

ECRW NEWSLETTER



Per the Pres..... by Rachel D. Minor



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March 17th - Hat Competition

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- Caring for America
- Rachel Malone – March speaker

When I was a little girl my grandparents took me to the First Baptist church in Denver City, Texas every Sunday I stayed with them. We sat on the back row of pews because my grandpa was an usher and he felt that was the spot he could best navigate his duties. I fondly remember the discussions we would have about the sermon as they critiqued the service over the lunch of roast beef, potatoes, carrots we had most Sunday's. It was interesting, how we would each remember a different scripture that was shared or how points the preacher would make reached our ears with different meanings. Even as a young child I began to understand that we are each unique, we have different passions, different talents, different callings on our lives and we view the world around us through the lenses of our experiences.

During my visit to Austin for Legislative Day hosted by



TFRW I witnessed these differences in the passions that the Freshman Texas Legislators shared as they introduced themselves and spoke about what brought them into politics. Even within our board we have so many unique women who share their talents to ensure our club is successful. Thank you for all the time and energy you each give from making sure our meetings run smoothly, our unique events are advertised with eye catching flyers, our tables are decorated beautifully, our records are accurate, insuring we have quality speakers, our badges are correct and lastly that you stay educated to all the happenings in our club. You see each of us are unique have something to share, a smile, an encouragement, or a helping hand. What is your passion or talent that you could share with our club, our community, and Republican Party? One of our club goals for 2021 was to educate our members on actions you could take to make a difference in our community, our state and our nation. So, we will be

sharing ideas during our club meetings of actions you may take to let your voice be heard. Here are a couple that you can do to share encouragement, concerns, and your stance on issues that affect you and your families.

Call and Email
Write one pager
Call and visit with staffers
Make an appointment and visit in person
Testify before committee on the issues that matter to you
As we continue to be surprised by politics, the weather and our surroundings in 2021 let us remember that we each have a role to play, your passions and talents are to be shared, to have influence on those around you. Thank you for your support of ECRW and the efforts we are making to promote, educate and support the Republican party in Ector county. We are up to 237 members with our goal being 565. So, remember to invite your friends to our monthly luncheons, where they can network with others, learn about the happenings of our club and ways they can influence our community with their uniqueness.

Town Hall Meeting with Colonel Allen West

Colonel Allen West reminded us it's Black History Month.

He spoke of Norris Wright Cuney who following the Civil War returned to Texas and settled in Galveston. Cuney rose to leadership of the Republican party and dominated the state organization until 1896. 150 Black men started the Republican party in Texas after being free from slavery

for three years. Matthew Gaines, former slave is intertwined with founding of Texas A&M & being Republican Texas State Senator.

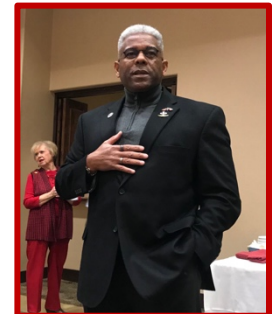
Colonel West explained how Laredo had "Strong family values". It's what has helped them thru the election. We need to stay connected. The election came down to state legislature. They watched governors, secretary of state, and legislators change legislation law. The State legislatures could have come together and said "NO"!

He spoke of how the "LEFT" took over the Democratic party. Leaders are supposed to be accountable. Joe Moody, makes history being elected Speaker Pro Tempore from El Paso and is a democrat.

Texas is #1 in wind energy. But it takes natural gas to push wind energy.

Maintain Borders Article 1, Section 10 States have the right to defend borders.

Remember the left will fight you to the max. And when the fight starts we (Republicans) always back away.



Colonel West Ephesians 6:18

We have to get it right in the next 8 years or we have a HUGE concern. This has been going on for 60 years. They took over our school boards and it has changed the nation! EDUCATION IS MOST IMPORTANT.



