



Bay Area REPUBLICAN WOMEN

TFRW Region XVIII, Texas Senate District 11

President's Voice



Hello BARW!

I watched President Trump's address to the joint sessions of Congress this week. Texas had 12 democratic representatives that could not find it in themselves to clap for D.J. Daniel (a local Pearland resident) who beat cancer, or Jason Hartley, a young cadet heading to West Point, or empathy for a Houston mother who lost her child, 12-year-old Jocelyn Nungaray, who Trump renamed a 34,000-acre wildlife sanctuary in Galveston Bay after. These were moments worthy of applause.

Then there was a Texas Democrat's outburst that subsequently led to his removal from the chamber.

This practice of childish behavior is offensive. Their grim faces said it all. I asked myself, who orchestrated this? I don't know. What I could think of is what type of example does this show to their families, their constituents, our country and the world? These people must go!

Who is going to step up and Fight, Fight, Fight against this type of mindset?

In our own House of Representatives, the new Delivery of Government Efficiency ("DOGE") Committee, which was created by House Speaker Dustin Burrows, held its first hearing this week. They are committed to rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse. If you would like to submit tips for the Committee to investigate, you can e-mail them at - DOGE@house.texas.gov.

Our March meeting, we will welcome State Board of Education, District 7, Julie Pickren. Julie is dedicated to fostering an educational environment that equips our children for the challenges of the future, ensuring they inherit a legacy of strength, unity, and pride in our Texas values. We have school board elections in May. I hope our CCISD candidates will join us as well on March 25th.

Please RSVP to barw.rsvp@gmail.com by Thursday, March 20.

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Let's Keep Texas RED!

Debra Risinger, BARW President

Next Meeting - March 25, 2025



Julie Pickren was born and raised in Houston, Texas and currently resides near Pearland, Texas with her husband David and two sons, Miles and Tyler. Currently, Mrs. Pickren is a home school mom since her son is the youngest student enrolled in Liberty University Dual Credit Program School of Business. Julie has a joy for learning and is currently enrolled in The Wharton School of Business Executive Leadership Program. Mrs. Pickren has a core belief that families are the foundation for our society and parents are the first educators and primary decision makers for their children. Like many across the district, Mrs. Pickren is a successful small business owner. Reinvesting in the community and supporting charities is very important to her family. Profits from their businesses provide financial support for multi-cultural churches and pro-life ministries. Since her husband and children are citizens of The Choctaw Nation, she also invests in real estate to provide affordable housing and small business economic opportunities for Native American Indians in The Choctaw Nation.

Mrs. Pickren has a longstanding education leadership experience while serving in many capacities including serving as a board member of two Christian private schools, an Alvin ISD Trustee from 2015-2021, and an education policy advisor for many states. During her tenure as Alvin ISD Trustee, Mrs. Pickren saw many successes and awards. Alvin ISD is a fast growing school district that built 9 new schools while honoring the state compressed tax rate, thus, saving the taxpayers millions of dollars. She has received many awards for fiscal responsibility and student success and an Honor Board Award. Mrs. Pickren is proud of her record as being a huge proponent for teachers. Under her leadership, Alvin ISD lead the state with teacher salaries and benefits and had one of the highest amounts of their M&O budget directly tied to the classroom. Julie believes that together we can ensure our children's education prepares them to achieve the American Dream with Texas Values.

Julie Pickren (R)

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Pickren represents the State Board of Education District 7 Counties of Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, and Tyler.

Board Term: Jan. 1, 2023 - Jan. 1, 2027



DOGE Live Tracker

Following the money
OfficialX Posts



\$105.00 Billion

Tax dollars saved
5.25% of \$2T goal
March 5, 2025 a.m.

