



President's Voice

I hope you all had a happy and blessed Mother's Day. As we turn our attention to the primary runoff elections, early voting runs May 18-May 22, and Election Day is May 26. As you discuss the candidates you support, please keep the conversation positive. Negative remarks only give Democrats ammunition for the general election and can discourage people from voting. Republicans need strong turnout, so please be thoughtful in your conversations and on social media.

Memorial Day is approaching—a time to honor the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our country free. As you enjoy picnics, barbecues, and other gatherings, please take a moment to pray for these brave service members and their families. Our nation is celebrating 250 years, and freedom comes at a cost. Let's make sure we remember and honor those who paid that price.

Please join us on Tuesday, May 26th at Bay Oaks Country Club for our monthly luncheon meeting. Our speaker will be Harris County Commissioner Tom Ramsey. Social begins at 11:00 a.m. and meeting starts promptly at 12:00. We hope to see you there!

Let's keep it RED!!

Karen Wheeler-Hall
2026 BARW President

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APRIL LUNCHEON

The Harris County Judge Runoff Candidates (Orlando Sanchez & Warren Howell) and County Chair Runoff Candidates (Cindy Siegel & Don Hooper) joined us for our April meeting.



Election Info

Primary Runoffs



Harris County Judge, County Chair, and CD 9
are 3 that are close to home.

Early Voting for the Runoff: May 18th – May 22nd

Primary Runoff Election Day: May 26th

Early Voting Locations:

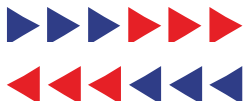
- 1. East Harris County Activity Center** – Big Room, 7340 Spencer Highway
Pasadena, TX 77505
- 2. Freeman Branch Library** – Meeting Room, 16616 Diana Lane
Houston, TX 77062
- 3. BakerRipley Pasadena Campus** – Gym, 720 Fairmont Parkway
Pasadena, TX 77504
- 4. Harris County Scarsdale Annex** – Library Meeting Room, 10851 Scarsdale
Boulevard suite 510, Houston, TX 77089

Republican State Convention: June 8 – June 13th,
George R Brown, Houston

Early Voting Midterm Elections: October 19th – October 30th
Midterm Election: November 3rd

Deborah Guitian Roan

BARW Campaign Activities Chair



Save the Date



Our May Meeting Guest Speaker is

Tom Ramsey, Harris County Commissioner Pct 3

Tom will be discussing what’s happening around Harris County.

County Commissioner Tom Ramsey has served as Harris County Precinct 3 Commissioner since 2020, overseeing maintenance of nearly 6,800 miles of roadway, 73 parks, and 11 Community and Nature Centers. His office also manages over \$900M in infrastructure projects.

Mr. Ramsey earned a degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University. With over 45 years of experience as a Professional Engineer,

Commissioner Tom Ramsey has dedicated his career to improving the safety, infrastructure, and quality of life for communities across Texas.

His strong faith inspires his commitment to public service. Commissioner Ramsey will share what’s happening across Harris County.



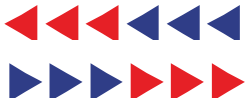
**Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 26th at the Bay Oaks Country Club
11am - Social/Networking & 12pm - Meeting & Lunch**

Please RSVP to barw.rsvp@gmail.com by Thursday, May 21st

We will accept the \$30 payment for the lunch meeting at the check in table (cash or check only). Please make check out to Bay Oaks Country Club

Karen Plante

2nd Vice President of Programs



Membership

Don't forget to renew your membership! You can bring your yearly dues and fill out the membership form at our next meeting or click the button below to register your membership online

Full Membership \$35
Associate Membership \$20
Associate Men Membership \$20



Bay Area
REPUBLICAN WOMEN

CLICK HERE



Hello BARW, it is a goal to hit 100 members before the summer break begins, we are so close! Currently we have a total of 95 members.

This month at our May meeting if you bring a friend, you will be entered into a drawing to win your August meeting lunch paid for by the BARW club!

So bring your neighbor, friend, or family member!
We would love to grow and meet more Republican women in our area, remember husbands can join as well.

The more the merrier!

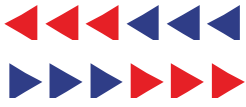
Thank You for Renewing your Membership

Catherine Johnson, Glynnell Bunch, and Rae Sinor

Erin Boyd

1st Vice President of Membership





Reminders

Gentle reminder that any volunteer work you do for the election or campaigns to please document your volunteer hours and submit your hours to Edie Holland. Attending our monthly meetings also counts as volunteer hours, including the travel time to and from the meetings.

email her at edie-holland@comcast.net



**The State Capital Day Trip update:
We will be sending an email to members as soon as the registration opens! The trip is planned for Tuesday, June 23rd**

**Tickets will be \$100
It includes round trip luxury bus, lunch, and tours of the Capital Building and the Governor's Mansion.**

The email will be sent to Members when registration opens!

