



# THE BEACON

## NORTH SHORE REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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### President's Letter - Leigh Billingsley

We have a very busy January coming up. We have our regular meeting January 3 with DA Brett Ligon. The Fentanyl crisis is affecting almost everyone and his department certainly knows about it.

January 18 is our new/prospective member wine and cheese party. Bring a neighbor, friend or a Republican woman who is not involved yet.

Our candidate forum is January 30 and you will definitely want to attend and bring lots of voters with you. The Sheriff's race is a big one and both candidates will be invited. The primary election is March 5.

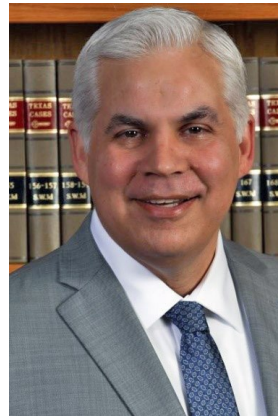
More information about all of these events is in this newsletter. Be sure to look them up.

In the meantime, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



### 2024 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND NEW MEMBERS/ ASSOCIATES:

**WE ARE NOW PROVIDING  
CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AND A  
FILLABLE ONLINE FORM ON  
THE MEMBERSHIP PAGE OF  
OUR WEBSITE.**



- Carolyn Jones  
1st Vice President/Programs



### Monthly Meeting Wednesday, January 3, 2024

**Bentwater COUNTRY Club  
800 Bentwater Dr.,  
Montgomery, TX**

### Program: The Fentanyl Crisis by District Attorney Brett Ligon; Donna Hansen, division chief; and a mystery guest.

District Attorney Brett Ligon has spent his entire professional career in the area of law enforcement and criminal justice. If asked, he would say that he is most proud of having started at the very bottom entry level as an intern in college with the Brazos County District Attorney's Office, and later as a jailer in the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department. From there, he continued working his way through the ranks as an Assistant District Attorney for the Harris County District Attorney's Office, and Staff Counsel for the Houston Police Officers' Union before finally being elected as the District Attorney of Montgomery County.

Since being elected District Attorney, Brett has carried out his campaign commitment of helping us lose the title of the Deadliest Roadways in Texas by focusing on Driving While Intoxicated offenses. His office has implemented No Refusal Weekends, in which a person suspected of driving while intoxicated has a sample of his blood taken if they refuse to voluntarily give a sample of their breath.

He has also implemented D.A.R.T., the District Attorneys Response Team, which dispatches a team of prosecutors and D.A. investigators to the scene of homicides and traffic fatalities involving alcohol, drugs, or excessive speed.

**Sign-in starts at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m., with lunch at 11:30 a.m. The program will begin at noon. Meetings last until approximately 1:00 p.m. Lunch is optional, but reservations must be made by midnight, December 26, even if you're not eating. You can make reservations by clicking on link below or by calling Bentwater Country Club at 936-597-6219 and choosing the 0 option.**

**RESERVATIONS**

## Membership

- Genette Stanton, 2nd VP/Membership



We have 69 active members and 30 associates for 2024. This is great, but we have a ways to go to get back to the 233 active members and 86 associates we ended up with for 2023. Signups have been strong at our meetings since we are taking credit cards, checks and cash this year. Please renew or become a new member as soon as possible and bring prospective members to our Wine and Cheese Party on **January 18**.



## New Members

**Henrie Anderson**  
**Sherri Bell**  
**Rosi Widak**  
**Carolyn Wilcox**

**WE NOW HAVE A WAY TO PAY FOR MEMBERSHIPS ONLINE WITH A CREDIT CARD!**

We are using Jotform for the fillable membership form, and Square for the payments.

Be sure to fill out all of the boxes on the form or put NA if they do not apply to you.

If you do not wish to pay by credit card, you can fill in the form and leave the payment part at the bottom blank.

## Treasurer's Report

- Chris Gurley, PAC Treasurer

We began the month of November with a balance forward of \$120,969. We brought in income of \$2,309 (Dues \$2,207, Gift Table \$102). Expenditures totaled \$3,528. (Administrative \$219, Americanism \$1,500, Communications/Media \$71, Community Engagement \$300, TFRW Convention \$1,000, Hospitality \$100, Special Events (Christmas) \$300, Ways & Means (Gift Table) \$38. Our balance on hand as of November 30, 2023 was \$119,750.



