



The Trumpet Call

June 2021



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MONTHLY MEETING

Any member may submit a written request for a discussion and possible action item to the President's Agenda no later than 48 hours before the meeting.

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From the President-

Dear Fellow Republican Women

Last month I mentioned that one of the things I look forward to as President is working together to grow our membership. After the 2020 election I realized more than ever that if we are going to keep Texas Red it is going to take more of us getting involved at the local level. We need to ensure that we elect local Republican leaders to support our conservative values. Democratic candidates are encroaching on Williamson County, and we do not want them encroaching on Georgetown. One of the ways we can get more involved is by inviting more friends to our monthly luncheons and asking them to join our organization. The more women we involve the more we help educate them about what is happening locally, as well as nationally, and the more ability we have to help them get involved.



So... let's talk membership numbers. Did you know that our membership numbers are down 25% from last year? This number surprised me because last year we were not able to meet once Covid shut us down. When we were able to meet our attendance was limited and we had many members that were unable to attend due to health concerns. If we look at 2019, which were our pre-Covid numbers, we are down over 54%. These are the numbers we need to strive to get back to. This means we need to double our current membership size. We also have a large number of former members who have not yet renewed their membership. Have you renewed yours?

We are in the process of planning a new member social and would love to welcome a large group. Let's all make an effort to start inviting friends, family members, and neighbors to join us. If every one of us recruited one new member, we would double our numbers and be back at our pre-Covid membership size. Also, please ask at least one person to join us for our next luncheon on Thursday June 17th. I can't wait to see ALL our friends there!

Sonya Jett

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THURSDAY, JUNE 17 MEETING & LUNCHEON

RESERVE ON TIME SO YOU CAN DINE • RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY JUNE 14 11am

\$10.00 per person • \$20 includes lunch from CJ's Catering: Soup & Salad bar

Georgetown Chamber of Commerce • 1 Chamber Way • Program: Sen. Charles Schwertner, Rep. Terry Wilson

PREPAID RESERVATIONS PREFERRED • VISIT GARW.ORG TO RESERVE ONLINE

Checks payable to GARW-PAC • 1530 Sun City Blvd., Suite 120-PMB 424, Georgetown, TX 78633

✉garwpac@yahoo.com 📞 LaVonne Frazier, 720-224-8283 • If you reserve and are unable to attend, payment must be reimbursed to the club.

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MEMBERSHIP

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135 members as of 06/05/2021

32 associate, 103 regular members

Make sure to seek out these new members at our next meeting to make them feel welcome!

Marilou Geis

Mindy Littlepage

Patricia Nowakowski

Gigi Wilkie

Please ask a friend (or 3) to join you at our June meeting and let's encourage others to join us. It's more important than ever!



CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

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Confused about what activities count towards Campaign Activities hours? Here is a complete list for your reference as provided by TFRW:

Block-walking, Phone-banking, Campaign events (forums, fundraisers, rallies, Trump Trains), Poll-greeting, Government activism, Legislative advocacy and local government advocacy, Petitioning, Emails, faces, etc., Club activities, Drive time to an from general club meetings (but not the time at the general club meetings), Preparation for events such as committee

work, Club board meetings, committee meetings, etc., Local GOP Party activities, Precinct chair or precinct captain duties, County or Senate District Convention, Volunteering at headquarters, Lincoln/Regan Day events, Voter registration - both signing up to be a VDR and participating in events, Voting, GOTV - (get out to vote activities, mailings, calls, post cards, letter writing), School board meetings, Commissioners court, TFRW/NFRW board meetings and conventions, Training, Travel time, Zoom training or committee meetings.

You can submit your monthly hours to me at alicht785@aol.com or submit them at our monthly meetings on the signup sheets located on every table.

Regards,
Anne Lichtenstein
VP - Campaign Activities



LEGISLATIVE

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“Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”
--John Adams

The 87th session of the Texas Legislature came to a close on May 31, as scheduled. There was not, however, closure to election integrity legislation as most of the Democrats in the House walked off the floor before the critical vote and thus broke the quorum, forcing that body to adjourn. Governor Abbott responded that lawmakers would be called back in a special session to address this issue and changes to the state's bail system, both priorities for him. Also included is the redrawing of political districts after the U.S. Census data are released in mid-August. Abbott's further reaction was to say that he will veto funding for the Legislature.

This current session saw GOP victories on abortion, gun rights, a camping ban, and “defund the police” movements. There are also limits to the way race can be taught in public schools.

Legislation championed by our Sen. Schwertner will address reform of the power grid, sorely needed after the February freeze.