Chris, Jaye, Brenda



Diann & John McKee



Travis & Erin Faulk, Dottie, Col. West



Rachel, Colonel West & Donna



Traci & Denise with Colonel West



Time to Renew Your ECRW Membership! Membership forms are available online at: ecrwodessa.com



The Bill of Rights

Ratified December 15, 1791

Article I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Article II

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Article III

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Article IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Article V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any Criminal Case to be a witness against himself, nor be

deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Article VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining Witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

Article VII

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise reexamined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Article VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishment inflicted.

Article IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Article X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

Legislative Day in Austin by Judy Calloway

The event for TFRW ladies is held every other year in Austin Texas. On February 4, 2021 nine of the ladies from ECRW traveled to Austin to attend Legislative Day at the beautiful ATT Convention Center near University of Texas campus. The attendees included Rachel Minor, Debi Hays, Jill Miller, Denise Swanner, Dottie Chavez, Judy M Calloway, Jolene Hawkins, Sheryl Jones and Sherry Hurt. This was the first TFRW event that Rachel, Dottie and Jill had ever attended. Due to COVID we were unable to go the capitol but TFRW brought the Legislators to us. The TFRW VP of Legislation Robbi Hull did an outstanding job putting this entire day together for us.

Five of the Freshman newly elected officials were on stage to talk to us and let us get to know them. These included Jeff Cason, HD92; Lacey Hull, HD138; Bryan Slaton, HD2; Cody Vasut HD25 and Shelby Slawson, HD 59. Each told about themselves, their district and what they are passionate about doing as a state representative. This was followed by presentation: Preparing for the Capitol-Online Tools. Research links can be found at such places as Texas Legislature Online <https://capitol.texas.gov/> Once you get to this link you will take to multiple links, such as Reference Library, Elected Officials Directory and many more.

How to Negotiate the Capitol, including registering to testify information can be found at <https://mytxlegis.capitol.texas.gov/hwrspublic/about.aspx> The rules for 2021 will vary including all COVID 19 vaccination rules and testing for COVID with proof of results. The fact that you are only allowed 2 to 3 minutes to testify with all the rules was interesting. No campaign related activities can take place at the capitol or campaign related questions asked.

Five ladies that are part of the Legislative Staff members presented their experience working in the capitol for elected officials. This including the procedures and time restraints in making appointments with state officials along with information for ladies interested in this type of work.

One of the best presentations was the Mock Hearing. The bench included Senator Bryan Hughes SD 1, Representative Jeff Leach HD 67, Representative Candy Noble HD 89 and Representative Matt Shaheen HD 66 and Representative Phil King HD 61. This was a model of how a hearing on a bill is handled. There was a pro bill advocate and against the bill advocate. These are actual gun law bills HB 112 relating to regulating firearms, accessories, and ammunition in the State of Texas. Additionally, there is HB635 relating to the enforcement of certain federal laws regulating firearms, accessories, and ammunition in the State of Texas. Rachel Malone, who is the ECRW speaker in March, is the Texas Director of Gun Owner of America was who gave testimony to the bench. Her passion is advocating for the right to keep and bear arms. The bench asked her questions and remarked during her presentation which is typical of the hearing.

During lunch we were honored to hear from Governor Greg Abbot and Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick. Following lunch, the presentation was "Preparing for Redistricting" this is a subject that can affect West Texas and SD 31. When there are meetings anywhere in our area on Redistricting, we need to attend. The weekly emails we get from Allen West, RPT and TFRW will keep us up to date on the process.

At 5:30pm the TFRW Patron Event was held at the historic "Austin Club. TFRW Patrons attending were Rachel Minor, Debi Hays, Denise Swanner, Judy Calloway Sheryl Jones and Sherry Hurt. Afterwards we were joined by Jolene Hawkins for dinner at Perry's Steakhouse. On Friday morning the TFRW 1st Quarter Board Meeting took place with Debi Hays, Judy Calloway and Sherry Hurt attending. Everybody that attended and took part in Legislative Day felt it was a great learning and networking experience. Make plans to attend TFRW State Convention in October!



Legislative Day
Denise, Rachel, Debi, Jill,
Dottie, Sheryl, Judy, Sherry,
Jolene



Legislative Day



Governor Abbott



Caring for America.....Needs Your Help!

ECRW was wanting to support the Covid vaccine administrators, however we were not able to assist due to changes at the last minute.

