



The Wave

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President's Message



Here we are -
SEPTEMBER
is here! This
month signals
the change of

season and the start of an exciting time for Canyon Lake Republican Women. We have been eagerly planning our **"Red Carpet Gala"** Fundraiser — and now it's finally here, right before the national and state conventions begin!

September also stirs the energy of candidates gearing up for the 2026 primaries. Our "Red Carpet Gala" promises to be an unforgettable evening celebrating your election-winning hard work, complete with wonderful dining, entertainment, and great company — the best people on earth, Texas Republicans! I can't wait to see you all dressed in your Hollywood vintage style, sharing the celebration and enjoying a little friendly competition over our silent and live auction

treasures. My heartfelt gratitude goes to everyone who has poured imagination, dedication, and time into making this event so special — just for YOU.

Later this month, I am honored to represent CLRW at the 43rd Biennial NFRW Convention in Orlando, September 25–28. This incredible gathering will feature inspiring speakers, networking with Republican Women from across the nation, voting on bylaw amendments, electing new NFRW officers, and celebrating the presentation of the NFRW awards.

Soon after, we will have the opportunity to attend the TFRW Convention in San Antonio, October 23–25. I am so grateful for our delegates who have committed to attending and representing our club at this important event for Republican Women's clubs across Texas.

As campaign season begins to heat up, please take a moment to review these important [bylaws](#) regarding the Executive Committee's role and the endorsement rules for candidates in contested primaries.

After this month of CELEBRATIONS, let's get ready to charge forward together and help ELECT more GREAT Republicans up and down the ballot!

God bless you all, God bless Texas, and God bless America!

Jan Hunt
President

CLRW Meets

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

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What's Happening

Canyon Lake Republican Women

INVITE YOU TO A RED CARPET GALA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025
THE CHANDELIER AT GRUENE
1924 BRETZKE LANE
NEW BRAUNFELS, TX 78132
6-9 P.M.

We Are Proud To Have Stacey Schieffelin,
Chair Of The America First Women's Initiative And Senior
Advisor To The America First Policy Institute As Our Speaker.

Cashless Bar, With Specialty Drinks, Photographers,
Auction And Dinner
With A Little Fun Thrown In

Dress Is: Old Hollywood, Cocktail And Upscale Texas For The Men



Upcoming Events

Thurs., Sept. 11
Patriot Day

Thur., Sept 18, 6:00 PM
RED CARPET GALA

The Chandelier at Gruene

Sept. 26-28
**NFRW 43rd Biennial
Convention**

*Rosen Shingle Creek
Orlando, Florida*

Sunday, Sept. 28
**Gold Star Mother's and
Family's Day**

Monday, Oct. 6, 1:00 PM
**Executive Committee
Meeting**

TPML Founder's Room

Monday, Oct. 6
**Last Day to Register to Vote
for the Constitutional Amendment
Election**

Monday, Oct. 13
Columbus Day

Wed., Oct. 8
GSAC Luncheon

Wed., Oct. 15, 9:30 AM
CLRW Business Meeting
*St Francis by the Lake Episcopal
Church,
121 Spring Mountain Dr., Canyon
Lake*

What's Happening

Volunteers Trick or Treat in Gattler!



Friday, Oct 31st
Set up: 4pm-5pm / Event: 5pm-dark
In front of **Bombshell Boutique**
Parking in back of building

Show up in costume -or- come as you are to help hand out candy & treats!

Please bring bags of candy (no chocolate) to Wednesday, October 15th business meeting

Contact Regina McDaniel
(210) 602-8626



Continue to pray for healing and rebuilding efforts in the Texas Hill Country. If you feel led to donate, these organizations are suggested by TFRW:

San Angelo: Click [HERE](#)
Kerrville: Click [HERE](#)

Northern Travis County was also hit very hard with the flooding, but is not receiving the same attention that the Kerrville area has received. Suggested organizations: [Central Texas Community Foundation](#) [Round Mountain Baptist Church](#)



