

# STAR REPUBLICAN WOMEN NEWSLETTER



## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT KAY GUIDRY

We started off 2025 with Republicans overwhelmingly electing Donald J. Trump as the 47th President of our great United States. The inauguration ceremony gave us all a shot in the arm of encouragement to MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN! Amidst all this excitement, Star RW are busy planning exciting events for our 2025 year, so we hope you will join us at our monthly meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month,

January through May and September through December, at Quail Point, 107 Twilight Lane, in Horseshoe Bay.

Join us for lunch at 12:30 each month, followed by our fun and informative meetings. Visit Star RW's Facebook page for detailed information on all our meetings and events.

In February, all of our board members will be attending leadership training in Kerrville. We will be focusing on duties of the president, treasurer, membership and fundraising. I know that we will return home with wonderful ideas for future Star events.

This year, we will also be focusing on how we can MOCGA (Make Our Club Great Again). This is an awards year for TFRW clubs, and Star will be busy planning activities that will help us qualify for TFRW awards and recognition. In addition to awards, this is a bylaws revision year, and we will be working to update Star's current bylaws and bring them in to compliance with all TFRW requirements. Gayla Bowen, our bylaws chairman, will be chairing this committee.

As a new president, I am extremely grateful for all of the support and information provided by the TFRW chairmen, and especially to Gail Teegarden, SD 24 Director, for all her support and guidance.

I encourage all members to take a moment to log into the TFRW website – TFRW.ORG to see all the wonderful things Texas Republican Women are doing. Every member of Star should be receiving the TFRW monthly newsletter. Please let me know if you are not receiving it. Also, be sure to visit Star's website – STARTXRW.ORG to stay updated on all our wonderful efforts to support our local communities.

Please join us at our monthly meetings and help us in Uniting Republican Women of Texas. I am honored to serve you and I know that 2025 will be a fabulous year!

Kay Guidry, President



# FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

KIM HOWZE



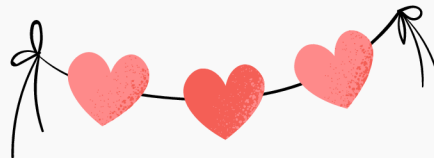
## MEET OUR FEBRUARY SPEAKERS

We are excited to have a special trio of speakers this month representing our Llano County Precinct 1- County Commissioner Peter Jones, Constable Gary Silver and Justice of the Peace Sam Silver.

Peter has served as County Commissioner since 2013. He has extensive financial and management experience and continues to be a strong advocate of fiscal management of taxpayer dollars.

Constable Gary Silver has over 35 years in law enforcement and has served Precinct 1 since 2021. His law enforcement career includes time with USMC military investigations, Harris County Constable's department, and was recruited to form one of the first school district police departments in Texas. He was appointed to his current position in 2021 and recently re-elected to another 4 yr term.

JP Sam Silver has had an extensive career as a Firefighter/Paramedic in several communities and agencies in the Houston area. She is a former Science and Health Science Technology teacher at Columbus ISD and served as Director of Career and Technology at Snook ISD. We are so fortunate to have these talented and dedicated individuals serving our community and look forward to hearing from them.



## FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18  
12:30 LUNCH FOLLOWED BY 1:00 PM MEETING  
QUAIL POINT  
107 TWILIGHT, HORSESHOE BAY

# SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

## DEBBIE LAMBERT



### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



2025 SRW Membership Dues are \$40 and can be paid with cash, check or credit card at our next meeting.

Please join us on February 18th and bring a friend! The Member who brings the most friends WHO JOIN SRW will receive a prize.

### JOIN SRW!

- Bring your friends and win a prize!
- Meet new friends who share your Republican values.
- Support Republican candidates .
- Our meetings are fun and educational.

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**IT'S TIME TO RENEW  
YOUR MEMBERSHIP!**

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Let me know if you have any questions.

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# LEGISLATION

## DIANE STONE



There are lots of positive things going on in the state of Texas as well as nationally with the return of President Trump!

