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Women's Club

Region 14 Senate District 21



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WC Events

Jan 27th : Mthly Mtg – Jack's Café – Floresville

Feb 17th : Bingo Birthday Bash – Wilson Co Expo Ctr

Feb 19th : WCRP Lincoln-Trump Dinner - Wilson Co Expo Ctr

Feb 24th : Mthly Mtg – Jack's Café – Floresville

TFRW Events

Jan 8-10th : 1st Qtr Brd/Dir Mtg & Leadership Day – Fort Worth, TX

Apr 10-11th : 2nd Qrt Brd/Dir Mtg – ZOOM

July 10-11th : 3rd Qrt Brd/Dir Mtg – Georgetown, TX

Sep 17-18th : 4th Qrt Brd/Dir Mtg – Round Rock, TX

Sep 19th : Tribute to Women – Round Rock, TX

Birthdays

Audrey Louis : Jan 06

Patricia Guzman : Jan 08

Lois Sells : Jan 09

Evelyn Frank : Jan 22

Joyce Miller : Jan 25

Dot Whitman : Feb 01

Delfina Matay : Feb 02

Aubri Geurin : Feb 07

Loretta Carter : Feb 11

Ginny Glowka : Feb 20

Christina Hartmann : Feb 24

Stephanie Monreal : Feb 25

Anna Willis : Feb 28

Presidents Pen

Happy 2026 Wilson County Republican Women! I'm honored to be your new President. When I was attending elementary school, elections were held in the school lobby. The ladies were busy signing in voters and resetting the huge gray metal lever voting machines. It was then that I decided that I wanted to be like those ladies, working elections. While studying Government in college, my instructor told the class that just voting wasn't enough. He said we should be informed, be involved. That set my course in life.

This year will be a busy one. Our first meeting on January 27th will feature our Wilson County Republican Primary candidates. At the February 24th WCRW meeting we will be hearing from Texas state Republican Primary candidates. The theme of TFRW Leadership Day was "Where the RED Begins!" The ladies of WCRW know that the RED begins with us! We need to encourage people we know to vote and to vote for the whole ballot. We need good Republican judges. Some elections are won by less than 10 votes. Some elections have only a 10% turnout. This is what the Democrats are counting on.

Save the date, April 23rd! Our only fundraiser for 2026 will be the Wilson County's Got Style Fashion Show (v. Deux). Last year was so much fun! If you didn't get to attend last time, now's your chance. I look forward to seeing each of you there.

Thank you to our WCRW immediate Past President, Joyce Miller. She created and published our newsletter and developed the quarterly calendar for political activities. Joyce is now the Vice-President, Political Activities, besides being Wilson County Republican Chair. Sharon Meyer, Vice-President, Awards, is now our newsletter editor.

I look forward to an exciting year connecting with you, the wonderful ladies of WCRW!

Anna Willis, President

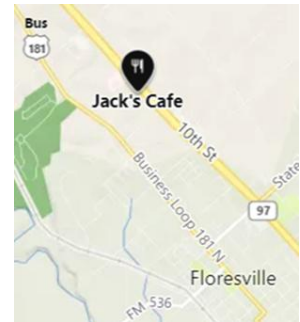
Wilson County Republican Women's Meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 2026
@ 11:30pm

Meet the Candidates-
Wilson County Elected Officials

Tuesday, February 24, 2026
@ 11:30pm

Meet the Candidates-
Statewide/District Elected Officials



Jack's Cafe
507 10th Street (Hwy 181)
Floresville, TX

**Meeting is open so please
bring a friend or relative.**



Wilson County Republican Women 2026-2027 Officers

 <p>Anna Willis President</p>	 <p>Sarah Gella 1st Vice President Secretary</p>	 <p>Dawn Barnett Treasurer</p>		
 <p>Sharon Meyer Vice President Awards</p>	 <p>Ruby Manen Vice President Membership</p>	 <p>Joyce Miller Vice President Political Activities</p>	 <p>Melissa Moczygamba Vice President Legislative</p>	 <p>Marguerite Griffin Vice President Americanism/Armed Services</p>

The new officers' terms will be from January 1, 2026,
through December 31, 2027.



Legislative and Americanism / Armed Services

Legislative

During the 89th Legislative Session (2025), Texas enacted significant laws to include major education changes like a large school voucher program (SB 2) and replacing the STAAR test (HB 8), strengthening parental rights in schools, redefining family law focusing on biological ties, increasing immigration enforcement for local sheriffs, banning certain THC vapes (SB 2024), and introducing metal license plates for better security. These laws, many effective September 1, 2025, cover education, healthcare, public safety, family, and property, reflecting priorities from the 89th Legislature's special sessions. As of Jan 1, 2026, Counties with 100,000 + residents will be COMPELLED to cooperate with ICE. This will force county Sheriff departments compliance in larger sanctuary cities.

