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President's Message

Beverly Gatlin, President

On July 4, 1776, our Founding Fathers gathered to declare our independence from England. It's a time of year to remember all the sacrifices that were made by so many over 200 years ago.

We should be thankful for our Founding Fathers and all those that make sacrifices today, daily...military personnel, police, first responders etc...

I wish you all a very Happy 4th of July for you and your families, and I hope you have many favorite ways to celebrate!

ECRW MEETING

On July 11, 2023 the Ellis County Republican Women will convene at 6:30pm at the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce, 102 YMCA Dr. in Waxahachie. Refreshments will be served!

"Preamble" of the Declaration of Independence

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form. as to them, shall seem, most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes: and accordingly all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

Let us not Forget our Founding Fathers!

Legislative Report from Cong. Ellzey



To kick off summer here in D.C. I had the opportunity to be in the Congressional Baseball Game. This is a time-honored game that supports local charities throughout D.C. This year was a great win for Republican Team, and I enjoyed getting to play alongside my fellow members.

It was also a busy month on the floor of the House of Representatives. We passed several pieces of crucial legislation to push back against three letter agencies, save the American taxpayer money, and reduce our deficiency.

Some of our major accomplishments include:

H. R. 3746 – The Fiscal Responsibility

- Forces the government to spend less than last year.
- Cuts funding for Biden's IRS army.
- Billions of dollars of unspent **COVID** money will be returned to the taxpayers.
- Congress, for the first time ever will enact into law a procedure to rein in Executive overreach via costly rules and regulations.
- Limit topline federal spending to 1% annual growth for the next six years.
- For the first time in over a decade, our federal government's discretionary spending will be less next year than this year.

H.R. 1606 – the Veteran Entrepreneurship training Act of 2023

- Administered through the Office of Veteran Business Development in the Small Business Administration (SBA), the B2B program offers transitioning service members and military spouses a Foundational two-day, in-person course for an introduction to business ownership

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which can be followed by optional online courses on topics including market research, business fundamentals, and revenue readiness.

Please Report Volunteer Campaign Hours

June 30 is the last day of our 2023 2nd quarter campaign hours reporting season. This includes the time period of April 1 to June 30. I really need those hours and phone call tallies from you by July 8 because I have a hard deadline of July 10 to get my report in to TFRW.

Basically, guidelines for reportable hours are anything you do to further the cause of the Republican Party and activities for our club. Please feel free to contact my mobile (469.688.7310) via phone or text if you need help determining if a particular activity counts. I do not need a reporting of your activities. Just a total number of hours and total number of phone calls. I sent an email on June 30 to all members with instructions for reporting your hours and phone calls. It has 2 attachments of TFRW documents that are guidelines for what activities you can count in your reports. You can report to me by replying to sender on that email, email me at cvblair@yahoo.com, text or call me at 469.688.7310

Remember our fundraiser was in April and your time driving to that event, the event itself and your time driving home all count. If you helped in any way putting that event together. all your time in April counts as well as phone calls you may have made. Also, if you voted in the local May elections your time voting and driving to and from the poll counts. If you were a poll worker you can count training, the entire time you were at the poll and your drive time. Ditto if you held a sign outside for a candidate or volunteered in any way for a candidate that promotes Republican values (votes in Republican primaries) Many Republicans ran in nonpartisan local races. Those hours count.

Many thanks to those or you that have already sent in your reports and thank all of you for the many hours you spend to keep Texas red and our country Free.

Vickie Blair,
Campaign Activities, Chair

Social Affair



On June 10, members gathered at the Daniel's Scratch Kitchen in Ennis in honor of Belmont Day. The Ellis County Republican Women held a Big Hat Luncheon for members. Janice Barlow, President of Navarro County Republican Women also joined us. The service was great (thank you Grace), and the food was so good.

Thank you to all that were able to attend. We had a great time visiting with like-minded patriots.

Veterans Treatment Court

When I became a Prosecutor for the State of Texas and when I was elected to the office of County and District Attorney, I was making a promise to the people of this community: I promised to treat each individual that comes through my office justly, be they victim, law enforcement, or defendant. That is the answer to the question: "what does a prosecutor do?" We treat people justly. The men and women of our United States Armed Forces who suffer from mental diseases or defects due to their service and who self-medicate or commit crimes based on that suffering deserve to be treated justly at a minimum. Their sacrifice has given me the freedom to stand before the citizens of Ellis County and proudly promote our Veterans Treatment Court and the work we are doing: a small "thank you" for a debt we owe that can never truly be repaid.

Veterans
criminal conduct. These programs are difficult, grueling, and full of growth, but they offer successful participants a chance at a clean slate with new tools to reintegrate into the community.

In the fall of 2022, I asked the Ellis County Commissioners Court to designate the 378th District Court as the Veterans Treatment Court for Ellis County starting November 1, 2022. That request was granted, and we have already started taking participants that have been supervised in Tarrant County until our program is fully operational. Our first successful graduate was discharged from the program on June 26 of this year. Further, my office applied for and received a grant of \$110,000 from the Texas Veterans Commission for this Court.

What does a prosecutor do? I answer to the citizens I serve, and the citizens of Ellis County have called for better support for United States Veterans. I proudly answer that call.

Submitted by:
Ellis County and District Attorney
Ann Montgomery

Veterans carry scars on behalf of the citizens they protect. These scars are not always visible. Our veterans exchange the weight of assault weapons and rucksacks for the weight of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injuries (TBI), and even military sexual assault experiences. Approximately 5.2 million veterans experienced a behavioral health condition in 2020. Some may self-medicate or commit crimes as a result of these scars.

In response, the Texas Legislature created veterans' treatment courts which state in part that a veteran who committed an offense may be entitled to participate in a specialty court if they have a mental disease or defect that is a direct result of their service in combat and if that disease or defect directly contributes to their

See Veterans

***A Special Thank You to the Ellis County Court
for Creating the Veteran's Treatment Court.***

Membership Report

Jennifer Zarate, Chair

The lazy hazy days of summer approach with the slower rhythms of life and schedules. Think about taking advantage of this time and inviting a friend to attend one of our meetings or one of our social events. The lunches are a great way to introduce someone new to our club and the other members.

We currently have 41 members and would love to begin increasing the number of wonderful women with a forward look to 2024 election season. So, grab a friend this summer and introduce her to all the great women in the Ellis County Republican Women!



2023 Scholarship Recipients were Guests



Pictured are Saakhi Patel of Global Waxa, Tommie Worthy, Julio Dominguez of Ennis, Julie Dowd and Vickie Blair. Saakhi and Julio were guests at the June 13th meeting. The other two recipients are Ella Matthews of Maypearl and Conner Ratzlaff of Midlothian. Blair, Dowd & Worthy served on the scholarship committee.

Members Social Luncheon



The NFRW Convention is coming up soon!
September 28th-30th in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

For more information visit

<https://www.nfrw.org/convention-oklahomacity>.
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Women If you are interested in attending or being a delegate, please let Beverly know.



TFRW 34TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Early Registration Prices Available Through June 30th!
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 know



Happy July 4th

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Calendar

July 4 – Fourth of July Celebration

July 11- ECRW Meeting

August 1 - GOP Meeting

August 8 - ECRW Meeting

Membership Dues

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Dues \$35.00

Associate \$10.00

Young Republican (18-40) \$10.00