



Bay Area REPUBLICAN WOMEN

TFRW Region XVIII, Texas Senate District 11

President's Voice

Hello BARW!

April is when spring blankets the state. Vibrant colors, and the weather is spectacular. Spring is when we begin planning our summer vacations and begin those long-awaited projects. Most importantly, we share in the spirit of Easter joy and the blessings of the resurrection.

A rematch between President Trump & President Biden is now underway. On March 12, President Trump secured the delegates necessary to clinch the Republican presidential nomination to reclaim the White House this November. All 161 Republican Delegates from Texas awarded Trump, the winner of statewide primary. When he wins in November, he will be the only second commander-in-chief to win two nonconsecutive terms. The first was Grover Cleveland, America's 22nd and 24th president.

I am looking forward to our State Republican Convention to be held in San Antonio in May as a delegate. If you have never attended a state convention, I highly recommend you go plus San Antonio is a great place to visit. Guests are welcome. As a delegate, I will have an opportunity to testify before the committees on issues I care about, vote on the party platform and rules. One great part of the Convention is getting the chance to vote on who will be our next State Chair, State Vice-chair, State Republican Committeeman and Committeewoman and elect the National Committeeman and Committeewoman, along with electing the National Delegates, and Electors. That is a lot to vote on!

In 2020, I was the elector nominated for Congressional District 36. As a Presidential Elector, I had to pledge to vote for the Republican Party's nominee for President and Vice President at the Electoral College meeting held in December of 2020 in Austin. It was very exciting for me and my family to attend even though at that time the recommended health protocols issued by federal and state officials limited our experience of such an amazing privilege and honor. Who knows, maybe I will get the opportunity to do it a second time around. 😊

Enjoy your week. We hope to see you on Tuesday, April 23rd for our next BARW General Meeting. Our guest speaker is 14th Court of Appeals, Justice Ken Wise. Judge Wise is an avid Texas historian. He hosts the Texas history podcast "Wise about Texas," which has over 320,000 listeners in 105 countries worldwide. You'll learn more about Texas history and a lot of Texas history you don't know.

Get those RSVP's in by Friday, April 19th @ barw.rsvp@gmail.com.

Debra Risinger, BARW President



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Keep Texas RED!

Next Meeting - April 23, 2024

Judge Ken Wise, Place 7, Texas 14th District Court of Appeals

Justice Ken Wise was appointed to the 14th Court of Appeals by Governor Rick Perry in October 2013. Prior to his appointment, Justice Wise served as the judge of the 334th Judicial District Court, administrative judge of Harris County, and an adjunct professor at the University of Houston Law Center. Justice Wise is also a former judge of the 152nd Judicial District Court in Harris County. Justice Wise is a member of the State Bar of Texas and Houston Bar Association, life fellow of the Texas and Houston Bar foundations, and a member and past president of the Executives Association of Houston. He is also a director of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and the Former Texas Rangers Foundation .



Justice Wise received a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University and a law degree from the University of Houston Law Center.



Fourteenth Court of Appeals
301 Fannin, Room 245
Houston, TX 77002
713-274-2800

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 for Lunch. Lunch cost: \$29.00



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Vote – Participate in the political process!

March Luncheon

Guest Speaker:
Houston Council Member Fred Flickinger





Below are some of the topics included in the March Program presented by Council Member Flickinger

