



Liberty Belle

Ellis County Republican Women

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Affiliate of the Texas & National Republican Women



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God Bless America

President Message

Beverly Gatlin, President

Fall is such a wonderful time of year. This year I feel extra thankful that I live in the United States of America!

It's a time to remember and show a special appreciation for our veterans. We would not have the liberty and freedoms we have today if not for our military and our veterans!

I am thankful for my friends, family and my ECRW family and feel truly blessed to have them in my life.

Thank you so much for the honor of serving with you! Let's work together to keep conservative values in Ellis County and Texas!

Our Membership/Renewal Drive was a huge success!!

Thank you so much to all those that came out in support of our club on October 19th at Tuscan Slice. Thank you to Jennifer Zarate, 2nd VP Membership for all the planning and work she put in to make this event a success! Thank you to our members that also helped to make this happen. The more we grow our club, the more we can do for our community and in the political field.

By President Beverly Gatlin

Announcement

Ellis County Republican Meeting

November 14, 2023

The Ellis County Republican Women will be meeting with the Ellis County Republican Party Executive Committee.

This change was made because of the Nov. 7th Election Day conflict.

The ECRP thanks the ECRW for being willing to share their date.

Time: 5:30PM (Social and Supper Hour) 6:30PM Meeting

Location: The After Church, 1511 Ovilla Rd. Waxahachie, TX 75167
Good directions BBQ food truck will be there.

By Sylvia Colston

Questions: Please contact President Beverly Gatlin at gatb99@aol.com



TFRW President Kit Whitehill

At the NFRW Convention in Oklahoma City Kit Whitehill received the prestigious Ronald Reagan Leadership Award during the convention. The award was established by NFRW in 2005 to recognize the leadership of one state President every two years at the convention.

She is a resident of Coppell and has served as TFRW for the past two years. She was one of the five state presidents nominated. The qualifications for the nominees were based on overall leadership and initiation of new programs, increase in membership, participation in national programs, and excellence in public relations and campaign efforts.

The [40 Under 40 Fellowship](#) to empower young women as future leaders was established under her leadership. During her presidency TFRW chartered 17 new clubs, reported over 3.3 million political activity hours totaling over \$100 million volunteer dollars and registered 167,000+ new Republican voters.

“Broad stripes and bright stars....gave proof.
....that our flag was still there”



Membership Report

by Jennifer Zarate,
2nd VP-Membership

Our fall Membership and Renewal Drive was wildly successful thanks to all our members who brought friends, neighbors, and colleagues to the event. What a great job you all did! Tuscan Slice did an outstanding job co-hosting the event. The service and food were fantastic. The stories that Bettie, Melody, and Cheree shared were inspiring and motivating. What a great reminder of why we joined and remain active in our club. Thank you to Teresa Aguilar and Lindy Beaty who graciously provided the beautiful baskets for new member drawings. The ladies who joined to become a piece of ECRW puzzle were entered into a drawing for the baskets. The three lucky winners were Becky Scasta, Dawn Little, and Gena Terry. Congratulations ladies.

As of this writing we have 16 new members and 6 new associate members for the month of October. We are expecting a few more ladies to join who were not able to make the event. Bringing our total to 20 new members! As far as renewals are concerned, there are 18 renewals for October. If you missed the event, please renew soon. Make it your goal to renew before Thanksgiving when the fun and busy holidays get us diverted.

A big thank you to everyone who participated and made this event fun for all!



New Members

Nanci Adamson	Darlene Barnes	BJ Bounds
Samantha Buford	Ashley Collins	Belinda Douglas
Rosie Gilbert	Amanda Hernandez	Susan Knapp
Mandi Hernandez	Carol Hightower	Dawn Little
Megan Mack	Becky Scasta	Morgana Terry
	Krystal Valdez	

Associate Members

Jim Barnes	Mark Bounds	Danny Reisner
Oscar Hernandez	David Hightower	Eric Valdez

TFRW Biennial Convention Report

The Texas Federation of Republican Women Biennial Convention was held October 12-14 in Irving Texas. Three Ellis County Republican Women members, Beverly Gatlin, Jennifer Zarate, and Teresa Aguilar, attended as delegates to the convention. What an exciting time to be a Republican Woman! It is an opportunity to meet and connect with like-minded women from around the state, to listen to great speaker from all over the state and country, such as Riley Gaines, Kay Bailey Hutchison & Cristy Craddock. It is also a time when many of the 161 TFRW Clubs around the state are showcased for reaching their goals, their hard work, patriotism and individual achievement.

We attended the very impressive Awards luncheon on Friday October 13, where ECRW received the Club Achievement Award. It is no easy task compiling the information for this award. ECRW Awards Chair Cheree Barrett took on the task and did an awesome job. The TFRW form used to apply for the CAA contains approximately 90 questions/tasks spread over five categories. Each club is required to accomplish a certain number of tasks throughout the two-year period, then, for extra credit, there are several bonus points to be earned in each category. Congratulations and thank you Cheree, for your hard work and dedication.

A second very impressive award was **BEST NEWSLETTER!** Newsletters from every club in TFRW are considered and this year the Award went to Ellis County Republican Women. As ECRW members know well, Tommie Worthy has been publishing *The Liberty Belle* for many years. It is always filled with vital information as well as Club activities and human-interest stories. Congratulations Tommie. Job Well Done.

Closer to home, Jennifer Zarate reported the most hours worked this year for Ellis County Republican Women. And like most of us, she probably actually worked more hours than she reported, because we get so busy working, we forget to write them down! Good work Jennifer. Her total number hours reported was 1533.

