



# Bay Area

## REPUBLICAN WOMEN

TFRW Region XVIII, Texas Senate District 11



### President's Voice

Hello BARW!

March is a very busy month for Republican politics.

We made it through to the March 5<sup>th</sup> Primaries! The runoff election will be held on May 28, 2024. Early voting begins on May 20 and ends on May 24. Across Texas, 28 Republican races and 16 Democratic contests are heading to a May runoff. All Statewide Propositions Passed.

March 7<sup>th</sup> was the State of the Union address given by President Biden. I could not help but watch House Speaker Mike Johnson's body language and expressions. It must be very difficult to keep a poker face. As you have heard at the start of many election cycles - THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION! Your vote is your voice, let it be heard. We must take our country back!

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, the Republican National Committee (RNC) Spring meeting was held here in Houston and a new leadership was officially elected. The members voted, North Carolina party Chairman, [Michael Whatley](#) to be the new Republican Party Chairman. The party also elected [Lara Trump](#) to be the co-chair over the [Republican National Convention](#) in Milwaukee.

The Harris County Precinct Convention for HD 128 & 129 was held on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. It all begins at the local precinct conventions and that is why every voter should consider participating. This is YOUR opportunity to have your voice heard and to carry it through to the state and national level. Even though we had a good gathering, many precincts were deficient in voters. We must do better!

I always appreciate the precinct, SD and State Conventions. This is where you find grassroots leadership and volunteers. I looked around the room and there were so many dedicated Republicans (and friends) that truly care about our county, state and country.

**Keep Texas RED!**



*Debra Risinger, BARW President*

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## Next Meeting - March 26, 2024

### Houston Council Member Fred Flickinger

Fred Flickinger was sworn into office on January 2, 2024. He is serving his first term as the Houston City Council Member for District E and brings his skills and experience as both a business and community leader to create lasting change at City Hall.



Fred believes in focusing on the core responsibilities of city government by making public safety a top priority, enhancing flood mitigation, prioritizing infrastructure improvements, and restoring fiscal responsibility. Public safety is the foundation upon which all other aspects of our community are built. By working together to create a safe and secure District E, we can ensure that our neighborhoods thrive, and our families are able to live, work, and play without fear.

Fred is an owner of Flickinger Machine, a family business which has been in operation since 1978. Prior to managing the family business, he was an executive for a logistics corporation for 27 years. Fred's business experience enables him to bring real work insights and solutions-oriented approaches to city council.

A strong believer in being civically engaged in his community, Fred recently served as President of the Lake Houston Pachyderm Club and spearheaded their voter education efforts. He currently serves on the Senate District 4 Advisory Board to be a proponent of grassroots initiatives. Fred is also a long-time volunteer and supporter of the Prison Entrepreneurship Program which connects business leaders with incarcerated individuals to instill business acumen and provide mentorship.

A proud Houstonian for over 50 years, Fred has been a part of District E since childhood. He grew up in the Sagemont area, lived in Clear Lake and now resides in Kingwood. Fred credits his involvement in the community and local politics for his belief in wanting to affect change. He is committed to prioritizing communication and transparency with all members of the district.

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The duty of a true patriot is to  
protect his country from its  
government.

Thomas Paine

Vote – Participate in the political process!



# February Luncheon

## Guest Speakers:

Texas State Senate – **Senator Mayes Middleton**: District 11

Texas House of Representatives - **Representative Dennis Paul**: House District 129



## Election Integrity



## Tax Relief



## Horsepen Bayou



## Border Security







## Educational Curriculum



## School of Choice

## Veterans



## Women's Sports



## Fiscal Responsibility



## Freedom





## Campaign Activities

Hello BARW,

The Primaries are mostly over with the exception of a few high profile Run-Offs. Candidates and their supporters can catch their breath and rest before gearing up for the General Election in November. Thank you for voting and helping to select the best candidate to put forward in November.

For us as involved citizens and Political Activists, if you attended your Precinct Convention and your SD convention, the State Convention is the next big thing, May 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup> in San Antonio. Then comes the National Convention and the election.