Bay Area REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Join us for a
STATE CAPITOL
Day Trip

The Day trip includes luxury coach bus roundtrip, tour of Capitol building by Texas Senate Candidate Dennis Paul, lunch, a tour of the Governor's Mansion and a possible meet and greet with Governor Greg Abbott.

Tickets will be \$100

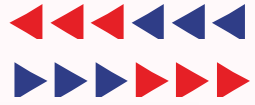
The trip will be in June, after State Convention. Once we gauge interest we will choose a date. Space is limited, so please let us know if you are interested in an amazing day trip with the Bay Area Republican Women.

SCAN ME
To let us know you are interested!
OR email erinoianboyd@gmail.com

Capitol tour will be given by Rep. Dennis Paul

www.barw.org

Community Service



Your donations to Bay Area Meals on Wheels at the April meeting was \$265. May will be your last opportunity until August to donate to Bay Area Meals on Wheels at the our meeting. It is really depressing to me, to pick up a basket from a table and find it empty! We can do better than that! Over the past calendar year, they served the home bound 22,000 meals during the week, plus frozen meals for those who requested weekend meals. The volunteers also bring library books to those requesting them.

Our total donations for 2025 were \$2,795.

Bay Area Meals on Wheels services those home bound people within the Clear Creek Independent School District boundaries. They have two volunteers per route, a driver and a helper, for each of the eight routes.

If this is something you could find time to do, contact Chris Hendricks, the Volunteer Coordinator at 281-406-4961 or email volunteerbayareamealsonwheels@gmail.com

If would like to make your donation directly to Bay Area Meals on Wheels, you can do so online, click the button below.

Please note that you are a member of Bay Area Republican Women.

[Click Here](#)

Jean Rabbetto

BARW Parliamentarian & Caring for America Chair

Bay Area Republican Women's Club
General Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2026

A General Meeting of the Bay Area Republican Women's Club was called to order by Second Vice President of Programs, Karen Plante, standing in for our President Karen Hall on April 28, 2026, at 12:30p at the Bay Oaks Country Club, 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd., Houston. A quorum was established. Also present were Debbie Roan, Erin Boyd, Marcella Erwin, Jean Raffetto, Edie Holland, Debra Risinger, Margaret Vail, Carolyn Hopkins, Jacque Fryday, and Rebecca Martin.

Invocation: Given by Jacque Fryday

U.S. Pledge: Dennis Paul, State Representative HD129

Texas Pledge: Richard Vega, Candidate for Harris County Commissioner, Precinct 2

PRESIDENT.S INTRODUCTIONS:

* Recognizing New Members and Guests: Aaron Braswell, Stephanie Cramer, Amy Langford, Rachel Palmer Hooper, and guest Alice Frawley

* Recognizing Elected Officials / Candidates / Representatives:

Karen Plante Precinct Chair 0718 Harris County

Erin Boyd Precinct Chair 0307 Harris County

Debbie Roan Precinct Chair 1101 Harris County / TFRW-DDSDI 1

Dennis Paul State Representative District 129 and candidate for TX Senate SDI 1

Phil Sandlin Harris Constable Precinct 8

Aliza Dutt Mayor of Piney Point

Phil Johnson Mayor of Nassau Bay

Judge Holly Williamson Harris County JP Precinct 8, Place 1

Richard Vega Candidate for Harris Commissioner Precinct 2

Larry Frawley Candidate for Nassau City Council

Brie Little Representing Mayes Middleton TX Senate SDI 1/Candidate for AG

Stephen St Martin Candidate for Harris County Criminal Court #15

Judge Louis Ditta Harris County JP Place 2

Scott Bowen Candidate for State Representative HD 129

Cambin Beasley Representing Judge Louis Ditta

Guest speakers listed in introduction.

Minutes: A copy of the March 24th General Meeting Minutes were in the Newsletter; however, there were some errors that were found. Those were corrected and an amended copy was on the table for review. No further corrections were noted; the amended copy stands approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Marcella Erwin gave an oral report of beginning and ending of the month bank balance of 04/23/2026. The report was presented for review, there were no corrections to the report.

Bay Area Republican Women's Club
General Meeting Minutes
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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1st Vice President Membership: Erin Boyd gave the report of ninety-four full members, which breaks down to seventy three Full Members, five Associate Women and sixteen Associate Men. Erin is striving to grow our membership to one hundred by our June meeting. As an incentive, if a member invites a guest to our May meeting and they join, the member who invited the joining member will be rewarded with a free lunch for our June 2026 meeting! Also, our Bus Trip to the state Capitol will be June 23, 2025, at the cost of \$100.00 per person. Our State Representative, Dennis Paul, will lead the group on a personal guided tour of the Capitol, lunch at the Capitol, tour of the Governor's Mansion and hopefully, depending on the Governor's schedule, a special time with our Governor Abbott. An email will be going out announcing the trip and you will be encouraged to contact Erin for your reservation. The bus capacity is fifty-three riders.

