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**(Please Text or call and leave a message)**

Monday, February 5, 2024

11:00—1:00 PM

Elegante' Hotel Ballroom

*Featuring*

***Sen. Ted Cruz***

Buffet begins at 11:00 am

Meeting promptly at 11:30

**Reservations are Required**

**No walk ups will be admitted**

Conservative politician Ted Cruz grew up in Houston, Texas, earning his bachelor's at Princeton University and going on to Harvard Law School. Cruz served as an adviser on the 2000 presidential campaign of George W. Bush and became solicitor general of Texas in 2003. He won election to the U.S. Senate in 2012 with the support of the Tea Party and went on to orchestrate a governmental shutdown in opposition to Obamacare. After losing his bid for the 2016 Republican presidential nomination to Donald Trump, Cruz was re-elected to the Senate in 2018.



**March 4, 2024 Speaker**



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**Upcoming Dates****Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

January 15

**GTRW Luncheon**

February 5th

**2024 Primary Election****Early Voting**

February 20-March 1

**Election Day**

March 5th

**Jefferson County Precinct Conventions**

March 23rd

**Primary Runoff- if necessary****Early Voting**

May 20th-May 24th

**Election Day**

May 28th

**Texas State Convention-San Antonio**

May 20th-25th

**November General Election****Early Voting**

October 21st-November 1st

**Election Day**

November 5th

I have spent the last 30 days contemplating the journey I am embarking on as the leader of this incredible organization. Being a part of this conservative group is exciting and I look forward to the coming year and using our voices to support our Republican candidates. We must also use our voices to inform our community about upcoming events and make sure that information is accurate and truthful. GTRW members must make sure they are informed volunteers and attend training when offered so we are ready to aid our candidates and make sure our elections are held legally and that every vote counts. I challenge each of you to participate in the election process in some manner. Everyone is capable of being a poll worker and I pray you will consider volunteering. If you can sit at home you can come sit in a polling place.



I hope that every single one of you will work hard to attend meetings and events and make sure that you renew your membership promptly. Our 2nd Vice President should not have to spend so much time getting your renewals in, she should be able to go out and recruit new members.

We have reviewed the surveys that were turned in at the December meeting and are taking under advisement some of the suggestions and have already begun working on making changes to improve our meetings. We truly appreciate your input.

We had our first executive board meeting on January 2nd and I am so excited to be working with this incredible group of women. Please be open to volunteering and helping out if you are called. Also, do not hesitate to contact any board member if you are interested in helping.

My personal goal is to inspire every single member female and male to become more involved in this journey and to help GTRW to make a difference not only on the local level but throughout the great State of Texas. You all inspire me to be a better person and want to make a difference by helping others, and I hope that you are trying to make a difference too. I am thankful to the Golden Triangle Republican Women and want to make sure that we remain on top. I am truly honored to serve each of you.

I hope you will all make plans to come to the February 5th meeting to hear Senator Ted Cruz. He will get us up to date on what is happening in the US Senate. Reservations are open now. MAKE THEM NOW. We are only going to have 400 seats and have sold 168 in 48 hours. ABSOLUTELY NO ONE will be admitted without a prior reservation. Look for your next email or text for further information.

Lastly, we must remember that we are ALL REPUBLICANS! We may not always think alike and may have opposing views or interpretations but that does not mean we should be at odds. Please respect each other because now we need each other more than at any time in recent history. We must work together to accomplish our goals.

So focus on what we do agree on: Securing a stronger, safer, and more prosperous nation and community through our constitutional system of limited government where WE THE PEOPLE, are the best ambassadors for a better future.

Sincerely,

*Elaine Henderson*

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

I do not choose to be a common man. It is my right to be uncommon ... if I can. I seek opportunity ... not security. I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having the State look after me. I want to take the calculated risk, to dream and to build. To fail and to succeed. I refuse to barter incentive for a dole; I prefer the challenges of life to the guaranteed existence; The thrill of fulfillment to the stale calm of Utopia. I will not trade freedom for beneficence nor my dignity for a handout. I will never cower before any master nor bend to any threat. It is my heritage to stand erect, proud and unafraid; To think and act for myself, To enjoy the benefit of my creations and to face the world boldly and say: This, with God's help, I have done.

