



# Bay Area

## REPUBLICAN WOMEN

TFRW Region XVIII, Texas Senate District 11



### President's Voice

Hello BARW!

2024 is now. Your BARW board is ready to engage. Let's unite and continue to achieve success in electing Republican leaders that believe in the underlying principles of the Republican Party, government by the people, and the belief that we (BARW), must be part of the process if it is to work effectively.

Our Houston City Council has some new faces. We have a new mayor. GOP-endorsed candidates obtained three of four at-large seats. We were able to keep 2 districts (A&G), and District E is now occupied by our very own, Fred Flickinger. These candidates worked tirelessly and the grassroots efforts of our club added to their successful run. I want to thank each of the candidates for attending our meetings and we hope to see you in attendance in 2024. We would like to get updates as to how things are going and what we can do to help.

It's been three years of waiting to elect a new President. Now, we wait no longer. November 5th will be here before we know it. Until then, we have our precinct and SD conventions, primaries in March and our state convention in May (San Antonio). We need to elect principled men and women who will put our republican principles first, know the issues and not one that will be promoting their own agenda.

If you have not heard: Our BARW monthly meetings have now changed to lunch meetings. Our sign in and social will begin at 11:00 am and our meeting will begin promptly at 12:00 pm. Lunch cost is \$29.00 (lunch is not optional & can be paid at the door). This is a preselected meal by the chef that includes: salad, meal, desert, coffee and tea). Our location has not changed. We are still at the Bay Oak Country Club @ 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd. 77059. It's **important** that you RSVP to [barw.rsvp@gmail.com](mailto:barw.rsvp@gmail.com). Our January 23rd speaker is Steve Munisteri, Senior Advisor to Governor Gregg Abbott.

I would like to challenge each member to peruse your BARW 2023 membership booklet and find those members that you have not spoken to in a while and make a personal phone call to invite them to our January 23rd meeting. Let them know they are missed and we would love for them to come back.

Your board is here for you. Please feel free to reach out to us at any time. Please see page 14 for Board contact information.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, January 23rd.

**Keep Texas RED!**



*Debra Risinger, BARW President*

#### Contents

Page	Topic
1	President's Voice Table of Contents
2	Next Meeting – January 23 Dates for Upcoming Elections
3-4	Pic Egg Nog Party Pictures
5	2024 Officer Installation
6	Border
7	Membership January Birthdays
8	Continue Learning BARW Purpose Join On-line QR Code
9	Minutes from November
10	Important Dates
11-12	BARW 2024 Officers
13	Membership Application
14	Other Area RW Groups

## Next Meeting - January 23

: Steve Munisteri, Senior Advisor to Gov. Greg Abbott

- Former 3-time elected Chair of the RPT, under his Chairmanship the number of elected republicans statewide increased from 2470(45%) to 3660(67%) an all-time record
- Former Deputy Assistant to the President and Principal Deputy Director of the Office of Public Liaison under President Trump
- Former Senior Advisor to Senators Paul and Cornyn and RNC Chairman Priebus
- Co-founder of the Volunteer Engagement Project
- Current Senior Advisor to Governor Abbott
- Founded the Young Conservatives of Texas
- Former State Chairman Texas Young Americans for Freedom
- Former State Chairman Young Texans for Reagan
- 51-year veteran of Republican campaigns including 13 Presidential campaigns



### **Reminder**

**Bay Area RW, Bay Oaks Country Club, 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd., Houston, LUNCH MEETING** 11am Social, 12 noon Speaker, Business Meeting. RSVP to [barw.rsvp@gmail.com](mailto:barw.rsvp@gmail.com) for Lunch. Lunch cost: \$29.00

### Important Dates for the upcoming Primary Election!

January 1 <sup>st</sup>	First Day to apply for a Ballot by Mail
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day to Register to Vote
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Early Voting
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last Day to apply for a Ballot by Mail
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of Early Voting
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Election Day

Voting locations and sample ballot will be shared when they become available.