It seems unfortunate that those elected to uphold the public trust find it necessary—or even appropriate—to resort to technicalities in order to gain their way. Our Constitution was and is predicated on the assumption that responsible people operate in a spirit of good will. We must set the standard high and demand accountable performance by those whom we choose to represent us.



TREASURER

LaVonne Frazier

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LITERACY COMMITTEE

We are pleased to share the lovely Thank You cards we have received in the mail from Granger, Jarrell and Taylor ISDs. Our 2021 Literacy Campaign Committee Chairman Stephanie Stoebe's excellent teaching expertise (not to mention access to her teacher's discount on books) allowed us to purchase (in addition to dictionaries & pocket Constitutions) the hotly sought after "Hazardous Tales" series written by Nathan Hale (on Lafayette, WWI, WW2, and the Revolutionary War). These wonderfully written and relevant books support literacy and the appreciation of American history (especially important in our current times of battling rampant "Cancel Culture"). The excited, happy faces of students holding our cherished new books at Granger School Library warms our hearts for the future of America!



You can find all these Thank You notes on our website in our latest blog post!

<http://www.garw.org/updates/literacy-community-thank-yous>



**Georgetown Area Republican Women
Statement of Receipts & Disbursements
For May 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021**

Funds Available on April 30, 2021	\$6,397.63
Funds Received (May 1 - May 31):	
Luncheon Reservations (Prepaid & Walk-Ins)	\$1,463.00
Membership Sales (Active, Associate & Nametag Orders)	\$479.35
Donation (Deborah Groesbeck)	\$62.00
Total Receipts	\$2,004.35
Funds Disbursed (May 1 - May 31):	
May Luncheon Expenses: CJ's Catering (65 plates)	\$841.15
TFRW#5 Submittals (30 Members@25, \$100 Credit)	\$650.00
Georgetown Chamber of Commerce June Room Rental	\$300.00
GTX Awards & Engraving (5 Elephant Namtags)	\$56.83
Membership Check "Charged Back" + \$10 Fee	\$48.00
Less Total Disbursements	\$1,895.98
Change In Funds (May 1 - May 31):	\$108.37
Total Funds Available on May 31, 2021 (Fully Balanced)	\$6,506.00

CARING FOR AMERICA

Diane Hill

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Donations to BiG (Brookwood in Georgetown) total \$873 so far this year! Don't forget to bring your loose change, cash or check to the next meeting to help us cross the \$1000 mark!



SECRETARY

Claire Hall

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Minutes GARW General Meeting 20 May 2021

The meeting was held at the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was called to order at 11:15 by President Sonya Jett. Nita Davidson offered a prayer and pledges were led to the United States and the state of Texas. The meeting was adjourned for a lunch buffet and resumed at 11:40 AM.

Business Meeting

New members and guests were recognized. Nita Davidson then introduced local officials and candidates running for office. Reports from the Executive Committee followed.

Minutes from last month's meeting were announced as published in The Trumpet. No additions or corrections were made.

Treasurer LaVonne Frazier offered her report for the period 1 April - 30 April 2021. Beginning balance was \$6,478.10. Ending balance was \$6,397.63. A detailed report is attached.

Membership VP Leah Sanders reported membership for 2021 was 122 as of this date. This total included 92 Regular and 30 Associate members.

Communications VP Sarah Bolton informed members of the "We Want You Back" campaign, reaching out to members from 2020 who have not yet renewed. The total number of members GARW can report as of May 31 will determine the number of delegates our club can send to the biennial convention in October. Sarah also reminded members to check The Trumpet newsletter for upcoming events.

Campaign Hours VP Anne Lichtenstein announced a total of 616 campaign hours had been tallied for April. She also reported GARW had accrued 342 hours thus far in May.

Sue DeVillez told the group that she would be submitting an application for the Diamond Award with NFRW. She thanked the members for all their work in qualifying for this award.

Program

Diane Hill, Committee Chair for Caring for America, presented Luke Ellis from Brookwood In Georgetown (BiG). Luke showed a short video and described BiG's history and mission. He thanked GARW for its support throughout the year and spoke about an upcoming expansion of their campuses.

Pattie Barrett from True the Vote spoke next about election fraud in 2020 and the efforts her organization is taking to ensure election integrity in the future.

Announcements Sonya closed with several announcements: 1) Volunteers are needed for the Reagan Dinner on June 18 at the Kalahari Resort. 2) The TFRW convention will also be held October 13-16 at Kalahari. Early Bird registration ends on June 30. 3) The next Executive Committee meeting is Monday, June 7 at Wilco Republican Party headquarters at noon. 4) The next GARW General Membership meeting is Thursday, June 17 at 11 AM at the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce. Speakers will be Sen. Charles Schwertner and Rep. Terry Wilson.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Claire Hall Secretary

GARW Welcomes Sen. Charles Schwertner & Rep Terry Wilson

June 17, 2021



Senator Charles Schwertner is a physician, family man, business owner, and a life-long fiscal and social conservative. In 2010, Schwertner was first elected to serve the people of House District 20 as a member of the Texas House of Representatives. There, he quickly earned a reputation as a measured and effective legislator, working with his colleagues to pass one of the most conservative legislative agendas in Texas history.

