

STAR REPUBLICAN WOMEN NEWSLETTER



Our September General Meeting was a Membership Mixer and Fundraiser, held on September 16, and was an overwhelming success. It was attended by more than 70 members and guests.

Attendees were treated to informative presentations by our Campaign Chairman, Karen Calderon-Schweitzer, and by our Legislation Chairman, Diane Stone. After the meeting, we enjoyed desserts, wine, and a fun game of Bunco.

Our October general meeting will be an informative afternoon with a presentation by historian and author of American History in No Time, Randolph Russell. I hope you will join us for this special presentation and to see how much you know about American history.

I want to congratulate Star members on their hard work and perseverance. Because of their efforts, Star has been able to donate \$5,000 this year in support of community organizations and Republican candidates, including our recent donation of \$3,000 to the Llano County Republican Party.

For Star to accomplish the requirements of a Political Action Committee, and to continue to make meaningful donations to our community and our Republican leaders, we will focus on our fundraising efforts over the next two years. These efforts will include a request for donations at each of our monthly meetings which we hope you will find informative and entertaining.

I look forward to seeing you all at our October meeting, held on Tuesday, October 21, at Quail Point. Lunch is served at 12:30 pm, meeting at 1:00 pm. And look for Star Republican Women's booth at the October 2nd Chili Cook-off at Quail Point!

REMEMBER: TALK IS CHEAP – SO DO A LOT OF IT.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN US!

Kay Guidry, President



FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

KIM HOWZE



OCTOBER'S KEYNOTE SPEAKER RANDOLPH G. RUSSELL

Our speaker for October is Randolph G. Russell, author of *American History In No Time*, the quickest way to get the basics every citizen should know – in just a few hours! The book has been used at a number of colleges but is easy for anyone to understand, including children and people who may not have liked history before.

Glowing reviews have come from academics as well as Newsmax host Dick Morris. Signed copies will be available at our meeting.

Title of Presentation: Celebrating America's 250th Birthday

With our nation's 250th anniversary right around the corner, this is a marvelous time for us and our families to renew our connection to our national heritage and learn (or re-learn) what it really means to be an American. The answer lies mostly in our past.

Russell's presentations have been enjoyed by hundreds of audiences across the country, Republican groups and others. He is scheduled to be one of the speakers at the upcoming national convention of Republican women in Orlando. He will also address our TFRW convention in San Antonio before traveling to California to speak at the annual fundraiser of the Bakersfield Republican Women, the largest club in that state.

His presentation will have a surprise ending. You won't want to miss our October meeting. See you there!

October General Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

QUAIL POINT

107 TWILIGHT, HORSESHOE BAY

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

UPCOMING ELECTION INFORMATION

On November 4, 2025, Texas voters will head out to the polls for a Special Election.

When Texans go to the polls this November, they'll be asked to vote on 17 constitutional amendments. These propositions deal with a wide range of issues such as tax relief, schools, safety, the courts, and even parental rights. Here's something important to remember: while some amendments promise savings, others come with a price tag that taxpayers will be responsible for covering.

The process for amending the Texas Constitution has two main phases: approval by the Texas Legislature and ratification by the state's voters.

If a majority of voters approve the amendment, it becomes part of the constitution after the official canvass of election returns. The governor then issues a proclamation announcing its adoption.

Key deadlines and dates:

- Last day to register to vote: Monday, October 6, 2025.
- First day of early voting: Monday, October 20, 2025.
- Last day to apply for a ballot by mail: Friday, October 24, 2025 (application must be received, not postmarked).
- Last day of early voting: Friday, October 31, 2025.
- Election Day: Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

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

karenlcalderon@yahoo.com

WAYS AND MEANS

YUKI GRAVES



POINSETTIAS FOR SALE NOW!!!

Thanks to our committee members Shannon Miller, Marybeth Hines, Mary Roeder, and Gayla Bowen for spearheading this fundraiser and making great strides. We have other STAR members joining the effort so do not delay. You still have until October 20th to preorder these beautiful 6" potted plants for \$20 and in time for the holidays. Plants will be shipped from the Dallas nursery to Quail Point Lodge during the week of November 10th.

This fundraising initiative supports the STAR mission while providing YOU a lovely product to enjoy! Feel free to contact me if you wish to purchase or have questions. And, please pass the word to your friends and neighbors!

