



The STAR Republican News

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October 17, 2023 Meeting Horseshoe Bay Mayoral Candidate Forum Quail Point

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The Forum will start at 7 p.m. Wine and cheese will be provided prior to the start. Following the speaker presentations, refreshments will be served while attendees mingle and visit with the candidates. In keeping with the spirit of a non-partisan event, we ask that there be no political signs or clothing. Please bring a form of ID for the sign-in sheet.

November Caring for America Project

Sign up to volunteer for the Third Annual Veteran's Day Luncheon on Monday, November 13th.

Help is needed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come and meet our local Veterans and honor their service to our Country.

Text Sherry Olson at 830.596.3021 with questions.





Sara Speaks

Happy October, Horseshoe Bay! Things certainly ramp up as the summer concludes and the political season begins. Star Republican Women are excited about featuring our mayoral candidates at our Star Meeting on October 17th at Quail Point. Our goal for this jumbo club is to strive for a warm, inviting, small club feeling. Kathy Stahl, our VP, brought to my attention the quote “A horseshoe of friends is better than a closed circle of friends”. I think about that often. Horseshoes leave space for new ideas and people. We live in a changing city with new neighborhoods, growing Bible studies, additional shoppers at Bayside Market and new faces across our tables at LeStourgeon. Transplants may not understand our traditions but they will appreciate being invited into our horseshoes on the pickleball court, the Kindred Sisters Bible study or the Star Republican meetings. We all struggle with change but I continue to find that open space in the shape of a horseshoe is better than a tight closed circle of stagnate ideas and habits. Come to our nonpartisan mayoral meet and greet and widen your circle and educate yourself. If you are like me you fall deeper in love with HSB every day. Most people may visit a resort but few get to live in one but that is just a part of who we are. Thanks to all of you who help make our “Horseshoe” a lucky one.

Membership News

Star Republican Women is now 120 strong! Help us keep our status as a “Jumbo Club” and get your dues in as our new year starts soon.

We will gladly accept your membership dues checks at the October 17th mayoral forum meeting. Dues are \$40 (\$30 for Associate Members). Forms may also be mailed ([print directly from our website](#)).

Invite a friend or two to attend our meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

Text or call Debbie Lambert, VP Membership, at 512.748.0814 with questions.

New Star T-Shirts



New “Star Republican Women are the life of the Party” tee shirts are available for purchase. Shirts are v-neck (not pictured), soft, lightweight 100% cotton and fit true to size. Bring \$15 cash or check to purchase your shirt.

LET'S KEEP TEXAS RED!

Texas Election Day - November 7, 2023

Important dates to remember:

- **October 10, 2023: Last day to register to vote**
- **October 23, 2023: First day of early voting by personal appearance**
- **October 27, 2023: Last day to apply for ballot by mail**
- **November 3, 2023: Last day of early voting by personal appearance**
- **November 7, 2023: Last day to receive ballot by mail at 7:00 p.m.**

Star Republican General Meeting Minutes 9/19/23

Quail Point, Horseshoe Bay, Texas

Call to Order: @1:00 pm meeting was called to order by Star Vice President Kathy Hussey (in Sara Boyd's absence) following a complimentary lunch; members present recorded on sign in; (39 in attendance)

Kathy H. opening remarks: Welcome back from a long hot summer. Sara Boyd is absent today due to the birth of her granddaughter! Congratulations!

There is a lot going on in our world; crime, hatred, anger, what can we do? (Believe in the power of prayer...)

Celebration of Prayer & Pledges Led by Louraine Robertson

Introductions: Elected officials: Peter Jones, county commissioner (candidate for re-election) and Marquis Cantu, Justice of the peace; Janet Mayne, Precinct 102 Chair and Election Judge; Gayla Bowen, Precinct 109 chair and Election Judge. Candidate: Marie Primm, candidate for Llano County District Attorney.

Peter Jones thanked Star RW for inviting candidates to attend meetings and noted that candidates currently have petitions circulating for signatures to request a candidate to be on the ballot.

Parliamentarian: Gayla Bowen: logic and accuracy testing on voting machines will take place on 9/20/23 in Llano County Elections office, anyone may attend. For information on candidates: www.sos.Texas.gov/elections/laws/candidacy.shtml

Last day to **register** to vote for November 2023 election 10/10/23. First day to apply for ballot by mail January 1, 2023. Last day to apply for ballot by mail October 27, 2023 application for ballot by mail. PO Box 787, Plano, Texas, 78643. First day of early voting 10/ 23/23; last day of early voting 11/3/2023.

The election will be held in the city council chambers at City Hall, which is located at 1 Community Drive, Horseshoe Bay. Election day is 11/7/23 7 AM to 7 PM.

Gayla also noted that HB 900 was to go into effect on September 1; a last minute lawsuit prevented the removal of almost 900 pornographic books from Llano ISD. The library has now issued a stay on removing those books. A fundraiser will be held to help with the library suit.

New Star RW members welcomed: Barbara Morrison, Marie Primm, Jeryl Fields, and Rue Wright.

New Star RW board members introduced: Paula Murray, lead for our website & newsletter; Kay Guidry, lead for public relations, newspaper pictures and publicity and updating our Facebook page.

VP Programs: Kathy H. introduced today's speaker: **Cindi Castilla president of the Texas Legal Forum**, "a pro-life, pro-family organization that stands on conservative and morally bound principles". She provided insight into Texas legislation and how it is affecting Texas families. She's been an outspoken force in the battle to reverse the decline in public education as well as the issues of child abuse and everything that affects the family. "Children should have a childhood of joy." (She provided copies of and spoke about about the Eagle Forum newsletter begun in the 70's by Phyllis Schaffer who was "out ahead of the issues".) You have power when you have knowledge of issues and share that knowledge with your own "circle". HB 900 passed in one session because of the voice of the people; contacting your representatives works! When you call your representative you just need to give your name and zip code, and your opinion of the bill. You elect them to do what you want/need; hold them accountable! "Read the bill, how does it affect you, your family, your community?"

Caring for America: Sherry Olsen was absent but her Caring for America project this month is still being done: Kathy H., noted that bird feeders and bird food that members contributed would be transported to CelesteCare and The Brixton care facilities. Sherry is requesting volunteers for the mayoral forum, sign up sheets available. **Note:** The forum will be held in lieu of Star RW October general meeting. Veteran's Day luncheon also needs volunteers, please sign up to help.

Treasurer's report: Pam St. Clair stated our current funds = \$19,993.22. Report to be filed with these minutes. Report accepted as written.

Minutes: Kathy Stahl: general meeting minutes for 5/16/2023 distributed at beginning of this meeting; accepted as written.

Adjournment: Kathy H. expressed a special thanks to "the Herd" for their contributions and help with hospitality.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Stahl, Star RW Secretary

Take note! Upcoming events:

10/17/23	Mayoral Forum	Quail Point	Doors open 6:30
10/23/23 - 11/3/23	Early Voting	Llano County Library HSB City Office Kingsnd Public Library	8am - 5pm
11/13/23	Annual Veteran's Day luncheon	Quail Point	12:00pm
11/7/23	Election Day	1 Community Dr HSB	7am - 7pm