

# GTRW



# Gazette

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Golden Triangle Republican Women

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(Please text or call and leave a message)

Monday, April 1, 2024

11:00—1:00 PM

Elegante' Hotel Ballroom

Featuring  
**Mark and Patricia  
McCloskey**

Buffet begins at 11:00 am

Meeting promptly at 11:30

**Reservations are Required**

A St. Louis couple gained notoriety for pointing a gun at social justice demonstrators as they marched past their home. The McCloskeys said they felt threatened by the protesters, who were passing their home in June 2020 on their way to demonstrate in front of the mayor's house nearby. It was one of hundreds of demonstrations around the country after the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis. The couple also said the group was trespassing on a private street.



**See Bio On Pg 3**



**May 6, 2024 Speaker**

**DR. DANA MYERS**

**Candidate  
Republican Party of Texas Chair**

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**Upcoming Dates****Jefferson County Precinct Conventions**

March 23rd/ Rockin A Café / 9AM

**Primary Runoff****Early Voting**

May 20th-May 24th

**Election Day**

May 28th

**Republican State Convention**

May 23-25

**Texas State Convention-San Antonio**

May 20th-25th

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

October 21st-November 1st

**Election Day**

November 5th

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Members,

I hope you enjoyed our March program with Kellye Turner and Rhonda Kuykendall from Governor Abbott's Committee on Human Trafficking. In April we will have Mark and Patricia McCloskey from St. Louis speaking to us about their encounter with BLM protesters in their private neighborhood. In May Dr. Dana Meyer's will be speaking she is our Vice Chair of the Texas Republican Party and will be running for Chair at the Convention in May.

Primary Election Day has come and gone and I would like to congratulate all our candidates who won their election and commend those who did not for their efforts. However we do have a big runoff in HD 21. So please do not stop working. It is imperative that we get out and fight for what we believe. Please contact your candidate to volunteer.

I want to thank each and every one of you that worked or volunteered in the Primary Elections. Without the Golden Triangle Republican Women Jefferson County would have a hard time having successful elections. I hope each of you and more will be active in the upcoming runoff in May and the General Election in November. We must assure that we help Republican candidates across the state get elected. Both Congressman Babin and Congressman Weber face Democrat candidates along with Senator Cruz. If we are to take our country back we must ensure they, along with President Trump and the rest of our candidates who are opposed are elected.

Please know that my door is always open and if you would like to discuss anything that is going on with our club just give me a call. We may not always agree on things but know that we stand under the same conservative platform.

Please do not forget to renew your membership NOW...Shelby has a list of all current members in her report below.

Don't forget we have our Jefferson County Republican Party Precinct and Senate District Conventions on March 23rd at Rockin A' Cafe 3520 Cardinal Dr., from 9:00 AM to 3 PM. Lunch will be provided.. Please be sure and plan to attend. We need to have a great showing at convention. Not only to help Danielle and I get elected to our respective Senate Districts but to help elect new leadership at the state level. Big changes must be made to get the Republican Party headed in the right direction in Texas. TFRW will be giving us money to help those who would like to go to convention. Please contact me ASAP for details.

Be sure and check out the TFRW monthly newsletter <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OoL5iHZpG0Wmui1D3kVZuX7THyCbcJnO/view>

God Bless each and everyone of you and your families and God Bless Texas.

Elaine Henderson

President

**Quote of the month:** "The act of voting is one opportunity for us to remember that our whole way of life is predicated on the capacity of ordinary people to judge carefully and well." Alan Keyes

## Mark and Patricia McCloskey



Mark was born and raised in the St. Louis Missouri suburb of Webster Groves and is a life-long Republican and ardent anti-communist. He attended St. Louis Country Day School where he was Captain of the wrestling team and President of the Student Council. He graduated magna cum laude from Southern Methodist University with degrees in Psychology, Sociology and Criminal Justice. He went on to receive his law degree from SMU as well and has spent the last 39 years representing the rights of his fellow citizens. Mark has been married to his wife Patty for 39 years and they have one adult daughter.

On June 28, 2020, and then again on July 3, 2020, he and Patty held off a BLM/ANTIFA mob through the exercise of their 2nd Amendment rights. Since then, they addressed the Republican National Convention, and have been frequent guests on Fox, Newsmax, OAN, CNN and a variety of national and local news and talk TV and radio programs and appeared as a guest commentator or documentary subject in over a dozen foreign countries. Mark and his wife campaigned extensively in support of President Trump and continue to speak around the nation on their support of the Constitution, the traditional values that have made the USA the greatest nation on earth, and the current threats to its continued existence.

Mark, who had never before run for public office, ran for the United States Senate from Missouri to fill the seat of retiring Sen. Roy Blunt.

He is currently the host of the syndicated radio program and video blog “Mark McCloskey On Fire” and is writing his account of his life and our quest for freedom.

