: Data is reported on [corporate governance](#) such as [preventing bribery](#), [corruption](#), Diversity of Board of Directors, [executive compensation](#), [cybersecurity](#) and [privacy](#) practices, and management structure.

### Groupthink - Wikipedia

Groupthink is a psychological phenomenon that occurs within a group of people in which the desire for harmony or conformity in the group results in an irrational or dysfunctional decision-making outcome. Cohesiveness, or the desire for cohesiveness, in a group may produce a tendency among its members to agree at all costs.

## The Laptop – Russian Disinformation

1. Mike Hayden, former CIA director, now analyst for CNN
2. Jim Clapper, former director of national intelligence, now CNN pundit
3. Leon Panetta, former CIA director and defense secretary
4. John Brennan, former CIA director, now analyst for NBC and MSNBC
5. Thomas Fingar, former National Intelligence Council chair, now teaches at Stanford University
6. Rick Ledgett, former National Security Agency deputy director, now a director at M&T Bank
7. John McLaughlin, former CIA acting director, now teaches at Johns Hopkins University
8. Michael Morell, former CIA acting director, now at George Mason University
9. Mike Vickers, former defense undersecretary for intelligence, now on board of BAE Systems
10. Doug Wise, former Defense Intelligence Agency director
11. Nick Rasmussen, former National Counterterrorism Center director, now at Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism
12. Russ Travers, former National Counterterrorism Center director
13. Andy Liepman, former National Counterterrorism Center director
14. John Moseman, former CIA chief of staff
15. Larry Pfeiffer, former CIA chief of staff, now at NSA
16. Jeremy Bash, former CIA chief of staff, now at NSA
17. Rodney Snyder, former CIA chief of staff, now at NSA
18. Glenn Gerstell, former National Security Agency director
19. David Priess, former CIA analyst and manager
20. Pam Purcilly, former CIA deputy director
21. Marc Polymeropoulos, former CIA senior operations manager
22. Chris Savos, former CIA senior operations manager
23. John Tullius, former CIA senior intelligence manager
24. David A. Vanell, former CIA senior operations manager
25. Kristin Wood, former CIA senior intelligence manager
26. David Buckley, former CIA inspector general
27. Nada Bakos, former CIA analyst and target, now at Brookings Institution
28. Patty Brandmaier, former CIA senior intelligence manager
29. James B. Bruce, former CIA senior intelligence manager
30. David Cariens, former CIA intelligence manager
31. Janice Cariens, former CIA operational support manager
32. Paul Kolbe, former CIA senior operations manager
33. Peter Corsell, former CIA analyst
34. Brett Davis, former CIA senior intelligence manager
35. Roger Zane George, former national intelligence manager
36. Steven L. Hall, former CIA senior intelligence manager
37. Kent Harrington, former national intelligence manager
38. Don Hepburn, former national security executive
39. Timothy D. Kilbourn, former dean of CIA
40. Ron Marks, former CIA officer
41. Jonna Hiestand Mendez, former CIA technical manager, now at Smithsonian Museum
42. Emile Nakhleh, former director of CIA's Foreign Internal Security of New Mexico
43. Gerald A. O'Shea, former CIA senior operations officer
44. Nick Shapiro, former CIA deputy chief of staff and senior adviser to the director
45. John Sipher, former CIA senior operations officer
46. Stephen Slick, former National Security Council senior director for intelligence programs
47. Cynthia Greg Tarbell, former CIA deputy executive director
48. David Terry, former National Intelligence Collection Board chairman
49. Strand, former CIA deputy assistant director for global issues
50. Greg Treverton, former National Intelligence Council chair, now senior adviser at the Center for Strategic and International Studies
51. Winston Wiley, former CIA director of analysis

When asked for comment, some of them said they would need additional information to determine if the emails and laptop contents, now authenticated, were truly authentic. Others said that it seemed plausible at the time that the laptop was Russian disinformation so they signed the letter. Still, others cling to their belief that the laptop and emails, though real, are still a Russian disinformation plot.

Perhaps the most alarming part of the list is seeing where these individuals all work and their circle of influence. Some within the government, some retired, some in big defense companies, some working as cable news analysts, and some in academia. All pillars of influence within the intelligence community and influential in the media. They all decided, as part of groupthink and pure hatred of Donald Trump, to sign a letter saying Hunter Biden's laptop, filled with damning evidence against the entire corrupt Biden family, was Russian disinformation purely to help put Joe Biden in the White House.

The danger here is that the media colluded with the Biden campaign, coupled with the intelligence community and big tech, to squash a story that would harm the Democratic candidate. It's the most basic and deceptive threat to democracy and it happened as the voting public stood by watching.

The question now is when will President Biden answer for his role in lying directly to the American people about the contents of his son's laptop and his own level of corruption?