# Egg Nog Party



Paula Durrett

Thank you for opening your beautiful home to Bay Area Republican Women in hosting the 2023 Egg Nog Party.







Purse Closet







*Installation of BARW  
2024 Officers*







Alejandro Mayorkas



December 18, 2023 - by [URIEL J. GARCÍA](#) The Texas Tribune

Gov. Greg Abbott traveled to the Rio Grande Valley on Monday to sign into law three bills that pour more money into his three-year effort to deter illegal immigration at the Texas-Mexico border and give Texas law enforcement authority to arrest undocumented immigrants anywhere in the state.

[Senate Bill 3](#) earmarks \$1.54 billion in state money to continue construction of barriers along the 1,200-mile border, and allows the state to spend up to \$40 million for state troopers to patrol [Colony Ridge, a housing development](#) near Houston that far-right publications claim is a magnet for undocumented immigrants.

The money would be added to at least \$1.5 billion in contracts the state has issued since September 2021 to build about 40 miles of border barrier. As of August, Texas had erected 16 miles of steel bollard barriers in Starr, Cameron, Val Verde and Webb counties.

[Senate Bill 4](#) creates a state crime for illegally crossing the border from Mexico — a new law that is likely to force a legal showdown with the federal government.

Another [Senate Bill 4](#) — this one passed by lawmakers during the third special session earlier this year — would increase the minimum sentence from two years to 10 years for smuggling immigrants or operating a stash house.



## MEMBERSHIP

### Renew Your Membership For 2024 Now!

It's time to renew your membership to Bay Area Republican Women for 2024! Don't miss any information from TFRW and BARW!

There are 3 ways to renew your membership, or for your friends to join BARW.

Go to [barw.org](http://barw.org), click on "Become A Member" and

- 1) Fill in the online membership form and pay for the membership with a credit card online, OR
- 2) Print the BARW membership form (page 13), fill it out and pay for the membership by check and mail it into BARW Membership, P.O. Box 58103, Webster, Texas 77598-8103, or bring it to the BARW Luncheon meeting.

Birthdays  
to  
Celebrate



## January Happy Birthday

3	Pat Adams	22	Elizabeth Lauzon
4	Vissett Sun	25	Mimi Reilly
5	Debie May	29	Marcella Erwin
6	Darla McKitrick	29	Susan Franklin
16	Wayne Adams	30	Linda Guice
18	Mary McCoy	31	Patsy Hendricks
19	Harry Brannan	31	Joyce Taylor



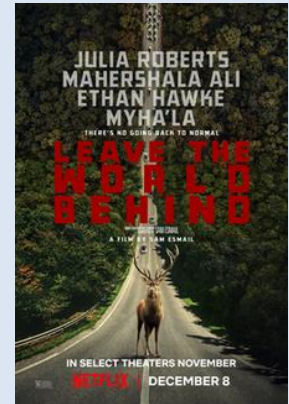
## Continue Learning

*Leave the World Behind* is a 2023 American [apocalyptic psychological thriller](#) film written and directed by [Sam Esmail](#). It is based on [the 2020 novel](#) by [Rumaan Alam](#). The film stars [Julia Roberts](#), [Mahershala Ali](#), [Ethan Hawke](#), [Myha'la](#), and [Kevin Bacon](#) as they attempt to make sense of the gradual breakdown in phones, television, and other regularly used technology which points to a potential cataclysm.

*Leave the World Behind* had its world premiere at the [AFI Fest](#) on October 25, 2023. It was released in [select theaters](#) on November 22, 2023, before its streaming release by [Netflix](#) on December 8, 2023. It received generally positive reviews from critics.

Former U.S. president [Barack](#) and First Lady [Michelle Obama](#) executive-produced the film through their [Higher Ground Productions](#) banner. Obama included the novel on his 2021 summer reading list.

Source: Wikipedia



Trailer



## 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 13) 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





# Bay Area Republican Women

## Official Minutes of the General Meeting

### October 24, 2023

### Bay Oaks Country Club

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 8:02 am by President Debbie Roan.

