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Golden Triangle Republican Women

TX SEN District 3
TX SEN District 4

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GTRW.mail@gmail.com 409-748-00133 (Please text or call and leave a message) Monday, May 6, 2024 11:00—1:00 PM Elegante' Hotel Ballroom Featuring

### Dr. Dana Myers

Buffet begins at 11:00 am Meeting promptly at 11:30

#### **Reservations are Required**



#### DR. DANA MYERS

Dr. Dana Myers is a staunch conservative advocate for liberty, devoted to protecting Texas and energizing the Republican Party of Texas' mission. Dana is committed to advancing Republican principles, including Individual Freedom, Limited Government, the Sanctity of Life, Law and Order, Fiscal Responsibility, Free Markets, and National Security.

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June 3, 2024 Speaker Senator Brandon Creighton

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#### **Upcoming Dates**

#### **Primary Runoff**

**Early Voting**May 20th-May 24th

**Election Day** May 28th

Republican State Convention
May 23-25

<u>Texas State Comvention-San Antonio</u> May 20th-25th

**November General Election** 

**Early Voting**October 21st-November 1st

Election Day
November 5th

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I will start with an apology for the length of my letter. I hope you will take the time to read the entire thing.

Greetings!!!! Isn't it great to be welcoming in a beautiful spring here in Southeast Texas!



I hope you are all making plans to attend the May 6th meeting. Our current Vice Chair of the Republican Party of Texas Dr. Dana Meyer will be our guest speaker. We will also hear from candidates for SREC committeewoman Danielle Faraci from SREC 4, Rhonda Ward from SREC 3, and committeeman Garrett Guedry from SREC 3. I have extended an invitation to both candidates in the runoff for HD 21 and am waiting for their response.

Some of you may have seen in the newspaper or social media that GTRW planned a debate with KFDM/Fox4 between David Covey and Speaker Dade Phelan, the candidates for HD21 who are in a runoff. I sent a formal invitation by email to both candidates on March 19th and had a response the next morning from the Phelan campaign. I spoke with Mr. Covey at the County Convention on March 23rd and was told I would hear something in the next few days. After receiving a response from his campaign that was unclear as to whether he was accepting our offer I decided to ask the TV station to get involved and find an answer. They sent another email to both candidates outlining the format of the debate. Again Phelan's campaign accepted and Covey's came back with this on a Facebook post:

"Dade Phelan has refused to debate since the inception of this campaign, avoiding every public forum during the primary. Now the Speaker's failing campaign believes they can pacify voters with a debate that is closed to the public. Until Monday, we had not received a formal invitation from a neutral third party. As this date has just been put on our radar, we are reviewing our schedule and the terms to ensure it is open to the public."

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As stated above the formal invitation went out to him on March 19th. And then he came out with the post on the left.

I sent both Mr. Covey and his campaign a copy of our bylaws (see below) and explained that we are not allowed to

endorse Republican Primary candidates. While we have members who are for Covey or Phelan, we as a club are bound to remain neutral. One of our main objectives is to support any and all candidates and we have done so fairly.

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We have posted all information that has been sent to us about events that candidates are hosting. Our role is to set up forums and debates. We attempted to do so with the best of intentions to keep it at a neutral site with an experienced moderator. We set it up with no audience because we only had one hour and wanted both candidates to not be interrupted. The TV station was going to ask for the public to submit questions the week before. I asked them to please stick to the issues that affect Southeast Texans.

I want each of you to know that as a club we do not endorse any candidate until they have won the primary. I want to emphasize even more that each and every one of you has a right to support and vote for the candidate of your choice. But you may not do so while representing GTRW. So please do not wear GTRW shirts or nametags to their events or while working for the campaign. I hope this clears up any misunderstanding that any of you may have had about the events of the past 3 weeks. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if you see someone not abiding by our bylaws.

#### Section 1. Candidate Endorsement Policy

- A. The Club as a whole and any member of its Executive Committee shall not publicly endorse any candidate for public office in contested Republican primaries, runoff elections, and special elections, and/or nonpartisan elections when more than one Republican is in the race. Individual members of this organization may work for the candidate of their choice in contested Republican primaries, but not in the name of the Club or Federation.
- **B.** No candidate shall use the TFRW logo in any political advertising, and any political advertising shall contain the following disclaimer: "This endorsement is given by the individual(s) only, NOT the Texas Federation of Republican Women."