March 21, 2022 by Nate Ashworth







## Caring for America

BARW really did well on our donations to Bay Area Meals on Wheels in April. We donated \$370 plus the \$25 we donate in our speaker's name.

We don't meet in June or July so I hope you will consider adding a little to your May donation as Bay Area Meals on Wheels' expenditures continue whether we meet or not. They still continue with their eight routes to provide healthy meals and a little company for the many shut-ins.

Have a great summer! See you in August.



**Jean Raffetto, Parliamentarian  
Chair, Caring for America**



## 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 15) 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.

or

**Join on-line using the QR code below.**

**Become a member - Join on-line now!**



# **Breakfast Meeting Minutes**

## **Bay Area Republican Women**

### **Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 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: Susan McCoy

Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag: Peter Lauzon

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag: Fred Flickinger

#### **PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTIONS:**

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

New member – Karen Wheeler Hall

Beverly Ferguson – Representative from State Senator Mayes Middleton's office

Adrienne Sun – Representative from State Representative Brisco Cain's office

Dawn McDonald – Representative from Dennis Paul's office

Candidates

Peter Lauzon – Candidate for Clear Creek Independent School District (CCISD) Trustee District 3

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.

Joe Danna candidate for Harris County Sheriff

#### **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 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. Debra Risinger is our auction coordinator.

#### **Time and Preferences**

We have tried to avoid making paying for breakfast a requirement, however last month we had a \$71.00 shortfall and BARW had to pay Bay Oaks to cover the food and beverage obligation. The Board discussed going back to a lunch meeting. This would cost somewhere between \$25 & \$30. We are going to be sending out a survey to determine which option the members will commit to support.

#### **Campaign 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 03/28/23	\$19,083.50
Deposits	- 140.00
Expenditures	- 453.28
Balance	- \$18,770.22

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):**

Full Members = 77  
Associate Women = 7  
Associate Men = 20  
Total = 104

**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.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs:** Adrienne Sun – Adrienne introduced our speaker – Robbi Hull, Retired Attorney with Vincent & Elkins and current Vice President for Legislation with Texas Federation of Republican Women. Robbi highlighted important legislation that has passed and some still in review in the current session. She provided guidance on how we could follow on-line the status of bills. Very informative presentation.

**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, May 23, 2023.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:11 am

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carolyn Hopkins  
BARW Recording Secretary

# Important Dates

## MAY

14 Happy Mother's Day



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

16 Greater Houston Council Meeting, Trini Mendenhall Center, 1414 Wirt, Houston. 9:30am

18 Galveston RW, Rock n Roll Fundraiser, Fisherman's Wharf, 2200 Harborside Dr., Galveston. 5:30pm

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

29 Memorial Day



## June

6 D-Day



14 Flag Day



18 Happy Father's Day



19 Juneteenth



21 First Day of Summer



## July

4 Independence Day



**Mark your calendars for our next GHC general meeting on May 16th!**

**Our speaker will be Russell S. Molina, Bicentennial Chairman of the Texas Rangers.**

*This year 2023 marks two hundred years since The Texas Rangers were established in 1823, even before Texas was officially established itself.*

**Russell Molina** is the Chairman of the Bicentennial celebration committee and will join us to share some history of this important and unique law enforcement unit, as well as the plans and goals for the year-long celebration. Russell S. Molina is a native Houstonian and a 1989 graduate of Sam Houston State University. Molina is the Chairman of the Texas Ranger Bicentennial in 2023. In 2023, Molina and team will commemorate the Texas Rangers with a year's worth of events that will pay tribute to their legacy, in addition to looking forward to the next century of their leadership.

Let's begin the celebration of our great state's history with this fine one of a kind group of law enforcement officers, the Texas Rangers. Put on your western wear again this spring and have a great time getting to know your TFRW sister club members.



## **BARW 2023 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**

## BAY AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

<b>Membership Dues for Current Year</b>	<b>November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023</b>
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)  
First Middle Last

**Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Information Required by Texas Ethics Commission)

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_  
 Month / Day

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (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

**Type of Membership:**



\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 35.00    **Full Membership for Women**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Renewal**    \_\_\_\_\_ **New Member**

	Renewal	New Member
<b>\$ 20.00 Associate Membership RWC Members</b>		

Name of RWC Full Membership:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 20.00 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**  
**(CORPORATE CHECKS ARE PROHIBITED)**

**For Information Call:**  
Elizabeth Lauzon at 713-397-8270

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**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 12.

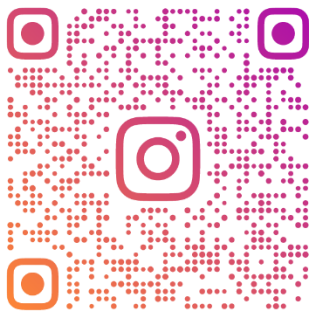
## Stay Connected

### Bay Area Republican Women

- <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/>