**Caring for America/  
Americanism - Kim Greene, Gail  
McKinnon, Ann South**



## Chick-fil-A Gift Cards Donated

Blue Elf, through the Montgomery County Sheriff's office, was designated as our NSRW 2023 Christmas philanthropy. An Academy gift card for \$1000 covered bicycles from Academy to be donated by NSRW. The Academy gift card was presented to the Blue Elf representatives at our meeting on Dec. 6.

In addition to our bicycle gift to the Blue Elf, NSRW ladies provided enough Chick-fil-A gift cards and cash to purchase breakfast for the 100 Elves, our volunteer first responders from the Sheriff's office.



## PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

**FOOD DRIVES AT OUR MEETINGS IN  
February, May, September and November**



**Bins for toiletries, gloves, scarves, etc. will be available at every meeting.**





# North Shore Republican Women

**Invites**

**New & Prospective Members to a**

# *Wine & Cheese Party*

**January 18**

**6 p.m.**

**Home of Carolyn Jones  
147 Ridge Lake Lane  
Montgomery, Texas 77356**

**Please RSVP to Genette Stanton at  
[genette@northshorerw.com](mailto:genette@northshorerw.com)**



**Learn about NSRW and our philosophy. Get involved so we can:**

**Keep Montgomery County RED!**

**NSRW current members (except for those new in the last year) are invited to attend only if accompanied by a future new member.**



# December 6, 2023 Meeting

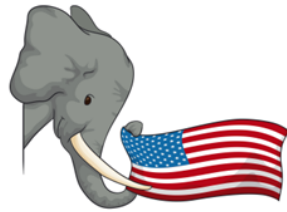






# **NORTH SHORE REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

**March 5, 2024 Republican  
Primary Election Candidates**



## **Republican Candidate Forum**

**For statewide and local candidates**

**Tuesday, January 30, 2024  
Meet the candidates 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Forum 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**North Montgomery County Community Center  
600 Gerald Street, Willis, TX 77378**

**Candidates - contact Deborah Gentz  
at [deborah@northshorerw.com](mailto:deborah@northshorerw.com) to RSVP or for information**

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## CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

-Deborah Gentz



We are beginning to prepare for the state primary election Candidate Forum we will be holding for the community on Tuesday, January 30. We will be focusing on statewide candidates and those in the county that represent the majority of NSRW members. If you would like to help with the forum, let me know at [deborah@northshorerw.com](mailto:deborah@northshorerw.com). The following list of candidates is not the official one for the forum, but is only a FYI.

### Sheriff

Rand Henderson

Ford Kenton

Wesley Doolittle

### Montgomery Co. Republican Party Chairman

Bryan Christ

Gwen Withrow

### County Commissioner Pct. 3

James Noack

Ritch Wheeler

### Constable Pct. 2

Daniel Pena

David Eason

**There are also important precinct chair races on most ballots. [Look up your candidates here](#)**

### State Railroad Commissioner

Christie Clark

Christi Craddick

Corey Howell

James "Jim" Matlock

Petra Reyes

### Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4

John Devine

Brian Walker

### Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals

Sharon Keller

David J. Schenk

### JUSTICE, 9TH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, PLACE 4

Kent Chambers

Kenna Seiler

**The following candidates do not have opponents. Only opposed candidates will be invited to the candidate forum on January 30:**

U.S. Representative Morgan Luttrell, District Attorney Brett Ligon, Commissioner Robert Walker, Constable Philip Cash, Constable Ryan Gable, Constable Rowdy Hayden, Constable Chris Jones, Judge Vince Santini, Judge Jennifer Robin, Judge Tracy Gilbert, Judge Phil Grant, Judge Patti Maginnis, Judge Keith Stewart, State Representative Will Metcalf, State Rep. Cecil Bell, Jr., County Attorney BD Griffin, & County Tax Assessor/Collector Tammy McRae.

Candidates for President, U.S. Representative, and U.S. Senate will be on the ballot, but NSRW is not a Federal PAC and these candidates cannot speak at the forum. Congressman Dan Crenshaw is opposed by Jameson Ellis and Senator Ted Cruz has two opponents - Holland "Redd" Gibson and R.E. (Rufus) Lopez.

**Texas Republican Primary Election - March 5, 2024**



# Leadership Day 2024

*Uniting Republican Women for Texas*

*January 27th*

*7:30 AM to 4:00 PM*

SHERATON AUSTIN GEORGETOWN HOTEL

&

CONFERENCE CENTER

1101 Woodlawn Avenue Georgetown Texas

*Road To  
Convention!*



TEXAS FEDERATION  
of  
*Republican Women*

*The purpose of Leadership Day is to  
provide training for TFRW members.*

Inspiration and motivation will be provided through our general sessions and informative workshops will provide you with the tools needed to be an effective leader.