GTRW has 13 members going to the State Republican Convention as delegates. I am very proud that we are being well represented. I encourage you all to attend the Convention even if you are not a delegate. It is a wonderful learning experience.

God Bless You and the GREAT State of TEXAS!

#### Elaine

Quote of the Month: It's okay to have an opinion. It's okay to disagree with someone's opinion. It's not okay to humiliate them because they don't think the same way you do. Show some respect. Society needs more of that! Author Unknown





## **Dr. Dana Myers**Vice Chair, Republican Party of Texas

Dr. Dana Myers is committed to advancing Republican principles, including Individual Freedom, Limited Government, the Sanctity of Life, Law and Order, Fiscal Responsibility, Free Markets, and National Security. She knows that this will require a concentrated effort to grow the party by reaching new voters who are naturally aligned with the Republican vision in a changing Texas, keeping true to the conservative principles that have made Texas prosperous, free, and the beacon of liberty to people everywhere. She will build a stronger Republican Party and forge a lasting infrastructure and organization that will advance the Republican platform in every corner of our great state.

Dr. Dana Myers is a staunch conservative advocate for liberty, devoted to protecting Texas and energizing the grassroots to identify, educate, train, and mobilize activists committing to winning on principle with integrity.

With extensive for-profit and nonprofit executive leadership experience, Dr. Dana Myers has participated in the Republican grassroots movement for more than two decades, starting at the local neighborhood, county, and now state level.

Dana currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Republican Party of Texas, has twice served as Vice Chair of the Harris County Republican Party (HCRP), past VP Membership-Texas Federation of Republican Women Executive Board, and Co-Chair of Engagement for HCRP.



## Mark and Patricia McCloskey



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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.



#### \* \* \* 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** to share your interest. Thank you!

My very best, Shelby Strickland Kelly



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 5, 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.

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

## NFRW AWARD WINNERS

Political & Campaign-1st. Period

#### **TOP CLUB VOLUNTEER CALLS**

Camden County NJ Republican Women, NJ 1-15 Members
Republican Women of Greater KC, MO 16-24 Members
Gloucester County Republican Women, NJ 25-39 Members
Starlight Republican Women, KS 40-64 Members
El Paso County Republican Women, CO 65-89 Members
Ocean County Federation of Republican Women, NJ 90+ Members

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Camden County New Jersey Republican Women, NJ 1-15 Members
Republican Women of Greater Kansas City, MO 16-24 Members
Wyoming Republican Women Riding for the Brand, WY 25-39 Members
Monroe Council of Republican Women, PA 40-64 Members
El Paso County Republican Women, CO 65-89 Members
Golden Triangle Republican Women, TX 90+ Members

#### **TOP STATE CALLS**

Delaware 1-16 Clubs
New Jersey 17-26 Clubs
South Carolina 27-34 Clubs
Missouri 35-44 Clubs
North Carolina 45-87 Clubs
Texas 88+ Clubs

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South Dakota 1-16 Clubs Colorado 17-26 Clubs Arizona 27-34 Clubs Missouri 35-44 Clubs North Carolina 45-87 Clubs Texas 88+ Clubs

#### **TOP MEMBER VOLUNTEER**

CALLS: Jaime Gottlieb, West Mobile Republican Women AL
HOURS: Christine Card, Onslow County Republican Women, NC

## **NATIONWIDE TOTALS**

2,085,755 HOURS 325,529 CALLS \$66,327,009 VOLUNTEER DOLLARS





**Congratulations!** 



Barbara Shipper

Maria Maggio & Barbara Shipper were invited to speak at the Nuts n' Bolts annual training workshop in Houston, TX this year! It was held on March 26, 2024. They were asked to do a presentation on "Awards". Also, congratulations to Elaine Henderson, who was recognized as our club's President. There were 7 GTRW members that attended.

What is "Nuts n' Bolts"?

It is a 1-day annual training workshop sponsored by the Greater Houston Council (GHC) of Federated Republican Women. GHC is a coalition of 30 Federated Republican Women's Clubs affiliated with TFRW & NFRW in 12 surrounding counties of Houston, including Jefferson County.