February Luncheon

Alexandra (Alex) del Moral Mealer
METRO Representative of the 14 multi-cities

Judge Jessica Padilla
Judge, County Criminal Court No. 14



MEALS
On
WHEELS



The Second Trump Cabinet - 2025



Office	Name
<u>President</u>	<u>Donald Trump</u>
<u>Vice President</u>	<u>JD Vance</u>
<u>Secretary of State</u>	<u>Marco Rubio</u>
<u>Secretary of the Treasury</u>	<u>Scott Bessent</u>
<u>Secretary of Defense</u>	<u>Pete Hegseth</u>
<u>Attorney General</u>	<u>Pam Bondi</u>
<u>Secretary of the Interior</u>	<u>Doug Burgum</u>
<u>Secretary of Agriculture</u>	<u>Brooke Rollins</u>
<u>Secretary of Commerce</u>	<u>Howard Lutnick</u>
<u>Secretary of Health and Human Services</u>	<u>Robert F. Kennedy Jr.</u>
<u>Secretary of Housing and Urban Development</u>	<u>Scott Turner</u>
<u>Secretary of Transportation</u>	<u>Sean Duffy</u>
<u>Secretary of Energy</u>	<u>Chris Wright</u>
<u>Secretary of Education</u>	<u>Linda McMahon</u>
<u>Secretary of Veterans Affairs</u>	<u>Doug Collins</u>
<u>Secretary of Homeland Security</u>	<u>Kristi Noem</u>
<u>Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency</u>	<u>Lee Zeldin</u>
<u>Director of the Office of Management and Budget</u>	<u>Russell Vought</u>
<u>Director of National Intelligence</u>	<u>Tulsi Gabbard</u>
<u>Director of the Central Intelligence Agency</u>	<u>John Ratcliffe</u>
<u>United States Trade Representative</u>	<u>Jamieson Greer</u>
<u>Administrator of the Small Business Administration</u>	<u>Kelly Loeffler</u>
<u>Chief of Staff</u>	<u>Susie Wiles</u>



Caring for America

Thanks to those of you who contributed to Bay Area Meals on Wheels in February. Your donations were \$385 and are so appreciated. Let's try to make it \$400 in March

Bay Area Meals on Wheels provides meal service to the home-bound regardless of age and income level, who lack the capability to obtain a hot meal on a daily basis. An in-home interview with all potential candidates is conducted to determine if our program is suitable for filling their needs. Service is available either temporarily (e.g., after recovery from surgery or an illness), or long term, if appropriate.



Jean Raffetto,
Parliamentarian and
Caring for America Chair

No government ever voluntarily reduces itself in size. Government programs, once launched, never disappear. Actually, a government bureau is the nearest thing to eternal life we'll ever see on this earth!



Ronald Reagan
www.geckoandfly.com

THE TROUBLE WITH OUR LIBERAL FRIENDS
IS NOT THAT THEY ARE IGNORANT, BUT
THAT THEY KNOW SO MUCH THAT ISN'T SO.

- RONALD REAGAN -



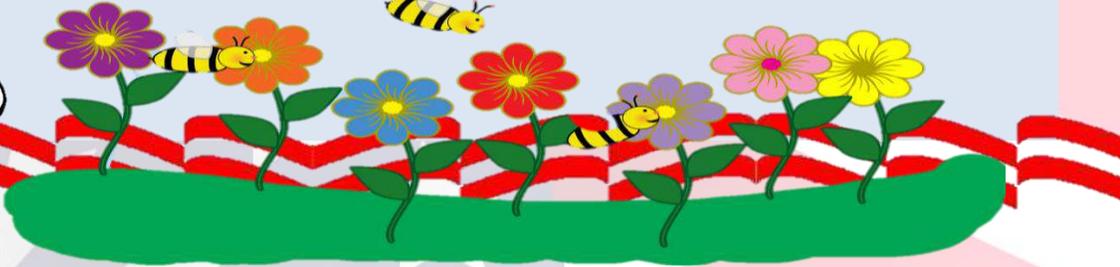
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Important Dates

March

- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 **Galveston RW**, San Luis Resort, 5222 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, 11:30am
- 20 First Day of Spring
TFRW Executive Board Meeting, AT&T Hotel and Conference Center, Austin, TX
- 21 TFRW Legislative Day, AT&T Hotel and Conference Center, 8am
- 22 TFRW 2nd Quarter Board Meeting, AT&T Hotel and Conference Center, 9am
- 25 **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: \$30.00



[DOJ, HHS, ED, and GSA Announce Initial Cancellation of Grants and Contracts to Columbia University Worth \\$400 Million | U.S. Department of Education](#)

Members of the Joint Task Force to Combat Anti-Semitism take swift action to protect Jewish students in response to inaction by Columbia University

March 7, 2025

For more information, read the [HHS, ED, and GSA joint press](#) release from Monday, March 3.



