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President's Letter - Leigh Billingsley

Most of you have received (or are waiting to receive) your annual property valuation letter from the Montgomery County Central Appraisal District. In 2019,

our State Representative, Will Metcalf, co-authored HB 3 and SB 2 which drive massive property tax reforms. Both bills significantly constrain the ability of taxing units to raise property taxes above a certain amount before voter approval. Without these in place property taxes would have risen more quickly.

A major factor currently driving property taxes is the skyrocketing property valuations driven by market demand, stressing the wallets of both home and business owners. The Texas House has made this issue a top priority for this year by filing House Bill 2 (the Property Tax Relief Act), also co-authored by Representative Metcalf, which lowers appraisal limits to a 5% cap for all properties in Texas.

HB 2 has passed the House Floor and is now waiting in the Texas Senate. I urge all of you who are interested in restricting large increases in property tax to Contact your state Senator and ask him to pass this House Bill 2. If you would like to contact Senator Brandon Creighton you can do so at

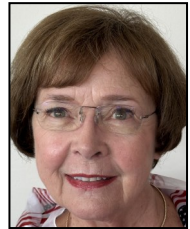
brandon.creighton@senate.texas.gov

Need a Nametag?

You can order one at our gift table before and during our meetings. The cost is \$20.



- Carolyn Jones
1st Vice President/Programs



Monthly Meeting Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Bentwater COUNTRY Club
800 Bentwater Dr.,
Montgomery, TX

Program: Robert R.R. "Rori" Marston - Speaking on how the U.S. Senate works, how to communicate with Congress, and the importance of data in campaigns.

Mr. Marston has over 40 years of experience in leadership and management ranging from industry, defense, congressional oversight of government organizations, and political campaign micro-targeting for conservative candidates and advocacy organizations.

During his tenure at the Department of Commerce's (DOC) National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Mr. Marston led the Oceanic and Atmospheric Research's Directorate Planning and Program Division in the development of the new unmanned aerial systems program. He also served as a board member to the Space Transportation Association—a non-governmental organization—and to the DOC's International Trade Advisory Committee (aerospace).

While working at the personal office of the late Senator Ted Stevens (R-AK) and with the US Senate Commerce Committee, Mr. Marston dealt with autonomous aircraft, Second Amendment, NASA, fisheries legislation, and climate change issues. On personal time, he also ran the Alaska state-wide call centers for Senator Lisa Murkowski's (R-AK) first US Senate campaign.

Prior to joining RocketBase Solutions, software for political campaign management, Mr. Marston joined ITT Space Systems Division as the Executive Director of Climate, Weather, Imaging, and Energy Policy. (Continued on page 12)

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, May 30, 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 choose the 0 option.

RESERVATIONS

Membership

- Genette Stanton, 2nd VP/Membership

We have 227 Members and 85 Associates.
We are still taking membership forms throughout the year.



New Member

Cynthia Allen

New Associates

**Rex Cambern
Jim Fredricks**

Look at Us!!

NSRW is Tied as the Second Largest Republican Women Club in the STATE

• TFRW Today May Magazine

XVII	7	Harris	Village RW	202	Super Jumbo
XVII	7	Harris	Northwest Forest RW	210	Super Jumbo
VI	3	Jefferson	Golden Triangle RW	224	Super Jumbo
XVII	4	Montgomery	North Shore RW	224	Super Jumbo
VII	22	McLennan	McLennan Co. RW	243	Super Jumbo

**Montgomery County Republican Women Clubs
Are a Force to be Reckoned With!
Look at Our Numbers!**

Montgomery	East Montgomery Co. RW	43	Medium
Montgomery	Lake Conroe Area RW	129	Jumbo
Montgomery	Liberty Belles RW	73	Large
Montgomery	Montgomery Co. RW	119	Jumbo
Montgomery	North Shore RW	224	Super Jumbo
Montgomery	The Woodlands RW	123	Jumbo

Treasurer's Report

- Chris Gurley, PAC Treasurer

We began the month of April with a balance forward of \$90,136. We brought in income of \$6,666 (advertising \$80, dues \$210, gift table \$576, Fundraiser \$5,800). Expenditures amounted to \$1,863 (caring for America \$330, communications/media \$29, hospitality \$25, membership (Dues TFRW) \$150, ways & means \$1,329). Our balance on hand as of April 30, 2023 was \$94,939.