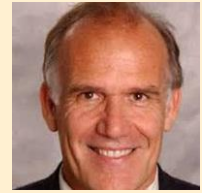
- As the Houston City Council member replacing Dave Martin, who did not seek re-election, Fred has tried to retain as many of Dave Martin's staff as possible. He is bringing on Attorney Mark Mitchell to be part of the District E team.
- The City of Houston reached a historic settlement with the Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association, effectively resolving a long-standing pay dispute. This landmark deal, valued at \$650 million, addresses outstanding pay issues for Houston firefighters dating back to 2017. This settlement raises questions about from where the money will come. Fred believes the 650 million price tag is enormous and needs to be voted on by city residents.
- Fred is focused on Law and Order. The Harris County District Attorney race is critical with **Republican candidate Dan Simons** versus Democratic candidate Sean Teare. This race is vital in transforming the criminal justice system in Harris County. A conservative win in a county that's trended blue in recent years won't be easy.
- Keep an eye out for another challenge to Harris County Constables. The County is trying to absorb them into the Sheriff's Office. This would be a disaster for local communities since each constable serves a specific precinct within the county - not the entire county.
- The Houston Police Department set aside over 261,000 incident reports starting in 2016, and they still don't have the answers people want to know. This is known as the HPD coding scandal which includes sexual assault and property crimes that were never investigated due to "lack of personnel". Fred said the problem was known about before the 2021 timeframe given by Chief Finner.

11 ways Biden and his handlers are hell-bent on destroying America

The path to civilizational destruction should be very familiar by now

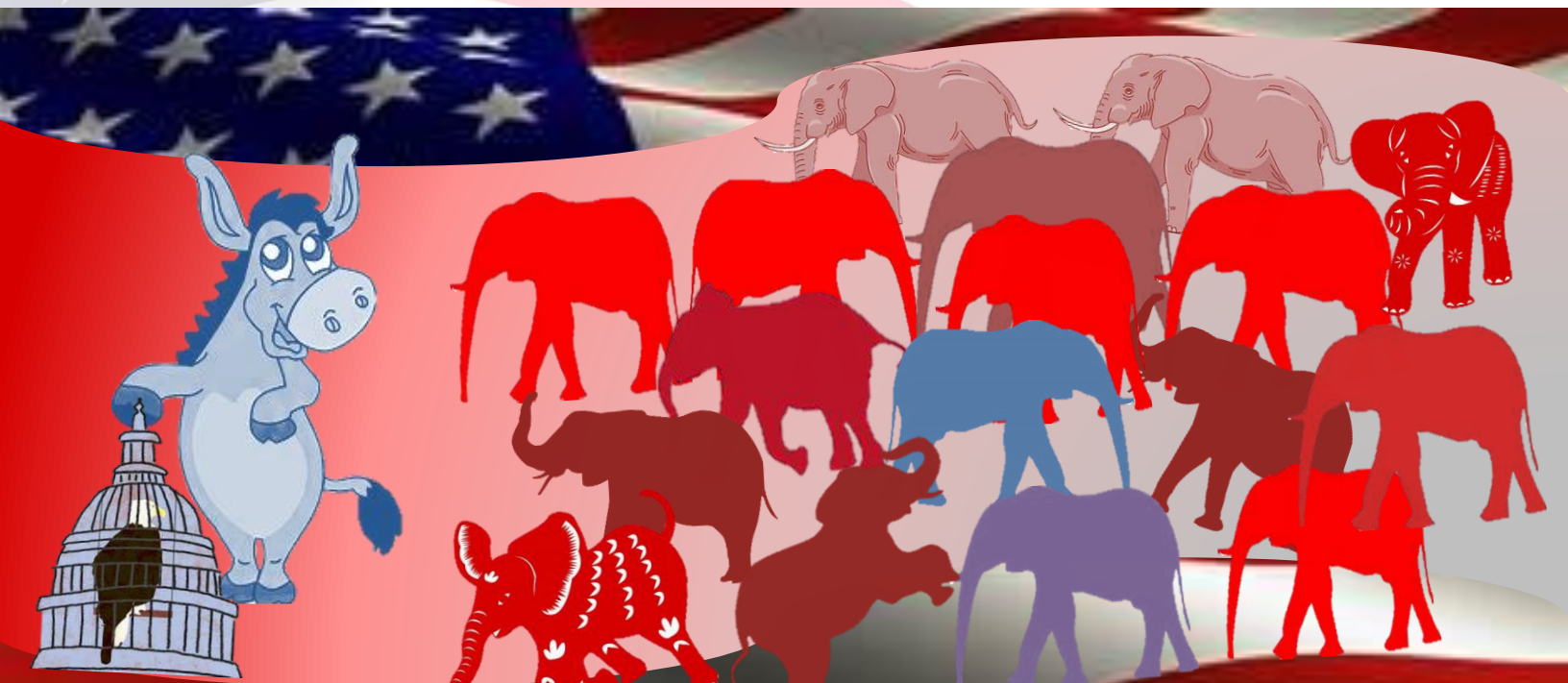
By [Victor Davis Hanson Fox News](#)

