

# STAR REPUBLICAN WOMEN NEWSLETTER



## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT KAY GUIDRY

### Welcome to the Golden Age of Star Republican Women

Your Star Republican Women Board has been busy building a great foundation for Republican women to continue to influence policy by developing and supporting conservative Republican candidates, both financially and by volunteering our time.

Star is a PAC (Political Action Committee), committed to recruiting, developing and electing the most qualified Republicans across Texas. We have been hard at work, planning future fundraising events, which you can learn more about in this newsletter. We have also added a Literacy and Education Committee and a book club. Star has many wonderful committees, and I urge you to check them out and join one that interests you.

We have also been busy recruiting new board members, and have added a new Secretary, Barbara Morrison, a 2nd Vice President, Membership, Julie Jackson, a new Treasurer, Belinda Roberts, and a PAC Treasurer, Diane Stone.

We invite you to attend our monthly meetings which are held on the third Tuesday of each month, September through May. We will kick off our fall season with a fun activity and fundraiser. The meetings are held at Quail Point, 107 Twilight Ln., Horseshoe Bay. A lite lunch is served at 12:30 p.m., and our meeting starts promptly at 1 PM.

Our September meeting will be a "bring a potential new member" fundraiser and will include an informative presentation by our Legislative and Campaign Chairwomen. It will also include a very fun mixer, which will follow our program.

Star welcomes all members and guests and invites you to step into a room filled with amazing conservative women who are valued for their love of country and special skills to defend and protect her. Together, we will KEEP TEXAS RED.

**Kay Guidry, President**



# FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

KIM HOWZE



## LET'S KICK OFF THE YEAR!

Happy August! I hope everyone is having a great summer! As we come back together for the Fall, we have some exciting programs in store.

Our September program is full of education and fun as we are eager to kick off the year. We have educational presentations brought to us by our Legislative Chair, Diane Stone and Campaign Activities Chair, Karen Calderon-Schweitzer.

October brings author and historian, Randolph Russell, from Georgia. As we approach the 250th anniversary of the US, he will share through his book, *American History in No Time*, the importance of connecting with our national heritage and not allowing it to be erased. Using that knowledge, we are better equipped to encourage others to join us and vote with us.

Mr. Russell has been a featured guest speaker across the nation and he will be one of the featured speakers at the state TFRW convention that begins Oct. 22 in San Antonio.

November will feature our annual Veterans' celebration luncheon with guest speaker to be announced at a later date.

December will be a lovely Christmas luncheon. The guest speaker is still being confirmed.

## *September General Meeting*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

12:30 LUNCH FOLLOWED BY 1:00 PM GENERAL MEETING AND FUN

QUAIL POINT

107 TWILIGHT, HORSESHOE BAY

# LEGISLATION

## DIANE STONE



Wow, there is so much going on legislatively both at the state and the national level. First some proof that the Trump agenda is winning at the national level:

A new Wall Street Journal poll shows:

- 63% of voters have an unfavorable view of the Democrat party – the lowest since the question started being polled in 1990 and only 30% favorable.
- Voters trust republicans more to handle issues including the economy, inflation, tariffs and immigration.
- More voters identify as Republicans than Democrats.

“The Democratic brand is so bad that they don’t have the credibility to be a critic of Trump or the Republican Party,” said John Anzalone, a Democratic pollster who worked on the Journal survey...

A Pew Research poll shows that young men today are the least democratic leaning of any generation. Men in general are 12 percentage points more likely than women to affiliate with the Republican Party. (Star Republican Women – this is our cue to get more women in our club!) and this is true in all age groups.

The swing between 2018 and 2025 among all voters is massive: in 2018 the percentages were Dem 50-42%, in 2025 GOP 46-45%. In all age groups, racial groups and education groups, the swing from 2018 to 2025 toward Republicans was at least 7 points and as much as 24 points.

Then there are 12 massive wins in the One Big Beautiful Bill including making the 2017 tax cuts permanent, adding no tax on tips, overtime and social security and \$150bn for border security.

In Texas, we have the special session called by Governor Greg Abbott. The agenda includes:

- Redistricting to pick up 5 seats for republicans
- Regulating the hemp industry
- Disaster preparation
- Banning cities and counties from hiring lobbyists
- Crack down on the manufacture and distribution of abortion pills.
- I will be discussing all of these topics at our September meeting!

# CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

KAREN CALDERON-SCHWEITZER



## CAMPAIGN HOURS REPORTING SCHEDULE

- First Quarter  
2025 (January –  
March) due on  
April 15, 2025
- Second Quarter  
2025 (April –  
June) due on  
July 10, 2025
- Third Quarter  
2025 (July –  
September) due  
on October 15,  
2025
- Fourth Quarter  
2025 (October –  
December) due  
on January 15,  
2026

The Texas Hill Country experienced devastating floods that resulted in over 130 fatalities. The floods, were particularly severe in areas like Kerrville, Hunt, and Comfort.