Here in Clear Lake, regardless of whether you participated in the conventions, we will be looking to open a Republican Campaign Office in late August or early September. This will be a base of operations to help our candidates get their signs and message out. Plenty to think about and plan for. We will need many volunteers to be effective and make this happen. While it seems that I am rushing your life away, I think knowing what's coming and being prepared are important for maximum participation. You have been alerted. Your country needs you; Texas needs you and BARW needs you.

### Working to retake the White House and Keep Texas Red!



Debbie Guitian Roan  
BARW Campaign Activities Chair  
HCRP Pct. Chair 1101  
BARW Immediate Past President

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.

#### 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



[Election intelligence | True the Vote](#)



**Save the Date!**

*Bay Area Republican Women  
Annual Lincoln Dinner*

**Friday, September 27, 2024**

Lakewood Yacht Club  
2322 Lakewood Yacht Club Drive  
Seabrook, TX 77586



# March



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| 1  | Martha Day        | 18 | Sandy Vail     |
| 4  | Stephen May       | 24 | Gloria Gibson  |
| 8  | Marilyn Fowle     | 28 | Tammy Barrier  |
| 8  | Dana L Stephenson | 29 | Dennis Paul    |
| 14 | Sandra Salars     | 29 | Bobbie Moutz   |
| 16 | Marina Trevino    | 31 | Beverly Braden |
| 18 | Jean Raffetto     |    |                |



## Continue Learning

### Empower Yourself with the Facts Ahead of the 2024 Election

In this groundbreaking exclusive documentary, the Daily Caller traces the long history of election fraud in the US, unravels what happened in 2020, and unveils the Left's three-step plan to secure future victories at the ballot box.

**Save the 2024 election and the future of our democracy before it's too late!**



[Rigged - A Daily Caller Original Documentary](#)



#### James Bills

When a hobo told Andy he should just let Opie "decide for himself" how he wanted to live... He had these words of Mayberry wisdom.

"No, I'm afraid it don't work that way. You can't let a young'n decide for himself. He'll grab at the first flashy thing with shiny ribbons on it. Then, when he finds out there's a hook in it, it's too late. Wrong ideas come packaged with so much glitter that it's hard to convince them that other things might be better in the long run. All a parent can do is say 'Wait' and 'Trust me' and try to keep temptation away." Somehow... we have lost this basic truth. Just sayin'.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Blame Biden for border, not Abbott

#### Pointing fingers

Regarding "Illinois governor asks Abbott to pause migrant busing to Chicago during winter storm," (Jan. 12): Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker needs to address his concerns about migrants being sent to Chicago from Texas to President Joe Biden. He and his administration are to blame for the millions who have entered our country.

Abbott is trying to close the 1,200 miles of Texas border with Mexico to keep people who cross illegally out, protecting our state and ultimately our country. Every time Abbott does something to keep them out, Biden's administration sues him and the state of Texas. It is a crisis!

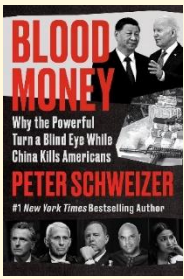
Why should Texas have to bear the brunt of this migration? Blame the president, not Abbott.

*Jean Raffetto, El Lago*

**Houston  
Chronicle  
Sunday,  
January 21,  
2024  
OPINION**

**Jean Raffetto is  
a member of  
BARW.**





## Blood Money: Why the Powerful Turn a Blind Eye While China Kills Americans Hardcover – February 27, 2024

by [Peter Schweizer](#) (Author)

**It's often said that China is in a cold war with America. The reality is far worse: the war is hot, and the body count is one-sided.**

China is killing Americans and working aggressively to maximize the carnage while our leaders remain passive and, in some cases, compliant. Why?

by [WorldTribune Staff](#), February 27, 2024

The communist government in China is flooding the United States with drugs and weapons parts and using proxy groups to sow social chaos in a strategy of waging war without firing a shot, author Peter Schweizer writes in his new book [“Blood Money: Why the Powerful Turn a Blind Eye While China Kills Americans”](#).