NFRW 43rd Biennial Convention

September 25-28, 2025

Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando, Florida



Our Delegate



President Jan Hunt

TFRW 35th Biennial Convention

October 23-25, 2025, Grand Hyatt, 600 E. Market St.
San Antonio, Texas



Our Delegates

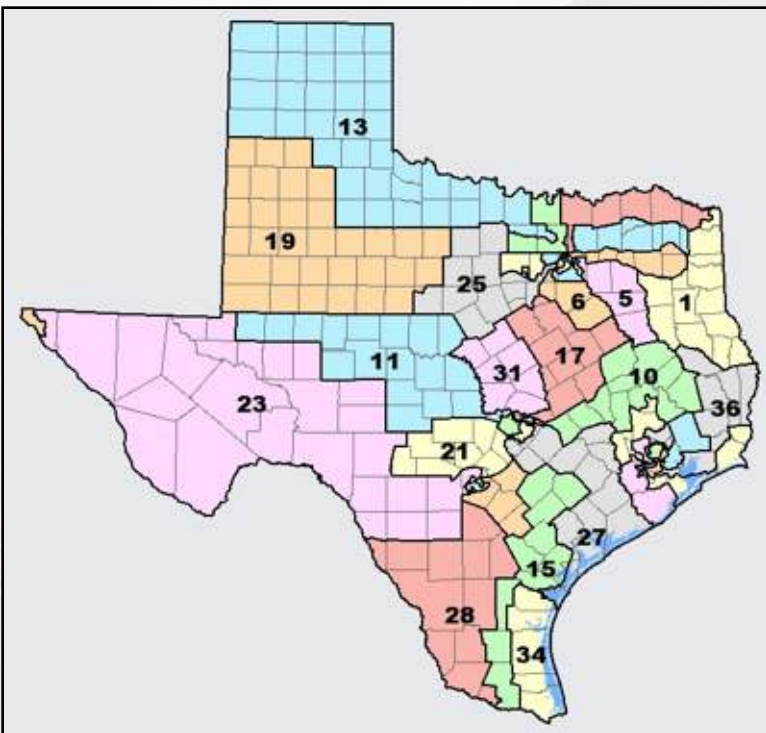


2nd Special Legislative Session

The following bills were passed during the 2nd Special Legislative Session.

Congressional Redistricting

[HB 4](#), Texas' new redistricting plan, to become effective on December 4, 2025, quickly passed in the 2nd Legislative session and was signed into law. See the new redistricting map below. The biggest change for Comal County is that all of Comal County is now in Congressional District 21.



[Click here to go to an interactive version of the map](#)

Abortion-Inducing Drugs

[HB 7](#) - provides a private cause of action against anyone who manufactures or delivers abortion-inducing drugs in Texas or who “mail, transport, deliver, prescribe, or provide an abortion-inducing drug in any manner to or from any person or location” in Texas. Violators can be liable for penalties of at least \$100,000.

Ivermectin Over the Counter

[HB 25](#) - allows the sale of Ivermectin by a pharmacist without a prescription in Texas.

Quorum-Breaking

[HB 18](#) - provides \$5,000 penalty for each time a member of the Texas legislature receives a political contribution or makes a political expenditure when absent from the legislature when it is in session.

Attorney General May Prosecute Election Crimes

[SB 12](#) - grants the Attorney General the authority to prosecute Election Crimes. There were not enough votes to add an amendment to the Texas Constitution to that effect.

Flood Legislation

[HB 1](#) - addresses flood prevention and disaster response; it also addresses camp safety and evacuation plans which are required to be in place.

[SB 1](#) - prohibits state licensing of kids camps near or in dangerous river flood plains.

[SB 3](#) - addresses flood warnings and outdoor warning systems in flood-prone regions. It establishes installation and maintenance requirements and operation guidelines.

Women's Privacy Act

[SB 8](#) - requires a political subdivision or state agency to designate each multiple-occupancy private space in a building the political subdivision or state agency owns, operates, or controls for use only by individuals of one sex and to take every reasonable step to ensure an individual whose sex is opposite to the sex designated for such a multiple-occupancy private space does not enter the private space.

