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God Bless America

President's Message

Beverly Gatlin, President

Hi Friends,

We are all strong, independent Republican Women! We must be prepared and ready to put the work in for 2024 to secure our Republican candidates get elected! To accomplish this, we must build strong relationships within our club and other Republican clubs in our county and across Texas.

As strong Republican women, we must be relentless in educating voters that politics matter. Elections have consequences and they impact every aspect of our lives. Due to the failed policies of the Biden administration, everything has skyrocketed, (gas prices, food, etc....). We have seen drugs and illegal aliens from many third world countries stream across our Texas borders like we've never seen before.

Republican women must set an example on how to be effective, positive leaders that focus on our mission of getting Republican candidates elected. We must educate voters that voting is not enough, they must get involved and participate. Republican women know that Texas is the best place to live and raise a family and we must remind all Texans how to keep it that way. It is so easy to get discouraged and think about giving up, but we must show how strong Texans are. We must fight to keep our freedom!

The best place to start is by increasing the membership to our club. If you know someone who was a past member but has stopped coming, please invite them again, and keep them informed on some of the things we are doing. We plan to have a social event each month which is a great time to invite your like-minded friends and encourage them to join our club.

Tell them about some of the great speakers we have had at our meetings, and we have some great guest speakers scheduled for the rest of the year.

We must make our voices heard in 2024! Let's keep Texas Strong!

August program topic is Protect Texas Kids

Melody Allen, 1st VP Program

Our August program will be presented by Kelly Niedert, Executive Director of Protect Texas Kids (PTK). PTK is a nonprofit organization here to take a stand in protecting kids from the toxic, indoctrinating agenda of the left by exposing the truth behind the ongoing assault that has been ruthlessly waged against our children's identities, core development, and traditional values.

A corrosive and confusing message that gender is fluid is being forcibly taught in schools to children at ages that they are most vulnerable and most impressionable. Leftist curricula, and personal agendas of aligned teachers, indoctrinate them with Critical Race Theory (CRT), anti-American sentiments and much more. PTK is here to fight back.

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KIDS

We are seeing clinics in Texas that are providing so-called “gender-affirming care” for children often under 10 years of age. This “care” consists of irreversible surgical procedures and/or puberty blockers that causes detrimental, and often permanent, harm to otherwise healthy youths. Clinics that take part in these procedures and treatments involving our children should be shut down immediately, and PTK works tirelessly to achieve that outcome.

The leftist machine has come for your children. It is time to understand what is going on, and counter them by empowering parents, and the community at-large, to challenge these ideologies everywhere they are found. Protect Texas Kids aims to expose their attempts to propel these ideologies along with the people, sources, and institutions behind them.

About Kelly Niedert

Kelly is a recent graduate from the University of North Texas with a strong, proven passion for pushing for change. While in college, she led UNT’s chapter of Young Conservatives of Texas (YCT) and organized numerous activism events on campus, many of which gained national attention. Because of her fearless and unyielding habit of standing up for her values, she was dubbed “the most hated conservative college student in the state of Texas.” Kelly’s activism has landed her in the national spotlight with appearances on shows like Fox & Friends, Newsmax, and OANN.

SAVE DATE!

On Tuesday August 8th the Ellis County Republican Women will convene at 6:30pm at the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce, 102 YMCA Dr. in Waxahachie.

1stVP Melody Allen has scheduled an outstanding program that is a must to hear what our guest speaker is doing to stop the teachers from indoctrinating our next generation.

Refreshments Provided! Please Come!

**Legislation****THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT**

Jake Ellzey, our congressman and supporter of the Ellis County Republican Women, announced the passing of the H.B 7900 - NDAA

The Fiscal 2023 National Defense Authorization Act has been signed into law by President Joe Biden and allotting \$816.7 billion for the Defense Department. This would provide the largest raise for our service members in 20 years.

Following are some Key Provisions in the NDAA:

- Authorizes a 5.2 percent military pay increase.
- Repeals the position of the Chief Diversity officer for the Department of Defense;
- Protects and helps reinstate servicemen who were discharged due to refusal of the COVID-19 Vaccine;
- Prohibits funding for teaching of Critical Race Theory (CRT) in the military;
- Requires the DOD to report on its support provided to DHS at the border and provides \$25 million over the President’s request for National Guard to work with local law enforcement to disrupt production and trafficking of illicit drugs and fentanyl.
- Block the administration from reducing the size of the Navy and expands capacity of U.S. nuclear forces.
- Works to track and prevent Chinese Communist Party (CCO) espionage within the homeland;
- Encourages and enhances U.S. security cooperation with Israel.



Purple Heart Day

On August 7th, Purple Heart Day, the nation pauses to remember the sacrifices made by the brave members of our military.

The Purple Heart medal is presented to service members who have been wounded or killed as a result of enemy action while serving in the U.S. military. A Purple Heart is a solemn distinction and means a service member has sacrificed themselves, or paid the ultimate price, while in the line of duty. According to the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, more than 1.8 million Purple Heart medals have been presented to service members since the award was created in 1782.

The Purple Heart's first predecessor, the Fidelity Medallion, was created in 1780 by the Continental Congress. Two years later, in 1782, President George Washington created the Badge of Military Merit.