Stephanie Figari

#### THERE ARE TWO ELECTIONS COMING UP:

May Uniform Election- Appraisal District/PAISD Uniform Election

Early Voting is April 22-April 30th

April 22-26 M-F 8:00am to 5:00pm

April 27 Sat. 7:00am to 7:00pm

April 28 Sun. 12:00 to 6:00pm

April 29-30 M-T 7:00am to 7:00pm

Election Day Sat. 7:00am to 7:00pm

May 4

The County Clerk's Office is Currently Short 2 Republican Clerks for Early Voting For this Election.

#### **Primary Runoff Election**

Early Voting is May 20-24 Monday- Friday 7:00am to 7:00pm

Election Day is May 28th Tuesday 7:00am to 7:00pm

#### **Important dates for the Primary Runoff Election**

Last Day to Register to Vote is April 29th

Last Day to Apply for a Ballot By Mail (Absentee or over 65) is May 17th. Application for Ballot by Mail must be received in the County Clerk's Office by May 28th.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO WORK EITHER ELECTION OR BE ON THE SUBSTITUTE LIST PLEASE CALL** the Jefferson County Clerk's office. Main 409-835-8475 option 1 or 409-835-8760. (Mandatory training required).

THESE ELECTIONS WOULD BE GREAT PRACTICE FOR NOVEMBER.

#### OFFICIAL BALLOT

Joint General Election Jefferson County, TX May 4, 2024

#### **BOLETA OFICIAL**

Elección General Conjunta Condado de Jefferson, TX 4 de Mayo, 2024

Precinct Precinto 34

#### Instruction Note:

- Vote for your choice in each contest by darkening in the oval ( ) provided to the left of the choice.
  Vote on Proposition(s) by darkening the oval ( ) provided to the left of the statement indicating the way you wish to vote.
  Use a black pen to mark your ballot.

#### Nota de Instrucción:

- Vote por su preferencia en cada carrera oscureciendo completamente el espacio ovalado ( ) a la izquierda del su preferencia.
   Vote por las propuestas oscureciendo el ovalo ( ) proporcionado a la izquierda de la declaracion indicando la forma en que desea votar.
   Use una pluma de tinta negro para marcar su boleta.

#### Jefferson Central Appraisal District, General Election

Distrito Central de Tasación de Jefferson, Elecciones Generales

#### Board of Director, Place 1 Vote for None or One

Consejo de Administración, Puesto 1 Vote por Ninguno o Uno

- Terry Metreyeon
- Vernon G. Durden

#### Board of Director, Place 2 Vote for None or One

Consejo de Administración, Puesto 2 Vote por Ninguno o Uno

Michael Gallagher

#### Board of Director, Place 3 Vote for None or One

Consejo de Administración, Puesto 3 Vote por Ninguno o Uno

- Larry Weston
- Steve Megas

#### Port Arthur Independent School District, General Election

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Port Arthur Elección General

#### Board of Trustees Full Term 3 Years Vote for None, One, Two or Three

Junta Directiva Término Completo 3 Años Vote por Ninguno, Uno, Dos o Tres

- Julio Delgado
- Taylor Getwood
- Nina Stelly
- O Dianne Brown
- O Debra Ambroise
- Brandon Bartie

GTRW worked the YMBL South East Texas State Fair to educate the community, outreach for voter registration as well as giving SETexans an opportunity to meet several Republican candidates and officials. We also sold some Trump merchandise as a fundraiser for Jefferson County Republican Party.





First of all, we would like to thank those that precipitated Precinct and County Conventions. And to thank Congressman Randy Weber for providing our lunch.

Orange County Elections is gearing up for our Municipal Elections County Wide.

(Attached is the Early Voting and Election Day Locations. Can you paste it here?)

Here is the link to all of the sample ballots:

https://www.co.orange.tx.us/departments/ElectionsAdministration/SampleBallots

We encourage all Orange County Republicans to vote in these elections. Local government affects us the most and fastest.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 30, 2024. At our headquarters, 206 Strickland Dr. 6:30PM meet and greet, meeting starts at 7:00PM.

Sheila Faske.