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

Prayer-Invocation: Kimberly Waggett

Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag: Cindy Siegel

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag: Cindy Siegel

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

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

Guests – Kelly McDonald

**Elected Officials** – Cyndy Butcher, District Director working for Greg Bonnen,

Dawn McDonald, Dennis Paul's District Director.

Eliza Paul representing our Representative Dennis Paul, who is in Austin for special session.

**Candidates** – Martina Lemond Dixon- running for Houston City Council, District E.

#### **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 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:**

**January Lunch Meeting** – Debbie reminded the members that in January we will move to lunch meetings. Social will begin at 11 and the meeting will start at Noon. Everyone needs to buy lunch, which is \$29 as we have a food and beverage minimum. Boxes will be available for those who don't normally eat lunch so you can take your meal home. We will not be able to seat members or guests without reservations.

**Campaign Activities:** Please refer to your October Newsletter for election info. Additionally, there have been many election emails that have been sent in the last few months.

Debbie noted that the October Mixer held at Pomodoro had not been well attended. The new board will reevaluate whether we should try again in the new year.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT** Chris Elguezabal, please come forward and present the slate of officers for 2024. Will the nominees please come forward when your name is called.

Chris thanked the Nominating Committee for their work in selecting the candidates for 2024.

President – Debra Risinger

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Karen Wheeler Hall

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Ann Arnett

Recording Secretary – Karen Plante

Corresponding Secretary – Linda Guice

Treasurer – Marcella Erwin

Pat Adams made a motion that we accept this slate, and the motion was seconded by Mary McCoy. The list of nominees were approved.

Installation of officers will be at our Egg-Nog Party on December 6.



## **TREASURER'S REPORT – Marcella Irwin**

Beginning Balance as of 09/26/23	\$46,545.63
Deposits	- 940.00
Expenditures	- 11,958.34
Balance	- \$35,527.29

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 = 91  
Associate Women = 9  
Associate Men = 20  
Total = 120

**PARLIAMENTARIAN/CARING FOR AMERICA:** We welcome Jean Raffetto back as she has been recovering from a fall. Please donate generously to Meals on Wheels as this is the last time to accept donations until January. Jean has placed the small baskets in the center of the table for your donations.

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

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

**1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs** - Adrienne Sun introduced our featured guest speaker – Cindy Siegel, Chairman of the Harris County Republican Party. Cindy provided a presentation on the party and where things stand and changes that are needed.

Adrienne thanked Cindy for her presentation – a donation in her honor will be made to Bay Area Meals on Wheels.

Adrienne announced that our speaker for January will be Steve Munisteri, who currently serves as senior advisor to Governor Greg Abbott.

#### **Old Business:**

Our Egg-Nog Party is December 6<sup>th</sup>.  
This year A-H bring desserts, and I-Z will bring finger foods.

Paula Durrett, a friend of Margaret Vail has graciously opened her home for us.  
The address is:

801 Timber Creek Ct.  
Friendswood, TX 77546

There are flyers out front and we will be sending emails with all the pertinent info.

#### **New Business:**

Early voting started yesterday, October 23. Debbie sent out an email with important voting info.

Our next general meeting will be January 23, 2024.

Please refer to the October Newsletter for other Republican Women events taking place. We will have one more newsletter in 2023 in mid-November.