Daylight Saving Time: Clocks Spring One Hour Forward Tonight—As Trump Suggests He Won't Change It

Molly Bohannon [Daylight Saving Time Starts This Weekend: But Trump Calls Ending It 'A 50-50 Issue'](#)

Forbes Staff

Mar 8, 2025, 10:43am EST

Updated Mar 8, 2025, 10:43am EST

President Donald Trump has grown less aggressive about getting rid of a national time change, saying Thursday ending daylight saving time is a "50-50 issue"—changing his previous stance that the time change is "inconvenient" just days before clocks will spring forward.

KEY FACTS

- When asked in the Oval Office on Thursday when he was going to remove daylight saving time, Trump said, "it's a 50-50 issue, and if something's a 50-50 issue it's hard to get excited about it."
- Trump said he assumed people would like to have more light later in the day, but that "some people want to have more light earlier because they don't want to take their kids to school in the dark."
- "It's something I can do, but a lot of people like it one way, a lot of people like it the other way, it's very even, and usually I find when that's the case, what else do we have to do?" Trump said Thursday.

Campaign Activities

Hello BARW,

The Joint Election Day is Saturday, May 3rd, 2025. Polls will be open 7am-7pm. Early Voting is from April 22nd through April 29th polls are open every day 7am-7pm except for Sunday April 27th 12pm – 7pm.

If you live in Clear Lake only CCISD Elections are on the ballot and possibly one judicial race. Scott Bowen did have someone file against him so be sure to make time to vote and inform your friends. We do not want to lose Scott on the CCISD board.

However, if you live in Pasadena there is lots to think about. They have school board elections and municipal elections.

That's all I have for now.

The sample ballots will not be available until March 19th. Here is the link:

<https://www.harrisvotes.com/Voter/Whats-on-my-Ballot>

Debbie Guitian Roan
Campaign Activities Chair



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Bay Area Republican Women's Club

General Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2025

A General Meeting of the Bay Area Republican Women's Club was called to order by BARW Past President and current Campaign Activities Chair Debbie Roan on February 25, 2025, at 12:05 PM at Bay Oaks Country Club, 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd., Houston. A quorum was established. Present were board members Debbie Roan, Karen Hall, Karen Plante, Marcella Erwin, Pat Adams, Jean Raffetto, Rebecca Martin, Eddie Holland, and Margaret Vail.

Invocation: Given by Rebecca Martin - BARW Chaplain

U.S. Pledge: Led by Malcolm Whittaker Pct Chair 472

Texas Pledge: Led by Scott Bowen – CCISD Board of Trustees at Large (incumbent candidate)

President's Minute: Debbie Roan mentioned that President Debra Risinger is dealing with several family illnesses. Programs Chair Ann Arnette recently lost both of her parents.

Debbie then recognized new members, guests, elected officials, etc.

Elected Officials, Representatives and Candidates:

Christina Vo	Precinct Chair 029 Harris County
Cyndy Butcher for	HD 24 Representative Dr. Greg Bonnen
Dawn McDonald for	HD 129 Representative Dennis Paul
Debbie Roan	Precinct Chair 1101 Harris County
Elizabeth Lauzon	Precinct Chair 0306 Harris County
Karen Plante	Precinct Chair 0718 Harris County
Karen Wheeler-Hall	Board of Trustees – LaPorte ISD
Malcolm Whittaker	Candidate Texas District Court 295 (???)
Phyllis Tacquard	Precinct Chair 0174 Harris County
Rex Teter	Precinct Chair 0302 Harris County
Scott Bowen	CCISD Board of Trustees at Large (incumbent candidate)

Guests: Linda North, Alice Fraley, and Sarah Briggs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Minutes: Debbie Roan reminded the group that the January General Meeting Minutes are in the BARW February newsletter. A copy may be found on the main table. With no additions or corrections, the Minutes stand approved as submitted.