In 2012, Schwertner won the Republican Primary for the Texas Senate (District 5) with nearly 75 percent of the vote. Senate District 5 is a ten-county region of Central and East Texas that includes Brazos, Freestone, Grimes, Leon, Limestone, Madison, Milam, Robertson, Walker and Williamson Counties.

Throughout his time in the Texas Senate, Senator Schwertner has fought for the families in his district by supporting retired teachers, working to make higher education more affordable, and protecting children from abuse and neglect by reforming the Department of Family and Protective Services. Schwertner has also worked to protect our seniors by authoring legislation to improve nursing homes and punish bad actors in the industry. In the Senate, Dr. Schwertner serves as the Chair of the Senate Committee on Administration, as well as the Senate Committees on Finance, Business and Commerce, State Affairs, and Education.

For his leadership in the Texas Legislature, Senator Schwertner has been named a "Taxpayer Advocate" by Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, a "Fighter for Free Enterprise" by the Texas Association of Business, a "Courageous Conservative" by the Texas Conservative Coalition, a "Lone Star Conservative Leader" by the Texas Conservative Roundtable, and "Senate Freshman of the Year" by Texas Monthly magazine. Additionally, Senator Schwertner has been named a CASA Champion for Texas Children, YMCA Champion, and Legislator of the Year by the Texas Assisted Living Association.

Charles comes from six generations of farming and ranching in Texas. In addition to his role in the Texas Legislature, Dr. Schwertner also works as a practicing orthopedic surgeon, treating thousands of patients each year. He and his wife Belinda (an obstetrician/gynecologist) reside in Georgetown with their three sons: Carson, Zachary, and Matthew.

Colonel Terry Wilson was born in Odessa, Texas. He is a lifelong conservative Republican, committed husband and father, and a decorated combat veteran. He holds a BS in Business Administration from Texas A&M University and an MS in Strategic Logistics Plans and Management from the Air War University.

Terry recently retired from the Army after serving over 30 years, where he was a highly regarded senior leader within the Department of the Army. He is well versed in major weapons systems development, as well as command and control, communications, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems. As a Department of Defense Acquisition Executive, he managed research and development programs with multi-billion-dollar budgets and partnered in systems development with major corporations and universities.

Terry gained a reputation of exceeding performance expectations while delivering needed capability that was ahead of schedule and under budget. He has extensive experience in providing leadership, balancing budgets, and working with Congress, Homeland Defense, the State Department and foreign governments. Since retirement, he has leveraged that experience as an advocate for exceptional and talented small businesses, helping them break through bureaucracy to deliver technology to our warfighters.

Terry has been married to his wife, Shannon, for 24 years and together they have two sons, William (19) and Benjamin (17). They are members of First Baptist Church in Marble Falls where he serves on the Nomination Committee. He is also an Assistant Scout Master and supports local education by speaking to students in the schools and serving on special projects.

As State Representative for House District 20, Terry serves on the Appropriations and Higher Education committees, and serves as Chairman for the House Interim Study Committee on Aggregate Production Operations. He is committed to using his leadership experience in government and industry to expand new industrial investment and competitive career training within House District 20 and all of Texas, while lowering the burden on taxpayers.

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Mark Your Calendars!

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
June 7	12:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	WilCo Republican Headquarters
June 17	11:00 am	Monthly Meeting & Lunch	Georgetown Chamber of Commerce
June 18	6:00 pm	WilCo GOP Reagan Dinner	Kalahari Resort Round Rock, TX
July 5	12:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	WilCo Republican Headquarters
July 15	11:00 am	Monthly Meeting & Lunch	Georgetown Chamber of Commerce
Oct 13-16	Agenda listed at trfw.org	Biennial Convention	Kalahari Resort Round Rock, TX

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



June 18, 2021

Williamson County Republican Party Reagan Dinner at Kalahari Resort & Convention Center, Round Rock, TX

Please email sonya_jett@msn.com for information on how to help.

October 13-16, 2021 TFRW Biennial Convention at Kalahari Resort & Convention Center, Round Rock, TX
Please reach out to clairevhall@gmail.com for volunteer opportunities.

These events are in our backyard, and we need all hands on deck to make a memorable experience for all!



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