

GTRW Gazette

April 2026

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TFRW Region 6

TX SEN District 3

TX SEN District 4

Monday,
April 6, 2026
11:00—1:00 PM

Elegante' Hotel
Ballroom

Featuring
Trent Ashby

Buffet begins at
11:00 am

Meeting promptly at
11:30

Reservations by
March 29, 2026



President's Address

Prepping for elections is not a small task, Joy

and her group are now angels 🙌, following up with members who haven't renewed is like chasing wild horses, right Liz? Organizing reservations for monthly luncheons is like playing whack-a-mole for Lajuanda & Mary, keeping great candidates elected...ALL Republicans must own this.

A house divided can't stand. Primaries do this to many of groups when multiple candidates show up for primaries, groups tear apart quicker than a rookie pretending to have the skills of a well experienced seamstress.

Why, how do we keep this from happening here, to us? Maybe with a reminder: we are all different, will interpret things with a slight degree of variety based on our experiences....& this is ok because the fundamental values don't change-they may vary in priority, understanding per the

candidate but the 🎯 doesn't change. Let's work to understand & learn our candidates, pick the one that best aligns to YOU, encourage others to VOTE, sit back, have peace in knowing that whatever the outcome,

the election process/results are ¹⁰⁰ accurate in Jefferson County.

Judge Gordon Friesz did a great job at providing an update on his accomplishments, needless to say, we are getting our monies worth. He is sacrificing to help close the gap with real life issues our community faces on



a daily basis. We appreciate Judge Friesz, he stands up to challenges, finds solutions, isn't stagnant!

Joe Evans, Candidate for Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 shared how he and Judge Friesz work to improve the problems many of our youth face. His working knowledge with the youth, being familiar with the challenges many face in our community have prepared him & will make him an excellent JP.

We have a lot on our plate, if we come together, many hands make light work:

WE ALL WIN for Jefferson County!

Roar like a Lion! 🦁

Roxanne
915-526-7032





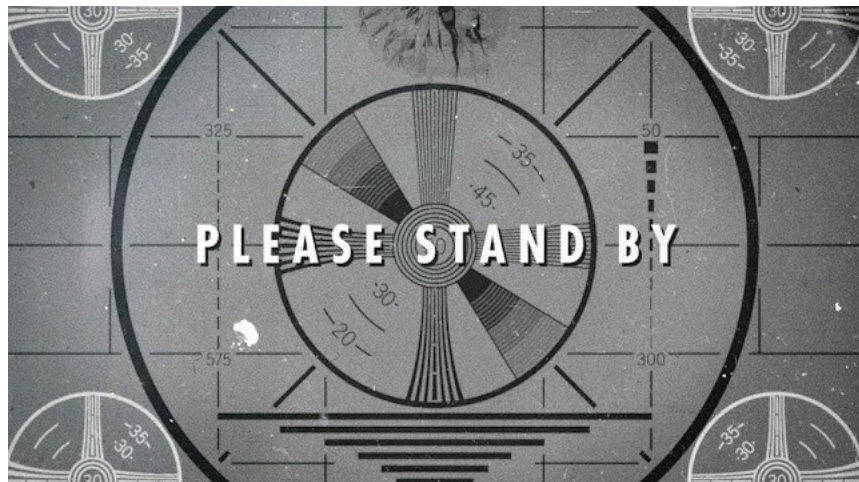
Trent Ashby—April Speaker

Representative Trent Ashby was sworn into the Texas House of Representatives in January 2013. His district is comprised of Angelina, Houston, Polk, San Augustine, Trinity, and Tyler Counties. He currently serves as Chair of the House Committee on Culture, Recreation & Tourism, and is a member on the House Transportation Committee. Trent is also honored to be recently appointed to the Select Committee on Educational Opportunity & Enrichment. In prior sessions, he has served as a member of the House Committees on Appropriations, Administration, Calendars, Defense & Veterans' Affairs, Natural Resources, and Public Education. Trent was recognized by his colleagues in the Republican Caucus as the Freshman of the Year at the completion of his first session and was selected after his second session as the Most Valuable Sophomore in the Texas House by Capitol Inside.

Born and raised on a dairy farm and diversified livestock operation in Rusk County, Ashby is proud of his rural background and upbringing. He is a graduate of Henderson High School and was named one of their distinguished alumni in 2014. Trent is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics. While at A&M, he was elected to the Student Senate, Class Treasurer, and Senior Yell Leader. He continues to be involved with his alma mater through the Texas A&M Letterman's Association and Association of Former Students.

Today, Trent is Senior Vice President for VeraBank. He and his wife, Nickie, live in Lufkin where they raised their two sons — Garin and Grant — who are both in college. Prior to being elected to the Legislature, Ashby served as President of the Lufkin ISD Board of Trustees. Both he and Nickie are very active in their community, as well as their church, Harmony Hill Baptist Church.

May Speaker



Voter Integrity

Joy Crenshaw



JOY'S ANGELS

KIM ARRINGTON

SANDY BONDU-
RANT

DOUG CHRISTEN-
SEN

NANCY CONWAY

LILLIAN HOWELL

GERALDINE LAP-
HAM

JULIAN LIGHTFOOT

DEBBIE MOBLEY

SANDRA SHERMAN

CONGRATULATIONS
AND THANK YOU!