Remembrance Days



Americanism Remembrance Days

During the month of September there are several Americanism Remembrance days. Let's not simply observe or acknowledge them. We should all individually cherish these dates. We should dutifully honor the individuals who gave their lives in defense of our country, or lost their lives in a large scale American or global event. Include also the families of those who were lost. Take pride in how our great nation was formed. And, in a spirit of unity and resilience, I ask you to please join me in remembering, and in your own way, honoring the following 4 days:

Patriotic Day, also known as National Day of Service and Remembrance is Thursday, **September 11th**. On this day, our nation grieved the loss of so many who perished during the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and on United Airlines Flight 23. We remember also the brave first responders who died that day or were injured attempting to rescue people who were trapped in the buildings. And then there were the passengers and crew members, who gave their lives to prevent another attack. On December 18, 2001, by an approved joint resolution, (Public Law 107-89), the President was authorized by Congress to designate September 11th each year as "Patriot Day". This day would continue to memorialize those who perished in the terrorism attack on America. It reminds us all to pursue peace and justice in the world and to seek security at home. A moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. EDT, the exact time the first plane struck the World Trade Center, is observed. On this day, the American flag should be flown at half-staff.

Constitution Day and Citizenship Day is Wednesday, **September 17th**. We commemorate the formation and signing of The U.S. Constitution on **September 17, 1787**. Thirty-nine delegates were present at the Constitutional Convention. This document was the framework on which our government was established. The very rights and freedoms that "We the People" enjoy today are enshrined in it. Congress, in 1940, designated the third Sunday in May as "I am an American Day." Then, on February 29, 1952, Congress moved observance of "I am an American Day" to September 17th. They renamed it "Citizenship Day." The day was renamed in 2004 by Congress, to "Constitution Day and Citizenship Day."

POW/MIA Recognition Day is Friday, **September 19th**. This day honors the self-sacrifices and dedication of our nation's prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action. It is one of the six days specified by law on which the black POW/MIA flag shall be flown over all federal facilities, cemeteries, post offices and military installations.
POW/MIA – YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN.

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Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones. Psalm 116:15

Remembering 9-11

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Gold Star Mother's/Family's Day is Sunday, **September 28th**. We honor mothers and families who have lost a service member in the line of duty or in support of military activities on this day. The original custom of a family hanging Service Flags in one of the windows of their home is where the name comes from. Each family member in the armed forces has a star on the flag.

- ◆ "A blue star represents a family member in active service."
- ◆ "A silver star represents a family member wounded or injured in a war zone."
- ◆ "A gold star represents a family member killed during active-duty and stands for sacrifice made for honor and freedom."

Shortly after World War 1, a lady by the name of Grace Darling Seibold founded The American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. She had lost her son, George Vaughn Seibold, during the war. Although they are often socially active, Gold Star Mothers are non-political. On June 23, 1936, Congress officially designated Gold Star Mother's Day. It was rededicated to be the last Sunday in September in 2012. It then became known as Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day.

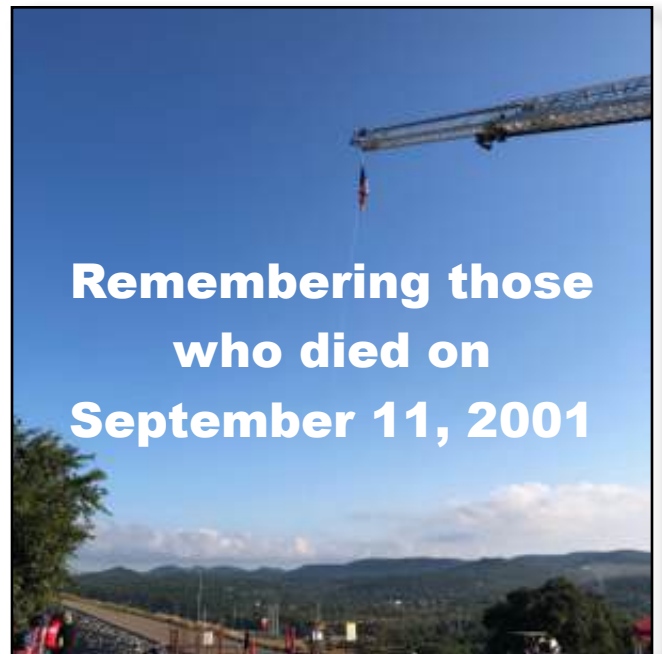
I know you will all agree with me when I say what a great country we are privileged to live in!

