



# Bay Area REPUBLICAN WOMEN

TFRW Region XVIII, Texas Senate District 11



## President's Voice

Hello BARW!

Our January luncheon meeting of 2024 went well. Our attendance was high. It was nice to see so many BARW ladies' return. We hope to continue increasing our attendance. Bring a friend this month on February 27th! Our speakers are Senator Mayes Middleton and State Representative Dennis Paul.

One of the things I like about the election year is meeting the candidates. Candidates schedule time to attend as many events as they can encouraging their supporters to tell others about their campaign and why we should vote for them on election day. They also want to meet those constituents that are not committed to any one candidate to determine how they may sway them to their side of the fence.

If you have chosen a candidate, get on board with their campaign now. Candidates are seeking volunteers who are passionate about them and their cause. Recruiting dedicated volunteers is a pivotal aspect of grassroots campaigning.

There are many opportunities to go door-to-door-knocking to distribute campaign literature. Door-to-door canvassing remains one of the most effective campaign strategies, especially for grassroots campaigns and independent candidates. You can also send out group and individual emails and text messages, distribute and put-up signs and work the polling locations.

Here is an excellent source of the 2024 Primary filing information: [2024 Primary Filing Information - Harris County Republican Party \(harriscountygop.com\)](https://www.harriscountygop.com/2024-Primary-Filing-Information). This will list the candidates and their contact information. There is also a listing of the precinct chairs that have filed. In case you did not know that – we do vote for our precinct chairs.

I can't say enough about our January speaker, Steve Munisteri. His enthusiasm and energy brought excitement to the room, and I truly hope you left rejuvenated and ready to roll up your sleeves.

Remember, February 20<sup>th</sup> begins the First Day of Early Voting. That is just days away. We have a lot of work to do!

**Keep Texas RED!**



*Debra Risinger, BARW President*

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## Next Meeting - February 27, 2024

### The Texas State Senate – Senator Mayes Middleton: District 11



#### **SENATE DISTRICT 11**

Senator Mayes Middleton represents Senate District 11. Prior to serving in the Texas Senate, Mayes served two terms in the Texas House of Representatives, representing Chambers and Galveston Counties. During his last term in the Texas House, Mayes served as Chairman of the Texas House Freedom Caucus.

Now in the Texas Senate, Mayes represents Senate District 11, encompassing portions of Brazoria, Galveston, and Harris Counties. Throughout his time in both the House and Senate, Mayes has consistently ranked among the top most conservative members of the Legislature. Senator Middleton currently serves as the Vice Chairman of the Subcommittee on Higher Education and as a member on the Senate Committees on Administration, Business & Commerce, Education, Jurisprudence, and State Affairs.

### Texas House of Representatives : Representative Paul, Dennis

#### **House District 129**

Representative Paul is currently serving in his fourth legislative session. Currently, he serves as a member of the House Natural Resources Committee and as a member of the House Committee on Insurance.

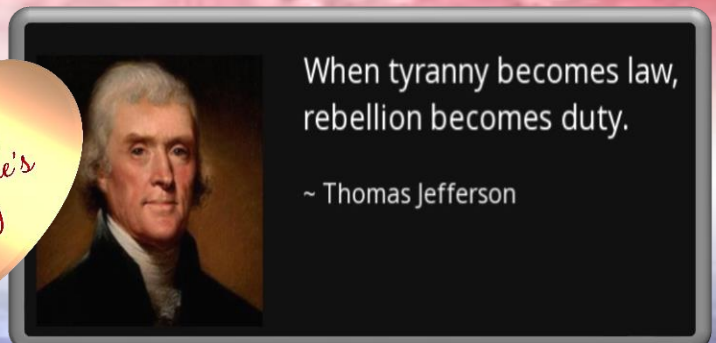
Representative Paul founded the Aerospace Legislative Caucus during his first session and became its first chairman. The Aerospace Caucus promotes initiatives to secure Texas' ranking as a world leader in space exploration, science, and security.

Representative Paul has been passionate about working on issues that help his local community. He has fought to support the Ellington field Space Port, Coastal barrier system, relocating US Africa Command to Ellington Field, property and business tax cuts, and pension reform.



#### **Reminder**

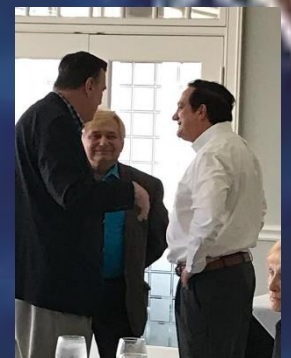
**Bay Area RW, Bay Oaks Country Club, 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd., Houston, LUNCH MEETING** 11am Social, 12 noon Speaker, Business Meeting. RSVP to [barw.rsvp@gmail.com](mailto:barw.rsvp@gmail.com) for Lunch. Lunch cost: \$29.00