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1. Wipe out a 2,000-mile border.
2. Run up \$35 trillion in national debt.
3. Appease or subsidize enemies like Iran and China.
4. In a multiracial democracy, redefine identity only as one's tribal affiliation.
5. Recalibrate violent crime as understandable, cry-of-the-heart expressions of social justice.
6. Emascuate the military by using non-meritocratic standards of race, gender, and sexual orientation to determine promotion and commendation.
7. Reinvent the justice system to indict, bankrupt, convict, jail and eliminate political opponents.
8. Encourage the fusion of the bureaucratic state with the electronic media to form a powerful force for political audit, surveillance, censorship and coercion.
9. Make war on affordable gasoline and natural gas.
10. Marry late, but preferably not at all.
11. Turn world-class universities into indoctrination centers.

[11 ways Biden and his handlers are hell-bent on destroying America | Fox News](#)



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Uniform Elections

A **uniform election date** refers to a specific date on which many local political subdivisions, such as cities, school districts, and water districts, hold their regular general elections for members of their governing bodies or special elections to fill vacancies. These elections are typically scheduled to occur on specific dates to streamline the electoral process and ensure consistency across different jurisdictions.

In Texas, the uniform election date in **May of an even-numbered year** is particularly significant. On this date, various local political entities conduct their regular elections.

May 4, 2024: This year, the **Uniform Election Date** falls on May 4, 2024. On this day, local non-county political subdivisions (such as cities, school districts, and water districts) have the authority to conduct elections. However, county-ordered elections may not be held on this specific date. County election officials may choose to provide election services to political subdivisions holding elections on this date.



[Election intelligence | True the Vote](#)

Exciting News: IV3 Site Relaunch!

We're thrilled to announce the relaunch of the IV3 website! The app that empowers voters with an automated way of confirming accuracy, identifying ineligible records, reporting findings to local authorities, and helping you stay up-to-date on changes to the voter rolls, is here for the 2024 election cycle!



If you've been with us before, we want to extend a warm welcome back! The IV3 team has been hard at work ensuring a seamless transition, and we've already updated your registration for the new site. So, no need to worry about re-signing up. This weekend, you'll receive an email to reset your password. With that, you're all set to dive into the latest updates, insights, and discussions.

For those who are new to IV3, welcome aboard! Now is the perfect time to join our vibrant community as we gear up for the 2024 election. Whether you're passionate about politics, eager to stay informed, or simply want to engage with like-minded individuals, IV3 is the place to be.

So, what are you waiting for? Head over to <https://www.iv3.us> today to sign up to help safeguard our electoral process!

Campaign Activities

YES! BARW, we do have something to vote for in the
May 4th Uniform and Special Elections.
Early voting April 22nd - April 30th.

By way of explanation, I found the article by Charles Bain at the Texas Scorecard.

Last November's election brought changes to the makeup of the Harris County Appraisal District board, finally giving voters an opportunity to weigh in. Voter-approved Proposition 4 included a provision allowing for the election of appraisal district board members in counties with a population of 75,000 or more. HCAD's board, which, until now, consisted of the county tax assessor-collector and appointed members of the various governing bodies of the county, city, school districts, and community colleges, will add three new elected members to its ranks.