Caring for America

- Kim Greene, Ann South, co-chairmen



Our Caring for America Committee efforts continue, as we host our end of the quarter food drive for the TLC Food Pantry in Willis, at our **June 7 meeting**. Please

bring your donations of canned goods, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, cereal, etc., to our meeting. We are trying to beat our goal of 500 pounds of food!



Kim and NSRW Media Chairman Ann Kate helped with the Senior Bingo lunch and games at the North Montgomery County Community Center May 17. Kim and Ann South provided cookies and prizes. In photo are Kim, Facility Coordinator Carla Hensley, and Ann Kate.



NSRW 2023 Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to our 2023 scholarship winner **Reid Henderson of Willis High School**. NSRW President Leigh Billingsley and NSRW's Willis High School Republican Club sponsor Diane Hivnor were on hand at the school to present a certificate to Reid during the Awards Night ceremony. Reid has served as president of the Club this year. He is **Valedictorian** of his class. He has also been captain of the UIL Speech, editor of the UIL Journalism/Newspaper, member of the National Honor Society, and Willis Law & Public Academy captain. Reid plans to attend the University of Texas in the fall. He and his parents, Rand and Christina Henderson, have been invited to our June 7 meeting.



Caring for America

- Kim Greene, Gail McKinnon, co-chairmen



“BEE” READY FOR THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE!!!



“Bee” Patriotic, it’s all the Buzz

Proud to “bee” an American

We hope you’ve gotten the idea of our entry in the Bentwater 4th of July parade. We’re going to have fun with the play on words and our decorations are going to be fun as well. We’re going to line up our golf carts (find someone you can ride with if you don’t have a cart), and buzz down Bentwater Drive on Tuesday, July 4.

Kim and Gail are ordering headbands for those who would like to really get into the spirit of the theme. Don’t worry, we’ll still be patriotic. Flags, bunting, etc., are great decorations.

And, those of you who have put elephant floats on the top of your carts in the past, you can use them again or purchase a bee float to use as a decoration instead. They can be found on Amazon, by [clicking here](#).

More information will be coming in June. Questions can be asked by emailing Kim Greene at kim@northshorerw.com

**In the meantime,
“BEE” HAPPY!**



September 25, 2023 United We Stand to Keep Montgomery County Red Golf Tournament



Sherry Fox, 3rd Vice President/Ways & Means (tournament chairman)

Sponsorships for our golf tournament fundraiser are coming in quickly. Two categories are sold out already, and other are down to only a few! We are not selling individual dinner tickets, so if you want to be in on the fun and excitement, sign up for a sponsorship right away. Individual golfers receive one dinner ticket each, and most sponsorships include one ticket plus other recognition.



We have a surprise guest this year. Performing at our opening ceremony will be **Kevin Black**, brother of country singer Clint Black, and a singer himself. How special is that?

We have had an amazing response from our county elected officials, and we appreciate their support. They, and other sponsors, will be recognized as soon as their checks are received by Treasurer Chris Gurley. Check our Facebook page for lists. The list of sponsors will also be on our website.

We also have our own members, or friends of members, who have chosen sponsorships, and we value their participation. We also need high quality online auction items. Contact Roberta Clark at auction@northshorerw.com.

Register Now For Sponsorships Online at

<https://northshorerpublicanwomen.redpodium.com/north-shore-golf-tournament>



Online Auction

Will Open September 18, 2023

All bidding will end during Dinner

Contact Roberta Clark at auction@northshorerw.com
To Donate Auction Items

North Shore Republican Women is a Political Action Committee (PAC). We cannot accept contributions from corporations due to Texas Ethics Commission laws. We can, however, accept personal checks from owners of corporations.

INDIVIDUAL GOLFERS

Registration will open **August 1st**. Availability will be released based on the sale of sponsorships. Golf entry fee, if not included in Sponsorship, is \$165 per player. Must register as a 4 person team at \$660/team.

