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President's Message

Beverly Gatlin, President

Well, the 88th Texas Legislative Session was very busy, many Republican bills were allowed to be killed on point of orders. We will need to continue the fight to BAN DEMOCRAT CHAIRS! Thank you to everyone that made phone calls, sent emails and made the drive to Austin to make your voice heard.

We will have our first member only social event of 2023 on June 10th. Make sure you are following our NEW Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/elliscountyrepublicanwomen23/> to make sure you are receiving great information from Ellis County Republican Women about events and political news, etc.... Also, please check with Jennifer at the next meeting to make sure that your cell number and email address are correct as that is other forms of communication, we may use to get information to all members.

We will be gearing up for a very busy 2024 election, so make sure you are staying tuned in!!

Hat Luncheon

Join us @ 12:00 noon
June 10, 2023

Deliciousness with fancy hats!

Daniel's Scratch Kitchen
218 W. Ennis Avenue
Ennis, TX

Please RSVP by 6/8/23

Ellis County Republican Women

Please RSVP by email @ gatb99@aol.com or text 469-383-8581 to Beverly by 6/8/23 so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect.

Thank you!

Happy
Father's
Day



*Happy
Father's
Day to all
the
wonderful
Fathers*

*Membership Report
Welcome New Members*

*Lindy Beaty
Patti Beaty
Membership Total 42*



**OLD GLORY, HISTORY AND
ETIQUETTE OF THE
AMERICAN FLAG**

Flag Day

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress passed an act establishing an official flag for the new nation. The resolution ordered that “the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white: that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.” On August 3, 1949 President Harry S Truman commemorated the occasion by officially declaring June 14 as Flag Day.

Between 1777 and 1960, Congress passed several acts that changes the shape, design and arrangement of the flag and allowed stars and stripes to be added to reflect the admission of each new state.

While no one knows the exact origin of the first American flag, some historians believe it was designed by Congressman Francis Hopkinson and sewn by Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross.

Amateur poet Francis Scott Key was so inspired by the sight of the American flag still flying over Baltimore’s Fort McHenry after a British bombardment that he wrote the “Sar Spangled Banner:” on September 14, 1814. It officially became our national anthem in 1931.

In 1892, the flag inspired James B. Upham and Francis Bellamy to write the “Pledge of Allegiance.” It was first published in a magazine called The Youth’s Companion.

- The flag is normally flown from sunrise to sunset.
- In the morning, raise the flag briskly. At sunset, lower it slowly. Always raise and lower it ceremoniously.
- The American flag is always flown at the top of the pole.
- Never let your flag touch the ground
- Fold your flag when storing. Don’t just stuff it in a drawer or box.

Did you Know? If you like to study flags, then you are a Vexillologist!

CARING FOR AMERICA

ECRW PROJECT

MAY – JULY 2023

EAGLE OAK RETREAT FOUNDATION

At the May 9, 2023 meeting, ECRW Caring for America committee was excited to announce our 2023 Summer Project: **raising money for Eagle Oak Retreat Foundation**, located in Italy, Ellis County. Our goal is to raise at least \$350, but we really hope we can raise \$500 or more for this wonderful organization which provides combat veterans and first responders with the skills necessary to overcome traumatic stress experienced as a result of the service to us all.

To learn more about Eagle Oak Retreat Foundation, please check out their website. We will collect money during our June and July meetings. Currently \$245 has been raised. *Caring for America: seeing a need to proactively getting involved.*

We hope you will support our Summer 2023 Project.



Eagle Oak Retreat Foundation

Juneteenth

June 19th, “Emancipation Day in Texas”, was declared with the passing of House Bill No 1016 by the 66th Legislature Regular Session.

On January 1, 1980, “Emancipation Day in Texas” became a legal state holiday.

2023 Ellis County Republican Women's Scholarship Winners

Maypearl High School



Ella Rylee Matthews

My name is Ella Matthews, I am a senior at Maypearl High School. When I look back on my high school years all I can think about is "Did I do enough." Throughout high school, I was fortunate enough to complete in many different sports activities, such as track, softball, powerlifting, and volleyball. I've participated in clubs such as Family, Career and Community leaders of America (FCCLOA), and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) developing leadership skills. As a member of the National Honors Society (NHS). I volunteered in different community service projects, and I even got to be a coach a Special Olympics events.

By my senior year, I was eligible to work as an elections clerk during the November elections for Ellis County as well as vote for the first time. It was wonderful finally getting to cross that line of adulthood to where I could use my vote to help make a difference in my county. It was such a great learning experience of the process. My Mimi is very involved with the Republican party and serving in regard to elections and other duties. She has taught me the important of investing time in the people who make decisions in our community. I believe it is very important that our youth have a voice to speak up for Republican values.

I plan to attend Tarleton State University where I will continue my education in nursing. My parents and older brother attended there is the main reason I have chosen TSU as my college choice.

