

ECRW NEWSLETTER



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

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Special points of interest:

- Membership Renewals
- Stay in the know!
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- Caring for America
- Tom Giovanetti – April speaker

I joined the ECRW club back in 2019 when a friend asked me to sign up because the club was trying to be the #1 club in the nation. I did not understand anything except the club members were Republicans and since I was a Republican, it seemed like a good fit. Recently I had moved back to Odessa and was looking for opportunities to network.

I came to the monthly luncheons, heard amazing speakers, enjoyed a delicious meal, but that is where my actions stopped. I did not know all the amazing opportunities and influence the club members had access to.

As citizens of the United States of America we have the power to have influence. American is still a republic (a form of government in which the people hold power, but the elected representatives exercise that power). One of the priorities I set before the board this year was to not only educate, support, and promote Republican women and our party, but to provide opportunity for our members to gain knowledge and take action to use the power that is available to us. We are accomplishing this through several different avenues.

- Our monthly newsletter is evolving into a highly informative information provider.
- Our speakers are sharing practical action steps for us to take.
- We are emailing out action emails about how and who to reach out to during this legislative session.
- This month we will have our Ector County Republican Party Chairman give an informational session on poll watching and the importance of them during elections.

Let me once again remind you of our membership goal of 585, just as my friend asked me to join. Reach out and ask those in your circle to join ECRW, so they too can help educate, support, and promote the Republican party as we take action to keep Texas **RED**. As we each know, and chairman West echoed during his visit in February **we must hold Texas**. We must be bold, remembering that we hold the power, but we must exercise that power through action and remind those who come against the ideas we hold dear.



March Speaker Rachel Malone GOA



Protecting our gun rights!

Gunowners.org/Texas
Checkout website for more information.

HB 2557 School Volunteer Security Teams.

What this bill does:

- Allows schools to adopt a volunteer security program
- Volunteers must be veterans or qualified retired law enforcement (not employed by the school)
- Gives schools flexibility to decide how a volunteer provides security, including carrying a firearm
- Volunteers would be exempt from the general requirement to maintain a private security license

Current law:

- Although carry of firearms is generally prohibited on the premises of schools, Texas already allows school districts

to authorize carry in the manner they choose – including but not limited to the school marshal program (a very narrow and heavily regulated program), the “Guardian Program” (in which personnel simply attend a 16-hour training course promulgated by DPS), or any other regulations of the school’s choosing.

- However, even if the school authorizes carry by any LTC holders, it is currently a crime for LTC holders to work together as a team to provide security – even informally as a volunteer team – if they don’t get their security license. That’s why this bill is necessary, regardless of whether schools allow carry

Why we support this bill:

- In 2017, the Texas Legislature passed a bill to allow volunteer security teams at churches. As a result, Jack Wilson was able to stop the armed attacker at White Settlement Church and avoid a mass attack.
- Data shows that school shootings and mass attacks usually end when a good guy with a gun arrives.



Rachel Malone with Dick Saulsbury

- Many districts do not have funds to hire additional school resource officers. In many cases, a single resource officer is shared between multiple school. Paid officers simply can’t be everywhere.
- There are many highly qualified individuals who would be thrilled and honored to serve in this way.
- This bill would not mandate that any schools have volunteer security teams. Schools still need dedicated security!

History of Gun Control

- 1836: Republic of Texas
- 1860’s: War, Reconstruction
- 1870’s: Gun Ban – racist, elitist scheme
- 1995: LTC exception
- 2007: motor vehicle exception
- 2015: licensed open carry



Howard & Sandra Houston



Carolyn, Brenda, Jaye, Mary

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



Donna Kelm



Brenda, Donna, Jaye, Judy



Denise & Judy



Donna & Denise



Brenda, Jill, Jaye

Our hat competition was a huge success! We had more than what is pictured above. I would like to thank everyone that showed their true Irish spirit, whether your Irish or not.

1st Place was to a new member, Rosie Camacho winning a gift certificate to Grub Burger;

2nd Place Sandra Houston winning a prize from Wallace Dunn - Armory



CONVENTION AND AWARD TIME COMING UP

National Federation of Women will hold the 2021 National Convention in Orlando Florida on September 23-26. All 8 districts representing the 50 states plus D.C and Puerto Rico will be represented. Top political names will be speakers and many great workshops abound. Hopefully ECRW will be represented at this great event.



FLORIDA FRIDAYS

NFRW

Launching Leaders

National Federation of Republican Women

Orlando, Florida

September 23-26, 2021

TO JOIN THE FUN VISIT
NFRW.ORG/CONVENTION-ORLANDO

TFRW John G. Tower Club Achievement Award

This is what all Texas clubs work toward on a 2-year plan. We have monthly goals set and we get points for attaining these goals. Membership, speakers, campaign activities, legislative affairs are all part of the plan laid out for us. Getting members involved is foremost in such things as Leadership Day, Legislative Day, Quarterly Board Meetings and attending State Convention. Locally we register voters, work elections as poll watchers and ballot board on mail in voting. We have to submit the paperwork for this achievement award by June 1st.