God Bless America!

Donna Lancon,
Americanism Chair



2025 Freedom Walk at Canyon Lake Dam



10 Days in September



If you question what is happening with Homeland Security, check out the accomplishments for the month of September.

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- On Labor Day, Secretary Kristi Noem celebrates 2.5 million workers joining US workforce since President Trump took office.
- DHS announces new reimbursement for State and Local law enforcement helping ICE arrest and remove murderers, gang members, rapists, terrorists, and pedophiles from American communities.
- Secretary Noem fires FEMA employees who used government devices to watch radically charged PORN during work hours.

ICE sends a clear message to all: IF YOU COME TO AMERICA AND BREAK THE LAW, WE WILL FIND YOU, ARREST YOU AND YOU SHALL NEVER RETURN. SAFETY OF AMERICAN FAMILIES COMES FIRST.

The following arrests have occurred:

- ◆ A criminal illegal from Guatemala convicted of unlawful sexual contact - Georgetown, Delaware
- ◆ A criminal illegal from Honduras convicted of robbery - Tarrant County, Texas
- ◆ A criminal illegal from Laos convicted of murder - Rochester, New York
- ◆ A criminal illegal from Mexico convicted of a felon in possession of a firearm and court order for domestic violence - Red Bluff, California
- ◆ A criminal illegal from Mexico convicted of alien smuggling - Western District of Texas

In California's Central Valley (a sanctuary location), ICE also arrested 10 criminal illegals who are convicted sex offenders and pedophiles. Criminals flock to California where politicians like Gavin Newsom protect and allow them to roam the streets, putting American lives at risk.

Pedophiles, abusers, rapists and other violent thugs were arrested in Operation Midway Blitz in Chicago. These illegals committed heinous crimes against a child family member, rape, armed robbery, and domestic battery. These arrests were in honor of Katie Abraham, killed in a drunk driving hit-and-run car wreck caused by an illegal in Illinois.

We don't seem to hear all the good work Homeland Security is doing for our Country. If there is a question in your mind about the work being done, I hope this article shows you the job Homeland Security is doing in just 10 days.

Gloria Cheatham
Homeland Security Chair





A Win for Texas Energy Reliability

This past weekend, the Texas SREC unanimously voted to submit the American Energy

Works Grid Reliability Resolution to the Legislative Priorities Committee of the 2026 Republican Party Convention. If adopted, it will become an official party priority for the 2027 Legislative Session.

Texans know the stakes. The 89th Legislature failed to pass a true grid reliability bill in 2025, leaving our families, economy, and energy independence at risk. Meanwhile, Wall Street giants like BlackRock, State Street, and Vanguard continue working to dismantle our fossil fuel industry.

Our resolution calls on Republican leadership to:

- Establish a uniform Grid Reliability Standard that applies to all existing and future generators.
- End harmful subsidies that distort our energy market and make us reliant on weather dependent energy sources.
- Stop socializing electricity costs in Texas. Hold unreliable sources accountable.

Now is the time to unite and send a clear message to Austin: Texans demand reliable, affordable energy powered by the free market, not subsidies.

[Click here to read the resolution](#) and share it with your networks. Texas STILL needs a reliability standard, and together we can make it happen.

Molly Vogt
State Director
American Energy Works

Did You Know?

Recently, our President announced that U. S. Space Command (USSPACECOM) is finally going to make its move to Huntsville, Alabama. This move was to happen during his last term, but Joe Biden put a stop to that for political reasons, most think to reward Colorado for simply being 'blue' and their opposition to Trump and his policies. However, smarter minds have prevailed.