Established in 1980, HCAD is the largest appraisal district in the state and one of the largest in the country. It annually appraises the 1.9 million parcels of property for property tax purposes for each of the nearly 1,000 taxing units within its boundaries.

The election will be held on **May 4**, and new members will take office on July 1 for a term of service that ends December 31, 2026. We will be voting for three At-Large board positions. Place 1, 2, 3.
Here is a link to the ballot:

[5424 Yellow Sample Ballot ENG-SPA.pdf \(windows.net\)](#)

Place 1: The only Republican running: Bill R. Frazer

Place 2: The only Republican running: Kyle Scott

Place 3: 3 Republicans are running: Amy Lacy, Mark Golaby and
BARW Member Ericka McCrutcheon.

Voting Location: Freeman Library, 16616 Diana Lane, Houston

If You live in LaPorte or have friends there, please support **Karen Wheeler Hall**, BARW Membership Chair for LaPorte ISD board trustee, **Position 5**

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

Elections





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



Auction Items for Lincoln Dinner

Please start thinking about Auction Items for the Lincoln Dinner. Get together with friends and put together a Basket. Pick something you love and put together a basket that will entice others to love it too!

Don't have a talent for putting your basket together, we have you covered. Reach out to Membership Chair, Karen Wheeler-Hall for help.

Remember, this is our only fundraiser, and we need everyone's support.

