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President's Letter - Leigh Billingsley

Election Day is right in front of us! We need all good Republicans to vote and "get out the vote" for worthy candidates! Early voting starts Tuesday, February 20th and

election day is Tuesday, March 5th. Please get out and vote and encourage your friends to do the same! Local elections have local consequences so this is really important!

We have an exciting evening event coming up to which I hope you will bring your spouses and friends. It is March 21st and will feature Kirk Cameron. Kirk, as you may recall, was the star in the hit series Growing Pains (and appeared in several movies.)

A couple of weeks ago, our Club was contacted by Zac Bell, Editor in Chief of Brave Books, a faith based conservative publisher right here in Conroe. Zac and his CEO, Dr. Trent Talbot (a local ophthalmologist) invited NSRW to co-host a special event featuring television and movie star, Kirk Cameron. You may remember him from the show "Growing Pains" that was popular in the '80's.

Kirk is working very hard to bring a project near and dear to his heart to our country's children and grandchildren. The project is a children's TV show called "Adventures with Iggy and Mr. Kirk" designed to provide children everywhere with a greater sense of right and wrong and an understanding of truth as it helps to build character. I think it's his way of countering the WOKE influences we see everywhere!

NSRW is planning to hold this event at the Yacht Club for an evening dinner beginning at 6:30 PM. Doors open at 5:30 and a cash bar will be available. Dinner will cost \$30.00. (inclusive). Kirk will describe the project and invite you to help make this a reality.

See page 8 in this newsletter for more details.



- Carolyn Jones
1st Vice President/Programs



Monthly Meeting Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Bentwater COUNTRY Club
800 Bentwater Dr.
Montgomery, TX

Program: Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham

Commissioner Buckingham's family members were among the first settlers to Texas seven generations ago, and that tough, independent, pioneer spirit is deeply rooted in her personality. True to her Texas roots, her commitment to service began early, serving as a volunteer firefighter, and attending the Texas A&M Fire School. She is also an avid hunter, outdoorswoman, and steward of the land. She made history in 2016 as the first woman elected to the Texas State Senate from Travis County and she made history again in 2022 when elected as this state's first female Land Commissioner.

Dawn came from humble roots—growing up on a ranch near the Texas coast and then moved to Central Texas. She has never settled for less than her dreams. Wanting to attend college, but without the money to do so, Dawn lived at home, working two jobs to pay her own way through college at the University of Texas at Austin. With endurance of spirit she graduated Magna Cum Laude and debt-free. It was during college that she met the love of her life and husband of 31 years, Ed Buckingham. Dawn and Ed both received their medical degrees from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, and they have two children. Her commitment to service and recognition for her work has allowed her to hold leadership positions in local, state, and national medical organizations.

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, February 27, 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.

[**RESERVATION**](#)



Membership

- Genette Stanton, 2nd Vice President

We hit 201 members February 15, making us a Texas Federation of Republican Women Super Jumbo club! We also have 55 associate members.



New Members

Ebele Gunn
Donna Roth
Crystal Milner

Online membership:

<https://www.nsrepublicanwomen.org/membership.html>



Sharing the Light

With Our 2024 LIGHTHOUSE CIRCLE



Lori Alderfer
Cathy Alexander
Kristin & Randy Bays
Leigh & Roger Billingsley
Barbara Bowe
Stacey Buick
Roberta & Mike Clark
Kim Clendenin
Karen & Rich Coffman
Tammy Coleman
Stephanie Collins
Karen & Ed Pawlak
Mary Frances & Kevin Doris
Linda & Brian Duncan
Jo & Ted Dutton
Joyce Ferguson
Sherry & Dan Fox
Dr. Shelley Sekula-Gibbs
Nancy & Jim Gibson
Lesta & Paul Gotsch
Pat & Paul Gottung
Chris Gurley
Brenna & Steven Hankla
Diane Hivnor
Jody Hostetler
Susan Hutchcroft
Suzie Johnson
Barbara Jonas
Carolyn & Randy Jones
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Lori Keyser
Mary & Jim Krenek
Sharon Lasseter
Brett & Shannon Ligon
Jacque & Greg Lookabaugh
Martha Low
Linda & Barry Maddox
Lori Maddox
Ann Marshall
Nicole & Jack McCormack
Kim & Mark McDaniel