Melissa Moczygamba
Vice President, Legislative

Americanism and Armed Services

As your Armed Forces/Americanism Chair for the Wilson County Republican Women's Club (WCRW), I want to begin this year by expressing how proud I am to be a member of our organization. Having previously served in the United States Air Force as a nurse, I found great fulfillment in supporting both military members and their families. It is my hope to bring this same passion to my role in WCRW, sharing a perspective that is deeply rooted in history and dedicated to honoring our nation's legacy.

Looking Ahead: America's 250th Anniversary

In 2026, the United States will reach an extraordinary milestone—250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. This semi quincentennial, often called "America 250," is a celebration of a quarter-millennium of American history, innovation, courage, and community. It is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for both reflection and celebration. Over these two and a half centuries, America's journey has shaped not only our nation but the world, from its founding on democratic principles to its role as a beacon of opportunity and resilience.

Best wishes,

Marguerite Griffin
Americanism/Armed Forces Chair

Executive Committee

President : Anna Willis
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First Vice President : Sarah Gella
Treasurer : Dawn Polasek Barnett
Secretary : Sarah Gella
VP Membership : Ruby Manen
VP Legislation : Melissa Moczygemba
VP Political Activities : Joyce Miller
VP Awards : Sharon Meyer
VP Americanism/Armed Services :
Marguerite Griffin

Special Committee Chairs

Caring for America : Lori Hrna
Chaplain : Mata Orth
Community Engagement :
Historian :
Hospitality : Kitty Phillips
Literacy :
Scholarship : Loretta Carter &
Barbara Burdette



2026 MEMBERSHIP

RENEWAL CONTINUES

It's now time for us to look forward to 2026 and begin renewing our current members and growing the membership by recruiting like-minded women. Growing our membership is the responsibility of all members. Invite your family and friends to come to a meeting and join our group of dedicated Republican women. Remember, elected officials say they would not be in their positions if not for the TFRW women!

***Active Members: \$30**

Associate Members: \$10



***Includes membership in Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW)**

***Includes membership in National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW)**

Ruby Manen – Membership VP, Wilson County Republican Women (830) 391-08181, rbymanen@yahoo.com

IMPORTANT 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION DATES

Thursday, January 1, 2026	First day to apply for ballot by mail
Monday, February 2, 2026	Last day to register to vote
Tuesday, February 17, 2026	First day of Early Voting
Friday, February 20, 2026	Last day to apply for ballot by mail (<i>received, not postmarked</i>)
Friday, February 27, 2026	Last day of Early Voting
Tuesday, March 3, 2026	Primary Election Day

WILSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, January 20, 2026	CEC Bi-Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, January 28, 2026	Candidate Forum – District & County Candidates
Thursday, January 29, 2026	Candidate Forum – Federal & State Candidates
Thursday, February 18, 2026	Set up for Lincoln-Trump Dinner
Thursday, February 19, 2026	Lincoln-Trump Dinner
Tuesday, March 17, 2026	CEC Bi-Monthly Meeting
Saturday, March 28, 2026	Precinct & County Convention 9:00am-4:00pm
Tuesday, May 17, 2026	CEC Bi-Monthly Meeting
<u>June, 8-10, 2026</u>	RPT Committees – George R. Brown Conv. Ctr, Houston TX
<u>June, 11-13, 2026</u>	RPT Convention – George R. Brown Conv. Ctr, Houston TX
Tuesday, July 21, 2026	CEC Bi-Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, Sep 15, 2026	CEC Bi-Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, Nov 17, 2026	CEC Bi-Monthly Meeting
TBD	Christmas Party

Article from the TFRW Newsletter

Uniting Republican Women for Texas



Public Relations

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The New Public Relations Award

HAPPY NEW YEAR! The year 2026 is here!

It's incredible to think that we are already 26 years into this new century. In these 26 years, technology has advanced tremendously. We kicked off this century with the Y2K scare. Many believed that technology would fail dramatically if this BIG problem wasn't resolved. Yet, as we all know, the results were not as dire as anticipated.

Since then, we've witnessed a plethora of new technologies. The World Wide Web has become a reality for many people in their homes. Sure, we started with dial-up connections back in the day. Can you hear that sound in your mind right now? It didn't take long for technology to evolve all around us.

Of course, we no longer have just one desktop computer at home; now we carry a small computer in our hands every day—the Smartphone. Allowing us to access information in the palm of our hand, anywhere, at any time. Additionally, AI is starting to integrate into our daily lives. As technology has progressed, TFRW has also adapted and our clubs have evolved alongside it.

TFRW is evolving the Newsletter Award into the new **Public Relations (PR) Award** that will be unveiled at the upcoming Leadership Day in Ft. Worth. This new award will assess your

club's **overall PR performance—newsletter, social media presence, and website**. The new PR Award will be determined by points, which include both minimum required items and bonus items.