## *Kellye Turner*

East Regional Advisor – Office of the Texas Governor  
Child Sex Trafficking Team  
Texas Department of Public Safety



Kellye Turner, East Regional Advisor – Office of the Texas Governor, Child Sex Trafficking Team Kellye joined the OOG CSTT in February of 2023. Prior to joining the Child Sex Trafficking Team, she served more than 28 years with the Texas Department of Public Safety. She worked as a Trooper, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain in the Driver License, Regulatory and Criminal Investigation Divisions. Her career took her around the state including – Houston, Angleton, Odessa, San Antonio, Garland, Conroe, and Clear Lake. Prior to joining TXDPS, Kellye spent approximately one year as a case worker/investigator with Harris County Children’s Protective Services.

Kellye graduated from the University of Houston in 1992 with a BA degree in Sociology. She was a four year student-athlete as a member of the women’s basketball team. Kellye completed the Police School of Staff and Command with Northwestern University in 2006.

Throughout her professional career Kellye has served as an instructor for various topics as well as speaking at different conferences covering a variety of subjects.

Kellye enjoys gardening and cooking in her spare time.



## *Rhonda Kuykendall*

Texas Human Trafficking Survivor Leader Council  
Anti-Child Trafficking Consultant, Texas CASA  
Chair, Legislative Advocacy Team, Child Advocates of Fort Bend  
Chair, Human Trafficking Team, Fort Bend County DA Office

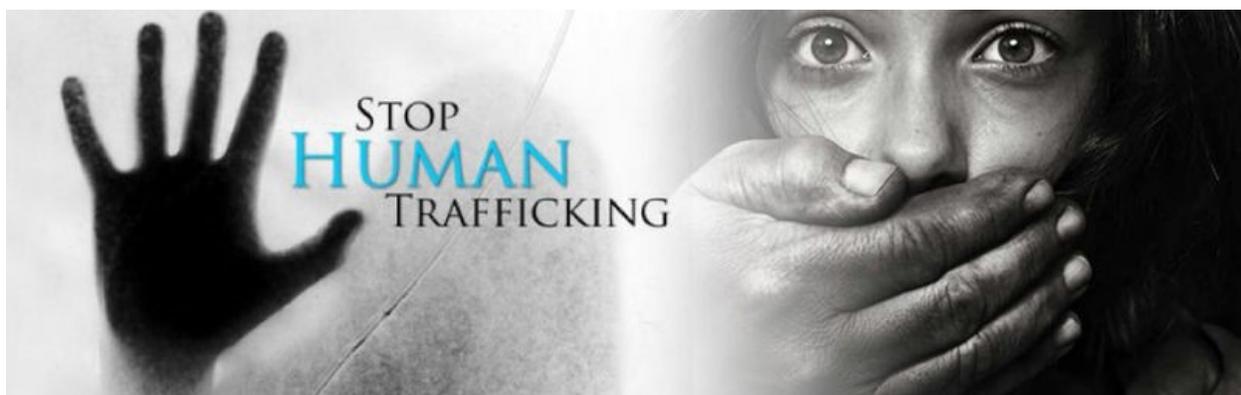


Rhonda Kuykendall serves on the Texas Human Trafficking Survivor Leader Council. She is a consultant, speaker, legislative advocate, and survivor leader. She recently graduated from the University of Houston – Downtown with a bachelor’s in social work and is pursuing her master’s in social work at the University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work with a focus on political social work. Working as the Anti-Child Trafficking Consultant for Texas CASA, Rhonda is implementing anti-trafficking protocols in CASA programs across the state. She chairs the Fort Bend County District Attorney's Human Trafficking Community Awareness Team. She serves on the Board of Directors of Child Advocates of Fort Bend and RedM the Movement.

Rhonda received the 2023 Paul H. Chapman National Award from the Foundation for the Improvement of Justice. In 2022, Rhonda received the UHD College of Public Service Social Justice award. Child Advocates of Fort Bend awarded Rhonda the Legislative Advocate of the Year and Child Advocate of the Year in 2019, and in 2015, she received the U.S. Congressional Medal for her work in Austin enacting legislation to protect children from sexual assault.

Rhonda and her husband, Tommy, the former Mayor of Fulshear, Texas, enjoy riding motorcycles, visiting their grown children, and scuba diving.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. -Margaret Mead





# Membership

\* \* \* MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME \* \* \*



SIGN UP



Membership for Golden Triangle Republican Women is a yearly membership, where \$35 is due upon joining, and renewal is \$35 every January thereafter. If you have not renewed your membership for 2024, please do so. You play an important role in this organization and we want to keep you on our roster! Please do your part by registering or renewing through [this link](#).

Not sure if you've registered or renewed? You can view the PDF attached to see if your name is listed as a 2024 Golden Triangle Republican Woman Member. If your name is not on the list, we have not received your registration or renewal. This list is up to date as of March 6th, 2024.