Corresponding Secretary: Carolyn Hopkins - Nothing to report.

Parliamentarian / Caring for America: Jean Raffetto gave her report on the importance of donations to the baskets on each table for The Meals on Wheels that delivers nutritious meals to our home bound and senior citizens in our local area. Thank you for contributing.

Awards / Volunteer Hours: Edie Holland gave the report of 995 hours turned by a few members. However, Edie stated that you can still turn in your first quarter volunteer hours along with your second quarter hours.

Campaign Activities: Debbie Roan announced important upcoming run-off election dates with early voting May 18th-22nd with election day May 26th. Local election dates were noted also. As always, early voting is highly encouraged. Our Texas GOP Convention will be held this year in Houston, June 11th-13th.

OLD BUSINESS: None presented

PROGRAM: Our immediate Past President, Debra Risinger introduced our guest speakers and gave the format for our program of candidates for Harris County Judge and Harris County Republican Party Chair. Each candidate was given five minutes for their introduction, ten minutes for questions and answers and one minute for closing remarks. Marcella & Erin was our timekeeper. Candidates for the Harris County Judge run-off elections are Orlando Sanchez and Warren Howell. Words of Electability and Capability were used to describe themselves and each gave their vision of what their duties of County Judge would look like. Issues discussed were the bloated budget of current administration, flood control, and public safety. Each candidate gave very compelling reasons for earning our votes. Candidates for Harris County Republican Party Chair are Don Hooper and current Chair, Cindy Siegel. Each gave their background experiences and how they would move our GOP to gain more seats in our judicial system. Each gave ways to motivate our younger voters and to get the voters out. Both candidates gave very captivating reasons to earn our votes. Our sincere thanks to each candidate for the lively discussions today.

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OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 26, 2026, with guest speaker, Tom Ramsey, Harris County Commissioner Pct 3

ADJOURN: Floor was open for final comments or questions. None being heard, meeting was moved to be adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:24pm

Minutes by

Rebecca Martin

BARW Recording Secretary



MAY

BIRTHDAYS



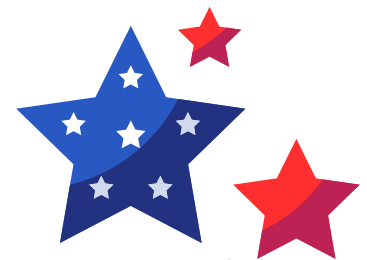
1st - Susan Orr
 13th - Rex Teter
 16th - Cyndy Butcher
 25th - Veronica Vielma

27th - Linda North
 30th - Edie Holland
 31st - Peter Lauzon

CALENDAR

June

8th- 10th - Republican State
 Convention Committee Meetings
 11th-13th - Republican State
 Convention
 14th - Flag Day
 19th - Juneteenth
 21st - First Day of Summer
 21st - Happy Father's Day
 23rd - **BARW Bus Trip to Austin**



July

4th - HAPPY 250th America!



May

18th-22nd - Early Voting Primary Run Off
 20th - Galveston RW, 11:30am
 25th - Memorial Day
 26th - Primary Run Off Election Day
 26th - **BARW Lunch Meeting, 11am**



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Selecting Leaders

The Bible provides guidance on selecting leaders:

1. Seek leaders of Wisdom and Good Counsel. 1
2. Look for Integrity, Justice, and Humility. 2
3. Choose Servant-Leaders, Not Power-Seekers. 3
4. Leaders must be Righteous and Just. 4
5. Leaders must be Blameless, Vigiant, Sober, and Self-Controlled. 5
6. Leaders should speak Wisdom and uphold God's law. 6
7. We are to seek God's guidance when choosing leaders. God grants Wisdom to those who ask it of Him. 7

I have the scripture references for any who would like them.

Let us pray...

Heavenly Father: Let us take these words of guidance to our hearts; and grant us Wisdom as we seek new leaders in the coming term. Be with these candidates and guide them as they seek their respective positions. Grant them Wisdom, Lord.

For it is in Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.

1 Proverbs 11:154

2 Micah 6:8, Psalms 78:72

3 Mark 10:44-45, Luke 22:26

4 Proverbs 29:2, Proverbs 16:12, Isaiah 32:1

5 1 Timothy 3:1-2, Titus 1:7

6 Psalms 37:30-31

7 James 1:5, Proverbs 3:5-6, Proverbs 21:1

Jacque Fryday
BARW Chaplain

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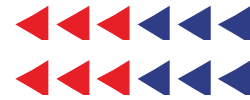
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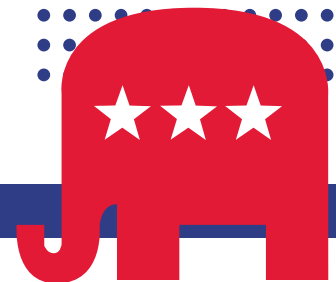
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