With the cold spell we just experienced we need to help replenish the West Texas Food

Bank. Please bring can goods, peanut butter, snacks, pasta, water, etc.

Do not bring refrigerated items, expired food, damaged containers nor baked goods.

West Texas Food Bank has a matching monetary donation now, so every donation will be doubled. \$1 can help provide 8 meals. Please bring your donations to our March 17th General Meeting at The Marriott.



Upcoming Elections:

Four incumbents have filed for the Ector County Independent School District Board of Trustees.



The election is May 1.

Those who have filed are

Secretary Steve Brown – Position 5

Trustee Nelson Minyard – Position 7

President Delma Abalos – Position 2

Trustee Chris Stanley – Position 4

Stanley was appointed to finish the unexpired term of Doyle Woodall who resigned in June after putting posts on Facebook that some might find offensive.

Positions 2, 4, 5 and 7 on the ECISD Board of Trustees are up for election in May.

Jesse Christianson is an opponent that filed against Chris Stanley for position 4.



Three positions on the Odessa College Board of Trustees are up for election.

On the OC board, spots up for vote and held by:

Vice President Gary Johnson, Place 7,

Secretary Larry Johnson, Place 5,

J.E. “Coach” Pressley

Place 2 – board will appoint a replacement due to death of Richard Abalos.



If you would like to contribute information, share something good or pictures to our newsletter please send to Donna Kelm @ dkelm2005@att.net

As we all well remember history in the making for West Texas, our winter storm that left several of us without power, heat and some without water. No matter what tragedy comes our way, I'm grateful for West Texans that lend a helping hand. 994 meals delivered in 4 days by local Judge and friends, UTPB Women's Soccer and Softball teams help with Senior Boxes, West Texas Food Bank distributed food while on an emergency generator, neighbors sharing firewood, individuals donating blankets to Odessa Humane Society Animals, Businesses step up with warming centers.



Know who represents you

<https://wrm.capitol.texas.gov/home>

Congressman August Pfluger	(202) 225-3605 https://pfluger.house.gov/
Representative Brooks Landgraf	(432) 332-0937 https://house.texas.gov/members/member-page/?district=81
Senator Kel Seliger	(432) 620-0436 https://senate.texas.gov/member.php?d=31
Senator John Cornyn	(806)-472-7533 https://www.cornyn.senate.gov/
Senator Ted Cruz	(202) 224-5922 https://www.cruz.senate.gov/
Governor Greg Abbott	(800) 843-5789 https://gov.texas.gov/
Board of Education Georgina C. Pérez (D)	(915) 261-8663



STATE REPRESENTATIVE
BROOKS LANDGRAF

February 19, 2021

DeAnn Walker, Chairman
Public Utility Commission of Texas
P.O. Box 13326
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: Rate Hike Authorization and ERCOT Oversight

Dear Chairman Walker:

I have vowed to push back against any proposed rate increases on Texans' electric bills after you, the Public Utility Commission of Texas, authorized the Electric Reliability Council of Texas to do so this week. I'm 100% opposed to hiking electric bills. The Texans who have been left out in the cold should not be forced to bear the burden and cost caused by the incompetence of others.

To be frank, I am flabbergasted by this decision. The policy itself is unreasonable and holds no merit. But the timing of the decision demonstrates an extreme lack of empathy for the hardworking Texans whose tax dollars pay your six-figure your salary. You already left the taxpayers out in the cold with your lack of leadership and oversight of ERCOT. And yet, while they are still shivering in their homes, you decide to take more money out of their wallets -- food from their mouths -- in order to pay for mistakes made by your agency. I think not.

We cannot allow someone to exploit a market when they were the ones responsible for the dire consequences in the first place.

Accordingly, on behalf of my fellow West Texans, and as a matter of principle, I demand that the Public Utility Commission of Texas rescind its authorization to ERCOT to permit rate hikes on Texas electric bills.

God bless Texas,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brooks Landgraf".