Gain insight and inspiration from women across the state  
and build relationships that will last a lifetime!

Special focus this year...Getting TFRW members to RPT Convention!

Strength is in numbers. We need to positively strengthen our party!

“Unity not Uniformity”

**Welcome Reception**

**January 26<sup>th</sup>**

SHERATON AUSTIN GEORGETOWN  
HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

1101 Woodlawn Avenue Georgetown TX

**7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**

**Leadership Day**

**January 27<sup>th</sup>**

SHERATON AUSTIN GEORGETOWN  
HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

1101 Woodlawn Avenue Georgetown TX

**7:30AM to 4:00 PM**

For more information visit [www.tfrw.org](http://www.tfrw.org)



## MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6 MEETING

- Sharon Lasseter, Recording Secretary



The December General Meeting of the North Shore Republican Women was called to order at 11:00 am by Leigh Billingsley, President.

Cheryl Bolt gave the devotional and prayer. Julie Faubel, TFRW Director Senate District 4, led the Pledges of Allegiance. The minutes were approved as presented. Genette Stanton, 2nd Vice President reported on the membership statistics. Since the beginning of this meeting the membership has almost doubled. She, also, discussed online registration and payment methods. Chris Gurley, Treasurer presented the monthly report. The balance on hand on November 30th was \$119,750.05. Chris Gurley presented the proposed 2024 budget. Leigh Billingsley made a motion to accept the 2024 budget as presented. Kim Greene seconded the motion. The 2024 budget was approved. .

Kim Greene, Caring for America, Co-chairman, discussed the Blue Elf Christmas project. Chick-Fil-A gift cards and/or cash was collected to provide breakfast for the volunteers. Sheriff Rand Henderson and three officers were recognized and presented a check for \$1000.

Ann South, Caring for America, stated that NSRW is making an impact in Conroe. She reported that 6000 Constitutions and 600 dictionaries have been delivered to students. Ann read cards from students thanking NSRW for providing the dictionaries. People from the Pregnancy Center have, also, sent thank you notes for the help they received from NSRW..

Will Metcalf, State Representative District 16 gave the Legislative Update.

The 2024 NSRW officers were introduced. Will Metcalf conducted the installation of the following officers: President, Leigh Billingsley; 1st Vice President/Programs, Carolyn Jones; 2nd Vice President/Membership, Genette Stanton; 3rd Vice President/Ways and Means, Deborah Graham; Secretary, Mary Osborn; Treasurer, Chris Gurley.

The following elected officials were introduced: Rand Henderson, Sheriff; Echo Hutson, Judge, County Court at Law #4; Will Metcalf, State Representative District 16; Sandy Wagner, Montgomery County Hospital Board; Robert Walker, County Commissioner Pct. 1; Julie Faubel, TFRW Senate Dist. 4 Director; Ann Kate, Pct. 72 Republican Chairman. Candidates introduced included Kent Chambers, 9th Court of Appeals; Kenna Seiler, 9th Court of Appeals; Wesley Doolittle and Rand Henderson, Sheriff.

Deborah Gentz, Campaign Activities Chairman, reminded everyone to submit their volunteer hours.

1st Vice President, Carolyn Jones introduced Cay Eckland, Director of the Chordbusters, a ladies barbershop choir. The Chordbusters presented an entertaining performance of carols, other familiar Christmas songs and a special, humorous arrangement of "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.

**This is the last work on minutes by Sharon. She has reached her two-year term limit and is giving up her job to Mary Osborn in January. Be sure to thank Sharon when you see her. She has done an outstanding job!**