Gail McKinnon
Jenifer Miller
Thelma Miller
Virginia & Tom Mueller
Rhonda & Zane Nixon
Donna & David Offut
Mary Osborn
Yolanda & Cecy Petro
Kay & Steve Pontious
Ann & Zefrin Pospisil
Phyllis Prange
Georgana Repal
Phyllis & Don Rainey
Claudia & Mike Riedlinger
Cody Roberts
Teresa Rose
Donna & Mike Roth
Toni & Bruce Sellers
Patricia & Nick Sheridan
Beverly & Blair Smith
Missy & Mike Spain
Genette & Jim Stanton
Nancy Griffin & Brian Sweeney
Selma Steidley
Christy & Kevin Tatum
Diane & Mark Tompkins
Sandy Wagner
Debbie & Eddie Watson
Rae-Jean Young

North Shore Republican Women
Thanks you for your contribution

Ways & Means

Debbie Graham, 3rd Vice President



Fundraising/Golf Tournament

I would like to thank all of you who have signed up as volunteers for our fundraising efforts this year. We will have a **short fundraising meeting 30 minutes before the March 6 NSRW Monthly Meeting** to discuss fundraising ideas and begin selecting our volunteer assignments. I would like to encourage you to come to the meeting, even if you have not signed up and/or you were involved in the fundraising efforts last year. Your input will be greatly appreciated.

I want to thank Sherry Fox for the in-depth work she put into fundraising efforts for the last two years in her role as Vice President for Ways and Means; and, especially for the wonderful booklet she put together to assist me in trying to step into her shoes this year. I also would like to thank Roberta and Mike for their willingness to share what they pioneered in setting up the On-Line Auction process the past two years, and Teresa Rose for her willingness to step in as our technology administrator for the On-line Auction this year.

We have already received our first sponsorship donation for the Golf Tournament Dinner from Guadalaharry's Bar & Grill; so we are off to a great start, but will need everyone's assistance to meet our goals for this year.

I hope to see you before the meeting on March 6th.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

North Shore Republican Women
UNITED WE STAND
to Keep Montgomery County Red
Eighth Annual
Golf Tournament, Auction,
& Dinner

BENTWATER COUNTRY CLUB

800 BENTWATER DR., MONTGOMERY, TX 77356

Monday, September 30, 2024



Funds raised go to NSRW's many activities and programs with contributions to candidates, and charitable projects, as well as college scholarships to young Republicans graduating from Willis and/or Montgomery High Schools. All fifth grade students in Willis ISD receive U.S. Constitution booklets and all third graders receive dictionaries. We support homeless youth, new citizen and veterans groups, the Montgomery County Food Bank, Safe Harbor and other organizations.

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Treasurer's Report

- Chris Gurley, PAC Treasurer

We began the month of January with a balance forward of \$116,202. We brought in income of \$3,538 (Dues \$3,434, Ways & Means (Gift Table) \$104. Expenditures totaled \$4,027 (Administrative \$897, Campaign Activities \$992, Communications \$78, Historian \$23, Hospitality \$75, Membership Dues to TFRW \$1,725, Ways & Means (Gift Table) \$237. Our balance on hand as of January 31, 2024 was \$115,713.



CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

-Deborah Gentz

NSRW Candidate Forum Photos



WE'RE ALL INVITED!

Morgan does not have an opponent in the Republican Primary. But, he wanted to do a fun event to get all Republicans together before Election Day. So please plan to join Congressman Luttrell at this FREE event!

Red White & Blue Republican Rally at Honor Cafe
February 23rd | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

[Register here](#)

CONGRESSMAN LUTTRELL'S
RED WHITE & BLUE
REPUBLICAN RALLY

The graphic features a white speech bubble with the text above, set against a background of an American flag. To the right is a photo of Congressman Luttrell wearing a red and white baseball cap with his name on it.

Join Congressman Luttrell and meet your local Republican Candidates, grab a snack and get fired up for Election Day!

Feb 23rd ★ Honor Cafe ★ 5:00 - 7:00 pm

February 7, 2024 Meeting





There are also important precinct chair & county chairman races at the bottom on most ballots. [Look up your candidates here](#). If you don't know your precinct number, look it up here: [Voter Registration Status](#)

MARCH 5, 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION

Applications for a ballot by mail must be submitted to the early voting clerk on or after **January 1** of the year of the election(s) for which you are applying and no later than the close of business on the 11th day before Election Day (**February 23, 2024**).

