



# The Trumpet Call

October 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-

I've been asked a lot lately about what our members can do and how to get more involved. It's exciting that our organization is growing and especially that so many of you are seeking out places to volunteer. We are always looking for people to step up and serve in leadership of GARW, but many of you are looking for something to do beyond our organization. So... here are a couple of thoughts...



There is an election right around the corner. Early voting starts on October 18th, and election day is November 2nd. Every Texan who was registered to vote by October 5th can vote in this election. There are 8 state constitutional amendments on the ballot. There are 10 propositions for the City of Georgetown as well as several for Austin, Coupland, Jarrell, and Pflugerville. There are also 5 propositions for Georgetown ISD as well as some for Barlett, Leander, and Pflugerville. And there are city council races in some districts. If you haven't looked at your sample ballot yet, I'd like to ask you to pull it up here: <https://www.wilco.org/Departments/Elections>. None of us want to find ourselves unaware on election day. This website is also a wealth of information for you. Not only can you send your friends there to get them registered, but you can also apply to become a deputy registrar so you can register them and others on the spot. You can also apply to become a poll worker. I know many of you are concerned about election integrity, and what better way to ensure the integrity of our elections than actually being there to observe and help? We have several ladies in GARW that are voter registrars and/or poll workers, and I'd love to connect you... just ask.

We also have primaries coming up in the spring and are expecting a very busy election season for 2022. There are opportunities for you to block walk with the candidates or with friends or join us in making scripted phone calls. If those aren't your thing, how about helping greet guests at the Williamson County Republican Party Headquarters on Rock Street in Georgetown or volunteering to help with the Reagan Dinner. They have lots of opportunities for you to get involved and they are the hub for every Republican thing that happens in Williamson County. They are also hosting a picnic this Sunday October 10th where you can come meet and greet your local elected officials and candidates. You can RSVP on their website:

<https://www.williamsoncountygop.org/about/>

I encourage you to go to their website and check out all the events that are happening. Let me know if I can help you connect with something there.

I'd like to remind all of you that we can only do what you help us do. So do a little, do a lot, but please... do something!

*Sonya Jett*

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# THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21 MEETING & LUNCHEON

RESERVE ON TIME SO YOU CAN DINE • RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY October 18th 11am

\$10.00 per person • \$20 includes lunch from CJ's Catering: Bavarian Roasted Chicken (skin on), red skinned potatoes and dill salad, green beans almondine, spring mix salad and lemon bars for dessert

Georgetown Chamber of Commerce • 1 Chamber Way • Program: Allen West & Don Huffines  
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

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Membership Updates:

164 Total Members!  
124 Regular, 40 Associate

school athletics in Texas, uses students' birth certificates to confirm their gender and accepts modified birth certificates a student may have had changed to align with their gender identity. SB3 would end that acceptance. House Speaker Dade Phelan says there would be enough votes to pass if it came to the floor.

Please continue to monitor the status of all legislation coming from this session.



## LEGISLATIVE

*Marianne Tuman*

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"A state is better governed which has few laws, and those laws strictly observed."

-Rene Descartes

The 87<sup>th</sup> session of the Texas Legislature began its third special session on September 20. The issue receiving the greatest amount of attention concerns the redistricting that resulted from the 2020 U.S. census. The bodies affected are the Texas House and Senate, the Texas Board of Education, and the U.S. Congress. In late September draft maps for the Texas Senate and State Board of Education moved out of committee to the full Senate for debate. These drafts have so far focused on strengthening Republican majorities by protecting incumbents and creating more GOP-friendly districts.

Another issue that has received much press is the matter of transgender youth and school sports. Senate Bill 3, passed by the Senate, would require student athletes at K-12 public schools to play on sports teams that correspond with the assigned sex listed on their birth certificate issued at or near the time of their birth. The University Interscholastic League, which governs



## TREASURER

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Georgetown Area Republican Women  
Statement of Receipts & Disbursements  
For Sep 1, 2021 through Sep 30, 2021

Funds Available on Aug 31, 2021		\$6,183.30
<b>Funds Received (Sep 1 - Sep 30):</b>		
Luncheon Reservations (Prepaid & Walk-Ins, Oct Prepays)	\$1,260.22	
Membership Sales (Active)	\$76.86	
Donation (Kathie Holliman)	\$15.00	
	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$1,352.08</b>
<b>Funds Disbursed (Sep 1 - Sep 30):</b>		
Sep Luncheon Expenses: CJ's Catering (55 Plates)	\$711.74	
Georgetown Chamber of Commerce Oct Room Rental	\$300.00	
A Matter of Taste (Memorial Flowers for Constable Stoffe)	\$129.90	
	<b>Less Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$1,141.64</b>
	<b>Change in Funds (Sep 1 - Sep 30):</b>	<b>\$210.44</b>
<b>Total Funds Available on Sep 30, 2021 (Fully Balanced)</b>		<b>\$6,393.74</b>



## CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

*Anne Lichtenstein*  
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Have you ever considered being a poll worker? We have an election coming up on November 2. What a great way to become part of the election process! Training is provided by Williamson County and will take place for this election 10/12 – 15. It is a three-hour class. The only qualification is that you must be a registered voter of Williamson County. For more information and to sign up for training go to:

<https://www.wilco.org/Departments/Elections>

The training hours and hours worked at the polls count as campaign hours.