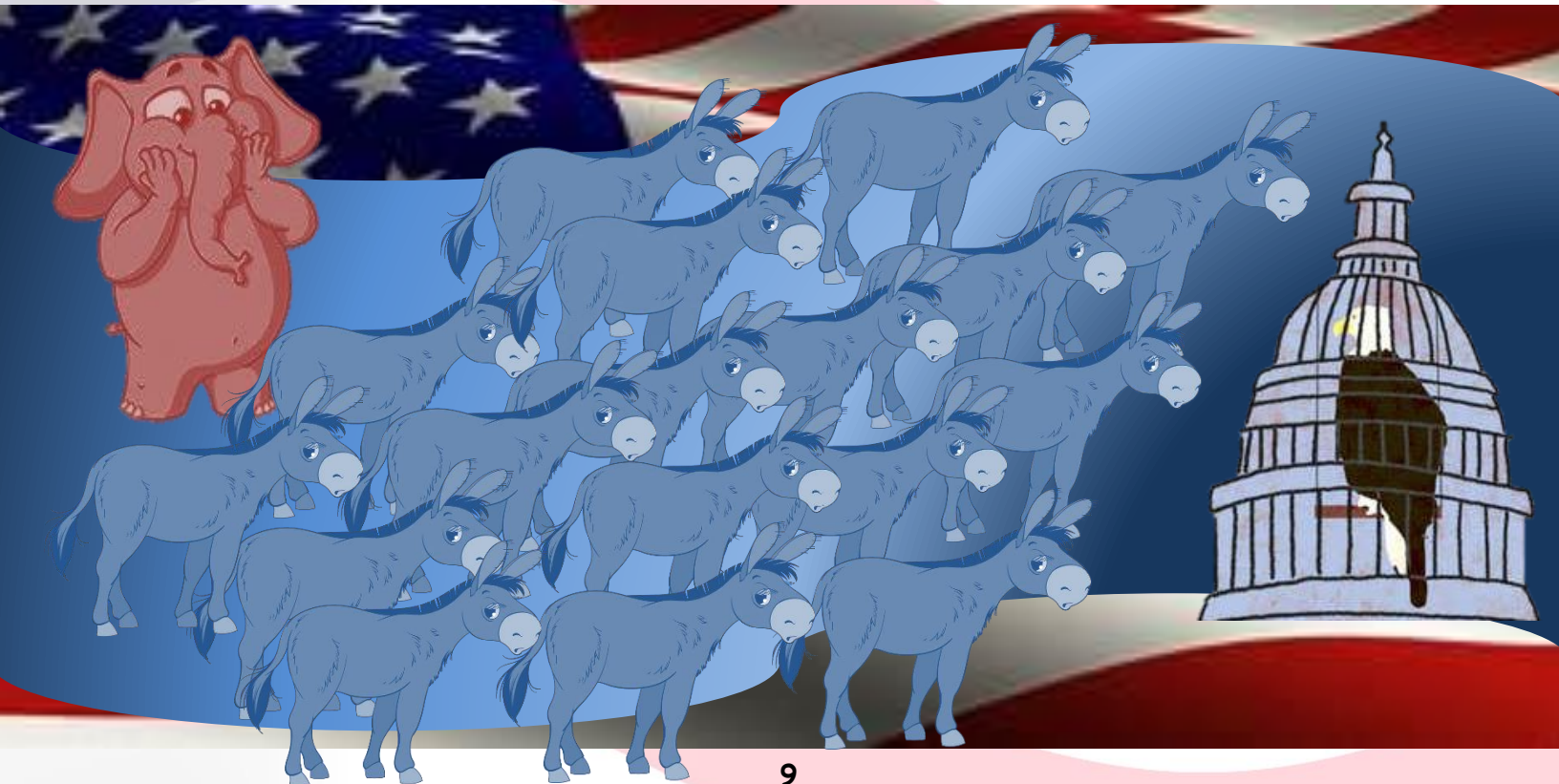


Happy Birthday



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| 2 | Valerie Brumfield | 23 | Sherry Peterson |
| 11 | Bridget Pearce | 25 | Kathy Viscariello |
| 11 | Adrienne Sun | 26 | Kathy Rogers |
| 19 | Susan Watts | 30 | Judith Heuer |

APRIL

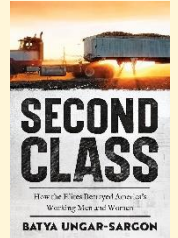


Continue Learning

Second Class: How the Elites Betrayed America's Working Men and Women

by [Batya Ungar-Sargon](#)

Who is the American working class? Do they still have a fair shot at the American Dream? What do they think about their chances to secure the hallmarks of a middle-class life?



While writing this book, Batya Ungar-Sargon visited states across the nation to speak with members of the American working-class fighting tooth and nail to survive. In *Second Class*, working-class Americans of all races, political orientations, and occupations share their stories—cleaning ladies, health care aides, cops, truck drivers, fast food workers, electricians, and more. In their own words, these working-class Americans explain the struggles and triumphs of their increasingly precarious lives—as well as what policies they think would improve them. *Second Class* combines deep reporting with a look at the data and expert opinion on America's emergent class divide, in which the most basic elements of a secure and stable life are increasingly out of reach for those without a college education.

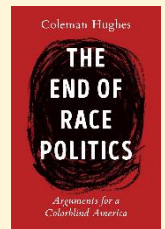
America has broken its contract with its laboring class. So, how do we get back to the American Dream? How do we once again become the land of opportunity, the promised land where hard work and commitment to family are enough to protect you from poverty? It's not that hard actually. All it would take, as this book illustrates, is for those in power to once again respect the dignity of work—and the American worker.

The End of Race Politics: Arguments for a Colorblind America

by [Coleman Hughes](#)

An exciting new voice makes the case for a colorblind approach to politics and culture, warning that the so-called 'anti-racist' movement is driving us—ironically—toward a new kind of racism.

As one of the few black students in his philosophy program at Columbia University years ago, Coleman Hughes wondered why his peers seemed more pessimistic about the state of American race relations than his own grandparents—who lived through segregation. *The End of Race Politics* is the culmination of his years-long search for an answer.



Contemplative yet audacious, *The End of Race Politics* is necessary reading for anyone who questions the race orthodoxies of our time. Hughes argues for a return to the ideals that inspired the American Civil Rights movement, showing how our departure from the colorblind ideal has ushered in a new era of fear, paranoia, and resentment marked by draconian interpersonal etiquette, failed corporate diversity and inclusion efforts, and poisonous race-based policies that hurt the very people they intend to help. Hughes exposes the harmful side effects of Kendi-DiAngelo style antiracism, from programs that distribute emergency aid on the basis of race to revisionist versions of American history that hide the truth from the public.

