



The Wave

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Texas Federation of Republican Women Region XIV- Senate District 25

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President's Message



What a difference a day makes!

The jubilant Inauguration of 2025 was such a welcome sight and event as we were all counting down the days, hours and minutes until "47" took the Oath of office, kicking off the "Golden Age of America"! It was wonderful to see the smiles with interactions of love and support from the First and Second Families as the new administration of "common sense" celebrated with thousands of other beautiful MAGA Americans at parades, evening Balls and an on-stage signing of Executive Orders!

Promises *MADE*, promises *EXECUTED*! While the ink is barely dry on those EOs, President Trump moves at lightning speed to unplug and dismantle the money sucking machine of the overgrown sleeping giant of massive government spending and its anti-American DEI derangement! Foreign criminals are being captured and hauled out of our country, faux discriminatory delusional programs are getting "cancelled", and the personal liberty violators of federal law enforcement are being sent home with a big ole MAGA pink slip! The MAN is well on his way to being the best trash disposal service, sewage swamp draining entity to ever set foot in Washington D.C.

Are you tired of winning, yet? Since Donald Trump took office, every

morning is like waking up to your very best birthday!

This is no time to sit back and expect President Trump and his administration do all the heavy lifting. We still have plenty of work to do in our own back yard! We must encourage more ladies to learn how to become successful Republican candidates and continue to be energized active participants to keep our communities focused on the priorities of family, faith and freedom! We have a local School Board election on May 3rd for a Trustee #1 position, and 2 School Trustees At-Large positions! We must ensure conservative values remain apparent and the laws are enforced concerning book content in our school libraries! Our Representatives and Senators also need our support and action to keep conservative values at the focus of local, state and federal legislative priorities.

These are just a few reasons it is so important for our CLRW members to attend the amazing learning opportunities offered by the TFRW organization, this year! You will find these opportunities in this Newsletter, with the sign up links conveniently included for each. Remember, this is "The Year of the Member" and CLRW is investing in YOU as you participate in workshops, Legislative Day, and Conventions! Prayer, knowledge, and a plan of action nourishes the powerful force that keeps Texas RED and our Godly nation FREE!

I look forward to sharing this learning journey with each of you!

Jan Hunt
President



CLRW Meets

Third Wednesday • 9:30 am
St. Francis by the Lake
Episcopal Church
121 Spring Mountain Dr.

PO Box 2751
Canyon Lake, TX
78133
(210) 845-7972

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What's Happening

CANYON LAKE REPUBLICAN WOMEN



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



Guest Speaker

Robert Mikel

Fire Chief



Wednesday, February 19, 2025
Meet and Greet - 9:30am
Program - 10:00am



St. Francis By The Lake - Episcopal Church
121 Spring Mountain Dr.
Canyon Lake, TX 78133

Saturday, February 15, 10:00 AM

ABC's of Leadership Workshop

Inn of the Hills, Kerrville

Cost - \$30

Monday, February 17

President's Day

Wednesday, February 19, 9:30 AM

CLRW Business Meeting

St. Francis by the Lake Episcopal Church

Guest Speaker: *Robert Mikel*

Thursday, February 20, 5:30 PM

Sister & Spouse Soiree

Gristmill River Restaurant, Gruene

Monday, March 3, 1:00 PM

Executive Committee Meeting

TPML Founder's Room

Wednesday, March 5, 11:00 AM

GSAC Meeting/Luncheon

Anne Marie's Catering

12475 Starcrest Dr San Antonio, TX 78216

Saturday, March 8, 9:00 AM

Candidate Development Class

125 Lehmann Dr., Kerrville, TX

Texas Federation of Republican Women

1955 2025



Legislative Day
70 YEARS OF REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP

MARCH 20-21, 2025

AT&T Conference Center
1900 University Ave, Austin, TX

On Thursday night, March 20th we will host a legislative dinner with our state representatives, senators, and keynote speaker.

On Friday morning, March 21st we will start bright and early with breakfast and training sessions on how to effectively communicate with your legislators, how to testify on a bill, how to use Texas Legislature online, and presentations on important issues facing this legislative session and Texas. We will have a working lunch and then head to the capital to use what you have learned to talk to our representatives.

Tickets are \$90 and will include Thursday night dinner and Friday breakfast and lunch.

Deadline for registration is March 15th.

No on-site Registration will be available.

Tickets are not refundable.