Having no more announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carolyn Hopkins  
BARW Recording Secretary



# Important Dates

## January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 4 **West Pearland RW**, Ms. Norma's Cafe, 5517 Broadway St., Pearland, 6:30pm  
**Baytown RW**, Luby's, 1201 W. Baker, Baytown. 6pm
- 5 **Clear Creek RW**, La Brisa Restaurant, 501 Wesley Dr., League City, 11:30am
- 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
**Texas Gulf Coast RW**, La Escondida, 400 W. Parkwood Ave., Friendswood, 6:30pm
- 17 **Galveston RW**, San Luis Resort, 5222 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, 11:30am
- 20 **Texas Gulf Coast RW**, La Escondida, 400 W. Parkwood Ave., Friendswood, 6:30pm
- 23 **Bay Area RW**, **Bay Oaks Country Club, 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd., Houston, LUNCH MEETING**  
11am Social, 12 noon Speaker, Business Meeting. RSVP to [barw.rsvp@gmail.com](mailto:barw.rsvp@gmail.com) for Lunch.  
Lunch cost: \$29.00
- 25-26 **TFRW Board Meeting**, Sheraton Austin Georgetown Hotel & Conference Center, Georgetown, TX
- 27 **TFRW Leadership Day**, Sheraton Austin Georgetown Hotel & Conference Center, Georgetown, TX. 9am- 4pm.

## February

- 1 **West Pearland RW**, Big Horn BBQ, 2300 Smith Ranch Rd., Pearland, 6:30pm  
**Baytown RW**, Luby's, 1201 W. Baker, Baytown. 6pm
- 2 **Clear Creek RW**, La Brisa Restaurant, 501 Wesley Dr., League City, 11:30am  
Ground Hog Day
- 12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Happy Valentines Day  
Ash Wednesday
- 19 **Texas Gulf Coast RW**, La Escondida, 400 W. Parkwood Ave., Friendswood, 6:30pm  
Presidents' Day
- 20 First Day of Early Voting
- 21 **Galveston RW**, San Luis Resort, 5222 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, 11:30am
- 22 George Washington's Birthday
- 27 **Bay Area RW**, **Bay Oaks Country Club, 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd., Houston, LUNCH MEETING**  
11am Social, 12 noon Speaker, Business Meeting. RSVP to [barw.rsvp@gmail.com](mailto:barw.rsvp@gmail.com) for Lunch.  
Lunch cost: \$29.00

## March

- 1 Last Day to Early Vote
- 5 Primary Election Day



## BARW 2024 Officers



**President**

**Debra Risinger**  
[rcubedmdr@gmail.com](mailto:rcubedmdr@gmail.com)



**1st Vice  
President**

**Karen Wheeler Hall**  
[khall@rothe.com](mailto:khall@rothe.com)



**2nd Vice  
President**

**Ann Arnett**  
[annarnette1989@gmail.com](mailto:annarnette1989@gmail.com)



**Recording  
Secretary**

**Karen Plante**  
[kplante@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kplante@sbcglobal.net)



**Corresponding  
Secretary**

**Linda Guice**  
[Linda.guice@yahoo.com](mailto:Linda.guice@yahoo.com)



**PAC Treasurer**

**Marcella Erwin**  
[Marcella.erwin@att.net](mailto:Marcella.erwin@att.net)



**Immediate  
Past President**

**Debbie Roan**  
[dgroan@comcast.net](mailto:dgroan@comcast.net)

## BAY AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024

(Please Print)  
First

Last

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

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If Applicable)

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

Telephone: Home: ( )

Office: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: ( )

Fax: ( )

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

Precinct # \_\_\_\_\_  
Harris County

Type of Membership:

\$ 35.00	Full Membership for Women	Renewal	New Member
----------	---------------------------	---------	------------

\$ 20.00	Associate Membership RWC Members	Renewal	New Member
----------	----------------------------------	---------	------------

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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 pages 11.

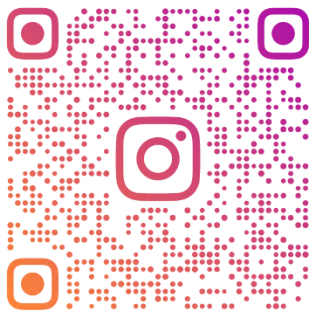
## Stay Connected

### Bay Area Republican Women

- <https://barw.org/>

### BARW Facebook

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



#BAYAREAREPUBLICANWOMEN

### Instagram

#bayarearepublicanwomen



Debra Risinger  
Social Media

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

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