TO THE ELECTION IN-
TEGRITY TEAM AND
ALL OF THE GTRW POLL
WORKERS WHO MADE
SURE WE HAD A FAIR
PRIMARY ELECTION.

BARBARA SHIPPER

MARY CHRISTENSEN

ANGIE LIVELY

TAMIA COOPER

CINDY DISHMANN

A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO OUR SUPER
STARS!

THESE LADIES DID A TERRIFIC JOB AS POLL
WATCHERS AND POLL CLERKS, AND ALSO

Membership

Liz Welch



**Membership Chat
planned for
Thursday, April 16th
5 - 7 pm
Details to follow!**



Membership

Liz Welch



ALL CALL TO ALL MEMBERS!

NOW more than ever, you are needed to recruit former and new members! This is an election year and the club needs to be at capacity ... and that takes us ALL.

Membership

Liz Welch



If you **DON'T**
want **THIS...**



to be **THAT...**



DO THIS
TODAY...



GTRW!

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Volunteer Hours

Linda Nicholas



ATTENTION

**ALL CANDIDATES
AND
ANYONE VOLUNTEERING
TO HELP CANDIDATES**

GTRW reported 7,899 hours for the fourth quarter of 2025...

Everyone, we should have tons of hours for this quarter from January 1 thru March 31 as it is election time. Hours should be reported to Linda Nicholas at 409-720-9558 or via the website on April 5th.



Strengthening the Strategic Petroleum Reserve

Last week, President Trump announced a coordinated agreement with the International Energy Agency to release oil reserves to stabilize global energy markets while the United States completes its objectives in Iran. Under this plan, America will release 172 million barrels from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, far less than the nearly 300 million barrels drained during the Biden administration, when reserves were tapped for political purposes ahead of the 2022 midterm elections after failed energy policies drove prices higher.

Unlike the previous administration, we are replenishing what we use. The United States has already secured agreements to replace more than 200 million barrels within the next year at no cost to taxpayers. Today, the Strategic Petroleum Reserve holds about 415 million barrels, up from 395 million just one year ago, as we work to rebuild the stockpile responsibly. While the Trump administration requested funding to fully refill the reserve, Congress has already taken the first step by providing funding to begin the process.

House Republicans remain committed to restoring American energy dominance, strengthening our national security, and ensuring the Strategic Petroleum Reserve is used for real emergencies, not politics.



**SENATE
DISTRICT**

3 & 4



CONVENTIONS

**IF YOU VOTED IN THE REPUBLICAN
PRIMARY YOU MAYBE QUALIFIED TO SERVE
AS A DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE**

ROCKIN'A CAFE

3520 W. CARDINAL DR. BEAUMONT

MARCH 28, 2026

**REGISTRATION
8:30 AM**

**CONVENTION
9 AM - 1 PM**

**THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION
IS JUNE 11-13TH
COMMITTEE MEETINGS JUNE 8-10TH
IN HOUSTON, TX
AT THE
GEORGE R BROWN CONVENTION CENTER**



If you have any questions about your luncheon reservations or need to make a reservation because you did not make it by the deadline...

Please do not call Lajaunda. Please go onto the website and send us a message.

Simply look at the top menu bar on the right and click on

“CONTACT US”

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GTRW DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 28 SD3 & SD4 CONVENTIONS—ROCKIN A
REGISTRATION 8:30AM, CONVENTION 9-1
- APRIL 6 GTRW LUNCHEON
- APRIL 7 JCRP EXEC COMMITTEE
6:30, JCRP HEADQUARTERS
- APRIL 14 SETX REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEETING
POMPANO CLUB, 5:30PM
- MAY 4 GTRW LUNCHEON
- MAY 5 JCRP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
6:30, JCRP HEADQUARTERS
- MAY 12 SETX REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEETING
POMPANO CLUB, 5:30PM



**Make sure GTRW EMAILS don't
end up in your SPAM Folder!**

iPhone

1. Tap the sender's from name
2. Choose "Create New Contact"
3. Tap "Done" to save

Android

1. Tap the picture of the sender
2. Tap the add to contacts icon
3. Tap "Create new contact"

Gmail

1. Open the email in your inbox
2. Hover over the sender's name
3. Select "Add to contacts" to save the sender to your Contacts list

Apple Mail

1. Open the email in your inbox
2. Click on the sender's email address
3. Click "Add to Contacts"

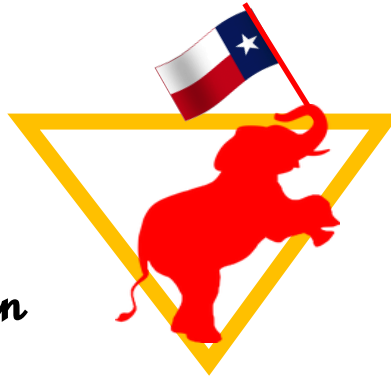
March Luncheon Pictures



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



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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

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