USE A CLUB EMAIL

One of the minimum requirements is to have at least one **club email**. Club Presidents should obtain a club email to keep their personal email private. This email should be utilized on the TFRW website, your club's website, and essentially any external communication. For more details on setting up a club email account, refer to the **September 2025 TFRW newsletter**.

Presidents, when you submit your club's **Notice of Elections of Officers for 2026**, make sure to use your new club email. This will mark the beginning of your club earning points for the new PR Award.

I'm excited to share more about this award with you at the TFRW 2026 **Leadership Day!** I will be hosting a breakout session to discuss the award and assist your club in achieving success. Attend my session, mention this article, share your new club email with me, and I'll have a special surprise waiting for you. See you in Ft. Worth!



SAVE THE DATE!

**Wilson County's Got Style
Fashion Show (V. Deux)
Thursday, April 23, 2026**

**Wilson County Expo &
Community Center (Show Barn)
435 Hwy 97 E, Floresville**

**Charcuterie Board Dinner
Tickets \$40
Silent Auction**

**Hosted by the
Republican Women's Club**

Contacts: Ruby Manen, (830) 391-0818

Or Sharon Meyer, (830) 583-5297

Caring for America



Bingo Birthday Bash – Visiting with Seniors for Lunch & Games

WCRW visiting seniors, celebrating birthdays, playing bingo and providing prizes & cakes.



Tuesday, February 17th 11:00 AM

Wilson Co. Expo & Community Center(Show Barn)

February Hostesses: Lori Hrna, Theresa Soberoski, Anna Willis, Sharon Meyer

WCRW will accept the challenge

Announcing the America 250 Membership Challenge

As our great nation approaches the momentous 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, the NFRW is proud to launch an inspiring new initiative under President Martha Jenkins' leadership: the

America 250 Membership Challenge

Membership Challenge:

This campaign honors the enduring legacy of 1776 while empowering our clubs to grow stronger, engage more deeply, and prepare the next generation of conservative women leaders. Just as our Founding Fathers united with courage and vision to build a free America, we are called to rekindle that patriotic spirit within NFRW—ensuring our Federation thrives for centuries to come.

[Read all about the challenge in the NFRW Newsletter Jan 12, 2026](#)

TFRW 35th Biennial Convention Review



Governor Abbott presented the John Goodwin Tower Award to Joyce Miller, President of the Wilson County Republican Women's club.



WCRW delegates to the TFRW State Convention attend the SD-21 Caucus'



TFRW Leadership Training January 2026



Sharon Meyer, Ruby Manen and Anna Willis attend the TFRW 2026 Leadership Training and 1st Quarterly Board Meeting in Fort Worth.



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Participants: active members, associate members, elected officials, and a Congressional candidate.

We were blessed with a beautiful day as we laid wreaths on 138 graves at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. This was our fourth year to participating in the Wreaths Across America. It's truly an amazing experience and honor to recognize and once again say their names, ensuring that their legacy of duty, service and sacrifice is never forgotten.

Marguerite Griffin
Americanism/Armed Forces Chairman
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WCRP & WCRW Christmas Party



2026-2027 WCRW Officers



(L-R) Dawn Polasek Barnett, Joyce Miller, Marguerite Griffin, Anna Willis, Melissa Moczygamba, Ruby Manen, Sharon Meyer, Sarah Gella, Judge Hank Whitman administered the oath to the officers



Political Activities

Below is a copy of the calendar you can use to assist you on tracking. As always, I am here if you have any questions. Joyce Miller – 210-827-1814

Member Name:

1st Qrt Wilson County Political Activities/Events

January 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5 WCRW Exec @ Do Joy	6	7	8	9 TFRW 1 st Qrt Bd Mtg	10 TFRW LdrShp Trng
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 MLK Day	20 WCRP Mtg @ Justice Ctr	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 WCRW Mtg @ Jack's Cafe	28 WCRP Candidate Forum @ WCE&CC	29 WCRP Candidate Forum @ WCE&CC	30	31

February 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 WCRW Exec @ Do Joy	10	11	12	13 Valentine's Day	14
15	16 President's Day	17 Early Voting	18 Ash Wednesday Set up - LTD EV @ WCE&CC	19 Lincoln Trump Dinner EV @ WCE&CC	20 Early Voting	21 Early Voting
22 Early Voting	23 Early Voting	24 Early Voting WCRW Mtg @ Jack's Cafe	25 Early Voting	26 Early Voting	27 Early Voting	28

March 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Primary Election Day	4	5	6	7
8	9 WCRW Exec @ Do Joy	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 St. Patrick's Day	17 WCRP Mtg @ Justice Ctr	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 WCRW Mtg @ Witte's BBQ LV	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