Golf Includes

**Green Fees
Cart
Driving Range Practice
Gift/Snack/Ditty Bag
1 Mulligan and Team Bubba Drive
Bounce Back Certificate for Repeat 18 Holes at a Special Rate For a Later Date
Dinner Ticket
Complimentary Wine**

Check the North Shore Republican Women website for more information on the Golf Tournament and Online Auction

NSRepublicanWomen.org

North Shore Republican Women



Keep Montgomery County Red Golf Tournament Auction & Dinner

**September 25, 2023
Bentwater Golf & Country Club**

GOLF & DINNER

SPONSOR

LEVELS

DINNER HOST SPONSOR \$5,000

RON KEYSER
GUADALAHARRY'S
BAR & GRILL

Food Provided by Bentwater Country Club



RED, WHITE & BLUE SPONSOR \$4,000

ROBERT WALKER
COUNTY
COMMISSIONER



PLATINUM \$2,000

(7 Available)

- 1 Golf Team of 4 Golfers
- 4 Additional Dinner Tickets (8 Total)
- 4 Mulligans
- 1 Bubba Drive
- Recognition on Large Banner at Registration Table and Dinner
- Recognition in Press Releases, NSRW Website and Social Media
- Recognition in the Annual NSRW Directory

GOLD \$1,000

(5 Available)

- 1 Golf Team of 2 Golfers (Optional Full Team - \$330 for 2 Additional Golfers)
- 2 Additional Dinner Tickets (4 Total)
- 2 Mulligans
- 1 Bubba Drive
- Recognition on Large Banner at Registration Table and Sign at Dinner
- Recognition in Press Releases, NSRW Website and Social Media
- Recognition in the Annual NSRW Directory

SILVER \$500

(11 Available)

- 4 Dinner Tickets
- Recognition on Large Banner at Registration Table and Sign at Dinner

\$10,000 HOLE-IN-ONE SPONSOR \$500

(2 Available)

- 1 Dinner Ticket
- Recognition on Banner at Registration and Dinner
- Recognition Banner on Golf Course at Tee Box

DINNER BEVERAGE SPONSOR \$350

(4 Available)

- 1 Dinner Ticket
- Recognition on Banner at Dinner
- Recognition on Label of Complimentary Wine Bottles on Each Table

GOLF BEVERAGE SPONSOR \$300

(1 Available)

- 1 Dinner Ticket
- Recognition Banner On All Course Drink Stations

PUTTING CONTEST SPONSOR \$250

(2 Available)

- 1 Dinner Ticket
- Recognition on the Weiskopf Putting Green

HOLE SPONSOR

\$150

(15 Available)

- 1 Dinner Ticket
- Recognition on Golf Course at Tee Box

SOLD OUT!

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Thank You!
for your support.

North Shore Republican Women 7th Annual Golf Tournament - September 25, 2023

WE APPRECIATE OUR SPONSORS!!

AWARDS DINNER HOST

Ron Keyser - GuadalaHARRY's Bar & Grill

RED, WHITE & BLUE SPONSOR

Pct. 1 County Commissioner Robert Walker

PLATINUM SPONSOR

Jim Street
Gaye Watkins
Kevin Black (Raise a Hand for Rhett)

GOLD SPONSOR

Roger & Leigh Billingsley
County Attorney BD Griffin
Doug & Gail McKinnon
Jeffrey and Sydney Shellebarger

SILVER SPONSOR

Fred and Ann Kate

\$10,000 HOLE-IN-ONE SPONSOR

Phillip & Julie Ochs
Judge Vince Santini

DINNER BEVERAGE SPONSOR

State Rep Will Metcalf

GOLF BEVERAGE SPONSOR

Justice Jay Wright

PUTTING CONTEST SPONSOR

Judge Echo Hutson

HOLE SPONSOR

Richard & Joan Martin
Greg & Jacque Lookabaugh
Sandy Wagner - Montgomery Co. Hospital District

Go to our website by [clicking here](#). Click on the "golf tournament" tab at the top. After reading the information, click on the link to go to the tournament website to sign up for your sponsorship. Or, to go directly to the tournament website, [click here](#) or scan the QR code to the right.



