



The Trumpet Call

November 2021



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President • Sonya Jett
1st VP Programs • Ashley Brasher
2nd VP Membership • Leah Sanders
3rd VP Communications • Sarah Bolton
4th VP Campaign Activities • Anne Lichtenstein
Secretary • Claire Hall
Treasurer & PAC Treasurer • LaVonne Frazier
Past President • Ann Bradley

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Chaplain • Emma Wilkes
Caring for America • Diane Hill
Hospitality • Amanda Eisner
Decorations • Beth-Anne Bygum
Legislative • Marianne Inman
Literacy • Stephanie Stoebe
Military Support • Ashley Brasher
Scholarship • Ashley Brasher

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-

It's Election Day, as I write this. I hope all of you got out and voted. I personally didn't have any people to vote for in my election, but there were plenty of other things to voice my opinion on. There is a lot going on in the next few months, so I want to hit some highlights with the hope of letting all of you know what is going on. Our Executive Committee met on November 1st, and along with our regular business we were making plans for the upcoming year. So, here's a sneak peek.

I hope all of you have received your Evite and marked your calendar for Tuesday evening, November 16th when we will have a private shopping event for BiG. We've supported this charity throughout 2021 and felt this was an excellent way to get together, do some Christmas shopping, and boost up our support for them as we end the year. I'm looking forward to seeing lots of you there. Please feel free to bring some friends along. It will be a great way to introduce them to GARW as well as BiG.

Our luncheon is scheduled for the 18th, and we've got an excellent speaker who will be discussing voter integrity. We will also have a presentation about Wreaths Across America that you won't want to miss. And... it is time to elect our officers for 2022, so we look forward to all our members being there to participate in the vote.

Before the end of the year, we will be auditing financials as well as preparing our 2022 budget for our members approval. We will have a joint Executive Committee Meeting on December 6th which will include our outgoing officers as well as our incoming. This is always an open meeting, and our members are welcome to attend. And... don't miss the December Luncheon on the 16th.

January will be packed, not only with our regular Executive Committee meeting and our Luncheon, but also with a brainstorming session for our Executive Committee, Leadership Training from TFRW, and (not to be missed this year) the Williamson County Republican Party's Reagan Dinner on the 21st with Dinesh D'Souza as the featured speaker. We are hoping to have lots of representation there from GARW, so get your tickets early.

All in all, we are working hard to make Georgetown Area Republican Women a better organization. If you have some ideas or feedback, I'd love to hear it, just email me directly.

Sonya Jett

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18 MEETING & LUNCHEON

RESERVE ON TIME SO YOU CAN DINE • RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY November 15th 11am

\$10.00 per person • \$20 includes lunch from CJ's Catering

Georgetown Chamber of Commerce • 1 Chamber Way • Program: Melissa Conway- Election Integrity and Wreaths Across America

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



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MEMBERSHIP

Leah Sanders

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We ended the year off with a great membership total!

Membership breakdown:

160 Total Members

120 Regular, 40 Associate

Let's start 2022 off with a bang! Membership runs January to December; current members can start renewing in November. No matter what time of the year you joined, you must renew for 2022. You can renew online, mail in a printed online application with a check or pick up a membership application form from me at the November meeting! Hope everyone had a great Halloween!

Current Totals for 2022 are as follows...

36 total members

28 Regular

8 Associate

Welcome New Members!

Margaret Hornsby

Joann Juhasz

Allison Owens

Rebecca Privette

Susan Schorre

Kim Splaniel

Lucy Steele

Alice Thrax



LEGISLATIVE

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"The people are the government, administering it by their agents; they are the government, the sovereign power."

---Andrew Jackson

The third special session of the 87th Texas Legislature ended on October 19, with lawmakers moving forward on most of the issues assigned to them by Governor Abbott. Major developments were led by the approval of political maps that will affect voting for the Texas House and Senate, the Texas Board of Education, and the U.S. Congress...to which Texas now has 38 seats, an increase of 2. This redistricting is considered favorable to the Texas Republican party. Another major issue that prevailed, although failed on three earlier occasions, is a limitation on the participation of transgender athletes in public school sports; this legislation is apt to prove favorable to young women who may have faced undue competition from formerly male counterparts.