The decision to move U.S. Space Command to Red Stone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama is not a political decision as some have alleged. The move ensures our nation is prepared to meet growing challenges in space. Huntsville, where Red Stone Arsenal is located, is ready with an experienced workforce, resilient infrastructure, and a deep commitment to national defense. Red Stone Arsenal is one of the nation's most strategically significant defense campuses. Huntsville has long been a national leader in space and defense, and it has earned the right to house the combatant command. All of this, and the statistics prove it will save America money. Sweet Home, Alabama, right?

Debi Collins
Leadership Chair



The Missile and Space Intelligence Center at Red Stone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama



Tell Me What I Can Count As Hours To Be Turned In – and stop nagging me!

Every member of our great club is a member because we want to be involved in the saving of our great state and country for the future of our children and grandchildren. We do it because we know we must - BUT we also want to record your efforts and let others know that we mean it!

So..once a month, ALL you have to do is look at your calendar and add up all the hours you have given to our cause...

Count ALL hours that are political in nature or support the Republican philosophy;

- ✓ Paid hours count!
- ✓ Elected official, staff, precinct chair, etc., all count.
- ✓ Going to a meeting? Count from the time you start getting ready (yep) until you return home; if you stop to shop or have Lunch, leave out that interim.
- ✓ Going to Convention? Count the hours from the time you start packing until you return home.
- ✓ All club and TFRW meetings count – door to door.
- ✓ Calling others to talk about an issue or planning a meeting?
- ✓ It all counts.
- ✓ If you are on social media for a fact-gathering mission and you spread those facts to others, count that time.
- ✓ Non-partisan activities also count if there is a Republican issue involved or a known-Republican running for office.
- ✓ Preparing food for a meal or club meeting? All that counts.

It is a fact that clubs NEVER report all the hours their club members have gathered. We just forget

that we went to that Reception or took snacks to the local meeting...

We can fill out forms, sign in at meetings – do whatever works for you. I add up my time EACH DAY and write them in my calendar. Every one of you spends AT LEAST an hour a day trying to make our world better - that adds up to 90 hours a quarter – and honestly, we know you do more than that.

At the end of each month, just go to the website and fill in the number of hours for that month. Or just shoot me an email and put in the number of hours. Be certain to add your associate-member husband.

This club is so great and so active – we want to receive the recognition we have worked for – thank you for all you do – now go and do good.

Patti Johnson
Awards & Achievements Chair





Why Volunteer Hours Mean Something

There are those that volunteer and those who just don't care to. I was one of those who couldn't wait to retire and do NOTHING! However, I soon realized that sitting around or baking all day wasn't going to work for me. When I joined Canyon Lake Republican Women, I was suddenly phone banking, working on committees and helping on campaigns. I loved it and came to realize how important volunteering is in keeping Texas and the country RED!

I have had many ladies complain that they just don't have time to do anything extra in their lives. Well, I beg to differ and I would like to ask that you reconsider. The Democrat Party pays most of their so-called volunteers. You can find jobs through Zip Recruiter and other services that pay for political volunteering. Does it help recruit more volunteers if you pay them? Maybe. But does paying your volunteers get your candidates elected? Not necessarily. What does make a difference is an "army" of women that take time out of their busy schedules to get the jobs done that need to be done or help get candidates across the finish line. The National Federation of Republican Women is one of the strongest groups nationwide that get results because of their volunteers. Glenn Youngkin would not have been elected Governor of Virginia without the fierce help from members of the NFRW, including Texas and the Texas Federation of Republican Women. There was massive phone banking, door knocking and emailing that helped push him over the finish line.

To give you an example of how important

volunteer hours are, take the Presidential Election in 2024. TFRW's efforts impacted the outcome of the election both statewide and nationally. Members here in Texas registered Republican voters not just in Texas, but in key battleground states. There were clubs and groups of women all over the state that participated with 'boots on the ground', and that made a huge difference in contested legislative and congressional races. TFRW created a Voter Engagement Program (VEP) in 2019 to increase Republican voter registrations. Since its beginning, over 580K new Republican voters have been registered in Texas, turning out over 500,000 votes.