BAKE SALE...BAKE SALE...BAKE SALE! OCTOBER 21ST

Who does not like something sweet or savory now and again? The October 21st fundraising event will be a delicious way to raise funds. But, to have a successful event we need volunteers to bake. Six volunteers signed up at the September's General Meeting and we can use several more. Won't you join us? Please call me as soon as possible so you can learn more about the event.

DECEMBER 6TH CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 50 YEARS OF CONSERVATISM

We will close out 2025 looking at 50 years of Highland Lakes area Republican women and the contributions we made through the ages. The W&M committee is planning for the event now! There will be decorated tables, entertainment, food and drinks, and much more. Interested in decorating a table? Please call...

For more information contact Yuki Ann Graves,
(703) 628-4742

Yuki Ann Graves

Ways & Means Committee Chairperson

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CARING FOR AMERICA

BRENDA DUNN



We are having a Winter Clothes Drive!

With chilly days and frosty nights approaching, many in our community need warm clothing to stay safe and comfortable this season. We are collecting new and gently used cold-weather essentials to share with individuals and families in need. Please see our flyer below.

Additionally, we are already organizing our Fifth Annual Veterans Day Lunch scheduled for Wednesday, November 12th. Please share the invitation with family and friends and RSVP to Brenda Dunn (512) 417-894 or email bdunn3901@gmail.com by 11/5/25 to reserve your seat. Include name, military branch, and name of guest.

Brenda Dunn

Caring for America Chair

LITERACY AND EDUCATION

YUKI GRAVES



HELLO FALL!!! I love this time of year. Summer has come and gone with the introduction of the Literacy & Education (L&E) Committee in August and the newly formed Blazing STAR Book Club!!

We had sign-ups for the book club at our September General Meeting, and it was a fabulous kick off. If we get a few more interested readers I will host the first book club meeting and get the reading fun started. For starters here is what we have planned:

- Monthly book selection
- Book review at a hostess home
- Book report summary presented to membership at the following month's General Meeting
- Book exchanges and a used book library

Let's also start planning now for a STAR scholarship program in 2026 which recognizes qualified high school seniors. What a great way to cheer on our youths!

Finally, each month I will post a "WORD OF THE MONTH". Most are common words used in every day conversation and pertain to politics, governance, and so forth. This month is...

PATRIOTISM

Love for or devotion to one's country

[<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/patriotism>]

- Patriotism is a feeling of attachment and commitment to a country, nation, or political community, and its conception has roots tracing back to Greek and Roman antiquity.
- It is associated with love and common liberty, the search for the common good, and the duty to behave justly toward one's country.
- [<https://www.britannica.com/topic/patriotism-sociology>]

Are you interested? So much to talk about and do so for more information about the committee and book club contact Yuki Ann Graves, (703) 628-4742, or yagraves23@gmail.com.

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Share the Warmth CARING FOR AMERICA THIS WINTER



WITH CHILLY DAYS AND FROSTY NIGHTS APPROACHING, MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY NEED WARM CLOTHING TO STAY SAFE AND COMFORTABLE THIS SEASON.

STAR'S CARING FOR AMERICA IS COLLECTING NEW AND GENTLY USED COLD-WEATHER ESSENTIALS TO SHARE WITH INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN NEED.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATION TO OUR
STAR REPUBLICAN GENERAL MEETING**

**OCTOBER 21
12:30 PM**

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

COATS AND JACKETS (ALL SIZES)
SWEATERS, HOODIES, AND SWEATSHIRTS
WARM PANTS AND JEANS
HATS, SCARVES, AND GLOVES
SOCKS AND THERMAL WEAR
WINTER BOOTS AND CLOSED-TOE SHOES
BLANKETS

ADDITIONAL NEEDS:

TODDLER CLOTHES FOR THE PREGNANCY CENTER
HYGIENE PRODUCTS FOR THE HIGHLAND LAKES CRISIS CENTER

IN SUPPORT OF:

ARK OF HIGHLAND LAKES
PREGNANCY CENTER – MARBLE FALLS
HIGHLAND LAKES CRISIS CENTER



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**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE HONOR OUR LOCAL VETERANS FOR
THEIR COMMITMENT TO OUR COUNTRY**

Fifth Annual Veterans Day Lunch

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025

QUAIL POINT LODGE

107 TWILIGHT LN. HORSESHOE BAY

Complimentary catered lunch at 12:00 PM

Guest Speaker Representative Wes Virdell, District 53

ALL VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES WELCOMED!

RSVP to Brenda Dunn

(512) 417-894 or email bdunn3901@gmail.com

by 11/5/25 to reserve your seat.

Include your name, military branch, and name of guest.

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