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President's Message

Beverly Gatlin, President

The Texas 88th Legislative Session is almost over, and I hope you have been involved making your voice heard. Please continue to support our representatives.

I hope you have been on the Call to Action with Toni Anne Dashiell—RNC National Committeewoman 88th Texas Legislature Zoom Series Fridays at 07:00 a.m. You can go to tfrw.org to see past TAD Talks and Subscribe to Receive Emails to Register for the Zoom TAD Talks.

Growth is GREAT and with it comes change, so we are rolling with it. We have set-up a new Facebook Page. Please make sure you Like, Follow and Share the new Page <https://www.facebook.com/elliscountyrepublicanwomen23/> with family and friends. If you see anything that needs to be corrected or if there's some information you would like to be shared on Facebook, please send the article/information to Beverly Gatlin at gatb99@aol.com.

Our 2023 Lincoln Day Fundraiser was a huge success. We exceeded our goal! The funds raised support our local high school scholarship program, other community projects and getting Republican candidates elected. I would like to send a special Thank You to our Fundraising Committee Chair, Carol Bouldin and Committee Members Melanie Reed & Teresa Aguilar. They worked numerous hours to put all this together and it turned out wonderful. I also want to say thank you to all our Board and Members who also helped to pull everything together. Thank you to everyone that attended our event, participated in the Silent Auction etc. Lastly, I want to say Thank You to all our Sponsors, who are listed below in this newsletter. Without your generosity, this would not be possible. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship, great speakers, food, and music.

May Program – Texans for Vaccine Choice



Rebecca Hardy

On Tuesday, May 9, 2023 the Ellis County Republican Women will convene at 6:30 at the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce, 102 YMCA Drive, Waxahachie. The guest speaker Rebecca Hardy will bring the program on Texans for Vaccine Choice.

2020...what a year. With it came illness, lockdowns, economic toll, and mandates.

We saw federal and state governments, as

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well as private businesses attempt to force Americans to get vaccinated, when in the past, choosing to be vaccinated was an individual right.

Fast forward to 2023. In the 88th Session of the Texas Legislature, there have been almost 100 bills introduced between the house and the Senate that are related to medical liberty and freedom. This is a hot topic, and it will be interesting to see how these bills fare as committee hearings wind down and bills make it to the Chamber floor.

Texans for Vaccine Choice is plugged in on ALL of this legislation, as there are bills they support, bills they oppose, and bills they are watching. Why? Texans for Vaccine Choice is dedicated to protecting medical freedom and vaccine choice by ensuring the issue remains at the forefront of political discourse.

Join us for our May program in which Rebecca Hardy, Board President and Policy Director for Texans for Vaccine Choice will be our featured speaker.

As a speech-language pathologist, Rebecca has encountered many children with profound vaccine injuries. These experiences created a passion for protecting others from these kinds of negative health outcomes, which she has turned into activism. Rebecca is one of the original three founders of TFVC and worked to grow this organization from when it was only an idea. Rebecca is dedicated to protecting medical liberties and informed consent for all Texans. Rebecca and her husband Tim have two teenaged daughters.

Texans for Vaccine Choice formed in February 2015 in response to HB 2006, a bill filed during the 84th Texas legislature which aimed to remove religious exemptions from vaccinations for students. A band of parents and legislators worked together diligently to fight this and sixteen other bills that were proposed that session that attempted to mandate vaccines, limit liberties due to personal medical choices, override parental/guardian consent, and increase tracking.

With the help and guidance of liberty loving elected officials, Texans for Vaccine Choice is now a widely recognized organization across Texas. They are a 501 (c) (4) non-profit organization that is focused on advocacy. Be it fighting against patient discrimination, holding public and private entities accountable for

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D. C. Legislative Report

Congressman Jake Ellzey reported that since the Capitol has fully opened its doors “he has seen a complete 180 in the halls of Congress”. The halls are full of Americans, families from other countries, school groups and others coming to speak with their Representatives.

Recently he’s had the opportunity to speak to the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership (TALL) Cohort of the importance of Agriculture and how food supply should be priority; Texas Farm Bureau about the best way to support the farmers and ranchers in our country; Texas Society Breakfast to visit with fellow Texans that live here in Washington D.C. and had a discussion on the important of National Security regarding China.

D.C. Update

Following is some legislation passed in April:

- H.R. 2811 – Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023
- H.R. 734 – Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2023
- H. Res. 240 – Condemning recent actions taken by Russian Military to down a United States Air Force drone.
- H.J. Res. 42 – Disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform, Amendment Act. of 2022

Cosponsoring Recent Legislation

- **H.R. 2717**, To authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work on the National Mall to honor the extraordinary acts of valor, selfless service, and sacrifice displayed by Medal of Honor recipients.
- **H.R. 2420**, Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program Enhancement Act, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to review the Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program, and for other purposes.
- **H.R. 2712**, to enact into law the requirements of the Executive Order issued on September 22, 2020, relating to Combating Race and Sex Stereotyping, to prohibit using Federal funds to carry out Executive orders 13985, 14035 and 14091, and for other purposes.