What's Happening

SD 24 DD: Gail Teegarden and SD 25 DD: Carolyn Besselman

Region 12 DP: Shelly Flowers and Region 14 DP: Sally Thiel

Invite you to: **This Is What Leadership Looks Like**

(A TFRW ABC's of Leadership Workshop)

Date/Location

Saturday, February 15, 2025. Inn of the Hills, 1001 Junction Way Kerrville, Texas.
Workshop from 10am to 3pm. Mexican Buffet Lunch

Our Superhero Speakers and topics include:

- Zenia Warren - Complete President Duties and Awards with a **BANG!**
- Carla Birk – **Crush** Treasurers and PAC Treasures Duties
- Crystle Cloud – Make a **Splash** with Social Media / Website
- Corrine Micklosh – **Smash** Membership Drives and Renewals
- Burgundi Cain – Make Fundraising & Special Events a **Booming** Success

Sponsorships & Registration:

Red - \$50; White - \$100; Blue - \$200; Gold - \$250 and up

Early Registration (incl. lunch & materials) by January 31, 2025, for \$30.00

Late Registration \$35.00 and at the door \$40.00

For additional Information contact: Shelly Flowers - 832-493-3379

Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone#: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Occupation: _____

Primary TFRW Club and Position: _____

Check # _____ Amount: _____ Date: _____

Make check payable to Cindy Payne. Mail to 177 Coral Cove, Spring Branch, Tx. 78070

What's Happening

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF KERR COUNTY

CANDIDATE DEVELOPMENT CLASS

So you are interested in running for office?

Here's the X's and O's for a successful campaign.

DATE
MARCH 8

TIME
9 - 12 PM

GBNRC FACILITY
125 LEHMANN DR.
KERRVILLE, TX.

www.rwctx.org
\$30 registration

Trasa Cobern
Instructor



Are you interested in running for public office, or running a campaign, or training volunteers?

Please join The Republican Women of Kerr County and instructor Trasa Cobern for a Candidate Development Class on Saturday, March 8, from 9 a.m. - 12N at the Guadalupe Basin Natural Resources Center (GBNRC.).

Trasa is the Co-Coordinator of Candidate School for the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW.)

More about Trasa [here](#).

Registration [here](#).



We will be delivering Valentine's Day Baskets for Canyon Lake Fire and EMS to the following stations:

- Station 51 - 1074 Scissortail (main station, pictured above)
- Station 52 - 160 Oblate
- Station 53 - 21750 FM 306
- Station 54 - 8685 FM 306
- Station 55 - 1223 Island View Drive
- Station 56 - 1150 South Cranes Mill Road

We will be delivering the baskets to the stations on Thursday, February 13th and Friday, February 14th. If you are interested in delivering a basket, please let Belinda Frisk know.

If you would like to donate, you can make your check out to Belinda and mail it to:

Belinda Frisk
1568 Vintage Way
New Braunfels, TX. 78132
bsfrisk@gmail.com

I believe there are more instances of the abridgement of freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments by those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations.

James Madison, June 7, 1788



[Click here to sign up to bring snacks to the monthly business meetings.](#)

What's Happening

CANYON LAKE REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Sister & Spouse Soiree

Thursday, February 20, 2025
5:30 PM



Members are welcome to bring a Plus One.

RSVP no later than Feb.
14th to
CWBN.US@gmail.com

The Gristmill
1287 Gruene Rd
New Braunfels, TX
78130

Red Carpet Gala

Preparations are underway for the **Red Carpet Gala**, coming up in September. Our Newsletter staff investigated to see what they could learn. All they discovered was this one puzzle piece.

What does it mean?



It will be an amazing event that **NOBODY WILL WANT TO MISS.**

Save the Date

Thursday
September 18, 6 PM
Stay Tuned.

FEBRUARY IS AMERICANISM MONTH



Washington's Birthday honors George Washington, the first President of the United States. It is widely known as "Presidents Day" by organizations other than the federal government in honor of other American presidents such as **Abraham Lincoln (who was born February 12)**. While many states have renamed their state holiday "Presidents Day," the legal name of the federal holiday remains "Washington's Birthday."

[Click Here to Learn More](#)



Legislative Update

by Carolyn Besselman

Lt. Governor Dan Patrick has laid out his top 40 priorities for this Legislative session.