All this is what it means to be an American. -- Dean Alfange

## Congressman Randy Weber



Randy is a third-generation Texan who has called the Gulf Coast home for nearly 70 years. He has lived in a 20-mile radius his entire life. He is a graduate of Ross Sterling High School, Alvin Community College, and the University of Houston Clear Lake.

As a small business owner, Weber built his air conditioning company on a strong work ethic and common sense, which he learned from watching his father own his business. For 35 years, Weber owned and operated Weber's Air and Heat. Any Texan knows the importance of AC in the summertime. Most importantly, they know the importance of a reliable repairman.

In 2008, Weber was elected to the Texas State House where he proudly represented District 29. While serving you in Austin, Mr. Weber served on the Border and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, Environmental Regulation Committee, and the Public Education Committee. While in the State House he authored landmark legislation that created a statewide human trafficking prevention task force, provided additional training to law enforcement, and provided legal protections to minor victims.

In 2013, Randy Weber was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives to serve Texas' Fourteenth Congressional District. Since taking office, Weber has brought Texas pride and conservative values to Congress and worked tirelessly to ensure your voice is heard and fight to uphold the Constitution. In Congress, he serves on the powerful Energy and Commerce Committee, which is vested with the broadest jurisdiction of any congressional authorizing committee. He also serves on the Science, Space and Technology Committee.



Legislation cosponsored:

**H.R. 3016** - IGO Anti-Boycott Act

**H.R. 5285** - Staff Safety Act

**H.Con.Res. 71** - Expressing the sense of Congress to encourage full participation of Taiwan in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum.

**H.Res. 758** - Expressing support for the designation of the first Wednesday in October as National Energy Appreciation Day to celebrate the people who work to power the United States and the economy and to build awareness of the important role that America's energy producers play in reducing poverty, strengthening national security, and improving the quality of life for people around the world.

**H.Res. 755** - Providing for the expulsion of Representative Jamaal Bowman from the House of Representatives.

**H.R. 621** - PART Act

**H.R. 5585** - Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act

**H.R. 5725** - No CORRUPTION Act



Cindy Dishman

**GTRW ELECTION HEADQUARTERS**

**We Need Everyone on Board to Work the 2024 Elections in Every Capacity.**



Stephanie Figari

Please check the **GTRW ELECTION HEADQUARTERS** every month, which is included in the 2024 Monthly Newsletters.

**\*OUR GOAL:** To have every GTRW member trained as an Election Clerk and Poll Watcher. This includes those working EVBB and SVC.

Mandatory Training from the Jefferson County Republican Party for Judges and Clerks for the 2024 Primary Election.

(\*Poll Watchers, EVBB and SVC too, so you can step in as a clerk when necessary)

All that is required is one day, one time slot.

**2024 Election Training for Primary Election from Jefferson County Republican Party**

**Monday, January 8, 2024**

10:00 am to 1:00 pm or  
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm or  
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**Wednesday, January 10, 2024**

10:00 am to 1:00 pm or  
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm or  
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**Saturday, January 13, 2024**

10:00 am to 1:00 pm or  
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

10:00 am to 1:00 pm or  
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm or  
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**Thursday, January 18, 2024**

10:00 am to 1:00 pm or  
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm or  
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm





Jefferson County Clerk's Office Mandatory Training for Judges and Clerks for the 2024 Primary Election is February 6th @ 8:00am Breakfast , 8:30 to 11:00 training at Jefferson County Court House, Jury Impaneling Room. \*All Poll Watchers, EVBB and SVC are encouraged to attend, so you can step in as a clerk, if needed.