EARLY VOTING

<i>March 5, 2024 Primary Elections</i>	
Main and Branch Early Voting Polling Places	
Tuesday, February 20 - Friday, February 23	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 24	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 25	11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, February 26 - Friday, March 1	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Polling Location	Physical Address
♦ North Montgomery County Community Center	600 Gerald Street, Willis 77378
♦ Lone Star Community Center (Not the Lone Star Convention Center in Conroe)	2500 Lone Star Parkway, Montgomery 77356
♦ West Montgomery County Community Development Center	31355 Friendship Drive, Magnolia 77355
♦ East Montgomery County Fair Association Building	21675A McCleskey Road, New Caney 77357
♦ South County Community Center	2235 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands 77380
♦ Central Library (Main Early Voting Polling Place - Limited Ballots)	104 I-45 North, Conroe 77301
♦ <i>George and Cynthia Woods Mitchell Library</i> <i>New Location</i> ★	8125 Ashlane Way, The Woodlands 77382
♦ Magnolia Event Center	11659 FM 1488, Magnolia 77354
♦ Spring Creek Greenway Nature Center	1300 Riley Fuzzel Road, Spring 77386
♦ East Montgomery County Community Development Center	16401 First Street, Suite 100, Splendora 77372

**Did you know there are 13 ballot propositions on the Republican Primary Ballot?
Read before you go to the poll to vote.**

Propositions 9-13 are on next page

Keep in mind that this is an opinion poll of Republican voters and not a policy referendum. You are not voting to make a law but merely saying YES you agree or NO you do not agree with the statement.



2024 Republican Primary Ballot Propositions

Approved by the State Republican Executive Committee – December 2, 2023

Proposition 1

Texas should eliminate all property taxes without increasing Texans' overall tax burden.

Proposition 2

Texas should create a Border Protection Unit, and deploy additional state law enforcement and military forces, to seal the border, to use physical force to prevent illegal entry and trafficking, and to deport illegal aliens to Mexico or to their nations of origin.

Proposition 3

The Texas Legislature should require the use of E-Verify by all employers in Texas to protect jobs for legal workers by preventing the hiring of illegal aliens.

Proposition 4

The Texas Legislature should end all subsidies and public services, including in-state college tuition and enrollment in public schools, for illegal aliens.

Proposition 5

Texas urges the United States Congress not to grant any form of amnesty or a pathway to legalization for illegal aliens.

Proposition 6

The Texas Legislature should prohibit the deployment of the Texas National Guard to a foreign conflict unless Congress first formally declares war.

Proposition 7

The Texas Legislature should establish authority within the Texas State Comptroller's office to administer access to gold and silver through the Texas Bullion Depository for use as legal tender.

Proposition 8

The State of Texas should ensure that Texans are free to give or to withhold consent for any vaccine without coercion.

Ballot Propositions, continued

Proposition 9

The Republican Party of Texas should restrict voting in the Republican primary to only registered Republicans.

Proposition 10

The Texas Constitution should be amended to restore authority to the Texas Attorney General to prosecute election crimes.

Proposition 11

Texas parents and guardians should have the right to select schools, whether public or private, for their children, and the funding should follow the student.

Proposition 12

The Texas Constitution should be amended to require proof of citizenship before any individual can be registered to vote.

Proposition 13

Texas should ban the sale of Texas land to citizens, governments, and entities from China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia.

Mail In Ballot Information



It's your right to vote by mail if you are:

65 Years of Age or Older on Election Day;

Disabled, as defined in Texas Election Code

Confined for Childbirth (expected to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day);

Expecting to be Absent from the County (on Election Day and during the hours of early voting by personal appearance or the remainder of the early voting period after you submit your application); or

Confined in Jail or Involuntary Civil Commitment under Chapter 841 of the Health and Safety Code, but otherwise eligible.

Visit the Montgomery County Election Administration website [here](#) to read more and to download a ballot-by-mail application. Make sure to check the box to receive your Annual Ballot in box 4 to receive all ballots by mail for the rest of the 2024 election year.

Applications must be received by **2/23/2024** for the **March 5, 2024 Primary Elections**

North Shore Republican Women Special Event

BENTWATER WELCOMES

KIRK CAMERON

[Click here for reservations](#)

Reservations are already filling up quickly. Don't wait and be too late!

MARCH 21, 2024 | 6:30 PM

BENTWATER YACHT CLUB

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM

Join North Shore Republican Women and Kirk Cameron to learn what you can do to create a foundation of biblical morality in children for generations to come.

Register by 3/14 through
Bentwater Country Club
936-597-6219

*Dinner will be served but not provided.
By registering you understand that dinner
will be purchased by the attendee.