TFRW has made millions of volunteer phone calls since 2019. In 2024, 1 million phone calls were made and 193,000 new Republican voters were registered in Texas. Because of the volunteer help of TFRW and the VEP program, Republicans have retained every statewide seat in Texas, increased our majority in the state House and maintained a majority in the state Senate. The campaign hours from Texas alone that were reported to the National Federation of Republican Women for the period of July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024, totaled 2,713,944. I can honestly say, volunteers are what helped get Donald Trump elected again, and volunteers will be the ones to keep Texas Red. Everyone that reads this can do 'something' to help with our candidates. You can make time in your busy schedules to do at least one thing. All you have to do is ask. The payoff is huge and critical if we want to keep electing candidates that share our conservative values and principles.

Carolyn Besselman
District Director TFRW



How do Americans participate in our Constitutional Republic?

They participate by joining political groups, offering opinions to their elected representatives, helping with a campaign, and even running for office. And, they VOTE! You might have heard that all Texans have the responsibility (I very firmly believe we do have the responsibility!) to participate as voters in this year's election. Our top objective as members of CLRW, according to our bylaws, is to 'increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government'. There are a whopping 17 Amendments on the ballot on Nov. 4th. A yes vote will add the proposition to the Texas Constitution. A no vote will leave the Constitution as it is.

Because we have the opportunity to make changes in our Texas Constitution, I dug a little deeper into our U.S. Constitution. There are four amendments concerning voting. In 1870, the 15th Amendment outlawed discrimination in voting rights, granting African-American men the right to vote. In 1919, the 19th Amendment granted American women the right to vote. In 1964, the 24th Amendment prohibited both Congress and the states from interfering with the right to vote in federal elections by using any type of tax. In 1971, the 26th Amendment lowered the voting age from 21 to 18.

The amendments on our ballot will affect our lives. We must be informed, and we must all be encouraging our friends and neighbors to get out the vote! Be the follow-up to your precinct chair!

So, now that we have motivated and educated you on the importance of getting out the vote for this Constitutional Election Nov. 4th, you might ask how else you can help? Registering NEW Republican voters is one way that TFRW members act as 'boots on the ground'. Remember, our population is growing in Comal County. I am one of those who moved here to escape a blue state! Getting registered to vote was very important to me, and voting was at the top of my list as a good citizen of my new state. In all my years, I have never missed a single vote for anything. The 17 Constitutional Amendments on our ballot are THAT important! Go to page 21 of the TFRW's September Newsletter, and find out how to participate as a Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar. [TFRW's September Newsletter.](#)

In the spring, Jan Hunt, Ingrid Hanna, and I attended the Candidate Development (Cliff Notes version) seminar under the umbrella of the Leadership Institute. Our TFRW is offering a six-hour program designed for current and prospective candidates, staff, and volunteers. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in this political preparation program [click here!](#)

Debi Collins
Leadership Chair



**Click here to apply
for Volunteer Deputy
Registrar Training in
Comal County**



Wow! It is candidate for office time again!

And, what does CLRW do best? We support our Republican candidates! Except, not so fast.

CLRW exist to support Republican candidates BUT there are rules:

1. The CLRW President and the Political Activities Chair will NOT endorse anyone in the contested Republican primaries, Primary runoffs and/or Special elections.
2. NO CLRW Member will appear in a photo with a CLRW name tag appearing to endorse a candidate in the name of the club in the contested Republican primaries, Primary runoffs and/or Special elections.

Why is this information important now? Because we have primary candidates attending our fundraiser on September 18, 2025. If a candidate approaches you and asks for a photo, you can say yes. You can post that photo on YOUR personal page, but it cannot be posted on the CLRW Facebook page (be sure to remove your CLRW name tag!). NFRW, TFRW, and CLRW DO NOT endorse during the Primary Elections.

You, as a member of CLRW may endorse the candidate of your choice and we encourage your participation. However, your endorsement is yours alone, and not an endorsement from the club. I fully understand this can be confusing. President Hunt has a link in her article labeled bylaws that sends you directly to the "Bylaws About Endorsements" link.

Come ready in October with buttons, pins, handouts, etc. to support your candidate, but understand our rules. ALL Republican candidates are welcome. Thank you!