Brooks Landgraf



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Hospitality by: Denise Swanner



Hello, my name is Denise Swanner and currently serve on the board as your hospitality chair. I have proudly been a part of ECRW for many years. I have served helping ECRW as back up treasurer and Membership chair in prior years and was honored by TFRW in 2020 for Tribute to Women.

In December 2020 I was elected to serve as you're At Large City Council Member. I am currently employed by Odessa Teen Court.

I am married to Bobby Swanner and we have three beautiful daughters and five grandchildren. Outside of serving the community I am busy with soccer and T-ball.

I am very excited to see what the future holds for ECRW and ECRP. With these two organizations working together in the next couple of years we can help keep Texas Red. As Col. Allen West says, if we can keep Texas red, we can hold the nation. God Bless each of you and your family.

Treasurer by: Julie Adams

Hello! I am Julie Adams, and I have the honor of serving as the ECRW treasurer for 2021.

I am the Business Development of National Accounts for Patriot Safety and Services.

I began attending ECRW monthly meetings when they were held at Odessa Regional Medical Center. Immediately, I became engaged and wanted to learn more about the organization and its purpose. I attended the Federation Day in Austin with an amazing group of ECRW officers, and I was hooked!

I am so excited to join the ECRW board and continue to grow the organization and educate our community. As the treasurer, I am responsible for reporting all of the financial transactions. Specifically, I will keep the board apprised of key financial events and financial reports. I will also ensure the completion of required financial reports to the IRS in a timely manner and making forms available for the board's review. Furthermore, I will forward all necessary information to the TFRW.

I have four awesome kids: Heath - 25, Will - 21, Tanner - 20, and Annie -18. I am very proud to say that all of my kids are proud Republicans.



Membership Chair by: Dottie Chavez



Hello fellow ECRW Members! My name is Dottie Chavez and I am proudly serving as your Membership Chair. Please reach out if you have any questions or would like to help serve in any way. I am excited for what is to come and to serve you along with my fellow Board Members. One of our goals is to share pertinent information so I wanted to write this article concerning why we need to stay involved in local elections and support candidates who will serve a role that upholds conservative values in all facets of our public schools.

I hope to enlighten some to why our school board elections matter, especially in this point and time. We have many wonderful people working in our public schools, and many that do in fact knowingly or unknowingly support conservatism. Many of these wonderful educators are muffled in the name of diversity and inclusion, as well are the parents or relatives of the children who attend public school. The liberal push means that we need to not only pay attention, but pay extra attention to elections because this is a downhill and dangerous, slippery slope we have in front of us.

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Under Obama, and unbeknownst to most (and not many educators were in the loop aside from those who are in top administration and those in charge of discipline), but legislation was slid under all of our noses without so much as a ripple from the mainstream media. The legislation in the name of “Civil Rights” that was passed eases or erases certain punishments, primarily expulsions, and suspensions of students because of what they regard as disproportionate discipline based on race. Now here is the kicker: the fact that remains that the student is committing the infraction or act, whether that includes drugs, violence, etc. but that is not addressed in the policy.

And all of this comes as a blanket policy from the federal government that should never intervene in what is taking place at the state level or local level. I can assure you from first-hand knowledge that those making decisions are clueless of the ins and outs taking place in public schools. That is the liberal way though, not to have any common sense or any true facts, but to make policy based on liberal ideologies and make-believe.

Many, including Senator Marco Rubio, blame this policy on the school shooting where 17 people were murdered at a high school in Parkland, Florida by a former student. Rubio stated that “by asking states to set new standards for calculating what qualifies as a disproportionate amount of students when handing out disciplinary actions, the federal government actually incentivized schools to not report troubled students to law enforcement.”

Even though Trump recognized the fallacies in this policy and nixed it not too long after taking office, we are seeing school districts upholding this policy, even within our own school district.



Nancy & Denise



Greg & Shelby



OHS Broncho Legacy sang the National Anthem and entertained us with their beautiful voices!



Wallace & Traci



Claver, Dawn, Tish



Guest & Kathy



February Speaker Claver Kamau Imani spoke of

¹ Samuel Chapter 8 - Israel Asks for a King (1)When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as Israel’s leaders. (3) But his sons did not follow his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice. (4) So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. (5) They said to him, “You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.”