Schweizer names some of those who are aware of China's illicit activities, but do nothing to stop it. They include Joe Biden, Sen. Mitch McConnell, Rep. Adam Schiff, former President Barack Obama, and California Gov. Gavin Newsom.

“Despite the easily available, compelling evidence of Beijing's involvement, most of our leaders carefully avoid holding China to account,” Schweizer writes. “Compromised by commercial opportunities that benefit them or their close allies and hiding behind the excuse of not wanting to ‘disrupt’ the U.S.-China relationship, they effectively allow open season on Americans and sabotage our future generations.”

Tearing apart America's social fabric is part of a “disintegration warfare” strategy based on ancient Chinese strategist and general Sun Tzu's Art of War, a guide on how to subdue an enemy without fighting, according to the book, which was released on Tuesday.

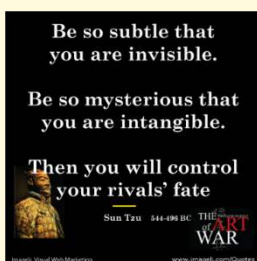
Schweizer writes: “In keeping with this approach, China's official military strategy focuses on—in the Chinese leaders' words—going after the United States' ‘soft underbelly’ in terms of politics, economics, and the spirit and psychology of [its] people.’ Chinese leaders have coined new terms such as ‘unrestricted warfare’ and ‘disintegration warfare’ to describe Sun Tzu's old strategy of winning without fighting.”

Schweizer reveals that in the 1990s, two senior Chinese military officers analyzed the power of the U.S. military extensively and concluded that it was futile for Beijing to try to match it, so they instead recommended deploying a “series of nonmilitary weapons” that would “reimagine the tools of warfare and redefine the battlefield” with “out of the box” strategies.

One of those strategies, Schweizer writes, was using illegal drugs as “drug warfare.” China's top weapon in this warfare is fentanyl, which is now the leading cause of death of Americans under the age of 45, Schweizer writes, adding that it has killed more Americans in a single year than were killed in the atomic bombing of Nagasaki. China is not only exporting the precursor chemicals for fentanyl, but it is also producing those chemicals, creating fentanyl and counterfeit pills in Mexico and the U.S., distributing the drug within the U.S., facilitating drug cartel financial transactions and money laundering, and facilitating the communication networks used by the cartels to operate in the U.S. without detection, Schweizer writes.

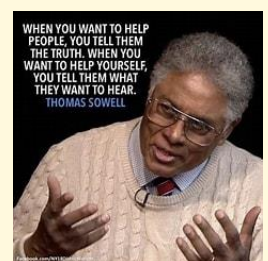
“And consistent with military escalation, there are plans to deploy even more potent drugs as weapons,” he adds. Schweizer reveals that in order to stoke further social chaos and division in America, China utilizes, supports, and funds multiple far-left groups within the U.S. who stoke violence and racial tensions.

These groups, which Schweizer delves into in the book, meet with Chinese Communist Party officials, are tracked by Chinese Communist intelligence, promoted by Chinese state media, and receive funding from China.



Here then was one of the great secrets of the war and of the world . . . . But hardly anyone would believe it . . . and almost all the great responsible authorities stood gazing at it with **vacant eyes**.

Winston Churchill,  
The World Crisis (vol. 2)





# MEMBERSHIP

## Membership For 2024

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](https://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 14). 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.

[Become a Member – Bay Area Republican Women \(barw.org\)](https://barw.org)

Become a member - Join on-line now!



# Bay Area Republican Women

## Official Minutes of the General Meeting

### February 27, 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 February 27, 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, Ann Arnett, Karen Plante, Linda Guice, marcella Erwin, Debbie Roan, Eliza Paul, Jean Raffetto, Rebecca Martin, Chis Elquezabal, and Margaret Vail. Absent: Edie Holland and Pat Adams.