Jeanne Slupik
Political Activities Chair

Upcoming Elections

Beginning on October 20th (Early Voting) and ending on November 4 (Election Day), voters will decide whether to support or reject 17 amendments to the Texas Constitution. Below is the language you see on the ballot, a brief description of the purpose of the constitutional amendment, and a link for you to do further research. Last month's newsletter summarized the first 5 Propositions. The remaining 12 Propositions are summarized on the next three pages.

Proposition 6 - HJR 4

Ballot Language: *"The constitutional amendment prohibiting the legislature from enacting a law imposing an occupation tax on certain entities that enter into transactions conveying securities or imposing a tax on certain securities transactions."*

Description: With Texas' development of a fully integrated stock exchange, H.J.R. 4 proposes a constitutional amendment to ban new taxes on securities transfers and financial transactions.

[More Information](#)

Proposition 7 – HJR133

Ballot Language: *"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a veteran who died as a result of a condition or disease that is presumed under federal law to have been service-connected."*

Description: This constitutional amendment would address an inconsistency in the homestead exemption allowance for the spouse of a disabled veteran.

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Proposition 8 – HJR 2

Ballot Language: *“The constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing death taxes applicable to a decedent’s property or the transfer of an estate, inheritance, legacy, succession, or gift.”*

Description: Texas at one time collected a Death Tax, but the 84th Legislature effectively repealed Texas’ version of the Death Tax. This constitutional amendment would assure that the Death Tax will not be easily reinstated.

[More Information](#)

Proposition 9 – HJR 1

Ballot Language: *“The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation a portion of the market value of tangible personal property a person owns that is held or used for the production of income.”*

Description: This constitutional amendment allows the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation \$125,000 of the market value of tangible personal property that is held or used for the production of income. It is intended to benefit small businesses. The enabling legislation for the proposed amendment would reduce administrative and compliance burdens for small businesses in Texas.

[More Information](#)

Proposition 10 – SJR 84

Ballot Language: *“The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of the appraised value of an improvement to a residence homestead that is completely destroyed by a fire.”*

Description: Property valuation, for ad valorem purposes, is determined on January 1 of each year. If the improvements on a residence

homestead is destroyed by fire after January 1, under current law, the owner would still owe property taxes based upon the value of that property on January 1. This constitutional amendment would allow a temporary exemption from property taxes in this event.

[More Information](#)

Proposition 11 – SJR 85

Ballot Language: *“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district of the market value of the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled.”*

Description: This constitutional amendment allows the legislature to increase the amount of this exemption for the elderly and disabled from \$10,000 to \$60,000.

[More Information](#)

Proposition 12 – SJR 27

Ballot Language: *“The constitutional amendment regarding the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, the membership of the tribunal to review the commission’s recommendations, and the authority of the commission, the tribunal, and the Texas Supreme Court to more effectively sanction judges and justices for judicial misconduct.”*

Description: This constitutional amendment would alter membership and responsibilities of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct. It also limits issuance of a private sanction to only those judges who have not previously been sanctioned and only if the allegations do not include criminal conduct. It also clarifies the circumstances under which the commission is authorized or required to suspend a judge or justice from office.

[More Information](#)

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Proposition 13 – SJR 2

Ballot Language: *“The constitutional amendment to increase the amount of the exemption of residence homesteads from ad valorem taxation by a school district from \$100,000 to \$140,000.”*

[More Information](#)

Proposition 14 – SJR 3

Ballot Language: *“The constitutional amendment providing for the establishment of the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, establishing the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund to provide money for research on and prevention and treatment of dementia, Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, and related disorders in this state, and transferring to that fund \$3 billion from state general revenue.”*

Description: This constitutional amendment would require the legislature to establish the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas to provide grants and assistance to support research, prevention, and treatment for dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders. The amendment also requires the creation of the Dementia Presentation and Research Fund and the transfer of \$3 billion from the state's general revenue to the fund. Opponents of the amendment claim that it would create a new state bureaucracy without sufficient accountability measures.