Samuel disagreed with them and prayed to the Lord. The Lord told him in v7 “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. v8 As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. v9 Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights.”

Samuel explained what the Lord had spoken! That the king would take over their sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses. Some will be commanders of thousands to plow his ground and reap his harvest. The king will take a tenth of everything you own, and you will become his slaves. v18 When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, but the Lord will not answer you in that day.” The people wouldn’t listen to Samuel and wanted the king. v22 The Lord answered, “Listen to them and give them a king.” Then Samuel said to the Israelites, “everyone go back to your own town”

The government believed they had replaced God. The government was taking more than a tenth for taxation. That’s wrong since the government can’t do what God can!

2 Corinthians 6 reminding us to separate ourselves from the ungodly. Have we not become slaves? Look at other states tax burden. California tax burden is 60%. Fruits of your labor are being taken by government by force, then they give fruits of your labor to their friends.

Texans we have some decisions to make! The United States of American was not intended to be like other nations. Other nations were to be like us, a unique experience. Fox news, Bryan Kilmeade did a documentary on the Alamo said American were at the Alamo not Texans! Texas Revolution. We are unique people, unique civilization. Texas will help each other. If Texans have a problem, then Texans will fix it.

Texans are a Jesus people. We are dedicated to Lord, Jesus Christ. The structure of Texas points to the heart of God’s word in the bible. That’s why we stand up against the Nell morality movement! It’s ungodliness. **Leviticus 18** tells us to protect the spiritual integrity of the land. Our way of life is under threat.

President Sam Houston prophecy would come true, That once again Texas would lift its head above the nations. Claver stated, we may have had problems with our power grid last week, but I would rather freeze to death than continue to live in the interior of Washington delegacy.

Claver encouraged everyone to re-read the Texas Bill of Rights and share with others.

Tyranny – there is no cause in all creation, no matter how desperate or benevolent it justifies the imposition of tyranny.



Always Hope for Us as Republicans by Sherry Hurt

CPAC, the Conservative Political Action Convention, is meeting February 24-28 in Orlando, Florida. Joe and I were extended an invitation to hear all the plans our Republican leaders are offering to make a difference in this crazy Signin' Biden/ Cabala Harris kind of a Upside Down World that we are currently living in. I look forward to sharing with you later what I learn there.

What I can share with you now though, is some important information from meeting with our GOP leaders. The past two weeks I have met with Colonel Allen West, Senator Rand Paul, AG Paxton, and heard Governor Abbott and Lt Governor Patrick. All these leaders shared the same opinion – our priority should be to work on issues at a local and state level.

People have been asking me, “What can I do?” There is much we can do as everyday citizens to make things better for our city and state! Mostly importantly, please reach out to Governor Abbott’s Office and tell him we are ready or Texas to lead the nation. We need to show other states how the BEST state in the Nation handles our Interests!!

Here are some issues Governor Abbott should file Executive Orders on as soon as possible:

1) **Voter Integrity.** We need to encourage our Texas Legislature to make sure that Texas follows the constitution and does not follow any of Biden’s EO’s or HB1 which basically legalizes voter cheating nationwide by allowing online voter registration, and not requiring proof of citizenship or identification.

2) **Address our Border and our Border Security** stating we will not abide by any of Biden’s EO’s opening borders to anyone but legal citizens. (According to (D) Cuellar, the main border towns that they want to cross over are in El Paso, and Brownsville.)

Texas AG Paxton filed a lawsuit stopping Biden from enforcing a 100 day deportation ban. This has helped immediately, but we need standing orders that state emphatically that we will protect our borders!!!