Other matters passed included an amendment to the Texas Constitution raising the homestead exemption per home on school property taxes to \$40,000 from \$25,000; this issue will be on the May 2022 ballot. Public colleges and universities also are the beneficiaries of a \$3.3 billion bill to support campus capital projects.

Even though not all the governor's agenda was approved, he has said he has no intention of calling a 4th special session.



TREASURER

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CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

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

Funds Available on Sep 30, 2021	\$6,393.74
Funds Received (Oct 1 - Oct 31):	
Luncheon Reservations (Prepaid & Walk-Ins, Nov Prepays)	\$2,820.02
Membership Sales (Active+Assoc+Nametags)	\$1,280.16
Donations (Kathie Holliman, Diana Tchida)	\$25.00
Total Receipts	\$4,125.18
Funds Disbursed (Oct 1 - Oct 31):	
Oct Luncheon Expenses: CJ's Catering (128 Plates)	\$1,656.40
Georgetown Chamber of Commerce Nov Room Rental	\$300.00
Less Total Disbursements	\$1,956.40
Change In Funds (Oct 1 - Oct 31):	\$2,168.78
Total Funds Available on Oct 31, 2021 (Fully Balanced)	\$8,562.52

Ever wonder how to get a sample ballot for an upcoming election? Williamson county makes it easy! The information can be found on-line via this link: <https://apps.wilco.org/elections/default.aspx> for any registered voter in the county. All you need to do is enter your name and date of birth and the ballot specific to your registered address in the county will be displayed.

Speaking of elections, as the 2022 election year approaches, I will be reaching to all of the ladies who volunteered to be on the Campaign Activities committee to set up block walking, phone calls, and voter registration activities. It's going to be a busy year! Looking forward to working with all the GARW members to KEEP TEXAS RED!

CARING FOR AMERICA

Diane Hill dhill950@gmail.com

We collected a total of \$216 at the October luncheon.

Don't forget to bring your loose change, cash, or check for your donation at the next luncheon.

We have scheduled a GARW Holiday Shopping Night at BiG on November 16th from 6-8pm. Please mark your calendar and JOIN US!

BiG Café & Shop- Brookwood in Georgetown
905 N Church St.
Georgetown, TX 78626

Regarding campaign activity hours for our club, I had an unexpected trip out of town this month and inadvertently left the hours y'all submitted at our October luncheon meeting at home, so I don't have a tally for you for this month. I will include the number in next month's newsletter.

Regards,
Anne



MILITARY SUPPORT

Ashley Brasher

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Thank you for the tremendous outpouring of support for our Veterans! We will be taking your donations to the VA Hospital in Temple the morning of November 9th to drop off with their volunteer coordinators, who will be distributing where needed. If you are interested and able to help with the delivery, please reach out to Ashley Brasher.



SECRETARY

Claire Hall

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Minutes GARW General Meeting Thursday October 21 2021

(recorded by Beth-Anne Bygum)

The meeting was held at the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and was called to order at 11:10 am by the GARW President Sonya Jett. Emma Wilkes offered a prayer; the pledges to the United States of America and to the state of Texas were led by Judge Donna King from the Texas 26th District Court. Following a break for lunch, the meeting resumed at approximately 11:45 am. Sonya Jett welcomed guests and new members were recognized. Local officials and candidates were presented to the attendees.

Business Meeting

President Report: Sonya Jett briefed members on the events and outcome of the 33rd Biennial TFRW Convention. Members were updated on the experience and distinction of TFRW President Glynis Chester winning the Ronald Reagan Leadership Award and acceptance of the TFRW Diamond Award and decorative pin on behalf of the GARW club. Sonya discussed the need for action as we prepare to support the 2022 election period. Sonya asked the Board members to present the business meeting updates.