Through careful argument, Hughes dismantles harmful beliefs about race, proving that reverse racism will not atone for past wrongs and showing why race-based policies will lead only to the illusion of racial equity. By fixating on race, we lose sight of what it really means to be anti-racist. A racially just, colorblind society is possible. Hughes gives us the intellectual tools to make it happen.




Stupid people can cause problems,
but it usually takes brilliant people
to create a real catastrophe.

— Thomas Sowell —

Important Dates

April

- 15 **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
- 22-30 Early Voting Uniform and Special Election 
- 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 for Lunch. Lunch cost: \$29.00

May

- 2 National Day of Prayer 
West Pearland RW, Norma's Café, 5517 Broadway, Pearland, 6:30pm
Baytown RW, Luby's, 1201 W. Baker, Baytown. 6pm
- 3 **Clear Creek RW**, La Brisa Restaurant, 501 Wesley Dr., League City, 11:30am
- 4 Election Day Uniform and Special Election 
- 12 Mother's Day 
- 15 **Galveston RW**, San Luis Resort, 5222 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, 11:30am
- 18 Armed Forces Day 
- 20 **Texas Gulf Coast RW**, La Escondida, 400 W. Parkwood Ave., Friendswood, 6:30pm
- 20-24 Early Voting, Run Off Election 
- 23-25 Republican Party of Texas Convention, San Antonio, TX
- 27 Memorial Day  
- 28 Run Off Election Day
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June

- 6 D-Day 80th Anniversary 
- 14 Flag Day 
- 16 Father's Day 
- 19 Juneteenth 
- 20 First Day of Summer 

MEMBERSHIP

Membership For 2024

If you have not renewed your membership to Bay Area Republican Women for 2024, we hope you will join today. This year - 2024 - is a crucial election year for the future of our nation. Stay informed and support the conservative candidates working to preserve our freedoms and our democracy!

There are 2 ways to renew your membership, or for your friends to join BARW.

Go to 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 16). 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 \(barw.org\)](http://barw.org)

Become a member - Join on-line now!



Bay Area Republican Women's Club

General Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2024

A General Meeting of the Bay Area Republican Women's Club was called to order by President Debra Risinger on March 26, 2024, at 12:00 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, Jean Raffetto, Rebecca Martin, Chis Elquezabal, and Margaret Vail. Absent: Eliza Paul, Pat Adams and Edie Holland.

Invocation: Given by Rebecca Martin - BARW Chaplain
U.S. Pledge: Led by Beverly Ferguson - BARW Past President
Texas Pledge: Led by Rex Teter - HCRP SD6 Chair.

Candidates and Representatives recognized:

Faye Picard	Representing Dr. Greg Bonnen Texas State House District 24
Darby Gattigan	Representing Holly Williamson Pct 8 Judge Harris Co.

Guests: Beth Phillips, Orie Cases, and Sherry Connor.

New Members: Kay Kovachik

Minutes February 27 General Meeting: President Debra Risinger announced that the Minutes are in the newsletter. A copy of the Minutes was also available for review at the meeting. Debra requested corrections to the Minutes. None presented. The Minutes stand approved as submitted. Debra thanked Pat Adams for doing the newsletter.

Run-Off Elections - Special Elections: Debra Risinger informed the assembly that Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD) now has three at large members as per November 2023 elections with passage of Senate Bill 2 and Proposition 4. Early voting runs from April 22 – 30 and election day is May 4.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer Report: (Marcella Erwin)

Bank Balance 01/23/2024	\$35,233.29
Deposits	330.00
Expenditures	<u>(- 451.60)</u>
Ending Balance	\$35,111.69

The report was submitted for review.