Orange County Liaison

## ORANGE COUNTY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS COUNTY WIDE LOCATIONS MAY 4, 2024

Voters may vote at any one of these locations:

#### **EARLY VOTING**

Monday, April 22 – Friday, April 26 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Monday, April 29 – Tuesday, April 30 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

LOCATION	ADDRESS	ROOM / BUILDING
Orange Public Library	220 N. 5th St - Orange	Ira Williamson
(Main Early Voting Location)		Meeting Room
Orange County Expo Center	11475 FM 1442 – Orange	Dupont Room
Orange County Airport	2640 Hwy 87 - Orange	Conference Room
Raymond Gould Community Center	385 Claiborne St -Vidor	Main Room

#### **ELECTION DAY**

Saturday, May 4, 2024 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

LOCATION	ADDRESS	ROOM / BUILDING
Orange Public Library	220 N. 5th St – Orange	Ira Williamson Meeting Room
LCMCISD Administration Bldg	6586 FM 1130 – Orange	Board Room
Salvation Army	1950 MLK Dr - Orange	Dining / Meeting Room
Orange County Expo Center	11475 FM 1442 – Orange	Dupont Room
Orange County Airport	2640 Hwy 87 - Orange	Conference Room
Bridge City Knights of Columbus Hall	495 W Roundbunch Rd -Bridge City	Main Hall
Raymond Gould Community Center	385 Claiborne St -Vidor	Main Room
Vidor ISD Administration Bldg	1255 N Main Street – Vidor	Meeting Room

#### 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.

#### **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

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



As we gear up for the crucial presidential year of 2024, your support is more critical than ever. The National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) is at the forefront of shaping the political landscape and advancing Republican values across the nation. With your help, we can continue to make a difference and beat President Joe Biden in the upcoming election.

I am reaching out to invite you to join our esteemed Regents Program, where your generosity and commitment play a pivotal role in our success. The Regents Program offers two levels of contribution: Regents, who generously give \$1,000 annually, and Capitol Regents, who contribute \$5,000 annually. We understand that everyone's financial situation is unique, so we offer flexible options to give monthly, quarterly, biannually, or annually, making it convenient for you to support our cause in a way that suits you best.

By becoming a part of the Regents Program, you not only demonstrate your dedication to advancing Republican principles but also gain access to a community of like-minded individuals who are passionate about shaping the future of our country. Your contribution directly supports our efforts to promote Republican ideals, elect conservative leaders, and enact policies that reflect our values.

In this pivotal year, your support will enable us to mobilize resources, engage voters, and spread our message far and wide. Together, we can ensure that our voices are heard, our values are upheld, and our country stays on the path to prosperity and freedom.

Join us in the fight to uphold Republican values and secure a brighter future for America. Your involvement in the Regents Program is not just a donation; it's an investment in the future of our nation.

To become a Regent or learn more about the Program, visit nfrw.org/regents or mail your annual payment to 124 North Alfred St., Alexandria, VA 22314. For inquiries, please call NFRW Headquarters at (703) 548-9688 and ask for Nadia.

Thank you for your consideration, and thank you for standing with the NFRW as we work tirelessly to advance the Republican cause.

Warm regards,

Julie Harris

Julie Harris

President, National Federation of Republican Women





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** 



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.

#### JEFFERSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

**Satellite Office Hours** 

(Old HO 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

















#### KATE CARROLL FUNDRAISER

THURSDAY - APRIL 25 - 5:30 P.M. at Rockin' A Cafe — 3520 W Cardinal Dr, Beaumont, TX 77705

GET YOUR ADMISSION TICKETS HERE & JOIN US APRIL 25th>



Please consider Sponsoring this Event for Kate!





Open to the public, no admission fee.

#### **MAGNOLIA PARK**

1117 S Magnolia Ave. (Hwy. 96) Kirbyville, TX 75956

TUESDAY, APRIL 9 | 5PM - 7PM

David's Grilling Burgers and Links!