Kathy Endres,
SD 22 District Director

God Bless America

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Calendar of Events

Nov.5- Daylight Saving Time
Nov. 7- Election Day
Nov. 11- Veterans Day
Nov. 13- World Kindness Day
Nov. 14- ECRW and GOP Combined Mtg.
Nov. 23- Thanksgiving Day



November 7, 2023

7:00am to 7:00 pm

Information

Ellis County Election Office

972-923-5195

Member Recognized



Vickie Blair

I want to personally recognize this outstanding, dedicated member of the ECRW. When she commits to take on a task you know that it'll be done to the best of her ability and finished on time.

She has served as Secretary, Correspondence Secretary, 2nd VP Membership and Scholarship Chair. Since 2018 has served in the position of Campaign Activities Chair. I know from all the information she sends to the members there's got to be many hours spent on keeping up with the details. Whenever there's a project or event, she's one of the first to volunteer.

Thank You from the bottom of my heart for everything you do.

Love Always,
Tommie

ECRW honored her in 2022 as our "Outstanding Woman" and below is her bio that was used in the TFRW Program.

Vickie has been active in supporting the Republican
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party since 1988. Moving to Ellis County in 2002 she joined the Ellis County Republican Women as soon as she learned of their existence.

Before moving to Ellis County, she worked as staff and volunteered on multiple campaigns in Dallas County and was a precinct chair and Election Judge. Several years were spent working for Republican County Commissioner Kenneth Mayfield implementing a grant funded project. Vickie was a member of the Southwest Dallas County Republicans and served as Treasurer for one year. Working phone banks and GOTV efforts was always rewarding.

In both counties she attended Republican Party state, district and county conventions as a delegate, district party committee member and served as secretary for several district conventions. Vickie has served as Election Judge and clerk in Ellis County, and as a Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar.

She has served the Ellis County Republican Women as Third VP, Secretary, chaired the Scholarship Committee and worked many parades. Vickie has currently served as Campaign Activities Chair for three years. Her absolute favorite activity with the ECRW has been the many years she and other members distributed dictionaries to the third-grade school children of Ellis County.

Vickie resides in Waxahachie with her super supportive husband Charles and has two married children and 5 grandchildren and many friends that she loves very much.

Membership Dues

Please make check payable to
Ellis County Republican Women PAC
Mail to

Jennifer Zarate

PO Box 396

Maypearl, TX 76064

Membership Dues \$35.00

Associate Member \$10.00

Young Republicans 18-40 \$10.00

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Announcements

ECRW Members,

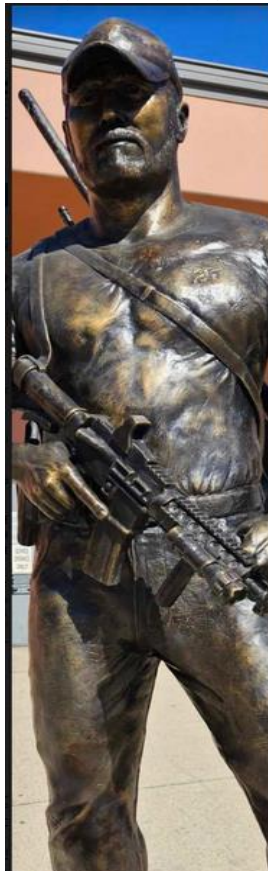
If you were at our last ECRW meeting, you heard about Belinda Douglas' request for food donations and set-up help for **'Ellis County Veteran Celebration Pre-Unveiling Bronze Statue of Chris Kyle Private Event'**.

If you are able to donate food and/or help set-up you are welcome to stay for the entire private event (which is for sponsors only!). This is an awesome opportunity that I hope many can take advantage of. To do so, Belinda will need your name, name of significant other (if attending), phone number and e-mail address and what you plan to bring ASAP so you can receive an official invitation to the event. Please reply to me and cc: Belinda Douglas @ Belinda.Douglas@hospiceplus.net to let her know she can count on you!

***Food is to be dropped off November 9th at 3:00-3:15 p.m. at the Civic Center.**

*** Food Items Requested:** Items for charcuterie trays, i.e., fruit (grapes, strawberries, etc.), lunch meats, cheeses, snacks, etc.

If you have any questions, please let me (972-576-6125) or Belinda (972-903-7901) know.



ELLIS COUNTY
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**BRONZE STATUE
 OF CHRIS KYLE**

Pre-Unveiling

Private Event

Sovereign Cherokee Nation
 Dedication

THURSDAY
9 NOV 2023
 4:00 TO 6:00 PM

Free Event
 TWO TICKETS PER INVITATION
 APPETIZERS & DRINKS WILL BE SERVED
 PHOTOS AVAILABLE AT END
 CASUAL ATTIRE

Event Location - Waxahachie Civic Center
 2000 Civic Center Lane, Waxahachie
 Grape Myrtle Room

VETERANS CEREMONY

Saturday
November 11, 2023
10:00 am

Waxahachie Civic Center
Main Ballroom
1-35E at Highway 287

Please bring your Family and Friends and join us in honoring our military veterans this Veterans Day.



Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful bouquet of Red Roses. Roses are my favorite flower and I really appreciate your caring and thoughtfulness.

Thank you for making my years of being a member of the Ellis County Republican Women's Club a meaningful journey. It has caused me to grow in many different ways in my life. I was 64 years old when I joined the ECRW and it's been a memorable experience for me. I give Thanks to several Strong Republican ladies, such Inez Lewis, Floy Poe, Gwen Hood, Marjorie Miller and Maurine Kennedy for their leadership.

Love Always,
Tommie