First Vice President (Membership): Karen Hall reported those who paid dues are 70 total members.

Caring for America (Parliamentarian): Jean Raffetto complimented BARW for donations of \$461.00 made at the February meeting. Jean recently attended a Meals on Wheels event at Gloria Dei Church with Debra Risinger. Over the years, BARW members have made \$31,000.00 in donations to Meals on Wheels.

Campaign Activities: Debbie Roan mentioned that Karen Wheeler Hall is a candidate for LaPorte ISD Board of Trustees Position 5.

- Edie Holland is asking for volunteer hours submission so she can submit to Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW).
- Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD) will hold a special election on May 4. At-Large positions include Conservative candidates Place 1 Bill Frazer, Place 2 Kyle Scott and Place 3 Amy Lacy, Mark Goloby and Ericka McCutcheon. Early voting runs from April 22 – 30. Election Day is May 4.
- Debbie continues to research office space in Clear Lake for this year's campaign activities.
- CCISD Board of Trustees District 4, Jeff Larson is seeking re-election. Early voting is April 22 – 30. Election Day is set for May 4.

- BARW Lincoln Day Dinner is scheduled for September 27. Auction items are needed.

- Harris County Republican Party Lincoln Reagan Dinner is April 26.at the Omni Hotel, Houston. Keynote speakers are U. S. Senator Tim Scott and U.S. Senator Ted Cruz.

Program: Ann Arnett presented Houston City Council Member Fred Flickinger. Sworn into his first term of office on January 2, 2024, Mr. Flickinger serves communities in District E. His experience includes leadership in areas of both business and community. Public safety and victims impacted by crime are areas of concern. In 2023, thousands of cases went without being investigated. The Police Chief's office is being investigated. There is a need for transparency with monthly reports listing cases worked and those open. Houston Fire Department will have a ten percent pay raise, with a three percent raise in subsequent years. Constables are being targeted. To show support, please attend County Commissioner Court meetings. The District Attorney race is crucial and conservative candidates require support.

Mr. Flickinger ended the presentation 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 April 23 with RSVPs due April 18. The guest speaker will be Honorable Judge Ken Wise, Place 7, Texas 14th District Court of Appeals.

- The scheduled program for the May meeting is Julian Ramirez, Houston City Councilman At-Large and Twila Carter, Houston City Councilwoman At-Large Position 3.

A Motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by Debra Risinger at 12:48 PM

Minutes by Karen Plante, Recording Secretary

Republican National Committee

Michael Whatley
RNC Chairman



Lara Trump
RNC CO-Chair



Texas

Matt Rinaldi

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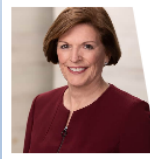
Robin Armstrong

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Toni Anne Dashiell

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[Uncensored: People Are Waking Up \(tuckercarlson.com\)](https://www.tuckercarlson.com)

Uncensored: People Are Waking Up

[Uncensored](#) • Published Apr 6, 2024 • 16 mins

EPISODE DETAILS

Here's the bright side of a dark time: people are starting to notice the lies. The vibe is changing fast.

Interview with Santiago Pliego - The Vibe Shift



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Other Area Republican Women Groups

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

Galveston RW

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Texas Gulf Coast RW

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West Pearland RW

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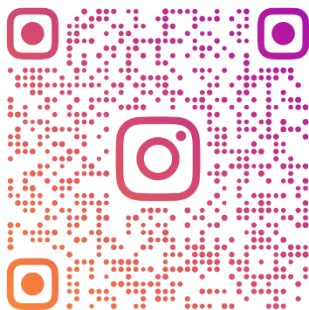
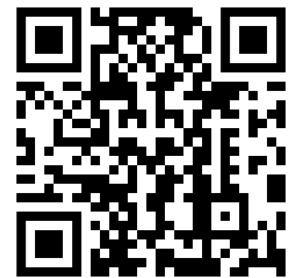


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Social Media

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