According to Washington, who designed the Badge of Military Merit in the form of a cloth purple heart, the Badge of Military Merit would be given to soldiers who displayed "not only instances of unusual gallantry in battle, but also extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way."

The Badge of Military Merit, now known as the Purple Heart, was truly a military medal by the people, of the people: it was one of the first awards in military history that could be given to lower-ranking, enlisted soldiers or non-commissioned officers for their outstanding service.

Today, U.S. service members of any rank who have been wounded or killed in enemy action are qualified to receive a Purple Heart medal.

Thanks to Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the Purple Heart officially received its modern-day look and name in 1932. The revived Purple Heart medal, which features George Washington's likeness, was designated primarily as a combat decoration for the Army or Army Air Corps only, recognizing commendable action as well as those wounded or killed in combat.

In 1942, President Roosevelt and the War Department further defined the qualifications for receiving a Purple Heart, designating it for those who were wounded or killed in action. They also expanded the eligibility of the award to all military branches of service and gave authorization to present posthumous Purple Heart medals. **See Medals**

Medals

Famous Purple Heart recipients include actors James Arness, Charles Bronson, James Garner and Rod Sterling; writers Kurt Vonnegut and Oliver Stone; athletes Warren Spahn, Pat Tilman and Rocky Bleier.

In 1942, Army Lt. Annie G. Fox became the first woman to receive a Purple Heart for her heroic actions during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. Fox, who was serving as the chief nurse at Hickam Field, Hawaii, remained calm throughout the attack on Pearl Harbor and her hospital, and successfully directed hospital staff to tend to the wounded as they came in from the harbor.

President John F. Kennedy is the only U.S. President with a Purple Heart. Kennedy, who served in the Navy during World War II, injured his back when a Japanese destroyer collided with his patrol torpedo boat near the Solomon Islands. As his boat sank, Kennedy refused to let his injury stop him from towing a severely burned crew member to safety. Kennedy swam with the man's life jacket strap clenched between his teeth for three miles before reaching an island and bringing the man safely to shore.

On a personal note, my husband, Jeff has his great uncle's Purple Heart medal. Jack Beaty was shot by a German sniper while building a bridge in southern Italy in 1943. He was an engineer with the United States Army.



*Purple
Heart
Medals*

Source: USO, Danielle DeSimone

Submitted by *Melanie Reed*
Ellis County District Clerk
Elected by the Ellis County GOP



Campaign Activities Report

By Vickie Blair, Chair

For our 2023 2nd quarter report we reported 1,506 campaign activity hours. Congratulations to our President Beverly Gatlin who led us with 153 campaign activity hours reported. Thank you to everyone who reported your hours. We have always worked to support the Ellis County Republican Party and your reporting make it possible to show how much work we are actually doing.

We also made a final report for the term from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023. During these 8 quarters (2 year) term we reported 8,760 campaign volunteer hours. Jennifer Zarate was the member with the most hours for the 2-year period. She reported 1,533 phenomenal hours. Way to go Jen!! Her name will be listed in the program for the 2023 TFRW convention in the Fall.

Congratulations

To
Beverly Gatlin and Jennifer Zarate



2023 Scholarship Report

By Tommie Worthy, Chair

I would like to report that the 2023 Fall Semester scholarship funding has been paid.

The payments went to the following Universities:

- Baylor University in Waco, TX for Conner Andrew Ratzlaff from Midlothian High School.
- Tarleton State University in Stephenville, TX for Ella Matthews, Maypearl High School.
- University of Texas at Tyler, TX for Saakhi Patel, Global High School in Waxahachie, TX.
- Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, OK for Julio Cesar Dominguez, Ennis High School.

The Scholarship Committee members were Cheree' Barrett, Donna Blanton, Carol Bouldin, Julie Dowd and Tommie Worthy.

The four recipients were selected from 34 outstanding applications from Ellis County ISD Schools.

The committee selected four recipients from 34 graduating seniors' outstanding applications.

The scholarship project started in 2002 and since inception awarded 54 scholarships.



2023 JULY 4TH PARADE IN MIDLOTHIAN
Several ECRW members and the Ellis County Republican Party participated in the Midlothian July 4th Parade.

The NFRW Convention is coming up soon!
September 28th-30th in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
For more information visit
<https://www.nfrw.org/convention-oklahomacity>.
[#TFRWLeads](https://www.nfrw.org/convention-oklahomacity) National Federation of Republican
Women If you are interested in attending or being a
delegate, please let Beverly know.



TFRW 34TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

TFRW 34th Biennial Convention
October 12th-14th

Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas in Irving, Texas.

For more information about registration,

<https://www.tfrw.org/events/convention/>.

If you are interested in attending, please let Beverly
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Calendar of events

Jul 31 – ECRW Bd Mtg. at 6:30pm

613 Ferris Ave. Ste. 207, Waxahachie, TX

Aug. 1 -Ellis GP meeting at 6:30pm

Aug. 7- Purple Heart Day

Aug. 8- ECRW Meeting at 6:30pm

Membership Dues

Please make check payable to
Ellis County Republican Women PAC

Mail to

Jennifer Zarate

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Membership Dues \$35.00

Associate Member \$10.00

Young Republicans 18-40 \$10.00

TFRW's total Members 42

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