The Texas House elected Rep Dustin Burrows of Lubbock to be Speaker with the help of Democrat votes. He did not appoint Democrat committee chairs as has been done in the past, but did appoint Democrat vice chairs.

One of the first pieces of legislation proposed will create a school choice program starting with 100,000 vouchers worth \$10,000 each with an extra \$1,500 for special needs children and \$2000 for homeschool families.

Low income and special needs students will be prioritized if more than 100,000 applications are received. This bill is SB2, showing it is the most important bill after the state budget in the Senate. If Governor Abbot declares it an "emergency item" it could be passed in the Senate as early as next week.

Governor Abbot has ordered state agencies to cooperate with President Trump's deportation effort. The expectation is that some of the money the state has been spending on border security could be redirected now that the federal government is assuming it's constitutional role of securing the border. But in early versions of the budget, the amount has stayed the same.

Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick has put out a list of his top legislative priorities, including increasing the Homestead exemption by \$40k, reinforcing the electrical grid and placing the 10 Commandments in schools. He also wants to prevent foreign entities from certain countries to buy land in Texas and enact a ban on THC, the active ingredient in marijuana.

On the national stage, President Trump has started his term by signing numerous executive orders on his first day in office to keep promises he made to the voters. We have seen an amazing amount of action in the first 10 days including ending illegal immigration and beginning deportations, rescinding damaging energy restrictions, withdrawing from the Paris climate accord, ending "birthright citizenship" and instituting a hiring freeze, offering severance pay to government workers and instituting reviews for all current spending.

Promises made, promises kept!

Until next month,  
Diane Stone





# CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

KAREN CALDERON-SCHWEITZER



## SOME STATS ON PRESIDENT'S TRUMP SECOND TERM

Republican support for President Trump heading into his second term is far more solidified than it was when he first took office in 2017:

This time around, more approve of his handling of the presidency, view him as a strong leader, and expect he will improve the country's standing around the world.

94% of Republicans strongly or somewhat approve of how Trump is handling his job as president one week in, while 2% strongly or somewhat disapprove. That compares to 81% of Republicans approving of Trump in January 2017, while 9% disapproved.

Americans are divided in their expectations of how respect for the U.S. around the world will change in the next four years: 40% think the U.S. will be more respected four years from now and 38% think it will be less respected. At the start of Trump's first term in 2017, Americans were somewhat less likely to expect an increase (31%) than a decrease (41%) in global respect for the country during his term.

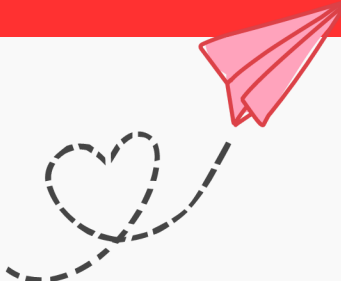
The policies Trump either has emphasized or has taken steps to implement since taking office last week are highly divisive: All are backed by most Republicans, and nearly all are rejected by most Democrats.

## TO DO THIS MONTH:

- Record your campaign hours for February.
- Support the "No Democrat Chairs" Committee.
- Join our Campaign Activities Committee!

Please reach me with any questions,  
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# CARING FOR AMERICA

JULIE JACKSON



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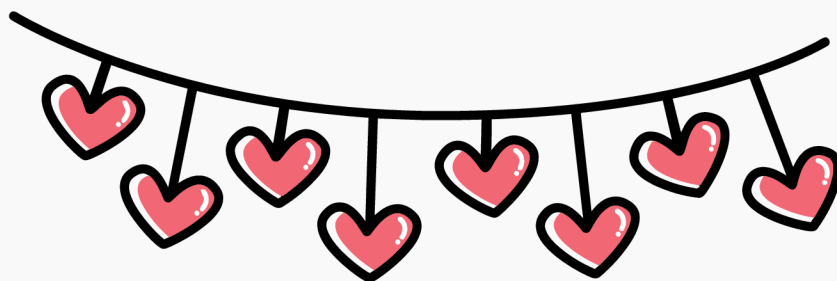


For the past several years, Star RW's Caring for America team has supported The Phoenix Center in their efforts to help families and young children in need of support. This year is no different, so we are asking for your help in collecting the following items which Star will deliver to The Phoenix Center.