# January Luncheon

Guest Speaker: Steve Munisteri



## Important Dates for the upcoming Primary Election!

February 5	Last Day to Register to Vote
February 20	First Day of Early Voting
February 23	Last Day to apply for a Ballot by Mail
March 1	Last Day of Early Voting
March 5	Primary Election Day

Sample Ballot:

<https://files.harrisvotes.com/harrisvotes/prd/SampleBallot/0324-Yellow-REP-ENG-SP-Sample-Ballot-with-watermark.pdf>

Voting Locations:

- 1. University of Houston Clear Lake**  
Bayou Building, University Dr  
Houston , TX 77058
- 2. Freeman Branch Library**  
16616 Diana Lane  
Houston , TX 77062



For additional info: [www.harrisvotes.com](http://www.harrisvotes.com)

### Road to Convention!

- March 9 Precinct Convention for all precincts in HD 129 will be at Central Baptist Church, Deer Park, 210 W. X Street, Deer Park 77536, 9am, Saturday, March 9.
- March 23 SD Convention for Harris County SD11 will be held at Gulf Meadows Church, 8012 Fuqua Street, Houston, TX 77057, **8am Registration, 9am Call to Order**. Must have attended or be listed as a delegate from your Precinct convention.

#### PRECINCT CONVENTIONS

HD 129 PRECINCTS  
HD 144 PRECINCTS  
HD 128 PRECINCTS SOUTH OF THE SHIP  
CHANNEL  
  
MARCH 9, 2024  
9:00 am  
210 W. X St., DEER PARK, TX 77536

#### HARRIS COUNTY SENATE DISTRICT 6 & 11 CONVENTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024  
9:00 am

Gulf Meadows Church,  
8012 Fuqua St., Houston, TX 77075

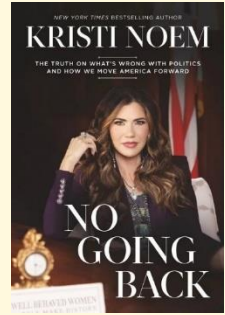
Registration for each convention shall begin at 8:00a.m.CDT, and the Call to Order in each Senatorial District shall be at 9:00a.m.CDT



## Continue Learning

South Dakota Republican [Gov. Kristi Noem](#) will outline her vision for America and detail why she believes the Republican Party is the way forward in a new book set to be released later this year.

Noem said her new work – titled "No Going Back: The Truth on What's Wrong with Politics and How We Move America Forward" – will center on the new age of conservatism and [Republican principles](#) being here to stay.



"So many times, almost on a daily basis, I hear people talking about wanting to go back to the old days of Mitt Romney, Cheney, the Bushes, you know, when Republicans could reset themselves back to these people that were steady and spoke perfectly. Yet they're the ones who created the swamp that we have to deal with now," Noem told Fox News Digital.

"So this book is almost like a get over it and grow up book and the to-do book for the average citizen on what they can do to embrace the fact that we're not going back to that," she added. "There's no going back. They need to adjust their perspective and realize that [Trump](#) broke politics – he just did – and that that's a good thing."

- **Publication date:** May 7, 2024



# February



3	Cindy Kuenneke	16	Barry Beasley
4	Janis Bailey	18	Richard Risinger
10	Renee Ditta	20	K. Natalie Ong
12	Sandra Sellers	22	Beverly Ferguson
12	Betsy Lake	24	Rhonda Velders
13	Phyllis Tacquard	26	Joseph Spence
14	Tamy Tran		

# 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 2 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

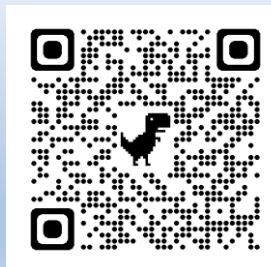
- 1) Fill in the online membership form and pay for the membership with a credit card online, or
- 2) Print the BARW membership form (page 10). Fill it out and pay for the membership by check and mail it into BARW Membership, P.O. Box 58103, Webster, Texas 77598-8103, or bring it to the BARW Luncheon meeting.

## 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.

Join on-line using the QR code below.

Become a member - Join on-line now!



**Bay Area Republican Women**  
**Official Minutes of the General Meeting**  
**January 23, 2024**  
**Bay Oaks Country Club**

A General Meeting of the Bay Area Republican Women’s Club was called to order by President Debra Risinger on January 23, 2024, at 12:03 PM at Bay Oaks Country Club, 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd., Houston. A quorum was established. Present were current board members Debra Risinger, Karen Hall, Linda Guice, Rebecca Martin, Karen Plante, Christina Elguezabal, Debbie Roan, Marcella Erwin, Jean Raffetto, Edie Holland, Margaret Vail. Absent: Ann Arnett and Pat Adams.