QUESTIONS? CALL OR TEXT

LEIGH BILLINGSLEY, PRESIDENT OF NSRW
CELL 831-236-9483
CAROLYN JONES, VP PROGRAMS
CELL 214-803-5330

BENTWATER YACHT CLUB

200 Bentwater Harbor Dr,
Montgomery, TX 77356

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7 MEETING

- Mary Osborn, Recording Secretary



The February meeting was called to order by President Leigh Billingsley at 11:00 AM on February 7, 2024. After thanking the club for their contributions to the food drive by Leigh Billingsley, a devotional message and prayer was led by Cheryl Bolt. The Pledges to both the United States flag and the Texas flag was led by Genette Stanton. The minutes from the January meeting were approved as presented.

Genette Stanton, the 2nd Vice President and membership chair reported that we had 188 members signed up at this time. She also announced that there were sign up sheets for the committees. The Treasurer, Chris Gurley gave the financial report. Deborah Graham, the 3rd Vice President and Fundraising chair spoke of the need for volunteers for the September 30th Golf Tournament and that the volunteers would have a meeting at the March meeting, prior to the general meeting.

Sarah Henry, the Legislative chairman reported on the upcoming May election that would elect members of the appraisal district. Ann Kate gave an election update on the March election concerning the ballots and the precinct chair elections which will be at the bottom of the ballot and also spoke of the 13 propositions that will be on the ballot in March, which will give the Republican legislature an idea of the interest in the proposition by the voter. Joan Martin added information on early voting and registering to vote. Dorothy Woodall added information on the privacy of the voter's choice when going to the polls for the primaries.

Elected officials were introduced. Judge Tracy Gilbert of the 418th District Court was with us and treated the members with a red rose for Valentines Day. Sarah Henry was in attendance, representing State Representative District 16, Will Metcalf. Also attending, were Sandy Wagner, Montgomery County Hospital Board; Rand Henderson, Sheriff; Alice Melancon, TFRW Deputy Regional President; Scott Goleman, Chief Justice, 9th Court of Appeals. The candidates in attendance were Sherry Doolittle, representing Wesley Doolittle, candidate for sheriff; Rand Henderson, candidate for sheriff; Kent Chambers, 9th District Court of Appeals 4 and Kenna Seiler, 9th District Court of Appeals 4.

Carolyn Jones reported on the invitation that the organization accepted to help create a foundation for "Brave Books" at a dinner on March 21, 2024 at the Bentwater Yacht Club. The books and movies that the company is striving to publish will teach children the morality that is needed in this time.

President Leigh Billingsley announced that 228 pounds of food had been delivered to the food bank.

Carolyn Jones, 1st VP, Programs chair, introduced our speaker, Rebecca Smith who is the CEO for "Love Heals Youth" foundation that works to supply many needs to children who are in the foster care system. The video and speech told of the many needs of the foster children and how we can help.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM

Caring for America

- Ann South



The North Shore Republican Women's Caring For America Program donated baby items to Pregnancy Centers that provide assistance to families in need. Our thanks to our members and all who support our Fundraisers! These funds help us to make an impact in our community!



Our sympathy goes out to NSRW member Lou Dycus, whose daughter, Debby Capps, passed away on February 1. Debby was past president of Bentwater Ladies Organization. A reception to honor and celebrate her life will be held at her and her husband Rob's home in Montgomery on March 2.



Mary Osborn, Chris Gurley, Leigh Billingsley,
Deborah Graham, Genette Stanton, Carolyn Jones

2024 NSRW Board Members

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Americanism

Awards - *Dorothy Woodall*

Campaign Activities - *Deborah Gentz*

Caring for America - *Ann South/Sherry Fox*

Caring and Concern - *Sherry Martinez*

Chaplain - *Cheryl Bolt*

Community Engagement - *Karen Darcy Pawlak*

Directory - *Jody Hostetler/Karen Darcy Pawlak*

Gift Table - *Becky Harper/Sharon Lasseter*

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

Publicity - *Joan Martin*

Scholarship

Youth Outreach



NSRW Calendar of Events

February 20 - Early Voting begins for
March 5 primary election

March 5 - Primary Election Day

March 6 - NSRW Monthly Meeting, Bentwater
Country Club, sign in begins at 10:30 a.m. Pro-
gram - Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham.

March 20 - NSRW Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Bent-
water Country Club board room.

March 21 - Special NSRW event - Kirk Cameron
Doors open at 5:30 p.m. at Bentwater YACHT
Club. Event begins at 6:30 p.m.

April 3 - NSRW Monthly Meeting, Bentwater
Country Club, sign in begins at 10:30 a.m. Pro-
gram - Congressman Morgan Luttrell



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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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