Secretary: Beth-Anne Bygum standing in for Claire Hall noted the September minutes were published online in the Trumpet newsletter. There were no corrections or additions and were therefore deemed accepted.

Treasurer: Treasurer LaVonne Frazier presented the month report for September. Beginning balance was \$6183.30. Ending balance was \$6,393.74. A detailed report is attached.

First VP Membership: Leah Sanders announced the launch of the 2022 membership dues and summarized the various categories of membership including the new GARW Poppy Patron membership level. Leah reported that GARW now has **164 members (124 regular and 40 associate)**.

Fourth VP Campaign Hours: Anne Lichtenstein reported 312 campaign hours for September. She reminded everyone to report their hours on the paperwork provided at the tables.

Caring for America: Chair Diane Hill reported that funds which were raised during the past month for BiG. She also reminded members of the coming November 16th 6-8PM private Christmas Holiday shopping Event for GARW members at BiG. She instructed members to RSVP for the event when the email invitations are received.

Third VP Communications: Sarah Bolton announced the new directory for 2021 would be published electronically in November. The directory for 2022 will return to the regularly published time in Spring 2022. She asked anyone interested in helping her with the directory to contact her.

Nomination Committee: Beth-Anne Bygum and members of the Nomination Committee (Lisa Birkman, Edna Jones, Sarah Bolton and Ashley Brasher) presented the 2022 nominees for the five GARW Officer positions:

President – Incumbent Sonya Jet

First Vice President, Programs – Incumbent Ashley Brasher

Second Vice President, Membership – LaVonne Frazier

Third Vice President, Communications – Incumbent Sarah Bolton

Fourth Vice President, Activities – Incumbent Anne Lichtenstein

Secretary – New Member Beth-Anne Bygum

Treasurer – New Member Trish Baer

The nominees agree to operate in compliance with the Georgetown Area Republican Women by laws Article V which define responsibilities of the Executive Officer.

First VP Program: Ashley Brasher introduced the guest speakers, gubernatorial candidates Don Huffines and Allen West. Both candidates presented their cause and position regarding the state of Texas affairs and the need for change. After the delivery of each presentation, the candidates exchanged responses and plans for action. Members were then given time for question and answer. GARW final RSVP for the meeting was 150 attendees, maximum capacity.

Announcements: Sonya reminded members that 1) The next luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, November 18 @ 11am at the Chamber of Commerce. 2) The next Executive Committee meeting will be Monday, November 1 at Wilco Republican Party headquarters at noon. Everyone is invited. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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December: Dr. Robin Armstrong

January: Nita Davidson

February: Cat Parks

**GARW Welcomes RNC Texas Election Integrity State Director
Melissa Conway
November 18, 2021**



The political landscape in Texas is rapidly evolving and safeguarding our elections will be integral to preserving Texas values in the Lonestar State. Inspired to advance positive change, Melissa Conway answered the call to make a difference.

Melissa Conway has over 25 years of grassroots leadership experience directly influencing key opinion leaders, advancing legislative priorities, and developing and executing political, public relations, and policy strategies on local, state, and national levels. The RNC recently hired Melissa as the Texas Election Integrity State Director, and she is among the first in the country to lead this new national GOP initiative to ensure voters have confidence in our electoral process.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
November 16	6:00pm – 8:00pm	GARW Private Shopping Night at BiG	905 N Church St. Georgetown, TX 78626
November 18	11:00am – 1:00pm	Monthly Meeting & Luncheon	Georgetown Chamber of Commerce
December 1	12:00p	Executive Committee Meeting (All members welcome to attend)	Williamson County Republican Headquarters
December 16	11:00am – 1:00pm	Monthly Meeting & Luncheon	Georgetown Chamber of Commerce
January 21	TBC	WilCo Reagan Dinner	Kalahari Resorts & Convention Center – Round Rock



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