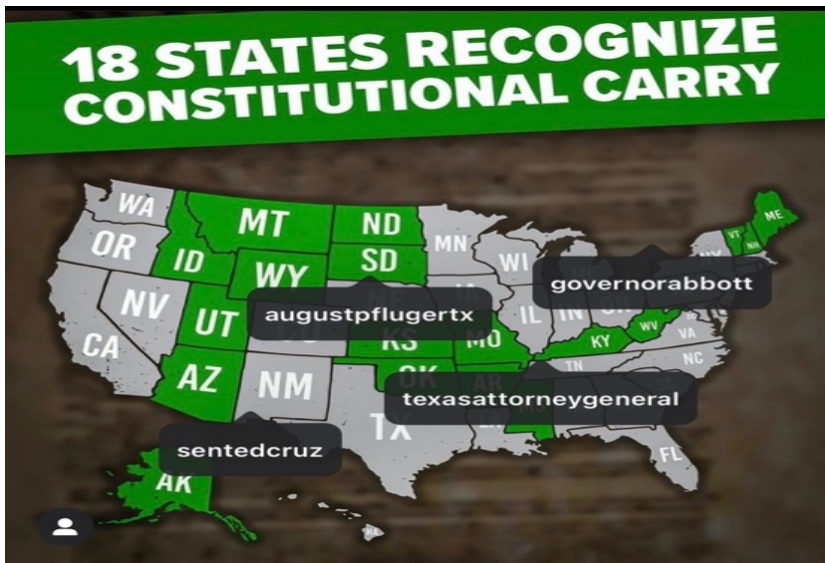
3) **Encourage Governor Abbott** to get to the bottom of the EO from Biden that affected our ability to get the energy we needed to be able to keep Texans from freezing to death during this recent electrical Shutdowns... (There were NO rolling blackouts!!) There were total shutdowns for days!! The protection to our grid offered by President Trumps EO’s were shut down by the Biden Administration. Texas has its own Electrical Grid and must protect and run it ourselves.

4) **Become a Constitutional Carry State...** 18 states recognize Constitutional Carry and there is NO reason Texas is not already!! With HB 127, which eliminates



The legislation, HB 1194, introduced by NEWLY ELECTED Republican state

- 5) Issue a blanket EO stating that Texas WILL NOT abide by, or obey ANY of the EO's that have been issued by the "Biden" administration. Period. This will address any EO's that will come up in the future. A new bill introduced in South Dakota's Republican-controlled House of Representatives aims to give



The state's attorney general the power to reject any executive order issued by President Joe Biden deemed to be unconstitutional.

Biden has issued a flurry of executive orders and actions during his first weeks in office, despite previously arguing that only "dictators" rule by executive

orders. Legislation HB 1194, introduced by newly elected Republican state Representative Aaron Aylward, hopes to rein in the president's executive power by authorizing the state to review certain executive orders that "restrict a person's rights."

So, Patriots, there is much to be done, and there is much each one of us can do!! I encourage all of you to call Governor Abbott's office often and make your voices heard!! (800-843-5789) If you prefer to mail the Governor, his address is:

Office of the Governor
PO Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711-2428.

Each one of us by ourselves cannot make a huge impact, but when one, tells one and then that one tells others, we can make a HUGE difference in this state and this land we

Love!!

God Bless the USA!!!

Sherry

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Rachel Malone our March Speaker

*Make your reservations now for our
luncheon on March 17th*

*11:30 -1:00 for general membership.
10:30 for VIP and Patron "Meet the Speaker"*

As Texas Director of Gun Owners of America, Rachel Malone advocates for the right to keep and bear arms. She regularly writes and speaks to Texas audiences and conducts workshops on the process for effective activism. Her passion is training Texans to safeguard liberty and justice for all. Rachel also participates regularly in Run n Gun biathlons and teaches defensive handgun and rifle. She has served as the Operations Director of the Texas GOP and was previously a professional classical musician.



Rachel Malone

Texas Director, Gun Owners of America

Our March entertainment will be Sydney Lyle, mother of three, wife of Brandon Lyle and daughter of David Lewallen.



OPD Honor Guard to present our colors. Led by Sgt. Jones on rifle, U.S. flag by Cpl. Galindo, TX flag Cpl. Pantajo and rear rifle Sgt. Vallejo.

We thank you for your service!

Invocation – Jamie Berryhill



About Our Organization...

Membership Handbooks are being processed. Make sure to pick one up at the March 17th meeting. **Wear a green hat!** We are having a hat competition, prize for the best decorated **St. Patrick's Day Hat!!**