Are you interested in volunteering on the Membership Committee to help grow our organization? Please email [ShelbyStrickland3@gmail.com](mailto:ShelbyStrickland3@gmail.com) to share your interest. Thank you!

My very best,

Shelby Strickland Kelly



Linda Nicholas

Campaign Hours/Candidates

## **HOURS HOURS HOURS HOURS HOURS**

It's time to report our hours for the 1st quarter of 2024...

January 1, 2024 thru March 31, 2024...

Dues no later than April 7, 2023

Anything you do to promote the Republican Party counts. If you are not sure, if your hours count, call Linda Nicholas at 409-720-9558....

You can report your hours on The Golden Traingle Republican women's website, or email Linda Nicholas at [nichorl@me.com](mailto:nichorl@me.com) or call Linda Nicholas at 409-720-9558.

**LET'S WIN AGAIN IN 2024!!**



Cindy Dishman



Stephanie Figari

**A Big Thank YOU To All The GTRW Members Who  
Were Judges, Clerks and Poll Watchers  
In The Primary Election!**

You are MVP'S, Hero's, Exemplary, Magnificent, Stupendous, Fabulous,  
Superb, Marvelous and Nearsighted!

**There are Two More Elections This May**

We will need you again!

Please mark your calendars now.

**Jefferson County May 2024 Uniform Election Dates**

Early Voting is April 22 -30

Election Day is May 4<sup>th</sup>

**Primary Runoff Election Dates**

Early Voting is May 20-24

Election Day is May 28<sup>th</sup>

**Important Deadlines for Primary Runoff**

Last day to register to vote is April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Last day to apply for a for Ballot by mail is May 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Calling All Pollwatchers and Pollworkers

Complete your training early and be ready when you are called. We will need all of you and then more. Anyone you think might want to work, tell them to contact Roxanne.



You should take the SOS online training for **Poll Watchers (not workers)**. Print the Certificate of Completion and make several copies.

<https://pollwatchertraining.sos.texas.gov/>

Remember, if you are only working Election Day, Signature Verification or Early Voting Ballot Board you still have plenty of time to Poll Watch, and we need you.

# VOTING IS NOT ENOUGH:

# BECOME A POLL WORKER!





**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

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Tuesday, May 28th

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**PRIMARY RUN-OFF DATES**

**First Day of EV—Mon, May 20th**

**Last Day of EV—Fri, May 24th**

**ELECTION DAY—Tues, May 28th**

**JEFFERSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY**

**Satellite Office Hours**

(OLD HQ Location)  
2825 Nall St. #22  
Port Neches

**WEDNESDAY**  
**10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**SATURDAY**  
**10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**PICK-UP**  
**CANDIDATE SIGNS & INFORMATION**

**November General Election**

**Early Voting**

Monday, October 21st to Friday, November 1st

**Election Day**

Tuesday, November 5th

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A DEPUTY VOTER REGISTRAR (register new voters)**

**Call the Jefferson County Voter Registration Department**

Monday-Friday 8:00am-4pm

1149 Pearl Street

Beaumont, TX 77701

409-835-VOTE (8683)

[www.Jeffcotax.com/voter-info](http://www.Jeffcotax.com/voter-info)

Make an appointment for a short training session on how to register voters.



## **Southeast Texas Republican Women**

### **Invites you to Join Us!!!**

*Our Special Guest*

*Speaker*

**Janelle Templeton**

**Speaking Topic:**

**The Building of  
Indestructible Unity**



**\$25** Includes  
Admission & Meal  
**RSVP**  
**Encouraged**

**March 12, 2024**  
**5:30pm**

<https://square.link/u/AdIH85w5>



**Pompano Event Center**

330 Twin City Hwy.

Port Neches

[setxrw@setxrepublicanwomen.com](mailto:setxrw@setxrepublicanwomen.com)

(409) 210-6464

Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 1071, Nederland, TX 77627



**JEFFERSON  
 COUNTY  
 &  
 SENATE DISTRICT 3 & 4  
 REPUBLICAN  
 “CONVENTION”**

**MARCH 23, 2024**

**Registration Begins at 8:30a.m.**

**9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Location:

**Rockin A Café**

3520 W. Cardinal Dr.  
 Beaumont, TX 77705

**Lunch Provided**

**Become a Delegate  
 for the State Convention  
 May 23-25, 2024  
 Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center  
 San Antonio**



ORANGE COUNTY REPUBLICAN

★ **COUNTY CONVENTION** ★

**SAT. MARCH 23, 2024**

**11:00AM**

**ORANGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

**128TH DISTRICT JUDGE ARKEEN'S COURTROOM**





## **Nuts ‘N Bolts Workshop: March 26, 2024**

**Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women will be holding their “Original” Nuts ‘N Bolts training workshop and recognition of Club Presidents on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at the Trini Mendenhall Community Center at 1414 Wirt Road, Houston TX 77055. Check in begins at 8:30 am and the program will begin at 9:15 am. Coffee, Snacks and Lunch are included.**