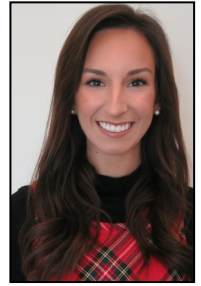
We are collecting Auction donations. Please ask your friends to donate high quality items. We are hoping someone will donate Astros tickets this year. Our success is dependent upon your support. Please help us get the word out about our event.

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The Metcalf Minute

An Update from the 87th Legislature at the Texas Capitol
By *State Representative Will Metcalf, House District 16*

Legislative Chairman
- Sarah Tillman Henry



Important update from the 88th Legislative Session regarding the San Jacinto River Authority

Mark Twain is believed to have once said, “Whiskey is for drinking, water is for fighting.” Montgomery County residents are all too familiar with this sentiment. We are so blessed to live in beautiful Southeast Texas with an abundance of natural resources, such as Lake Conroe, right in our backyard. So why is there so much disagreement about water in our community?

Many of these fights began well over a decade ago. New boards, councils and elected officials have come and gone since the beginning of our county’s water wars. However, one common player remains. Since before I took office as the state representative for Conroe and north Montgomery County (including Lake Conroe), issues related to the San Jacinto River Authority’s (SJRA) Surface Water Treatment Plant and its outrageous fees have remained one of my constituents’ top concerns.

Moreover, since I’ve been in office, there has been ongoing litigation with SJRA over contracts related to the countywide Groundwater Reduction Plan (GRP), with no resolution in sight and millions of dollars hanging over the heads of Montgomery County citizens.

In the early fall of 2022, I learned about behind-the-scenes efforts with potential legislation at the Texas Legislature in Austin to force an unacceptable end to these issues that would have left Montgomery County residents in an extremely unfavorable position and unjustly tipped the scales in favor of another party. Fortunately, this legislation was not filed.

However, this past week, when the Texas House was set to debate SJRA sunset legislation, I saw no choice but to take matters into my own hands to protect my community. With the help of Reps. Cecil Bell and Steve Toth, along with a supermajority of our House colleagues, we were successful in amending the legislation to require the SJRA board to select new management for a fresh path forward.

I understand that many of you may be aware of this amendment, and I want to share some background on this important legislation.

The current general manager of the SJRA has been intimately involved in all water management-related decisions in Montgomery County since 2007. This individual has led the charge on the implementation of programs and mandates for over 600,000 residents in our county.

To understand the present issues, it is important to appreciate the history of these issues. Over two decades ago, the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (LSGCD) was created by the Legislature. Prior to my legislation during the 2017 legislative session that changed this board to elected positions, the original LSGCD board had 9 members that were all appointed by a hodge-podge of entities with little accountability to the public. SJRA was one of those appointed board positions to the groundwater conservation district.

In the years following its creation, the appointed LSGCD board adopted a Groundwater Management Plan that significantly limited groundwater pumping for all “large-volume groundwater users” and required those users to find alternate water sources to make up the difference. Here lies the source of one of the problems: SJRA had a seat on the LSGCD board.

The board, constituted of SJRA, voted to require all large volume groundwater users in Montgomery County to comply with a Groundwater Reduction Plan (GRP). Thereafter, SJRA began shopping around this plan that it used to sell over \$500 million in bonds to construct a surface water treatment plant on Lake Conroe and pipelines as a part of Phase 1 of the overall plan.

The \$500 million of bonds are paid for by pass-through fees tacked onto users’ water bills. As SJRA’s surface water plan was discussed, LSGCD’s general counsel was actively pursuing the Legislature to pass legislation allowing SJRA to impose countywide fees on users’ water bills to fund and construct the proposal.

At that time, the proposed legislation failed to pass because legislators were not comfortable with the plan. Some lawmakers also took issue with the problematic fact that not all users would be guaranteed water even though everyone would have to foot the bill to pay for the project.

To comply with the GRP and avoid fines of up to \$10,000 per day, water providers were pressured into signing a contract with SJRA authorizing construction of the \$500 million surface water treatment plant and pipelines.

As we all know, this plan ultimately became a reality without legislative or voter approval. Presently, there are roughly 80 participants paying for the SJRA GRP and only 7 of them receive water. Over 70 participants pay and yet do not receive a single drop of water.