**Invocation:** given by Rebecca Martin, BARW Chaplain

**U.S. Pledge:** led by Steve Radack, former Harris County Commissioner Pct. 3.

**Texas Pledge:** led by Elizabeth Lauzon, Past BARW President

**Candidates and Representatives** recognized:

Judge Steve Rogers	Candidate 14 <sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals PL 4
Steve Radack	Candidate Harris Co. Tax Assessor/Collector
Glenn Cowan	Candidate Harris Co. Sheriff
Mike Know	Candidate Harris Co. Sheriff
Gaylyn Devine	Candidate Texas SD11 SREC
Bobby Orr	Candidate Harris County Republican Party Chair
Mays Middleton	Texas State Senator SD 11 and his representative, Stephanie Tanner.
Dennis Paul	Texas State House District 129 Representative (incumbent candidate)
Faye Piccard	representative for Dr. Greg Bonnen Texas State House District 24 Representative (incumbent candidate)

A representative for Holly Williamson Precinct 8 Place 1 judge of the Harris County Justices of the Peace (incumbent candidate).

**Committee Reports**

**Treasurer Report:** (Marcella Erwin)

Bank Balance 12/03/2023	\$35,839.65
Deposits	1,465.00
Expenditures	<u>1,529.71</u>
Ending Balance	\$35,774.94

**Secretary:** Debra Risinger asked for approval of the October 2023 General Meeting. There were no corrections. Approved.

**First Vice President Membership:** Karen Hall reported those who paid dues are forty full members, and three associate members.

**Caring for America:** Jean Raffetto reminded members and guests of the little baskets on each table to accept donations towards the Meals on Wheels program.

**Newsletter:** (Pat Adams is absent.)

**Campaign Activities:** Debbie Roan gave reminders that February 5 is the last day to register to vote; February 20 is the first day of early voting; February 23 deadline to request ballot by mail; March 1 is the last day of early voting; and March 5 is election day. Precinct Conventions will be held on March 9 with locations to be announced. Senate District 11



Convention is scheduled for March 23 with location to be announced. Both Senator Ted Cruz and HR 24 Dr. Greg Bonnen will host events for their campaigns.

**Program:**

Debbie Roan introduced the guest speaker, Steve Munisteri. Among other accolades he has achieved, Mr. Munisteri is former three-time Chair of the Texas Republican Party, former Deputy Assistant to the President and Principal Deputy Director of the Office of Public Liaison under President Donald Trump, and former Senior Advisor to senators Rand Paul and John Cornyn.

Mr. Munisteri began by urging unifying the Republican party and sticking to a conservative agenda. He also cited legislative wins that the Republicans in Texas has achieved, such as making abortion illegal in Texas, banning inappropriate books from the shelves of Texas elementary schools, securing more ground in promoting election integrity, and pursuing safe and closed borders.

**New Business:**

- The group sang happy birthday to Joyce Taylor whose birthday is at the end of January.
- The drawing for the book "Undeniable" by Kelly Shackelford was won by Mr. Harrison, representative for Mike Knox.

A Motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by Debra Risinger at 1:15 PM. The Motion was seconded by Debbie Roan.

Minutes by Karen Plante, Recording Secretary



## Caring for America

January was our first general meeting of the Bay Area Republican Women and our first collection of monies for the Bay Area Meals on Wheels charity. We collected \$296 including the \$25 we donated in the speaker's name. Thanks to all of you who gave so generously.

Donations may be made with cash or check made out to Bay Area Meals on Wheels and mailed to 14045 Space Center Drive, Houston, TX 77062. You may also go online to their website [bayareamealsonwheels.com](http://bayareamealsonwheels.com) and go to Donate Now. Be sure to mention Bay Area Republican Women so that we are credited with your donation.

Keep in mind how much the cost of food and gasoline has gone up when making your donation.

We collected \$558 for Fisher House in December at our Egg Nog Party. These funds allow family members of injured veterans to stay free at the Fisher House. It is another wonderful charity.



Jean Raffetto, Parliamentarian and Caring for America Chair





# BARW 2024 Officers



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## Other Area Republican Women Groups

### Baytown RW

[Conservative Principles - Baytown Republican Women](#)

### Clear Creek RW

[About – Clear Creek Republican Women \(clearcreekrw.org\)](#)

### Galveston RW

[Galveston Republican Women](#)

### Texas Gulf Coast RW

[\(20+\) Texas Gulf Coast Republican Women | Facebook](#)

### West Pearland RW

[West Pearland Republican Women \(wprw.republican\)](#)



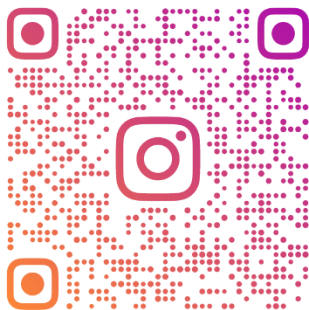
## Stay Connected

### Bay Area Republican Women

- <https://barw.org/>

### BARW Facebook

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



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### Instagram

[#bayarearepublicanwomen](#)



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Social Media

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

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