I have not completed collecting campaign hours for September, but so far, our members have submitted 155 hours.

Regards,  
Anne Lichtenstein  
GARW - 4th VP Campaign Activities

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## CARING FOR AMERICA

*Diane Hill* [dhill950@gmail.com](mailto:dhill950@gmail.com)

We collected a total of \$281 at the September luncheon for a year-to-date total of \$2139.

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 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. Please mark your calendar and JOIN US!

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



## MILITARY SUPPORT

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Our veterans need our support now more than ever, and GARW would like to come together as a community to provide that support. With Veterans Day coming in November, please help our Central Texas Veterans by donating items listed below and bringing them to our Oct, and Nov meetings. You can also drop them off in the military support donation box at the WilCo GOP office at 716 S Rock St, Georgetown, or contact me by email if other arrangements need to be made. If you'd like to help with delivery, please let me know that as well!

Tell your friends, family, and neighbors so they can donate, too!

Here's a graphic you can use to post to your social media and neighborhood pages (screenshot and edit to crop or iPhone users simply hold down the picture and click "save to photos")



Thank you for helping our Central Texas Veterans and supporting this cause!



# SECRETARY

*Claire Hall*

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## Minutes GARW General Meeting 16 September 2021

The meeting was held at the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and was called to order at 11:16 am by First Vice-President Ashley Brasher standing in for 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 Jess McClure from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. Following a break for lunch, the meeting resumed at approximately 11:40 am. New members and guests were recognized. Local officials and candidates for election introduced themselves.

### **Business Meeting**

First VP for Programs Ashley Brasher announced the Nominating Committee for positions on the board that will be vacant. They are:

Beth-Ann Bygum, Chair  
Lisa Birkman  
Edna Jones  
Sarah Bolton  
Ashley Brasher

The committee will be filling the positions of Treasurer, Secretary, and 2nd VP for Membership. She asked for a motion to approve the committee. LaVonne Frazier so moved. The motion was seconded by Anne Lichtenstein. The committee was unanimously accepted by the members present. Ashley asked anyone interested in those three positions to approach a committee member.

**Secretary:** Claire Hall noted that last month's minutes had been published in the Trumpet newsletter. There were no corrections or additions and were therefore deemed accepted. Claire announced that individual tickets for some of the TFRW Convention luncheons and dinners were available to anyone not registered who would like to attend one or more of those.

**Third VP for Communications:** Sarah Bolton announced the new directory for 2021 would be published 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. Candidates for election were reminded that ad space will be available for them to purchase.

**Treasurer:** Treasurer LaVonne Frazier suggested that members with a business might also be interested in purchasing ad space in the directory. LaVonne offered to help anyone interested in serving as treasurer in the new term. She then offered her report for August. Beginning balance was \$7,423.57. Ending balance was \$6,183.30. A detailed report is attached.

**Second VP for Membership:** Standing in for Leah Sanders, LaVonne reported GARW now has 161 members (121 regular and 40 associate).

**Fourth VP for Campaign Hours:** Anne Lichtenstein reported 447 campaign hours for August. She reminded everyone to report their hours on the paperwork provided at the tables

**Caring for America:** Chair Diane Hill reported that \$237 was raised during the past month for BiG. She also reported that 4 GARW members had volunteered to help at BiG since last month's presentation about it. She urged others to volunteer as well.

**Program:** Judge Carter had been scheduled to speak but was unable to attend. His District Director Jonas Miller stood in for him. Jonas spoke about issues confronting TX Congressional District 31, the state of Texas and the country. Following his remarks, he answered questions.