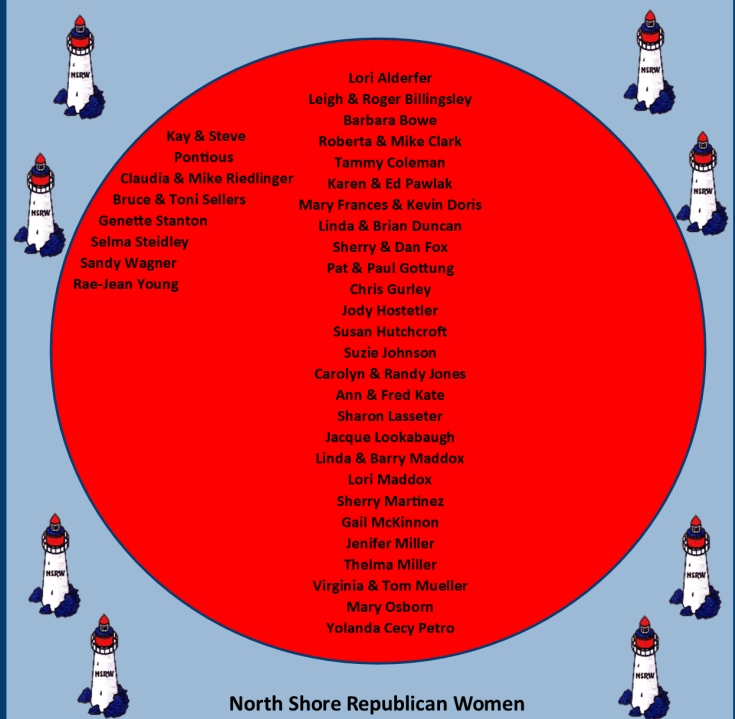
**Don't forget!**



**Thank you to those who add a donation to NSRW when they pay for their membership**

### Sharing the Light

With Our 2024 LIGHTHOUSE CIRCLE



North Shore Republican Women  
Thanks you for your contribution





Chris Gurley, Carolyn Jones, Sherry Fox, Leigh Billingsley, Genette Stanton, Sharon Lasseter

## 2023 NSRW Board Members

### OFFICERS

#### President

*Leigh Billingsley* [leigh@northshorerw.com](mailto:leigh@northshorerw.com)

#### 1st Vice President/Programs

*Carolyn Jones*

#### 2nd Vice President/Membership

*Genette Stanton*

#### 3rd Vice President/Ways & Means

*Sherry Fox*

#### Recording Secretary

*Sharon Lasseter*

#### Treasurer/PAC Treasurer

*Chris Gurley*

### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Americanism - *Kim Greene/Gail McKinnon*

Awards - *Dorothy Woodall*

Campaign Activities - *Deborah Gentz*

Caring for America - *Ann South/Kim Greene*

Caring and Concern - *Sherry Martinez*

Chaplain - *Cheryl Bolt*

Community Engagement - *Karen Darcy Pawlak*

Directory - *Jody Hostetler/Karen Darcy Pawlak*

Gift Table - *Tracie de Roulac/Becky Harper*

Historian - *Gail McKinnon*

Hospitality - *Cay Eckland/Debbie Dye*

Legislative - *Sarah Tillman Henry*

Literacy - *Ann South*

Media - *Ann Kate*

Parliamentarian/Bylaws - *Dorothy Woodall*

*Pistols and Pearls* - *Tracie de Roulac*

Publicity - *Joan Martin*

Scholarship - *Vacant*

Youth Outreach - *Diane Hivnor*

*Past President* - *Christy Tatum*



## NSRW Calendar of Events

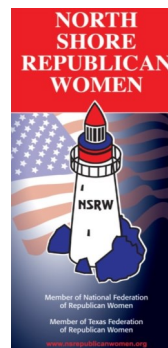
January 3, 2024 - NSRW Monthly Meeting, Bentwater Country Club, sign in begins at 10:30 a.m. Program: District Attorney Brett Ligon and his "mystery guest".

January 17- NSRW Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Bentwater Country Club board room.

January 18 - New Member Wine/Cheese party, Home of Carolyn Jones, 6 p.m.

January 30 - NSRW Candidate Forum, 5 p.m., North Montgomery County Community Center, Willis

February 7, NSRW Monthly Meeting, Bentwater Country Club, sign in begins at 10:30 a.m.



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# NORTH SHORE REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEMBERSHIP FORM - 2024

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name (if applicable):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different for mailings):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cell:  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Texas Senate district in which you reside \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation (Required for PAC reporting):  
\_\_\_\_\_

OR (Please check if retired) \_\_\_\_\_

NSRW may/may not (circle one) publish this information in its printed and electronic form

Do you want a Yearbook? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Prefer: Electronically \_\_\_\_\_ Printed \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:


New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Fees: (Circle One)

Active: \$40 Associate: \$20

Young Affiliate: \$10

Seniors 75+ discount offered: \$30

Lighthouse Circle  (see website): In addition, I would like to contribute \_\_\_\_\_ \$15, \_\_\_ \$25, \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 or \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support various NSRW philanthropy programs (any amount would be greatly appreciated).

Active membership is for all women with NSRW as their primary membership. Associate membership is for women with other Republican Women memberships, and men. Associate women please specify your other current active membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Young Affiliate is teenage women ages thirteen through seventeen.

NSRW has my permission to send the monthly Beacon newsletter to me by email yes/no (circle one)

**\*\*\* Please mail this form with your check payable to NSRW to:**

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