How is this right? To this day, there is ongoing litigation about the validity of the contracts used to fund and construct this plan. As stated, the past cannot be separated from the present issues with SJRA. Do not be fooled.

I am not arguing the merits of the contract or on the groundwater vs surface water back and forth; those issues are completely separate from my position. I am not a contract law expert, a geophysicist studying land subsidence or a hydrologist stating how much water is under our feet. But what I am absolutely sure of is that the current general manager of SJRA provides no light at the end of this long tunnel. We cannot move forward as a community because this program is the brainchild and legacy of the current SJRA general manager.

Because of this, it is apparent that the current general manager cannot negotiate in good faith to find resolutions to the expensive lawsuits that have gone on for years. There are private businesses involved in these lawsuits spending their own private dollars, yet he continues to spend YOUR dollars to defend his plan.

This is unacceptable and it is past time to find a resolution.

Over the years, my office has received countless calls, emails and letters from constituents outraged about their water bills. Their primary concern is always “why is there an SJRA fee that doubles the cost of my actual usage?” In 2017, my office solicited water bills from constituents to help our understanding of how to address this problem. Almost every single bill had SJRA fees that nearly doubled the price of the bill. Every time my office received calls or emails on outrageous water bills, we had to run through the whole convoluted history of how we ended up here with no recourse.

As mentioned above, I authored and successfully passed legislation to change the LSGCD board to elected positions in May of 2017. While the SJRA board is appointed by the Governor, we have still sought legislation to make SJRA more accountable to those who fund it.

One such bill followed the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey when SJRA opened the floodgates in the middle of the night with little to no warning. Many downstream residents were flooded and destroyed, with some estimates showing more than 300 businesses and as many as 5,000 homes.

In response, I passed House Bill 26 in the 2019 86th Legislature that requires dam operators to adopt an alert protocol to notify local emergency officials when they release water during a disaster. This would have at least provided warning to our downstream neighbors of what was coming their way.

Following Hurricane Harvey, Kingwood residents demanded that the Lake Conroe lake level be lowered to protect them from future flooding. This “temporary” lake lowering program turned into years-long battle between upstream and downstream residents until finally, a concerted effort from both upstream and downstream residents found a more palatable consensus for both Montgomery County and Harris County residents.

It was the citizens who led the charge to find an agreement with one another on this issue. Do not lose sight of this common theme. It was the citizens who forced action, NOT the current general manager.

I re-hash this lengthy history to explain why I recently authored an amendment to require the SJRA board to hire a new general manager. Every 12 years, state agencies undergo review by the Texas Sunset Commission. While SJRA is not necessarily a state agency, they are an entity that was established statutorily in 1937 that affects the daily lives of my constituents more than any other state agency. The Legislature created SJRA, and the Legislature has a right to file legislation and amendments to address concerns for their constituents.

There is precedent for achieving change through sunset legislation through the same mechanism as recently as last session, for example. In that case, the Legislature overhauled the Texas Racing Commission in May 2021 during the 87th Legislative Session, which was a much-needed step in the right direction for this agency by requiring the hiring of a new executive director.

Let me be clear: my amendment to the SJRA sunset bill has nothing to do with my opinion of the SJRA general manager as a person. This is strictly about doing what is best for my community that I love and trying to find a long overdue resolution to our county’s ongoing water problems.

The men and women of the SJRA board are a collection of impressive individuals who I know can solve these issues.

How much longer do we have to wait for action to be taken related to the general manager of SJRA so that we can all move forward?

As always, it is an honor to represent our community at your state Capitol. May God bless you, your family, and the great state of Texas.

May 3, 2023 Meeting - Congressman Morgan Luttrell





Texas Federation of Republican Women
34th Biennial Convention

October 12-14, 2023
Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas
Irving, Texas

Let's Go!!!

We're allowed to have 23 delegates and 23 alternates, so let's have a huge contingent go to Irving.