**POLL WATCHERS MUST TAKE THE SOS POLL WATCHER ONLINE TRAINING.** Judges and Clerks are encouraged to take the online training so you can step in to be a Poll Watcher if needed, and you will better understand the roll of poll watchers. New expiration date on Certificate of Completion is August 31, 2024

### **Election Dates for 2024**

#### **2024 Primary Election**

##### **Early Voting**

Tuesday, February 20th to Friday, February 23rd 8:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday, February 24th 7am to 7pm

Sunday, February 25th 12:00 to 6:00pm

Monday, February 26th to Friday March 1st 7:00am to 7:00pm

##### **Election Day**

Tuesday, March 5th 7am to 7pm

#### **Primary Runoff- if necessary**

##### **Early Voting**

Monday, May 20th to Friday, May 24th

##### **Election Day**

Tuesday, May 28th

#### **November General Election**

##### **Early Voting**

Monday, October 21st to Friday, November 1st

##### **Election Day**

Tuesday, November 5th



# 2023 in review with Texas House Speaker Dade Phelan

By Dade Phelan TEXAS HOUSE SPEAKER



Bob Daemmrigh/Texas Tribune

Texas House Speaker Dade Phelan before gaveling in the House for the third-called special session on Oct. 9.

As we approach the end of a marathon year for the 88th Texas Legislature, Southeast Texans can rest assured that the future of our region is more promising than ever. Through a 140-day regular session followed by four special sessions, I had the honor of leading the Texas House on historic measures that will strengthen our growing state and allow our local communities to thrive.

Texas' standout economic success has come with rising local property taxes, but this summer lawmakers delivered \$18 billion in historic property tax relief statewide. As the largest tax cut in Texas history, homestead owners will receive an average of \$1,260-\$1,460 in tax relief per year, while non-homestead owners will also see the benefits of school district rate compression and new protections on appraisal increases.

The Texas House also laid the groundwork to continue attracting companies to relocate or expand in our state through new economic incentive tools that will encourage job creation and investments in Texas communities.

Here in House District 21, I've worked to ensure our local workforce is equipped with the tools needed for the Southeast Texas economy through a number of initiatives in higher education. While enrollment is decreasing at other institutions of higher education, here in the Golden Triangle enrollment is soaring. Tuition at these institutions has also been reduced by 50% since 2019.

Recent highlights of our state budget include \$25.5 million for disaster mitigation and renovation for Lamar Institutions and \$750,000 for Southeast Texas Health and Wellness Outreach at Lamar University, which will support the Gift of Life Cancer Prevention Program in Southeast Texas. The Allied Health Professionals Program at Lamar State College Port Arthur received \$1.9 million to increase capacity and enhance current programs imparting advanced skills for the healthcare field. Lamar University's Petrochemical Chemical Industry Engineering institute received \$10 million to help support our energy and petrochemical industries.

It's no secret Texas is experiencing massive growth, and this year I've worked to ensure our region has the infrastructure to back that expansion. This session, we achieved historic funding for our ports to keep our local economy thriving with \$200 million to the Texas Department of Transportation for port capital improvement projects and \$400 for the Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Loan Program.

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Southeast Texans know flood prevention and our water supply are paramount, especially during hurricane season. This year, the Texas Legislature dedicated \$1 billion to the Texas Water Fund to finance water projects in Texas, as well as \$625 million to be transferred to the Flood Infrastructure Fund, which will increase funding for flood control, drainage and mitigation projects.

Lawmakers have worked tirelessly to bolster the reliability of Texas' power grid, and I made sure this session that \$1 billion of a \$10 billion program for resiliency and reliability project grants, facility modernization and weatherization went to non-ERCOT utilities to help our region to prepare for hurricane season while reducing the burden on local ratepayers.

Other key infrastructure wins this year include \$1 billion for broadband expansion and improvement to increase educational and work opportunities in rural areas and \$5 billion for construction, maintenance and improvement of Texas highways.