The heartbreaking devastation was not unheard of and since Star Republican Women did not make a political contribution to any candidate this year, we decided to donate \$1,000 to all of those affected by the devastating floods. The donation was made to Ark of Highland Lakes who has made tremendous efforts to help those who most needed.

### **November 4, 2025 Constitutional Amendment Election**

Monday, **October 6, 2025**

Last Day to Register to Vote

Monday, **October 20, 2025** (17th day before election day falls on a Saturday, first day moves to next business day)

First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance

Friday, **October 24, 2025**

Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail  
(Received, not Postmarked)

Friday, **October 31, 2025**

Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance

Tuesday, **November 4, 2025 (election day)**

Please email me with any questions or if you would like to join our Campaign Activities Committee:

**[karencalderon@yahoo.com](mailto:karencalderon@yahoo.com)**



# WAYS AND MEANS

YUKI GRAVES



Introducing STAR members Marie Roeder and Shannon Miller to the Ways & Means Committee. Thank you, ladies for volunteering! We have been busy this summer. Plans for the September 16th General Meeting and Membership Mixer are finalized with a great line up of events. The Legislative and Campaign Activities educational program will update you on the latest Texas 89th Legislative decisions, and upcoming 2025-2026 elections.

After the program and lunch, a membership sponsored Mixer and Bunco Bring-A-Friend will round out the day with light refreshments, prizes, and friendly competition!! \$35 Donations from all members will be collected at the door and guests are free. Come for the fun and meet new people! For more information contact Yuki Ann Graves, (703) 628-4742 or [yagraves23@gmail.com](mailto:yagraves23@gmail.com).

This year we are launching a new fundraising initiative: Poinsettias Sale! Donations from the sale support our means to promote political activism, influence policy, develop candidates and elect the leaders of Texas. Through social engagement sponsored by STAR we help to Keep Texas Red!! The 6" red poinsettia plants ship directly from a Dallas-based nursery to guarantee a fresher product. Presales of \$20 donation per plant are underway with plants scheduled for delivery to Quail Point Lodge during the week of November 10th in time for the holidays (exact dates and times to be announced later). We will take presale orders (cash/checks) at the September 16th General Meeting. Look for the STAR volunteers to take your orders! For more information about selling and buying contact Yuki Ann Graves, (703) 628-4742 or [yagraves23@gmail.com](mailto:yagraves23@gmail.com).

## **Yuki Ann Graves**

Ways & Means Committee Chairperson

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# HOSPITALITY HERD

RUE WRIGHT



## As the Song goes 🎵 "See you in September "

Fellow Star Republican's, We're so happy to be back and hear all the wonderful things happening with our Great Republican Party! On behalf of The Hospitality Herd, I would like to thank all the Team members who so graciously signed up to help with either offering to bring pleasing finger foods to our meetings or helping set up or take down in "Kitchen duty". If you enjoy meeting new friends over a great lunch -we would love to have you join us!

Please contact me, Rue Wright @ 830.995.5110 or sign up at your table for next meeting! "We're the people who bring food- Everybody likes us!"

# CARING FOR AMERICA

BRENDA DUNN



As we get ready for our new 'season' of SRW, I'd like to tell you about our upcoming events!

October...we are doing a clothing drive!

We will be looking for donations of heavier clothing and coats.

November...Veterans Day celebration at Quail Point 11/12

December...first responders Chili Lunch/dinner 12/11

**Brenda Dunn**

**Caring for America Chair**



# LITERACY AND EDUCATION

YUKI GRAVES



WELCOME to the Star Republican Women Literacy and Education Committee.

Yes! This is a newly established committee, and I am excited to get things started. We know that the ability to read, write, and understand are basic foundations of learning and building confidence! Also, gifted students may earn scholarship opportunities related to public services and political careers.

In line with longstanding literacy and education programs established by NFRW and TFRW, Star Republican Women will ...

- Advocate support to improve public education and literacy
- Follow legislative policies dealing with educational reform and critical issues
- Foster Republican philosophy through education and scholarship programs
- Donate books to schools, libraries, shelters, and other institutions
- Volunteer to read to children
- Support NFRW Mamie Eisenhower Library Project (MELP), TFRW Barbara Bush Literacy Library Project (BLLP), and TFRW Dictionary Project
- Earn award points toward the TFRW Club Achievement Award and/or the NFRW Club Achievement Award
- Embrace new ideas and projects

Set an example for our community and give them the opportunity to learn. Make a difference with your volunteerism. Please consider joining the committee and building a literacy program for all ages.

INTRODUCING the “Blazing Star Book Club”! This literacy club focuses on topics related to Republican philosophy and values. Support the Book Club, expand your knowledge, and share with others.

Interested? For more information about the committee and book club contact Yuki Ann Graves, (703) 628-4742, or [yagraves23@gmail.com](mailto:yagraves23@gmail.com).



# STAR PICS



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