2900 W. Sunset Dr. Orange, TX 77630
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 | 11:00AM
Free appetizers!!



Jefferson County Republican Party

> EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 7, 2024 Tuesday 6:30<sub>0.0</sub>

1844 South IH-10, Suite 102, Beaumont

All Republicans are Welcome & Encouraged to Attend



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#### **BECOME PART OF THE**

# JOIN THE LARGEST SENATE CAMPAIGN IN THE NATION





ATTEND A PHONE BANK
BLOCK WALK YOUR PRECINCT
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



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

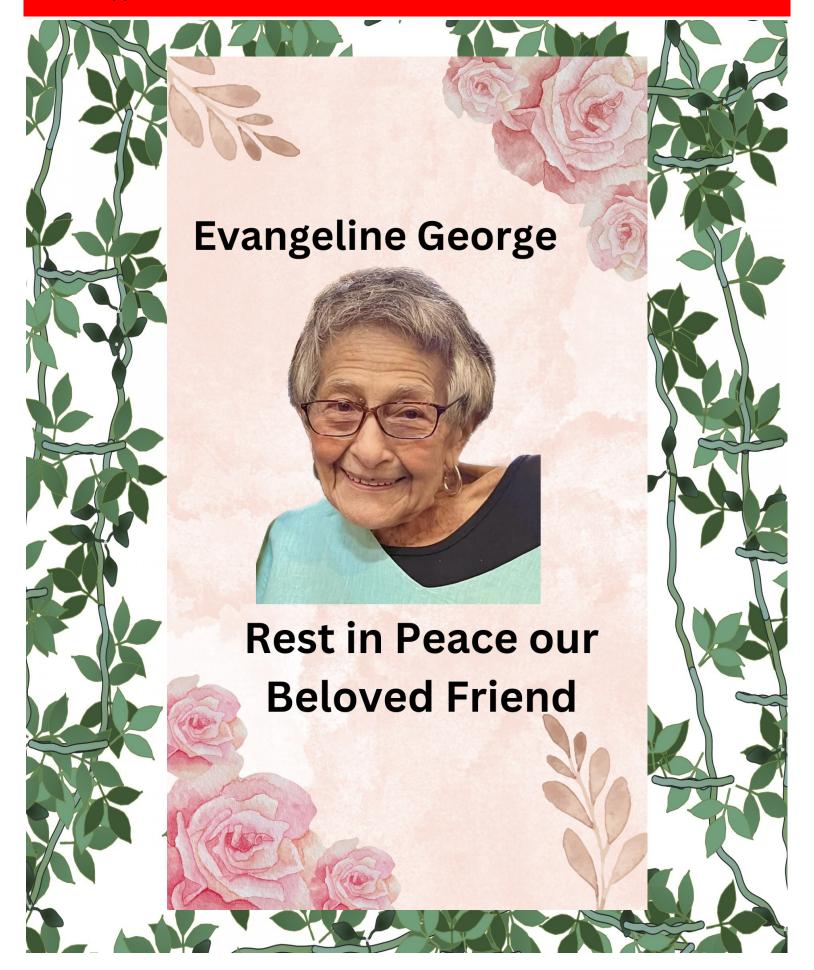
This year your Executive Committee hasdecided to make it the year of giving back toour members. We had a very successful TFRW Convention, and we will use that money to assist our members traveling to San Antonio.

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.







#### Energy & Commerce Committee Field Hearing From Randy Weber

On Monday, the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security was in Port Arthur, Texas for a field hearing on the dangers of President Biden's decision to halt American LNG exports.

Southeast Texas is the backbone of the American energy industry. It is a major energy hub, home to many oil and gas facilities, including several LNG export terminals. President Biden's halt on LNG export directly impacts our great community in Port Arthur. It will threaten thousands of jobs and billions in investments.

This uncertainty will chill investment, discourage planned investment in natural gas production, and have lasting impacts on the thriving energy industry here in our backyard. It is clear this decision is politically driven and reflective of an administration that continues to put the priorities of environmentalists over the interests of the American people.

It was a great hearing and brought light to how LNG facilities play a huge role in our community. The first witness, the Mayor of Port Arthur, Thurman Bartie, talked about the negative impact on the economic growth and stability of Port Arthur. He said, "The jobs Arthurans have during this construction phase will be compromised negatively if the permitting is continued to be disallowed." We heard from the President of Lamar State College, Dr. Betty Reynard, who talked about the growth in scholarship opportunities that are being provided for students by the LNG industry and the growth in college programs for LNG-related careers and internships from LNG companies. We also heard the Executive Director/CEO of the Port of Port Arthur, Larry Kelley, about the direct impact of maritime commerce and the jobs it supports.

I am grateful for the witnesses and community members who joined us today to shed light on this critical issue.

I wanted to share my opening remarks I gave during the hearing:

"It is great to be in Southeast Texas today with the Energy and Commerce Committee, and it is going to be a good afternoon to highlight the Energy Capital of the World and soon to be the LNG hub for the United States.

