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President's Letter - Leigh Billingsley

Several of us attended a day long program on March 18th called the ABCs of Republican Women's Club Leadership. It was a very good set of sessions includ-

ing Caring for America, Ballot Board, Membership (growing), bylaws and tips for Treasurers. We ended by discussing the goals of our clubs. It occurred to me that it might be good to remind everyone of our Club's stated objectives. They are:

- To promote an informed electorate through political education.
- ♦ To increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through active political participation.
- To facilitate cooperation among Republican Women Clubs.
- ◆ To foster loyalty to the Republican Party and to promote its principles and candidates in all elections including non-partisan elections.
- To work for the election of the Republican Party's nominees.

We look forward to having Congressman Morgan Luttrell as our speaker in April! It is certain to be a sold out event so please register soon!

Have a Blessed Easter March 31





- Carolyn Jones 1st Vice President/Programs

Monthly Meeting Wednesday, April 3, 2024



Bentwater <u>COUNTRY</u> Club 800 Bentwater Dr. Montgomery, TX

Program: Congressman Morgan Luttrell, 8th Congressional Dist. - "Update from Washington D.C."

Morgan Luttrell has built a life centered around service. A 5th generation Texan raised on a horse ranch, at an early age Morgan learned the importance of hard work, discipline, and personal responsibility. He turned his strong values, deep love for America, and passion for helping others into a career of distinguished service.

After graduating from Willis High School, Morgan earned his bachelors in Psychology from Sam Houston State University—but he found his calling when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy to become a Navy SEAL.

Following an honorable 14-year military career, Morgan retired from the Navy in 2014 and applied his experience to help fellow veterans. After achieving an advanced degree in Applied Cognition and Neuroscience at the University of Texas at Dallas, and an Advanced Leadership Certificate from Harvard, Morgan created an innovative health and wellness platform helping veterans heal from their physical and psychological injuries. This led him to the Department of Energy where he served under former Texas Governor Rick Perry utilizing AI tools to improve brain science.

Answering the next call to duty, Morgan was elected in 2022 to serve Texas Dist. 8 in the US House of Representatives. He serves on the Homeland Security Committee as well as Veteran Affairs and House Armed Services.

Congressman Luttrell and his wife Leslie reside in Magnolia with their two sons, Gunner and Lincoln.

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, March 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.

RESERVATION

Membership

- Genette Stanton, 2nd Vice President

We have 222 Active Members and 62 Associates. Please get your renewals turned in as soon as possible. You can send a check with the form or renew online.



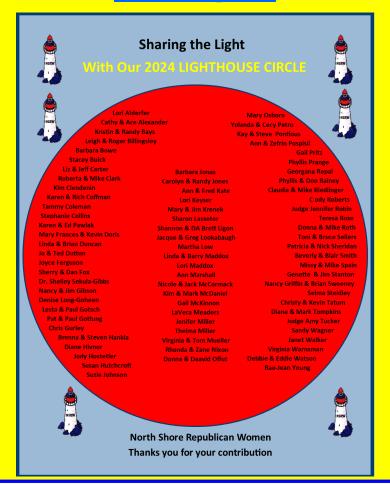


New Members

Denise Long-Goheen Pam Martin **Marlen Tejeda**

Online membership:

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



Treasurer's Report - Chris Gurley, PAC Treasurer

We began the month of February with a balance forward of \$115,713. We brought in income of \$8,472 (Dues \$3,085, Ways & Means (Fundraiser) \$5,000, Ways & Means (Gift Table) \$387. Expenditures totaled \$2,843 (Administrative) \$237, (Campaign Activities) -\$455 (Includes refund of deposit), (Caring for America) \$956, (Communications) \$55, (Hospitality) \$75, (Membership Dues to TFRW) \$1,975. Our balance on hand as of February 29, 2024 was \$121,342.

Ways & Means Debbie Graham, 3rd Vice President





Fundraising/Golf Tournament

I would like to start by thanking those of you who participated in our Gallery Walk that was held before our March Luncheon who provided us with your input and your willingness to volunteer to assist with our Golf Tournament. We have had several volunteers step up to serve as Committee Chairs for the tournament and others of you have volunteered for specific tasks. We are still in need of many more. Although I am unable to list all of the volunteers who have stepped up so far, I do want to highlight a few.

Teresa Rose is in the process of setting up our On-Line Auction this year and has already met with Roberta and Dan who provided her with valuable information. We are now in need of item donations that will be a part of the auction. If you have items you would like to donate or know someone who may, please go ahead and start making those contacts. As soon as you have a donation, please contact me at deb@northshorerw.com and I will send you the In Kind or Monetary Documentation Form and we can get the item to Teresa to begin the process. Please remember that as a PAC, we are not allowed to accept donations from corporations; but donations can be made through an LLC or an individual.

