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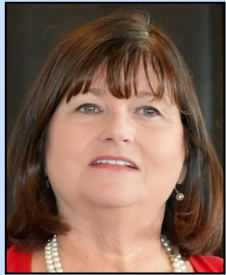
## NORTH SHORE REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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### President's Letter - Tammy Coleman

This year, the United States of America is celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Patriots fought a revolution to secure

the freedoms later protected in our Constitution. For the past 250 years, generations of patriots have continued to step forward and sacrifice to defend those freedoms.

Freedom does not defend itself; voters do. This Republican Primary is a critical election here in Montgomery County, and every vote counts.

If you choose not to vote in this primary, you allow a small percentage of voters to decide who will represent you and your conservative values. You surrender your freedom to choose, a freedom bought and paid for by the sacrifices of patriots across generations.

I urge you to do your own research on each candidate on the ballot. You have likely received many mailers, texts, phone calls, social media messages, and even door knocks with information about who to support and why. Choose the candidate who reflects your values and convictions. This primary vote determines which priorities move forward and where accountability begins.

Make plans to vote. Know your polling location, mark your calendar, and tell your friends. Republican primaries shape the future of Montgomery County, Texas, and our country.

Your vote is your voice, make your voice heard. Keep Montgomery County Red!



- Kitty Pavelka  
1st Vice President/Programs

### Monthly Meeting March 4, 2026

**Bentwater YACHT Club**  
200 Bentwater Harbor Dr.  
Montgomery, TX



### Program: Lake Conroe Association President Kevin Lacy will discuss the role politics plays in the management of Lake Conroe

For the past five decades, the Lake Conroe Association (LCA) a 501c3 non-profit corporation, has been advocating for safer water levels, resolving vegetation problems, implementing practical water conservation practices, and improving the overall quality of life in and around the lake.

The LCA (an all-volunteer organization) works closely with the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA), the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Texas Legislature to represent the interests of people living around or doing business near Lake Conroe.

Kevin Lacy, who has been a property owner in the Lake Conroe area for the past 20 years, currently serves as the President of the LCA. Having recently retired from a 43-year career in Oil and Gas that involved managing many different producing basins in multiple countries, Kevin understands the technical, practical, and political considerations needed when making decisions about water policies.

Mr. Lacy will discuss the history of lake lowering programs, the flooding in 2024, concerns about several recent SJRA actions, and much bigger concerns about SJRA upcoming plans (that until late last year were previously outside the public view).

You won't want to miss this compelling conversation about our lake at the March luncheon!

**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 24, even if you're not eating. The cost of lunch is \$30. Make reservations here or call 936-597-6219.**

**RESERVATIONS**

**"Members" in the reservation form refers to Bentwater Club members, not NSRW members.**



## Membership - Judy Love, 2nd Vice President

It's not too late to join or renew your membership!! If you would like to be in the Directory, please get your membership in by February 20th. We need you!!!

To renew, [CLICK HERE](#).



### New Members!

#### Active

Paula Adams  
Kathy Arnoldi  
Debra Bernosky  
Elena Browning  
Jan Crawford  
Val Gerbino  
Holli Gilbert  
Janet Jensen  
Amey McManus  
Carolyn Ritchie

#### Associates

Kaaren Cambio  
Michael Ghutzman  
Kate Lacy  
Kevin Lacy  
Sharyn Link  
Jo Linzer  
Virginia Miller

## Social Media

- Andrea Canty, chairman

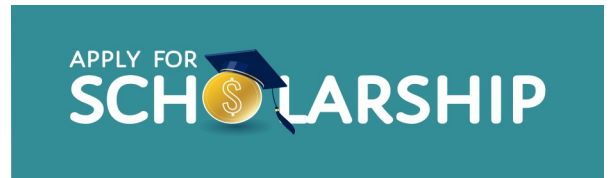


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US!**



We're expanding our social media presence. In addition to our Facebook page, you can now follow us on Instagram at [@nsrw tx](#).

Please like, follow, and share to help us stay connected.