District Updates:

Recently Cong. Ellzey had a great time in Fairfield visiting and meeting with East Texas constituents. Many Cities and Town are hosting Coffees for the Congressman.

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accurately representing vaccine laws and exemption rights, or active involvement in the legislative process, Texans for Vaccine Choice is on the scene ensuring Texans are safe from medical overreach.

Volunteer Campaign Hours Report

Our club reported 1445 volunteer campaign hours for the first quarter of 2023. We had 15 members reporting, which is to my knowledge a record number. Thank you and well-done ladies.



Vickie Blair, Chair

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Congressional App Challenge Winner for 2022



Bryan Chen and Cong. Ellzey

His app Freebie will help users find new homes for their unwanted or broken items. The ingenuity of Bryan will provide resources for its users to donate their items to organizations.

By *Tommie Worthy*

Resource:
Cong. Ellzey newsletter.

Hospitality

I would like to report the members who have furnished refreshments for the March, April and the May meetings.

March- Carol Bouldin, Susan Worthy & Tommie Worthy

April - Beverly Gatlin & Bettie Gray

May - Bette Baird, Teresa Aguilar & Carma Sullivan

Please see me at the May 9th meeting if you are available to furnish the refreshments for the June or any other meeting

Bettie Gray,
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Legislative

The Texas 88th Legislative session ends May 29th. Our representatives Senator Brian Birdwell, Senator Bob Hall and Representative Brian Harrison need to know you support them. There were a record number of bills filed; 5,000 house and 2,000 senate. There are still so many important items still out there. We need to continue to support their efforts by calling and emailing your representatives and the authors of the bills you support and by calling friends and family encouraging them to call their representatives about the important bills.

At a point during this session, a Democrat Chairman kept a member from using the term “illegal alien” in a committee hearing. It’s important that next session we end the practice of Democrat chairs.

Representative Brian Harrison’s office filed 65 bills, including banning gender modification of kids, abolishing property taxes, empowering parents, securing the border, banning COVID vaccine mandates, and limiting the Governor’s emergency powers.

Cassie Hoyer, Legislative Chair
Written by Beverly Gatlin, President



Early Voting
May 1 & 2

Election Day - May 6, 2023

The Ellis County Republican Women Annual Lincoln Day Reception

The Ellis County Republican Women are happy to announce their 2023 Lincoln Day Reception was an awesome success and fun was had by all. Our goal was to raise \$10,000 and we surpassed it by raising \$12,155. Thanks to our wonderful sponsors and the hard work by the members of the ECRW selling tickets and working the auction.

The ECRW sincerely thank our sponsors: Congressman Jake Ellzey, Senator Brian Birdwell, Senator Bob Hall, Cathy Gillespie, County Commissioner Lane Grayson, Ellis County Tax Collector Richard Rozier, Former Rep. Jim Pitts, Gov. Abbott, John Bielamowicz, Dan and Cathy Altman, Tommie Worthy, Vickie Blair, and Joe and Teresa Aguilar. We added an auction to our event this year which raised \$2,155. Many thanks to all the people who donated items to our silent auction.

The VIP Reception was held in the Cowboy Room featuring a photo op with Glen Hegar, Texas State Comptroller. The reception was held in the backyard of Teresa and Joe Aguilar under a tent and spilled over to the patio. Thank you, Paula Anz, for the tables, chairs and linens. We were entertained by the TwoFold Band. God blessed us with beautiful weather for a very pleasant evening. A certain former congressman who has attended fundraisers all over the United States remarked that the reception was a lot of fun and very professional. The food of course was wonderful. What do you expect from Cindy Burch and the Dove's Nest.

ECRW President Beverly Gatlin, County Commissioner Lane Grayson and 1st Vice President Melody Allen did an excellent job presenting the program. Thank you, Chris Morris and Maurice Osborn, for stepping up to represent Senator Bob Hall and Representative Brian Harrison.

Glenn Hegar was our keynote speaker. He had us all in the palm of his hand with his informative but humorous speech.

Thank you to all the ladies at the reception table including Tommie Worthy, Susan Worthy, Jennifer Zarate and Emily Peaden. And let's not forget Melanie Reed in charge of the auction table and who sold the most tickets.

Personally, I had a lot of fun working on the reception. It gave me the opportunity to work with old friends I have been working with over the years and make new friends that I look forward to working with again soon.

A special thank you to Teresa and Joe Aguilar, and their family, for all their hard work to make this event possible.

Comm. Lane Grayson & State Comp. Glenn Hegar



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Calendar

May 2 – Ellis Co. GOP meeting
May 9 – ECRW Meeting at 6:30
May 14- Mother's Day
May 29 –Memorial Day



Teresa and Joe Aguilar



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ECRW President Beverly Gatlin



TwoFold Band

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