[More Information](#)

Proposition 15 – SJR 34

Ballot Language: *“The constitutional amendment affirming that parents are the primary decision makers for their children.”*

Description: S.J.R. 34 does not change the law. This amendment would merely place into

the Texas Constitution the rights of parents already protected by the U.S. Constitution, as laid out in federal case law. This adds an extra layer of protection because, as we all know, case law can change, depending upon the judge(s) deciding the case.

[More Information](#)

Proposition 16 – SJR 37

Ballot Language: *“The constitutional amendment clarifying that a voter must be a United States citizen.”*

Description: The Texas Constitution does not explicitly limit Texas non-citizen voting in state or local elections. However, an individual must be a registered voter to vote in Texas elections, and citizenship is a current requirement for voter registration. This amendment clarifies that a non-citizen may not vote in Texas elections.

[More Information](#)

Proposition 17 – HJR 34

Ballot Language: *“The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the amount of the market value of real property located in a county that borders the United Mexican States that arises from the installation or construction on the property of border security infrastructure and related improvements.”*

Description: This constitutional amendment seeks to ensure that property owners supporting border security efforts are not financially penalized for their contributions by providing a property tax exemption for the value added to property through the construction or installation of border security infrastructure and related improvements.

[More Information](#)

Insights to Executive Committee Chair Positions, Pt. 4

In the last three newsletters, we looked at the duties of the Leadership Chair, the Caring for America Chair, the Hospitality Chair, the Bylaws Chair, the Social Media Chair, and the Americanism Chair. We are continuing this month with a brief description of three additional Executive Chair positions. Regardless of your level of participation in any area, CLRW strives to have fun as we make contributions to the Republican cause of advancing women in the political process.

Further details are found in the current CLRW Bylaws, as well as the [TFRW Handbook](#).

Legislative Chair

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.

Website Chair

CLRW is required to have an online presence to communicate with those who go online to learn how to become politically active. The Website Chair updates the website, informing members of upcoming CLRW events and upcoming elections. The Website Chair keeps the website up to date and removes outdated material.

Newsletter Chair

The Newsletter Chair is responsible for the CLRW's monthly newsletter. She recruits volunteers to help edit and proofread the newsletter. She assures that the newsletter properly identifies CLRW, displays the volume number and the date of publication, and contains our club disclaimer. She assures that the newsletter has a club calendar or list of upcoming club events, has at least one chair report, describes the upcoming club meeting with details about the speaker and topic, and lists officers and CLRW chairs.

Stay tuned for more insights to more Executive Committee Chair positions next month

Thank you to all of our ladies who serve as Committee Chairs, and their hard-working committee members who help make our club a wonderful success!

Jan Hunt
President

Last Month in Photos



Canyon Lake Republican Women held their monthly business meeting on Wednesday, August 20th, at St. Francis by the Lake Episcopal Church in Canyon Lake. The guest speaker was Congressman Chip Roy, who represents the 21st district of Texas. He spoke about the ongoing efforts of recovery from the flood. The eyes of the world have watched how the Hill Country has been strong and how so many have supported the impacted communities. The Big Beautiful Bill is a big step to address the deficit, but we still need to curb more future spending to make our country economically strong. We must continue to fight to save our country with responsible economic growth. The book "The War on Warriors" by Pete Hegseth was presented to the Tye Preston Memorial Library in honor of Congressman Roy. (Above Photo L to R) Tara Evans - 1st VP Programs, Congressman Roy and Jan Hunt - President CLRW.



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August 20th Business Meeting



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2025 CLRW NEW Membership Application

CLRW, PO Box #2751, Canyon Lake, TX 78133

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(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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Upcoming Elections



This November we will be voting on whether to accept or reject **17 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution**. We have included an analysis of these proposed amendments in this newsletter (see pages 13-15). Below are the upcoming dates for this election.

Last day to register to vote: Oct. 6th

First day of early voting: Oct. 20th

Last day to apply for a ballot by mail: Oct. 24th

Last day of early voting: Oct 31st

Election Day: Nov. 4

Remember to report your hours. For more information, use the QR Code on the right or the link at the bottom of the page.



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