Maintaining a high quality of life has been a priority of mine as our state grows and advances. Our region has worked for decades to expand access to mental health care, and I'm proud to have led the effort to allocate \$64 million for a new outpatient integrated behavioral health clinic, with 72 new inpatient mental health beds at Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas. Our state budget also dedicates \$9.4 billion toward mental health at existing facilities in addition to building new ones, as well as almost \$450 million for women's health programs and more than \$178 million for rural hospitals.

These successes have corresponded with statewide efforts to ensure the safety of Texas communities. Lawmakers recently secured \$1.54 billion for our state's historic border wall in addition to the \$5.1 billion invested in heightened border security initiatives from the regular session. We've also enhanced accountability standards for District Attorneys who fail to sufficiently defend Texas law.

Protecting our next generation of Texans is one of the most important jobs we as lawmakers undertake. This year, we enacted improved school safety requirements and protocols for public schools and worked to safeguard the innocence of childhood by banning radical gender modification procedures and medications for minors and exposure to inappropriate content in school libraries.

Returning home after an extended period in Austin away from my family and my community, I'm extremely proud of the significant accomplishments I led the Texas House on this year that secure a bright future for our state, and especially Southeast Texas.





*Leadership Day 2024*  
*Uniting Republican Women for Texas*

*January 27th*  
*7:30 AM to 4:00 PM*

SHERATON AUSTIN GEORGETOWN HOTEL  
 &  
 CONFERENCE CENTER  
 1101 Woodlawn Avenue Georgetown Texas



TEXAS FEDERATION  
 of  
*Republican Women*

*The purpose of Leadership Day is to  
 provide training for TFRW members.*

Inspiration and motivation will be provided through our general sessions and informative workshops will provide you with the tools needed to be an effective leader.

Gain insight and inspiration from women across the state  
 and build relationships that will last a lifetime!

Special focus this year...Getting TFRW members to RPT Convention!

Strength is in numbers. We need to positively strengthen our party!  
 "Unity not Uniformity"

**Welcome Reception**  
**January 26<sup>th</sup>**

SHERATON AUSTIN GEORGETOWN  
 HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

1101 Woodlawn Avenue Georgetown TX  
**7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**

**Leadership Day**  
**January 27<sup>th</sup>**

SHERATON AUSTIN GEORGETOWN  
 HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

1101 Woodlawn Avenue Georgetown TX  
**7:30AM to 4:00 PM**

For more information visit [www.tfrw.org](http://www.tfrw.org)



*Save the*  
**DATE**

Campaign Kick-off Reception

**Leo LaBauve**  
Orange County Republican Chairman

Monday, January 22, 2024  
6:00PM

The Brown Estate  
4205 W. Park Avenue (Hwy 90)  
Orange, Texas

† FIGHT FINISH FAITH

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**Orange County Republican Party monthly meeting is Tuesday, Jan 23, 2024**

6:30PM Meet & Greet

7:00PM meeting starts

260 Strickland Drive

Orange, TX 77630

**Constable Precinct 4 Forum (Changed Debate to Forum)**

Monday, January 29, 2024

6:30PM

Vidor Elementary School

**Orange County Sheriff's Forum (Changed Debate to Forum)**

Thursday, February 8, 2024

6:00PM

Little Cypress Elementary

Kent Batman, Former Hardin County Republican Chairman, will be the moderator.

**County Clerk Training**

Poll Workers - Judges & Clerks

**Attention: Date Has Been Changed to**

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

8:30a.m. - 11:00a.m.