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

**U.S. Pledge:** Led by Jon Keeney, Mayor Taylor Lake Village.

**Texas Pledge:** Led by Holly Williamson, incumbent candidate Pct 8 Justice of the Peace.

#### Candidates and Representatives recognized:

Cindy Siegel	Harris County Republican Party Chair incumbent candidate
Mayes Middleton	Texas State Senator SD 11
Dennis Paul	Texas State Representative House District 129 candidate
Cyndy Butcher	Representative Dr. Greg Bonnen Texas State House District 24
Holly Williamson	Precinct 8 Place 1 judge of the Harris County candidate
Jon Keeney	Mayor Taylor Lake Village
Michelle Weller	Pct Chair 0307 incumbent candidate
Erin Boyd	Pct Chair 0307 candidate
Glenn Jenkinson	Pct Chair 0092
Karen Plante	Pct Chair 0718
Debbie Roan	Pct Chair 1101
Rex Teter	Pct Chair 0302 SREC SD6

#### Committee Reports

##### **Treasurer Report:** (Marcella Erwin)

Bank Balance 01/23/2024	\$35,519.43
Deposits	420.00
Expenditures	( - 704.14)
Ending Balance	\$35,233.29

**Secretary:** Debra Risinger asked for approval of the January 21 General Meeting asking for any corrections. Karen Plante replied yes and that an email reflecting these changes was sent to Debra Risinger. Changes noted were: remove line before "representative for Holly Williamson; Campaign Activities- remove word "Chair" from Precinct Convention; New Business: remove comment about emailing Jessica Colon; and Motion to Adjourn: remove "seconded by."

Minutes were approved as corrected.

**First Vice President Membership:** Karen Hall reported those who paid dues are fifty-three members: forty-two full, three associate women and eight associate men.

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

**Corresponding Secretary:** Linda Guice had no report to present.

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



**Newsletter:** Pat Adams – N/A

**Campaign Activities:** Debbie Roan began by presenting President Debra Risinger with a BARW President's Pin. She then reminded everyone to get to the polls and vote with final day of Early Voting being March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Debbie encouraged everyone to participate in the Convention process:

Precinct Conventions (Harris County): March 9 (8:00 AM– 12:30PM). Contact your precinct chair for the location. House District 129 will be held at Central Baptist Church, Deer Park, 210 W. X St., Deer Park 77536. (8:00 AM Registration and 9:00 AM Call to Order)

Senate District Conventions (Harris County): March 23 (8:00 AM Registration and 9:00 AM Call to Order). Location for both SD 6 and SD 9 is Gulf Meadows Church, 8012 Fuqua St., Houston 77075

State Convention: May 23 9:00 AM Call to Order; May 25 final day. (900 E. Market St., San Antonio 78205)

Republican National Convention: July 15 – 18 Milwaukee, WI

Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) encourages people to “Bank Your Vote,” promoting early voting. TFRW's “Unity Year” has a goal to get 3,000 women to the state convention this year. Go to TFRW website “Road to Convention,” enter email, and forgot password. Being a member of BARW enlists you as TFRW membership. You will find more information about State Convention activities. Our current chair of the Texas GOP is Matt Rinaldi. At a TFRW event in January 2024, Texas GOP Vice Chair Dana Meyers announced she would be launching a campaign against Mr. Rinaldi. At the national level, Dr. Robin Armstrong and Tony Ann Dashiell currently represent Texas.

Debbie informed the group that there are plans to open a local campaign office.

**Program:** Ann Arnett introduced program speakers, State Senator District 11 Mayes Middleton and State Representative House District 129 Dennis Paul. Senator Middleton represents Senate District 11, incorporating portions of Brazoria, Galveston, and Harris counties. State Representative Dennis Paul represents House District 129, encompassing areas of Southeast Harris County.

Senator Middleton recounted that due to combined efforts of concerned citizens and elected officials, “Save Horsepen Bayou” project put a stop to Flood Control's plans for channel conveyance improvements along Horsepen Bayou. Both Senator Middleton and Representative Paul were involved in these endeavors. The Senator continued that many liberties in Texas have been preserved for future generations, citing advancements in legislation victories such as banning harmful content online and books in libraries, and prohibiting drag queen shows for children. Giving parents a voice in the final decision for their children's education was a success. The Save Women's Sports Act provided fairness to women who should not need to compete against biological men. Another program introduced was Senate Bill 763 which allows the use of safety fund by Texas schools to hire unlicensed chaplains in mental health capacities. Volunteer chaplains will also be considered. \$6.3 million was allocated for border security; property tax refunds were initiated; critical race theory was banned from schools; and property tax relief bill was passed, the largest in Texas history.