**Announcements:** Sue DeVillez reminded members that tickets were available for the "10 Outstanding Women" dinner at the TFRW Convention on Friday, October 15 from 7 to 9pm. She announced that Claire Hall had been nominated for the award and urged anyone interested to attend the dinner and support her and GARW. Additionally, Justice of the Peace Edna Staudt has been nominated for the Kay Bailey Hutchinson award. Ashley closed with several announcements: 1) The next luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, October 21@ 11am at the Chamber of Commerce. 2) The next Executive Committee meeting will be Monday, October 4 at Wilco Republican Party headquarters at noon. Everyone is invited. 3) The TFRW Convention will be held at Kalahari October 13-16.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Claire Hall – Secretary



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

*Ashley Brasher* [ashleybrasher@gmail.com](mailto:ashleybrasher@gmail.com)

November: Matt Rinaldi- Chairman, Texas GOP, and Wreaths Across America

December: Dr. Robin Armstrong

January: Nita Davidson

# GARW Welcomes Texas Gubernatorial Candidates

## October 21, 2021



**Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Allen B. West** is a Christian constitutional conservative, combat veteran, and former member of the US Congress, born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. West has received numerous awards and decorations from his military career, including the Bronze Star. After his retirement from the Army in 2004, Allen taught high school in South Florida for a year before volunteering and deploying to Afghanistan as a civilian military adviser to the Afghan army, an assignment he finished in November 2007.

In November of 2010, Allen was elected to the United States Congress, representing Florida's 22nd District. As a member of the 112th Congress, West introduced seven major pieces of legislation, and was the original sponsor of H. R. 1246 which reduces costs at the Department of Defense, was passed unanimously (393-0), and signed into law by President Obama as part of the National Defense Authorization Act. Congressman West voted for the Balanced Budget Amendment and voted for over 30 different bills designed to empower small businesses, reduce government barriers to job creation, boost American competitiveness, encourage entrepreneurship and growth, and maximize American energy production.

He is a NewsmaxTV contributor, Senior Fellow of the Media Research Center, a contributing

columnist for Townhall and CNS News, and the author of several books. He is the former Executive Director of the National Center for Policy Analysis in Dallas Texas, former Director of the Booker T. Washington Initiative at the Texas Public Policy Foundation and was elected Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas in July 2020 by an overwhelming majority of State delegates.

Lt. Col. West is a commissioned officer in the Texas State Guard, a legacy life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a life member of the American Legion, a life member of the Association of the United States Army, the Society of the First Infantry Division, 4th Infantry Division, and 101st Airborne Division. He is a Patriot Life Member (Benefactor) and Board of Directors member of the National Rifle Association and Life Member (Benefactor) of the Texas State Rifle Association. Lieutenant Colonel West is an inductee into the University of Tennessee Army ROTC Hall of Fame. He is on the Board of Advisors of Amegy Bank, Dallas Region. In 2016, Lt. Col. West was appointed by Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick to the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission.

He is married to Dr. Angela Graham-West, a financial adviser, and they have two daughters, Aubrey, a Board-certified Physician Assistant, and Austen, a nursing assistant. He is also a proud grandfather to one grandson, Jaxton.

**Don Huffines** is a proud fifth-generation Texan, husband, father, grandfather, and self-made businessman. He fought fearlessly for fiscal restraint and government accountability in the Texas State Senate, while representing Dallas County's District 16. During his two legislative sessions, Don earned a reputation for being one of Texas' most conservative lawmakers.

The only Texas state senator in history to never accept a penny of government money during his tenure, Don was disgusted by the corruption, backroom deals, and flagrant disregard for Texas taxpayers he witnessed plaguing the Austin swamp. He is recognized for authoring legislation uncovering the largest government corruption scandal in Texas history: Don's work resulted in the elimination of a crooked and wasteful government agency, called Dallas County Schools, that stole tens of millions of dollars from Texas taxpayers. Six people were thrown in prison after being exposed for their roles in the scheme.

During his time in office, Don also authored legislation supporting term limits, pro-life measures, constitutional carry, and school choice. The blue wave election of 2018 resulted in Democrats taking virtually all of Dallas County, including Don's seat in the Texas Senate. Nevertheless, Don remained determined to intensify the fight against harmful left-wing policies on a statewide basis and in the governor's office.

A generous philanthropist, Don supports nonprofits such as Dallas-area pregnancy centers and wildlife conservation groups. He is an avid outdoorsman and hunter.

He and his wife of 36 years, Mary Catherine, have five adult children, Colin, Devin, Terence, Deirdre, and Russell. They also have two grandchildren, and two more are on the way.

### [Meet the Candidates- tickets here](#)

*\*\*This event will not be a debate and we have been asked by both camps to not have any questions, this is strictly a "getting to know you" session. If the candidates so choose, they may stay after to answer questions at their own discretion. All candidates that have formally filed their campaign have been extended an invitation to speak. At the time of publication these are the only ones who have accepted.*

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Oct 13-16	Agenda listed at trfw.org	TFRW Biennial Convention	Kalahari Resort Round Rock, TX
October 21	11:00am – 1:00pm	Monthly Meeting & Luncheon	Georgetown Chamber of Commerce
November 1	12:00p	Executive Committee Meeting (All members welcome to attend)	Williamson County Republican Headquarters



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