Here are the first 25:

- Senate Bill 1** – Senate’s Budget for Texas
- Senate Bill 2** – Providing School Choice
- Senate Bill 3** – Banning THC in Texas
- Senate Bill 4** – Increasing the Homestead Exemption to \$140,000 (\$150,000 for seniors)
- Senate Bill 5** – Combatting Alzheimer’s – Establishing DPRIT (Dementia Prevention & Research Institute of Texas)
- Senate Bill 6** – Increasing Texas’ Electric Grid Reliability
- Senate Bill 7** – Increasing Investments in Texas’ Water Supply
- Senate Bill 8** – Requiring Local Law Enforcement to Assist the Federal Government’s Deportation Efforts
- Senate Bill 9** – Reforming Bail – Keeping Violent Criminals Off Our Streets
- Senate Bill 10** – Placing the Ten Commandments in School
- Senate Bill 11** – Protecting the Freedom to Pray in School
- Senate Bill 12** – Establishing a Parental Bill of Rights in Public Education
- Senate Bill 13** – Guarding Against Inappropriate Books in Public Schools
- Senate Bill 14** – Texas DOGE – Improving Government Efficiency
- Senate Bill 15** – Removing Barriers to Affordable Housing
- Senate Bill 16** – Stopping Non-Citizens from Voting
- Senate Bill 17** – Stopping Foreign Adversaries’ Land Grabs
- Senate Bill 18** – Stopping Drag Time Story Hour

- Senate Bill 19** – Stopping Taxpayer Dollars for Lobbyists
 - Senate Bill 20** – Stopping AI Child Pornography
 - Senate Bill 21** – Establishing the Texas Bitcoin Reserve
 - Senate Bill 22** – Establishing Texas as America’s Film Capital
 - Senate Bill 23** – Removing the Cap on the Rainy Day Fund to Secure Texas’ Long-term Financial Future
 - Senate Bill 24** – Educating Texas Students on the Horrors of Communism
 - Senate Bill 25** – Making Texas Healthy Again
- Senate Priority Bills 26 through 40 ... coming soon.

President Trump has been “plowing” forward with his agenda and keeping his promise to Make America Great Again.

As of the end of January, he has signed approx. 40 **Executive Orders** and proclamations.

Some of these include:

- Recognizing only two sexes-male and female.
- Ending birthright citizenship
- Protecting the American people against invasion
- Restoring names that honor American Greatness such as Mt. Denali/Mt. McKinley and Gulf of America!

He also signed his first Legislation into law: **The Laken Riley Act**. This law makes it possible for ICE to detain immigrants without legal permission who commit theft related crimes. [Learn More](#)

While his **Cabinet** seems to be shaping up nicely, the Democrats are still melting down. Stay tuned for more!

Status Trump's Cabinet Nominees

● Committee Hearing Scheduled ● Committee Hearings ● Senate Debate ● Awaiting Full Senate Vote ● Confirmed



Lee Zeldin
[EPA](#)



Kelly Loeffler
[SBA](#)



Pam Bondi
[Attorney General](#)



John Ratcliffe
[CIA](#)



Tulsi Gabbard
[DNI](#)



Russ Vought
[OMB](#)



Brooke Rollins
[Agriculture](#)



Howard Lutnick
[Commerce](#)



Pete Hegseth
[Defense](#)



Linda McMahon
[Education](#)



Chris Wright
[Energy](#)



RFK, Jr.
[HHS](#)



Kristi Noem
[DHS](#)



Scott Turner
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Jameson Greer
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Kash Patel
[FBI](#)

Click on the link below to see an updated page.

[Status as of February 7, 2025.](#)
[Click to see updated list.](#)



CLRW's New Legislative Chair Teresa Pick

What Does a Legislative Chair Do?

The legislative chair monitors and reports on legislative matters at the local, state and federal level to the CLRW Executive Committee and its members. When called upon by the President, she may give a brief report at a business meeting or write a short article (not more than a page) for the monthly newsletter.

She attends TFRW Legislative Day and encourages others to attend.

She helps members to understand who to contact and how to respond to legislative alerts.


She reads the actual Bill to verify any information before reporting to the club and will include a link to Texas Legislature Online in her reports.

She maintains a list of current contact information for elected representatives and committee clerks at the state level, and establishes and maintains relationships with local elected officials and their staff.



The **United States Flag Code** establishes advisory rules for display and care of the flag of the United States. It is Section 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code (4 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq*). [Click here to see the U.S. Flag Code.](#)

How well do you know the Bill of Rights?