Thank you for considering me for this scholarship. I pray that I can have the opportunity to use it to honor you and make my hometown community proud.

Courtesy Chair

At the ECRW May Meeting Barb Jacobs was selected to serve in this position. She will need the membership assistance to keep her informed of when to make contacts either with cards or phone calls. There's an array of different areas such as Get Well, Miss You, Anniversaries, Sympathy, etc.

Waxahachie Global High School



Saakhi Jignesh Patel

My name is Saakhi Patel. I am from Waxahachie, I'm 18 years old and am ranked third in my class. My goal is to become a doctor and further exemplify this goal I attained a medical assistant certification that will allow me to work in a doctor's office and perform many duties. During the summer I like to go and shadow doctors to really prepare myself for my future, and my certification allows me to work and become hands-on with certain situations. I plan to attend The University of Texas at Tyler and pursue a bachelor's degree and complete my undergrad in Kinesiology B.S. With that being said I am aware that further schooling is recommended if wanting to pursue a physical therapy route. However, my plan is to further my studies and obtain my M.D. in medical school. In terms of my preparation, I would like to take my MCAT in my junior year and apply to medical schools as soon as possible. After finishing medical school, I would like to take my studies into an ophthalmology route where I will complete my internship and residency. Further plans for the future after settling would be to open a practice either individually or with a partner, however, I want to focus on my journey into medical school as there are an endless amount of possibilities that can come from it and an abundance of opportunities that may shift my perspective. From a personal standpoint, I am the eldest in my family. My favorite hobby is reading and scrapbooking. I love to give back to my community and I had the opportunity to do so. This year I organized a trash pickup in downtown Waxahachie and held a social night at the retirement home. When I'm not doing community work, I find myself spending most of my time watching ping pong with my dad, cooking with my mom, or even playing ping pong with my brother.

To know is to know my family, they are the people who are my support system and have allowed me to sprout. They are the reason for everything and without them, I could not be where I am today."

God Bless America

2023 Ellis County Republican Women's Scholarship Winners

Ennis High School



Julio Cesar Dominguez

My name is Julio Cesar Dominguez, and I was born and raised in Ennis, Texas. I live with my grandparents and mother. I am an only child living with a single mother. My father lives in Forney, Texas; he works at Coca Cola, Inc. I have half siblings who are all younger than me.

I am a graduate of Ennis High School. I was in the agricultural department of my school. I was welding too as of now, but I have taken Horticulture, Horticulture science, and Turf management. I graduated in the top 15% in my class. I am currently ranked sixty-five out of three hundred and eighty-seven.

As a child I had multiple surgeries as a child, surgeries in my right leg due to recurrent tumors. I visited Dr. Gilbert, an orthopedic surgeon at Greater Dallas Orthopedics who performed five surgeries on my right hip in five consecutive years. Now I had surgery on my right knee to repair my torn meniscus and ACL.

I am three months post-op, and I am up and running things are on track for me and I am signed to play football at Oklahoma Baptist university as a redshirt freshman. I intend to get a bachelor's degree in business with an emphasis on finance. I am thankful for all the opportunities I have been presented by the man above.

God Bless America

Midlothian High School ISD



Conner Andrew Ratzlaff

My name is Conner Ratzlaff, I am attending Baylor University in Waco, Texas. I aspire to pursue a career in the business technology field. After being accepted as a Baylor Business Fellow, a highly selective program that is designed for students to be able to easily double or triple major in fields of study both in and out of the Hank Hamer School of Business, this goal has become more accessible than ever. Seeing the many ways in which technology has been beneficial to society creates the desire within me to create a technology that can help others. I seek to do this by widening my knowledge of the business industry and working alongside others to create with the sole intent of innovatively helping others. Two business-related areas of study in which I plan on majoring in are economics and entrepreneurship. I feel like the two of these will provide me with a stable foundation and invaluable tools.

Beyond this, I want to create organizations that seek to share the Christian faith. I feel that it is unfair to use the tools that God provided me and to not bring glory to Him with them. I plan on majoring in religion in college through Baylor Business Fellows, so as my knowledge of business grows, so will my knowledge of religion and how to incorporate it into my future. Being able to pursue my passions and glorify Christ at the same time sounds like a dream come true. I could not ask for anything better. Baylor University will prepare me for this through a prestigious education, a plethora of connections, and a solid foundation in Christianity.

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](#) 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!
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
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Calendar

Jun 6 - Ellis Co. GOP meeting
Jun 13 - ECRW Meeting at 6:30
Jun 18 - Father's Day
Jun 19 - Juneteenth

Membership Dues

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Jennifer Zarate
PO Box 396
Maypearl, TX 76064
Dues \$35.00
Associate, Young Adults \$10.00

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The Ellis County Republican Women along with the Ellis County GOP and Elected Officials participated in the Ennis Annual Polka Parade. We had a great time with some great friends.