Treasurer Report: Marcella Erwin presented her report:

Balance 02/25/2025	\$43,509.35
Deposits	425.00
Expenditures	<u>- (582.54)</u>
Ending Balance	\$43,351.81

There were no corrections presented. The report was submitted for review.

Membership: Karen Hall gave an update on the BARW current membership: sixty-three total members, including fifty-seven full members and nine associate members. To renew your membership, please find an application on the BARW website, "Become a member." You may also visit Karen Hall at the check-in table for a membership form. Full annual membership is \$35. Associate Membership/Associate Men is \$20.

Corresponding Secretary: Erin Boyd had no report.

Newsletter: Pat Adams had no report.

Campaign Activities: Debbie Roan's informed every one of the upcoming local elections, including CCISD Board of Trustees and Pasadena municipal elections. Scott Bowen is running for CCISD at Large position as an incumbent. Election Day is May 3rd. Early Voting begins April 22nd through April 29. Hours are 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM, except for April 27 (Sunday) from 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

Caring for America (Parliamentarian): Jean Raffetto reported a donation of \$340. was collected during the January luncheon meeting for the Meals on Wheels program.

Awards/Volunteer Hours: Edie Holland had no report.

Program: Karen Plante introduced the first guest speaker, Alexandra (Alex) del Moral Mealer. Alex is a wife and mother of two. After graduating from U.S. Militar Academy at West Point, earned her JD/MBA from Harvard. Moving to Houston, she pursued a career in energy finance. Currently, Alex chairs Houston METRO's public safety committee. She also serves on the METRO board. Included in her discussion at the meeting were issues affected public safety as it relates to METRO, including adding extra law enforcement officer on each "Red Line" car servicing the ongoing Houston Rodeo. The city is preparing for the 2026 World Cup, which will include strategizing and implementing safety features for METRO services.

The second guest speaker was Jessica Padilla, Judge at Harris County Criminal Court #14. Judge Padilla expressed an urgency in electing conservative judges to the seventy-four benches that will be on the ballot. It is most helpful when Signing Parties are held. Signatures defray the \$2500. fee candidates are required to pay.

New Business and Announcements:

Debbie Roan announced that the next General Meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2025. Guest speaker will be State Board of Education – District 7 (Pearland) Julie Pickren.

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 PM.

Minutes by Karen Plante, Recording Secretary



Stephen Colbert slams Dems for 'dressing up in fuchsia' and raising paddles to protest Trump's speech

Continue Learning

Seven Things You Can't Say About
China Hardcover – February 18, 2025
by [Tom Cotton](#)



Senator Tom Cotton offers an unflinching look at the deadly threat of Communist China and reveals the truth about America's most dangerous enemy.

“As a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, I’m often asked if the threat from China is as bad as it seems. My answer is no—it’s worse than you can imagine.”

Seven Things You Can't Say About China is Tom Cotton's provocative exposé about the gravest threat to American freedom. The media, Hollywood, academia, Wall Street, and most politicians can't—or won't—speak the truth about China. But Senator Cotton will, because America needs to know.

In this hard-hitting book, he reveals what others refuse to say, including:

- The inside story—drawn from his intelligence and national-security experience and knowledge—on how deeply the Chinese Communist Party has infiltrated America.
- How China persecutes Christians and commits genocide against religious and ethnic minorities.
- The alarming rise of China's armed forces and nuclear arsenal, which will soon rival our own.
- The danger our children face from China's influence on Hollywood, the NBA, TikTok, and so much more.
- How China lied, stole, and cheated its way to wealth while devastating America's workers and businesses.

Seven Things You Can't Say About China sounds the alarm about Communist China's carefully crafted plans to defeat America in the coming decade—and what we must do to fight back.



14	Sandy Salar
16	Tina Mitlo
17	Ianne Gebhard
18	Jean Raffetto
24	Gloria Gibson
26	Erika McCutcheon
28	Debbie Troop
28	Tammy Barrier
29	Bobbie Moutz
29	Dennis Paul
31	Beverly Braden



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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)



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BAY AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Dues for Current Year

November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025

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

Telephone: 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



Area 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)
For Information Call: _____

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