**Deadline for Registration: March 22, 2024.**

**Please let Elaine know if you are going 409-656-5724**

**DOWNLOAD THE REGISTRATION AT THIS**

**LINK**<https://www.ghcfrwpac.org/member-club-events/nuts-n-bolts-workshop-march-26-2024/>



# Jefferson County Republican Party

**EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

**April 2, 2024  
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.**

1844 South IH-10, Suite 102, Beaumont

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



BECOME PART OF THE

JOIN THE LARGEST  
SENATE CAMPAIGN  
IN THE NATION



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WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR  
SEND OUT CAMPAIGN TEXTS  
HELP OUT AT AN EVENT



SIGN UP TODAY  
WITH THE QR CODE,  
GOOGLE FORMS LINK,  
OR EMAIL  
JOHN WENSKE AT  
JWENSKE@TEDCRUZ.ORG

## Sign-Up to Volunteer

March 21st - 31st

Click on the button below to Sign-Up!

Jefferson County Republican Party

### JCRP GOES TO THE FAIR

SF Janet Brown

✉ Contact



Join other fun-loving Republicans at the fair! JCRP has a booth where we will register voters and brag about our awesome party. You can enjoy the yummy food and the festive atmosphere all while supporting our local Republican Party. If you have any questions please call the party line (409) 203-3770 or Janet Brown (409) 963-8581.

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[Sign up Genius](#)



**The 2024 Texas State Republican Convention will be held May 23 – 25, at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center. We will begin at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 23rd.**

# **ANOTHER REASON TO ATTEND REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION MAY 23 - 25, 2024 AND TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY**

This year your Executive Committee has decided to make it the year of giving back to our members. We had a very successful TFRW Convention, and we will use that money to assist our members traveling to San Antonio.

ALL clubs will receive compensation in the following amounts:

- 1-4 delegates from your club: \$200
- 5-9 delegates from your club: \$400
- 10+ delegates from your club: \$600

AND we will offer a special \$1,000 award to the club in each of the club categories (small, medium, large, jumbo, and super jumbo) who sends the most members to convention as delegates. Members must be a paid member and turned into the TFRW office by March 1, 2024. Club size will be determined based on membership as of March 1, 2024.

This money will be used to give back to our members to help reimburse them for travel expenses. Such as putting a carpool together to share the expense, or putting together roommates from our club to share the hotel expense.



SETX Republican Women has chosen to assist New Beginnings Ministries Outreach Program in Port Arthur by asking members to bring canned goods, dry goods (rice, pasta etc.), cleaning, paper, and personal hygiene products to our meetings.

Please bring to each monthly meeting an item or two to help someone in need.

Thank you for your support!!!



Caring for America

New Beginnings Ministries serves the Port Arthur area of Jefferson County. The ministries are led by Dr. Henry and Beverly Holland. They have been serving Port Arthur for over 15 years with programs that train, assist, and rehabilitate. Dr. Henry and Beverly have a wide variety of degrees, certifications and training credentials that enable them to offer many individuals and families a fresh start on life.



MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

# VOTE

**ELAINE HENDERSON**  
STATE REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - SD3

**RPT CONVENTION**  
MAY 23-25, 2024

VOTE DANIELLE FARACI

S.R.E.C. STATE REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE \* SD-4

United We Stand  
Divided We Fall -  
Unite the Fight!!

March 23 - Jefferson County Convention /  
May 23 - 25 RPT State Convention

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**Jefferson County & SD Convention**

March 23, 2024

Convention Committee will begin meeting Oct 2023 - Feb 2024

Primary Run-Off Dates

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Last Day of EV - Fri, May 24th

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**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**

Join the fight at [TedCruz.org](http://TedCruz.org)  
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**TEDCRUZ**  
TOUGH AS TEXAS

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- SENATOR TED CRUZ

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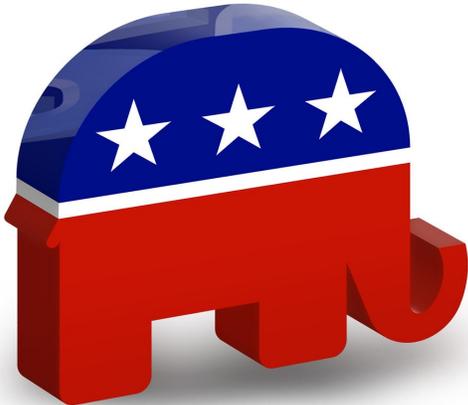


**GOLDEN TRIANGLE REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

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



GOLDEN TRIANGLE  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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