"Thank you, Chairman Duncan, the Energy and Commerce Staff, and my team for organizing this timely and important field hearing today to talk about the positive impacts that LNG facilities play in a community, like Port Arthur, and especially how the reckless decision by President Biden will have a ripple effect throughout our great district in Southeast Texas.

"Everyone who has gathered here today knows firsthand how critical the LNG industry is to Port Arthur, families, and small business owners. It is critical for the economic development of this great city, and it's critical for the next generation currently studying at Lamar State College Port Arthur to pursue a career in the LNG industry.

"And guess what? These critical investments will disappear with Joe Biden's LNG export ban.

"Just a few miles away from here is the home of Port Arthur LNG and Golden Pass LNG, both of which provide THOUSANDS of direct jobs and BILLIONS of dollars back into our community.

"I would be remiss if I did not mention Cheniere LNG, a stone's throw across the border in that other foreign country, Louisiana, which also employs Texans.

"My district is also home to Freeport LNG, located in Brazoria country, where these investments benefit the communities there."

"Joe Biden's ban directly jeopardizes Port Arthur LNG, which broke ground on construction last month. They have been fully approved for their Phase One project and will hire upwards of 6,000 jobs with more than 100 contracts with local vendors for construction valued at more than \$160 million.

- "When the ban was announced, they were in the process of applying through the permits and approvals process for Phase Two, which is an expansion that would help meet future demand for U.S. LNG supplies for Europe, Asia, and other global markets.
- "This abrupt, politically-motivated ban brings this project to a screeching halt. This ban will cost Southeast Texas thousands of jobs and hurt businesses that rely on projects like these."
- "Today, we want to highlight how Lamar State College Port Arthur has been able to start a program here to teach and equip the next generation of LNG workers.
- "These LNG companies have donated money, given scholarships, and partnered with local colleges and high schools.
- "We want to highlight the investments that LNG companies are making to restore marine habitats, improve infrastructure like highways and bridges, not to mention the work they do in the community, like donating meals, gifts, and partnering with local groups for projects.
- "I could go on and on about the positive role these companies play in our community and our entire nation.
- "While this administration and some of my colleagues in Congress are demonizing American LNG without any regard for the countless benefits it brings, I trust this hearing today will bring some reality to them.
- "It is a reality that American LNG leads to American energy dominance, American jobs, and American leadership overseas.
- "I want to thank each of the witnesses for taking time out of their busy lives to share their perspectives with the Committee today. And thank you to all the familiar faces in the crowd for being here."







Protecting our Gulf Coast Shrimpers From Randy Weber

This week, I co-sponsored the Save Our Shrimpers Act of 2024, led by U.S. Rep. Troy Nehls (TX-22). Our nation's domestic shrimpers are struggling to stay in business primarily because of foreign shrimp being dumped into U.S. markets, making it extremely difficult for shrimpers to continue operating. Sadly, it has been uncovered that U.S. taxpayer dollars are being used to finance foreign shrimp farm operations through International Financial Institutions (IFIs), such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which is contributing to the demise of our nation's shrimping industry.

Federal law USC 262(h) stipulates that the U.S. Department of the Treasury shall instruct United States Executive Directors at International Monetary Institutions to vote against any assistance by such institutions that facilitates an export commodity surplus that causes injury or harm to United States producers. Unfortunately, there have been limited circumstances where the Treasury has been in compliance with this law, and it is difficult to trace how U.S. Executive Directors at IFIs have complied or not complied with this no-vote mandate.

The bipartisan Save Our Shrimpers Act of 2024 would prohibit federal funds from being made available to IFIs to finance any activity relating to shrimp farming, shrimp processing, or the export of shrimp in any foreign country to the United States. Additionally, this legislation would trigger an investigation within the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) and require annual reports to Congress to track how U.S. Executive Directors at IFIs are complying with USC 262(h).

We have watched for years as foreign countries have increasingly tried to run our shrimpers out of business. Our shrimpers on the Gulf Coast are struggling to sell their catch, which has severely impacted their livelihoods. We must ensure that federal funds do not benefit foreign countries that are destroying our shrimpers in the United States. I will continue to fight with my colleagues to save our local shrimpers.

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