Jury Impaneling Room

1085 Pearl

Beaumont, TX 77701

**No RSVP Necessary - Just Show Up**

JCRP Encourages ALL Judges, Clerks and Poll Watchers to Attend



**GOLDEN TRIANGLE  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

**PRESENTS**

**US SENATOR  
TED CRUZ**

**FEBRUARY 5, 2024  
MEETING**

**MCM ELEGANTE HOTEL**

**11:15 AM \$35 PER PERSON**

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE THROUGH  
THE WEBSITE BELOW.**

[www.gtrepublicanwomen.org/events](http://www.gtrepublicanwomen.org/events)

**ABSOLUTELY NO ADMITTANCE WITHOUT RESERVATIONS**



**Jefferson County Republican Party**

**"Mandatory"**

Dates Starting **January 2024**

**Election Judge & Clerk Training**

**Poll Watchers Welcome to Attend**

Training will consist of  
Review & Updated Materials



**CLICK BUTTON BELOW  
IT WILL RE-DIRECT YOU TO  
SIGN-UP GENIUS**



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Vernon  
Pierce**

**JEFFERSON COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER, Pct. 1**

**Primary Campaign Kick-Off**

**Tues., Jan. 23, 2024**

5 pm - 8 pm  
Courville's

1744 Rose Lane  
Beaumont, TX 77713

★  
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Larry Beaulieu - Treasurer

**Jefferson County & SD Convention**

March 23, 2024

*Convention Committee will begin meeting Oct 2023 - Feb 2024*

Primary Run-Off Dates

First Day of EV - Mon, May 20th

Last Day of EV - Fri, May 24th

Election Day - Tues, May 28th

**Texas State Republican Convention**

May 20 - 25, 2024

Location: Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center, San Antonio, TX

Important Dates to Attend

**May 23 - 25, 2024**

PRESENTED BY JEFFERSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN BUSINESS ALLIANCE

**REPUBLICAN BUSINESS ALLIANCE MONTHLY MEETING**

FOCUSING ON REAL ESTATE & FRANCHISING  
NETWORKING, REFRESHMENTS & DOOR PRIZES

**JOE NERI**  
WEALTH STRATEGIST  
GUEST SPEAKER

**SEEMA GOVIL**  
FRANCHISE CONSULTANT  
GUEST SPEAKER

**E.L. CRAINE**  
VICE PRESIDENT OF EDUCATION & SALES  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**RBA COMMITTEE**

LOUIE RYAN, JOE HANCOCK, TONY ARMSTRONG

Location: Jefferson County Republican Party Headquarters - 1844 St-10 Suite 102 Beaumont, Texas

**WEDNESDAY  
JANUARY 17 | 6:30PM**

**\$25 ENTRANCE FEE**

STRENGTHENING CONNECTIONS EMPOWERING SUCCESS



**Jefferson County  
Republican Party**

**EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

**February 6, 2024  
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.**

1844 South IH-10, Suite 102, Beaumont

**All Republicans are Welcome  
& Encouraged to Attend**



**Please Join Us For A**

**Meet & Greet**

**With**

**KENNA SEILER**

**Candidate for Justice**

**9th Court of Appeals**

**Monday, January 29, 2024**

**4pm-6pm**

**Appetizers & Wine Provided**

**Bruno's Italian Kitchen**

3199 Dowlen Road

Beaumont, TX 77706

**Hope to See You There!!!**

Hosted by: Marie Maggio

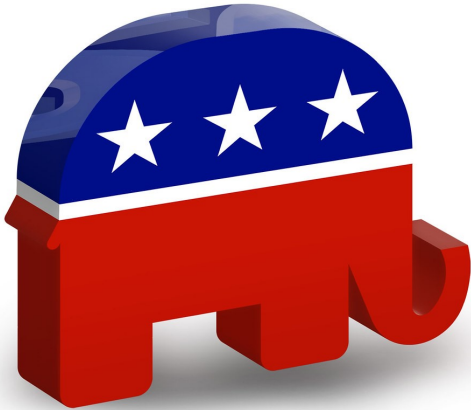


**GOLDEN TRIANGLE REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

Meet the First Monday of each month from August to June.

DURING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEARS, WE ALSO MEET IN JULY

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the MCM Elegante' in Beaumont



**GOLDEN TRIANGLE REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Meet the Third Monday of the month

5:00 p.m.

JCRP Headquarters



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I pledge allegiance  
to thee, Texas,  
One state under God,*