NSRW offers \$2,000 scholarship awards to students zoned to Willis and/or Montgomery high schools. The deadline to apply is at noon on March 25. For more information [click here](#) or contact Deborah Graham at [deb@northshorerw.com](mailto:deb@northshorerw.com).

## Republican Conventions

**March 7 - Precinct Conventions, 9 a.m., various locations (no longer in the precinct after poll closes).**

**March 28 - Senate District Conventions - TBA**



## Treasurer's Report

- Chris Gurley, PAC Treasurer



We began the month of January with a balance of \$57,215. We brought in income of \$3,696. (Active Member Dues \$2,195, Associate Member Dues \$395, Young Affiliates \$9, Lighthouse Donations \$925, Ways & Means (Gift Table) \$171. Expenditures total \$2,614. (Administrative \$736, Communications \$518, Hospitality \$474, Membership (Dues to TFRW) \$885. Our balance on hand as of January 31 was \$58,297.

## NSRW Standing Rule # 14 and Code of Conduct Approved at the Feb. 4 Meeting

In accordance with the National Federation of Republican Women's "Conduct and Discipline" guidelines, a Primary member or an Associate member may invite two guests to a regularly scheduled meeting. After attending two meetings a guest will be required to join by paying required dues.

### Code of Conduct

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**Conduct at meetings and events:** Individuals shall behave professionally and responsibly at meetings, events, and activities sponsored by or associated with the organization.

**Enforcement:** Violations of this Code may result in corrective action, including removal from office, committee assignment, or membership consistent with the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

**February 4, 2026 Meeting (More photos on our website and Facebook page)**



Thank you, Sheriff Doolittle, for speaking to us, and Judge Tracy Gilbert for the lovely Valentine's roses!

## Campaign Activities - Genette Stanton, Chairman



I want to thank everyone for volunteering at the Candidate Forum, your help was greatly appreciated. We had a wonderful turnout. We have also had several of our members including Ann Kate, Dorothy Woodall, Leigh Billingsley, Deborah Graham and others that have hosted or co-hosted Candidate Meet and Greets in their homes. Our candidates are grateful for our support throughout this election cycle. Remember that early voting begins on February 17, so get out there and vote and campaign for the candidates of your choice. Let's keep Montgomery County Red!

### Photos from Joint Candidate Forum, January 27



### 2026 Republican Primary ballot propositions

**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.**

**Proposition 1** - Texas property taxes should be assessed at the purchase price and phased out entirely over the next six years through spending reductions.

**Proposition 2** - Texas should require any local government budget that raises property taxes to be approved by voters at a November general election.

**Proposition 3** - Texas should prohibit denial of healthcare or any medical service based solely on the patient's vaccination status.

**Proposition 4** - Texas should require its public schools to teach that life begins at fertilization.

**Proposition 5** - Texas should ban gender, sexuality, and reproductive clinics and services in K-12 schools.

**Proposition 6** - Texas should enact term limits on all elected officials.

**Proposition 7** - Texas should ban the large-scale export or sale of our groundwater and surface water to any single private or public entity.

**Proposition 8** - The Texas Legislature should reduce the burden of illegal immigration on taxpayers by ending public services for illegal aliens.

**Proposition 9** - The Republican-controlled Texas Legislature should stop awarding leadership positions, including committee and subcommittee chairmanships and vice chairmanships, to Democrats.

**Proposition 10** - Texas should prohibit Sharia Law.

## Information about March 3 Primary Election from Montgomery County Elections



**Last day to register to  
vote in this election  
was February 2.**

**There are 10 propositions on the Republican  
Primary ballot. See page 4 of this newsletter  
to see what they are.**

**During the early voting period any qualified Montgomery County registered voter may vote  
at any one of the Montgomery County early voting locations.**

**You can search our [Voter Registration Database](#) to see if you are eligible and to view your  
precinct, Sample Ballot, and elected officials.**

**If you feel this is in error, please feel free to call Election Central at 936.539.7843.**

### *March 3, 2026 Primary Election*

### **Main and Branch Early Voting Polling Places**

<b>Tuesday, February 17 - Friday, February 20</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, February 21</b>	<b>7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, February 22</b>	<b>11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, February 23 - Friday, February 27</b>	<b>7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.</b>