From TFRW:

CONVENTION REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

We are thrilled to announce the opening of registration for this year's TFRW Convention. Join us as we celebrate our collective achievements and explore new opportunities in the world of politics. Registering for the convention is easy and can be done online via Eventbrite, or you may choose to register manually by mailing your registration form along with payment to the TFRW Convention PAC, Attn: Kerry Gaines, PAC Treasurer, 2113 Flat Creek Dr., Richardson, TX 75080-2331. Please find the registration ticket prices below:

**Early Registration – \$195
Through June 30th**

**Regular Registration – \$250
July 1st – September 30th**

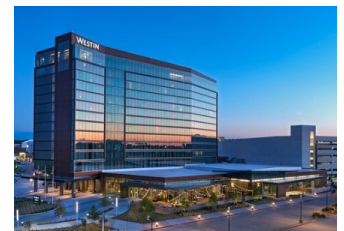
**Late Registration (Online Only) – \$335
October 1st – October 10th**

Register as a Guest unless you are an AT-Large Delegate (TFRW Officers, District Directors, and Past Presidents). **Your status as a Delegate or Alternate will be updated when your Club President submits your Club Credentials.** You must be Credentialed by your Club President to attend as a Delegate or Alternate to be seated. Once credentialed, you will be notified by the Credential Committee your status as a Delegate or Alternate.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS, [CLICK HERE](#)

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

We are excited to offer you two excellent hotel options for the upcoming convention: **The Westin Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas (located across the street from the convention center) and the Marriott Dallas Las Colinas (located .04 miles from the convention center).** Both hotels offer comfortable and convenient accommodations, and we have secured special group rates for our attendees. **The Westin's rate is \$169 per night, while the Marriott's rate is \$149 per night.** We highly recommend staying at one of these fantastic hotels during your convention to make the most of your experience!





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TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

2:00 p.m. – Early Convention Check-In
3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. – District Director/Deputy President Meeting
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. – TFRW Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – TFRW Board of Directors Reception

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Convention Check-In
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit Booths Open
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Elected Official/Candidate Meet and Greet
12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Opening Session
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Welcome Reception
8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – TFRW Officer Slate Meet and Greet

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. – Sponsored Breakfast Buffet
7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Convention Check-In
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit Booths Open
9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. – General Session
12:30 p.m. to 2:25 p.m. – TFRW Awards Luncheon
2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. – Workshop 1 (up to four workshops to select from)
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Workshop 2 (up to four workshops to select from)
5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. – 10 Outstanding & Patrons Reception
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – 10 Outstanding Banquet

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. – Memorial Breakfast Buffet
8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Convention Check-In
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Exhibit Booths open
9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Caucus Meetings (District Director Elections)
10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. – Closing Session
1:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. – Installation Luncheon
7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. – President's Dinner (extra ticket purchase required)

MINUTES OF THE MAY 3 MEETING **- Ann South, Acting Secretary**

The May 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 offered the opening prayer. Judge Vince Santini lead the Pledges of Allegiance. The minutes were approved as presented. In the absence of Genette Stanton, 2nd Vice President/ Membership, Treasurer Chris Gurley reported that there are currently 225 active members and 84 associate members. Chris Gurley, Treasurer, presented the monthly report. Our balance forward is \$90,135.60. Our income is \$6,665.73 and our expenditures are \$1,862.53, giving us an ending balance of \$94,938.80. Ann South, Caring for America co-chair, reported that we will be helping with the Senior Bingo at the Willis Community Center once a month. On May 16th, Kim Greene will drop off desserts and prizes for the Senior Bingo that will take place on May 17th. Kim purchased gift cards for the prizes and would like volunteers to make desserts. Please email Kim@northshorerw.com if you can make some desserts and Kim will pick them up from you on May 16th. At our next General Meeting, June 7th, we will once again be collecting items for the TCL Food Pantry in Willis. Karen Darcy-Pawlak, Community Engagement, encouraged people to sign up to become a Voter Registrar. On May 21st, Karen and others will be setting up a table to register voters at Sacred Heart Catholic Church's Festival. If your church or another group you belong to is having an event and would like to have voter registration there, let Karen know. Sherry Fox, 3rd Vice President, and Roberta Clark discussed the 2023 Golf Tournament. Kevin Black will be performing at the opening ceremony of the Golf Tournament. Sherry is still collecting sponsorships and Roberta is collecting auction items. On August 1st Sherry will release the spots that are still available for individual golfers to sign up for the tournament. Ann Kate, Media, reported that the NFRW Convention will be held in Oklahoma City on September 28th – October 1st. A motion was made by Katy Tucker to send President Leigh Billingsley to the NFRW Convention. Sarita Hudson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and Leigh was approved to attend the NFRW Convention. The TFRW Convention is being held in Irving, Texas on October 12th-14th. We can have 20 delegates and 20 alternates attend the TFRW Convention. The following elected officials were introduced: Phillip Cash, Precinct 1 Constable; Brandon Kiser representing Brandon Creighton, District 4; Rand Henderson, Sheriff; Morgan Luttrell, US Representative District 8; Megan Metcalf representing Will Metcalf, State Representative District 16; Vince Santini, Dist. Judge, 457th Judicial Court; Sandy Wagner, Montgomery Co. Hospital Board; Ann Kate, Pct 72 Republican Chairman; Anna Greathouse, Pct. 22 Republican Chairman.