House District 129 Representative Dennis Paul spoke next further elaborating on recent wins for conservative values in Texas, such as banning Critical Race Theory (CRT) in schools and also Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), establishing tenure for professors, Transparency Bill, voter security and integrity legislation, including releasing the vote count by 7:00 PM on election day and the passage of HB 4 during the last legislative session. This bill relates to the “regulation of the collection, use, processing, and treatment of consumers' personal data by certain business entities; imposing a civil penalty.” (<https://legiscan.com>)

The speakers' session ended by opening the floor for brief questions and answers.

#### **New Business and Announcements:**

- Debra Risinger announced that the next general body meeting will be held on March 26 with guest speaker Houston City Councilman District E Fred Flickinger. April's speaker is Judge Ken Wise, Place 7, Texas 14<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals. In May, the program speaker scheduled is Julian Ramirez, Houston City Councilman at Large and Twila Carter, Houston City Councilwoman at Large Position 3.
- Jean Raffetto that donations to Meals on Wheels would be made on behalf of the speakers.
- Sheryl Bonin requested anyone interested to become an election worker. Many locations have had no republican judges.

A Motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by Debra Risinger at 1:12 PM.

Minutes by Karen Plante, Recording Secretary



## Caring for America

Thanks so much for your donations this month! It was the best month we have ever had! \$261 in cash, \$200 in checks which includes BARW's donation of \$50 in honor of our two speakers, State Representative Dennis Paul and State Senator Miles Middleton.. THAT TOTALS \$461.00. Hip Hip Hooray!

Bay Area Meals on Wheels currently has eight routes servicing 8 - 10 people on each route That means they deliver 85 - 90 meals daily.. They would like to add another route but don't have enough volunteers to do so. They currently have ten drivers and 12 -13 additional volunteers who ride with the drivers. Besides delivering meals to the shut-ins, they also deliver library books if requested

If you have the time and would like to be a volunteer with Bay Area Meals on Wheels, please contact Chris Hendricks @ 281-406-4961.

Thanks again!



Jean Raffetto, Parliamentarian and  
Caring for America Chair





## BARW 2024 Officers



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**BAY AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**Membership Dues for Current Year      November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024**

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

Telephones:      Home:      (      ) \_\_\_\_\_  
                         Office:      (      ) \_\_\_\_\_  
                         Mobile:      (      ) \_\_\_\_\_  
                         Fax:      (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

County & Voting Precinct #: \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct# \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct # \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct # \_\_\_\_\_  
(BARW By-Laws Article IV, Sect.1)      Brazoria County      Galveston County      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: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Make Checks Payable to: BARW-PAC      Date: \_\_\_\_\_      Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_      Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
(CORPORATE CHECKS ARE PROHIBITED)

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



## 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

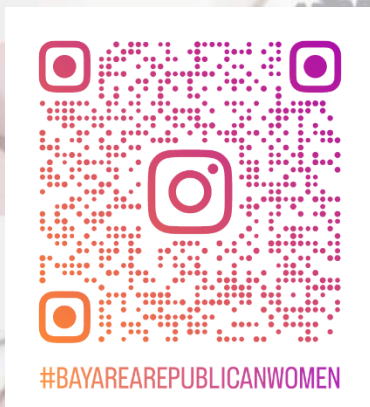
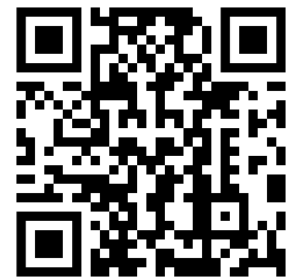
### Bay Area Republican Women

- <https://barw.org/>



### BARW Facebook

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



### Instagram

[#bayarearepublicanwomen](#)



Debra Risinger  
Social Media

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

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