♦ 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
♦ <i>Magnolia Event Center Annex</i> <i>New Location</i> ★	11731 FM 1488, Magnolia 77354
♦ 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
♦ <i>Kevin Brady Library and Community Center</i> <i>New Location</i> ★	2250 Buckthorne Pl, Spring 77380
♦ Spring Creek Greenway Nature Center	1300 Riley Fuzzel Road, Spring 77386
♦ East Montgomery County Community Development Center	16401 First Street, Suite 100, Splendora 77372

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4  
MEETING  
-Kay Stephens, Recording Secretary**



President Tammy Coleman called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. She opened the meeting by stating that all groups of people can be characterized as ordinary people who do ordinary things that turn into extraordinary feats.

Chaplain Christy Mendelow led in prayer. Judge Tracy Gilbert, 418 District Court led the Pledges of Allegiance. Ms. Coleman thanked him for providing a long-stem red rose in recognition of Valentine's Day for each of the women present. The minutes from January 7, 2026, General Meeting were approved as presented.

2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Membership Judy Love expressed appreciation to Lori Maddux for hosting the Wine and Cheese New Member Party and to members of the Board for their participation. A total of 15 prospective new members were present. We presently have 153 members and 47 associate members.

3<sup>rd</sup> VP/Ways and Means Kim Clendenin announced that plans for the Swing for the Cause Golf Tournament are underway. Sign-up for sponsorship will begin in March and registration for golf teams begins April 1. She invited members to sign up for volunteer positions.

Treasurer Chri Gurley presented the January Monthly Report having a balance on hand of \$58,297.66.

Campaign Activities Chair Genette Stanton thanked members for turning in their service hours, noting that simply watching Fox News programs could not be included in hours; however, hours watching speeches by POTUS, debates, etc. can be counted.

Deborah Graham Scholarships Chair announced that she is collecting applications from students in Willis ISD and Montgomery ISD, including students in home schools and/or technical schools. Forms are available on the NSRW website. March 25 is the deadline for accepting applications.

Ann Kate, Chair, Pct. 72 shared her observations regarding the current working operations of the Montgomery County Republican Party, including a history of how the party has evolved through past Chairs, beginning with Dr. Wally Wilkerson up to the present Chair, Gwen Withrow who was elected in 2024. Noting that one faction of the Party has recently mailed out a brochure of voting recommendations, she urged everyone to do their own research and use their discernment when making voting decisions. Republican Voters of Texas will be sending a different brochure of voting recommendations. Ms. Kate referenced a recent post on Facebook in which Sherrif Doolittle called out specific members of the MCRP Steering Committee for making false statements. Local Republican Women Clubs have also been the target of false narratives, resulting in a motion being made at the January Steering Committee meeting to remove all references to the clubs on the MCRP website; the motion died due to no second.

Dorothy Woodall introduced Standing Rule #14 and moved to adopt the rule. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Standing Rule # 14**

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Kitty Pavelka 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Programs introduced Montgomery County Sheriff Doolittle, who spoke on the topic of Law and Order/ First Year in Office. He highlighted his accomplishments, along with data related to law enforcement in Montgomery County, growth, development, and challenges of an ever-growing community.

Ms. Coleman invited elected officials and candidates to introduce themselves. The following elected officials were present: Kent Chambers, Justice 9<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals; Wesley Doolittle, Sheriff; Mike Holley, District Attorney, Robert Walker, pct 1 County Commissioner; and Julie Faubel, TFRW Senate Dist. 4 Director.

The following candidates and other guests were present: Brett Ligon, Scott Carson, Mike Ghutzman, Lisa Gilmore, and Jessica Steinmann.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50

We show our appreciation to members and associates who make a contribution to NSRW in addition to their membership fee by putting their names in the Lighthouse Circle.

The Circle is posted on Facebook and our website, and placed in our Beacon newsletter.