Carolyn Jones, 1st Vice President, introduced our speaker, Congressman Morgan Luttrell, who gave us some insight into what he is doing as a Congressman for the people of District 8. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.



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

2023 NSRW Board Members

OFFICERS

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Leigh Billingsley 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**

No Meetings in July and August

No Beacon newsletters in June and July

Enjoy your summer!

We hope to see you July 4.

“Rori” Marston, continued:

Mr. Marston proudly served as an Air Force officer and managed nationwide programs at the Pentagon and various Department of Defense commands. He deployed to Operation Desert Storm, and Operation Provide Comfort. He earned both a BS (University of Nebraska, Kearney campus) and MA (Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri) in business and is an honor graduate of the Air Force Air Command and Staff College, a graduate of Marine Command and Staff College and DOC’s Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program, and attended Georgetown University (legislative studies program).

Mr. Marston has been married to his wife, Diane, for 34 years. He is also learning to fish for bass . . . to date, the bass are winning.



NSRW Calendar of Events

**June 7 - NSRW Monthly Meeting,
Sign in begins at 10:30 a.m.**

No Board Meetings in June and July

No Monthly Meetings in July and August

See you in September!

Need a Prayer or Know Someone Who Does?

Contact our Chaplain, Cheryl Bolt, before each meeting if you have, or know of, a need for prayer.



Our sympathy goes out to NSRW member Angela Siegert, whose husband Patrick died April 13. Services were held April 21 at College Station City Cemetery.

We are very sorry for your loss, Angela.

Will You Serve on the Nominating Committee?

We need two members to serve with 3 board members on a nominating committee to find candidates for 3rd Vice President/Ways & Means and Recording Secretary. The terms of those officers will be over January 1. The other officers can serve another year if they are willing.

Meetings will be over the summer.



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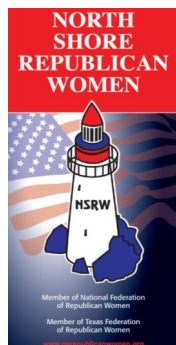
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**NORTH SHORE REPUBLICAN WOMEN
MEMBERSHIP FORM - 2023**

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City _____

Zip code _____

Mailing Address (If different for mailings):

Home Phone: _____

Cell: _____

E-Mail: _____

Texas Senate district in which you reside _____

NSRW may/may not publish this information in its printed and electronic yearbooks. Please circle one and initial _____

Do you want a Yearbook? _____ If yes, do you prefer: Electronically _____ or Printed _____

Occupation (Required information for PAC reporting): _____


OR (Please check if retired) _____

Membership Fees: (Please 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).

Please check one:

New _____ Renewal _____

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 _____

*** Please mail this form with your check payable to NSRW to: P.O. Box 1993, Montgomery, TX 77356.

NSRW MEETS THE 1st WEDNESDAY AT THE BENTWATER YACHT CLUB (unless otherwise specified in The Beacon). PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS ONLINE AT www.nsrepublicanwomen.org BY NOON SATURDAY BEFORE MEETING, or call 936-597-6219, option 0 (for meetings at Bentwater).

I'M INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES (Please circle):

Campaign Activities	Caring & Concern	Caring for America	Community Engagement
Finance	Gift Table	Hospitality	Legislative
Literacy	Media	Membership	Publicity
Scholarship	Ways & Means	Yearbook	Youth Outreach