Below is a list of items which they have requested:

- Baby wipes
- Disinfectant wipes
- Hand soap
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Copy machine paper/printer paper
- Crayola brand crayons
- Marker pens
- Crayola washable paints
- Sharpies and gel pens for teens
- Blank journals
- Fidgets for their prize box, including stress balls, silly putty, calm strips, any anti-anxiety fidget products and lifesaver mints
- Play-Doh
- Watercolor paper
- Children's easel paper or paints
- Canvases
- Finger knitting yarn

All donated items can be brought, unwrapped, to the February general meeting. Star thanks you in advance for your support of this wonderful project. And we look forward to seeing you at our February general meeting on the 18th.



# WAYS AND MEANS

YUKI GRAVES



The SRW Fundraising Committee prepares and implements plans approved by the Board for raising funds to meet SRW's revenue needs throughout the year.

We raise money to spend on various club programs, advocacy issues, and voter mobilization to name a few.

Fundraising involves strategic efforts to gather resources, donations as voluntary gifts, and using the internet as a tool.

Are you interested in fundraising?

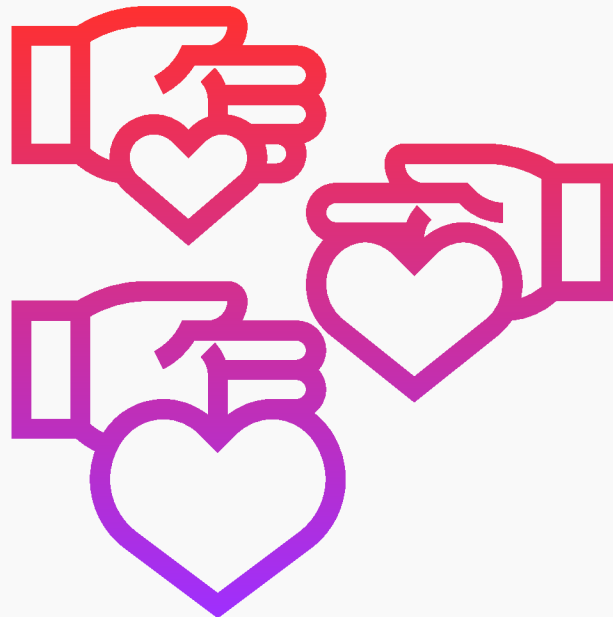
Are you a creative thinker? enjoy being around people and getting involved?

Sounds like the perfect committee for you is Ways and Means. Please join us!

## **Yuki Ann Graves**

Ways & Means Committee Chairperson

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# SRW NEWS



## **THE HOSPITALITY HERD NEEDS YOU!**

We are a fun group of gals who love to cook and bake. We are looking for helping hands to prepare finger foods for our meetings. Please contact Rue Wright for more information at 830-995-5110.

## **FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING**

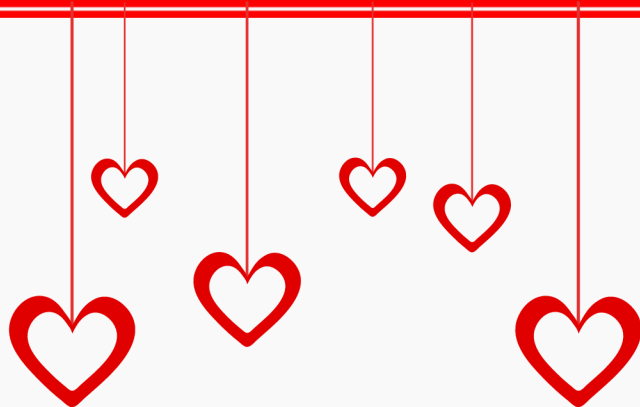
**Tuesday, February 18**

**12:30 PM Lunch**

**1:00 PM Meeting**

**At Quail Point**

**107 Twilight, Horseshoe Bay**





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It contains information about SRW, its members, plus important announcements and information regarding the political arena.

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