[Click here or use the QR code on the left to take a five question online Quiz.](#)



**Do You
Know
Your
Elected
Officials?**

[Click here to download a Comal County Elected Officials Crossword Puzzle](#)

Did You Know?

Contrary to popular belief, neither Congress nor the President has ever stipulated that the name of the holiday observed as Washington's Birthday be changed to 'President's Day'.

Last Month in Photos

The January 8 GSAC Meeting

Greater San Antonio Area Council of TFRW (GSAC) Meeting/Luncheon was at Ann Marie's Catering & Events in San Antonio on January 8, 2025. Guest speaker Cat Parks shared her impactful work across Texas with the Hispanic Community. GSAC coordinates and supports the member clubs of SD 25. GSAC meets on the 1st Wednesday of every other month. These meetings provide opportunities to network and share information between the clubs. The cost is \$35. All members are welcome to attend. Contact Carolyn Besselman for more information.



Last Month in Photos

The January 15 Monthly Business Meeting

CLRW held its Monthly Business Meeting on January 15th at St. Francis by the Lake Episcopal Church in Canyon Lake. The guest speaker was Steve Munisteri who serves as Senior Advisor to Governor Greg Abbott. He previously served as Deputy Assistant to the President and principal Deputy Director of the Office of Public Liaison for President Donald Trump during his first term as President. "The Great Book of Texas" was donated to the Tye Preston Memorial Library in Steve's honor.



Last Month in Photos

January 14, 2025 - The 89th Texas Legislative Session Begins



Rep. Burrows, with the help of Democrats, became the next speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

Lt. Governor Dan Patrick presides over the Texas Senate to begin the 89th Texas Legislative Session.

January 20, 2025 - Donald Trump sworn in as the 47th President of the United States.





2025 CLRW NEW Membership Application

CLRW, PO Box #2751, Canyon Lake, TX 78133
CanyonLakeRW.com/JOIN

(Please PRINT)

Name:	Last:	First:	Spouse:
Phone:			
Physical Address:	House # & Street:	City:	State & Zip:
Mailing Address:	House # & Street OR PO Box	City:	State & Zip:
Occupation:		Senate District:	
Member Email:		Membership type: (Circle one) Full, Assoc. or Affiliate	Today's Date:

Have you been a member of a TFRW or NFRW club in the past? If yes, please list the name & location of the club and when you were a member there.

Your information will be added to the private membership directory. If you **do not** want your information added, initial here _____

Signature: _____

(Please use a separate form for each person applying)

Thank you for your interest in Canyon Lake Republican Women membership!

- Full Membership** dues - \$40/year for women aged 18+ (November of current year through December of the next year.)
- Associate** dues - \$20 (men, women with another primary TFRW club)
- Affiliate** dues - \$10 (young women 13 – 17 yrs old)

****Eligibility for membership does not guarantee, and one cannot assume, automatic grant of membership.****

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Received For Review Submittal # Directory Cash or Check

Happy Valentine's Day

This is THE year to be a part of these unforgettable celebrations!



NFRW 43RD BIENNIAL CONVENTION

September 25-28, 2025
Rosen Shingle Creek
Orlando, Florida



TFRW CONVENTION

October 23-25, 2025
San Antonio, Texas

Remember to report your hours. For more information, use the QR Code to the right.



2025 Executive Board

President.....Jan Hunt
1st VP – Programs.....Tara Evans
Asst. 1st VP – Special Events.....Regina McDaniel
2nd VP – Membership.....Suzanne Lindergren
3rd VP – Fundraising.....Pam Sullivan
Recording Secretary.....Jeanne Slupik
Corresponding Secretary.....Virginia Donnelly
PAC Treasurer.....Cindy Payne

Standing Committees

AmericanismDonna Lancon
Awards/Achievements.....Patti Johnson
Caring for AmericaBrenda Potter
Community Engagement.....Brenda Potter
Homeland Security.....Gloria Cheatham
Hospitality.....Beth Naumann
Leadership.....Debi Collins
Legislation.Teresa Pick
NewsletterBarbara Harrell
Political Activities.....Jeanne Slupik
Publicity.....Belinda Frisk
Social Media.....Carolyn Besselman
Website.....Barbara Harrell

Special Committees

Armed Forces.....Melinda Rapp
Bylaws.....Ingrid Hanna
Scholarships.....Brenda Potter

Representatives

GSAC.Carolyn Besselman
SREC.....Lucy Trainor & Michael Wheeler
District Director TFRW.....Carolyn Besselman