Much of the input we received in our Gallery Walk suggested that we should also accept smaller item donations that can be used in a Silent Auction setting. This would allow more participation for those who are not comfortable with the world of on-line technology and/or who would like to contribute in a smaller manner.

I would also like to thank Teresa Campbell who volunteered to be our Banquet Chairperson. She has already contacted Andrea to begin that process along with Donna Roth, who agreed to be our Golf Chairperson, and is going to be working with Dave Troyer to set up the golf. A big thanks to all of you who have already signed up to assist, but we are still in need of others. I am a great believer in collaboration, and it will take all of us to work together to make this a suc-

It is my hope to have as much of the details for the tournament in place as soon as possible so I can get the information to Sherry Martinez, who volunteered to continue with her assignments from last year of creating our brochures and signs, etc. so we can have the information about the tournament available to you and on our website by the end of April.



March 6, 2024 Meeting



























MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6 MEETING

- Mary Osborn, Recording Secretary

The March meeting was called to order by President Leigh Billingsley at 11:00 AM on March 6, 2024. The prayer was led by



Cheryl Bolt and the pledges to the American and Texas flags was led by Representative Will Metcalf. The minutes from the February meeting were approved as presented.

Genette Stanton, 2nd Vice President reported that we have 219 completed membership forms and that we have 62 associate members. Treasurer, Chris Gurley gave the financial report. 3rd Vice President, Deborah Graham spoke of the Gallery Walk located on the back wall, showing the contributions already collected for the Golf Tournament in September. She also reported that she needs volunteers for the Scholarship Committee of which she is chair. Ann Kate thanked those who worked on her campaign or helped in any way, she is very thankful that it was a success. Gail McKinnon thanked those that clerked for her at precinct 42.

Financial Audit Chair, Jody Hostetler, reported that Leigh Billingsley, Chris Gurley and Jody recently reviewed the Bylaws for the audit for the financial reports and presented their audit to the NSRW Board on February 21, 2024. Anne Davis made a motion to accept the audit, Gail McKinnon seconded the motion and it was approved by the members present.

Membership chair, Jody Hostetler reported that the membership directory was available today to all officers and those who requested a printed copy and it is also available online. She asked that we thank and support all the sponsors who placed ads in the directory and who support our golf tournament. Deborah Graham reminded everyone to put the golf tournament on their calendar, September 30 and to support any way you can. She also reported as Scholarship Chair, that volunteers were needed. Campaign Activities chair Deborah Gentz asked the members to tun in their volunteer hours to her by the end of March.

Elected officials were introduced. Scott Goleman, Chief Justice, 9th Court of Appeals; Brandon Kiser, representing Brandon Creighton, State Senator, District 4; Will Metcalf, State Representative, District 16; Brandon Steinmann, County Clerk; Julie Faubel, TFRW Senate District 4 Director; Ann Kate, Pct 72 Republican Precinct Chair. The candidate in attendance was Kent Chambers, 9th District Court of Appeals 4. A visitor that was introduced was Trent Talbot, Brave Books.

1st Vice President, Programs, Carolyn Jones, introduced Trent Talbot who reminded everyone to register for the Kirk Cameron event on March 21 in the Yacht Club. The event is Being sponsored by "Brave Books", located in Conroe and dedicated to producing materials that provide an inspirational and Biblical message. Carolyn Jones then introduced our

NSRW Officers and Committee Chairmen Attend ABCs of Republican Women's Club Leadership Workshop at River Plantation



Dorothy Woodall, Genette Stanton, Becky Harper, Joan Martin, Gail McKinnon, Chris Gurley, Ann Kate, Leigh Billingsley



Scholarships
- Deborah Graham,
Chairman



I want to thank our Board Members
for their support in approving the criteria for the scholarships we hope to award to two seniors – one from Willis High School and one from Montgomery High School.

The information on the scholarships has been distributed to the schools with a link on our website, as well. The deadline for the completion of the applications has been set for April 15th.

If you would like to serve on the review committee to assist us in selecting the award recipients, please let me know. The applications will need to be reviewed and the potential recipients interviewed, so the finalists can be notified by the end of April.

Minutes, continued

guest speaker, Dawn Buckingham, Texas General Land Office Commissioner. She gave a wonderful talk that was being videoed and will be on the GLO website. She gave a very informative talk and was asked several questions after her talk.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes written by Cheryl Bolt



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

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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 - Deborah Graham

Youth Outreach - Dianne Tompkins

NSRW Calendar of Events



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. Program - Congressman Morgan Luttrell.

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

May 1 - Program - Mark Mechler, Founder of **Convention of States Project**



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Spouse Name (if applicable):	NewRenewal
Home Address:	Membership Fees: (Circle One) Active: \$40
City:	Seniors 75+ discount offered: \$30
Zip code Mailing Address (If different for mailings):	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).
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E-Mail:	current active membership: Young Affiliate is teenage women ages thirteen
Texas Senate district in which you reside	through seventeen.
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