## Sharing the Light

### With Our 2026 LIGHTHOUSE CIRCLE



Cathy Alexander  
Charlotte Allen  
Leigh & Roger Billingsley  
Barbara Bowe  
Shirley Burg  
Stacey Butler  
Andrea and Dan Canty  
Roberta & Mike Clark  
Iris Clay  
Kim Clendenin  
Tammy Coleman  
Stephanie & Jim Collins  
Karen Darcy Pawlak  
Mary Francs & Kevin Doris  
Debbie Dye  
Julie Faubel  
Joyce Ferguson  
Shirley Finke  
Heidi Flores  
Pattie Gehring

Nancy Gibson  
Deborah Graham  
Co. Atty. BD Griffin  
Nancy Griffin  
Brenna Hankla  
Diane Hivnor  
Jody Hostetler  
Susan Jepsen  
Carolyn & Randy Jones  
Ann & Fred Kate  
Harry Keyser  
Jan Kribbs  
Kate & Kevin Lacy  
Sharon Lasseter  
Paige Lohman  
Jacque & Gregg  
Lookabaugh  
Judy Love  
Martha Low  
Judge Wayne Mack  
Lori Maddox  
Pamela Manning  
Ann Marshall  
Shannon & John Mattingly  
Kim McDaniel  
Gail McKinnon  
Christy Mendelow  
Megan & Will Metcalf  
Jenifer Miller

Thelma Miller  
Linda Miner  
Betsy Moore  
Virginia Mueller  
Kay & Steve Pontious  
Ann Pospisil  
Gail & David Pritz  
Claudia Riedlinger  
Beverly Smith  
Macy & Jason Smith  
Ann South  
Missy Spain  
Genette & Jim Stanton  
Kay Stephens  
Nancy Griffin Sweeney  
Mary Ann Turner  
Judge Scharlene Valdez  
Theresa Vriza  
Chris York  
Rae-Jean Young



North Shore Republican Women  
thanks you for your contribution



Gurley, Clendenin, Pavelka, Coleman, Love, Stephens

## 2026 NSRW Board Members

### OFFICERS

#### President

**Tammy Coleman** - [tammy@northshorerw.com](mailto:tammy@northshorerw.com)

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**Kay Stephens**

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### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Americanism/Military Outreach - **Susan Jepsen**

Awards - **Dorothy Woodall**

Campaign Activities - **Genette Stanton**

Caring for America - **Ann South/Leigh Billingsley**

Caring and Concern - **Donna Roth**

Chaplain - **Christy Mendelow**

Community Engagement - **Karen D. Pawlak/Joan Martin**

Directory - **Jody Hostetler/Karen Darcy Pawlak**

Gift Table - **Becky Harper/Sharon Lasseter**

Historian - **Gail McKinnon**

Hospitality - **Cay Eckland/Debbi Dye**

Legislative - **Sarah Tillman Henry**

Literacy - **Ann South**

Media - **Ann Kate**

Parliamentarian/Bylaws - **Dorothy Woodall**

Scholarship & Youth Outreach - **Deborah Graham**

Social Media - **Andrea Canty**



## NSRW Calendar of Events

February 17 - Early Voting for Primary Election begins

February 18 - NSRW Board Meeting, 9 a.m., Bentwater Country Club Oak Room

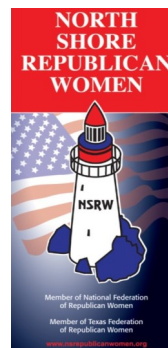
February 27 - Early Voting for Primary Election ends

March 3 - Primary Election Day

March 4 - NSRW Monthly Meeting, Sign-in begins at 10:30 a.m., Bentwater Yacht Club

March 7 - Precinct Conventions, 9 a.m., various locations

March 18 - - NSRW Board Meeting, 9 a.m., Bentwater Country Club Oak Room



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Republican Party of Texas Website:  
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# NORTH SHORE REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEMBERSHIP FORM - 2026

(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 Directory? 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)

**Eligibility for membership does not guarantee, and one cannot assume, automatic grant of membership.**

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

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