Caring for America projects are due by August 1st. Literacy Project is another plan set up by TFRW. Before the end of May, we will be delivering Nick Adams books on the Constitution, Bill of Rights and Federal Papers to local libraries. Projects such as the recent food collection for Food Bank is part of Caring for America and the Border Patrol Project.





LEGAL DEFENSE
FOR
SELF DEFENSE



*Wallace Dunn &
Casey Chavez*



*Jessie Christensen
School Board Candidate*



*Jon Spires
Land Commissioner Candidate*



Want to be a Member, a Patron
or a VIP?
Check out our website ecrwodessa.com



*Sydney Lyle
Our beautiful Vocalist*



Our lovely "Badge" ladies

Upcoming Elections: May 1st

Ector County Independent School District Board of Trustees

Secretary Steve Brown	Position 5
Trustee Nelson Minyard	Position 7
President Delma Abalos –	Position 2
Trustee Chris Stanley vs Jesse Christesson	Position 4



Odessa College Board of Trustees

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

Vice Chairman Gary Johnson	Place 7
Secretary Larry Johnson	Place 5
J.E. “Coach” Pressley	Place 4

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

Medical Center Hospital Board

District 1	Bryn Dodd	District 3	Richard Herrera
District 5	Don Hallmark	District 7	Ben Quiroz vs Kathy Rhodes



Easter Sunday, April 4th

Spend time with family! Tell someone you care and love them! Share the word of our Lord! Do something for another person by paying it forward.



Easter is a time of reflection and a time to recognize the miracles that God has brought into our lives. My prayer is that you have the opportunity to experience His greatest miracle of all His eternal love. Happy Easter.

SK's BOLOGNESE



INGREDIENTS

- *Garlic Olive Oil
- *2 medium yellow onions, diced (can throw into food processor)
- *2 carrots, diced (can throw into food processor)
- *2 celery stalks (can throw into food processor)
- *10 cloves garlic chopped, not diced (I like a LOT of garlic, you may want to reduce)
- *1 pound spicy Italian Sausage (or ½ pound pancetta, whichever you like and can find)
- *1 pound ground beef (pick a nice one that's low in fat so you don't have a ton of grease in your pot)
- *1 pound ground veal
- *1 cup dry red wine
- *4 cups beef broth
- *1 LARGE can crushed tomatoes (San Marzano only)
- *1 cup cream
- *salt (to your liking)
- *freshly ground black pepper (to your liking)
- *fresh Italian herbs (parsley, basil and oregano to your liking)
- *FRESHLY GRATED PARM (trust me it's worth the effort to grate your own)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat the oil in a large heavy or Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Pop in veggies until they turn soft (don't let veggies burn).
2. Add the meats, pancetta, salt, and pepper and cook over medium-high heat, breaking up the meat with a wooden spoon until all pink is gone.
3. Add the wine and cook down. (This process takes a minute but it will change your life and how you look at Bolognese- too many people add in wine at the end and mix with the sauce. This shouldn't be a thing- EVER).
4. Add the broth, crushed tomatoes and Italian spices (to your liking). Bring to a gentle boil, then reduce heat to low. Cover with the lid slightly ajar and simmer for 1 hour and 30 minutes. Make sure you cook your sauce for a while, don't skip this step.
5. Add the cream to the sauce and stir to combine. Cover with the lid slightly ajar and simmer until the milk is absorbed and the meat is tender, about 30 more minutes. DON'T LET BURN. You'll be sad and I will be too.
6. When you cook your handmade pasta, remember it takes hardly ANY time at all. By the way- throw your pasta in the freezer after you cut it (while your sauce cooks) for a true al dente finish. It won't have that amazing bite if its room temp. Also, make sure your pasta water is SALTED before cooking. If you sauce is too thick, use some pasta water to thin it out. IT'S THE JAM.
7. Also, don't rinse your pasta after cooking, that will make me cry. Throw it in a pan with some butter and a tiny bit of olive oil. Then add the Bolognese to the pan and mix it together. (Also, I use fettuccini) but you can use whatever type of noodle you like. Just know that it's a thick, robust sauce and does better with a bigger noodle as its carrier).
8. Top with additional herbs and fresh parm. SO GOOD!



On March 12, first-term congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA) introduced the Protect America First Act to resolve the growing crisis. The bill contains a range of measures that might not be popular with Democrats but would make a real difference to the flood of illegals that are swamping our border.



MARJORIE GREENE
Representing the 14th District of Georgia

Rep. Greene Introduces 'Protect America First Act' to End Joe Biden's Border Crisis With Complete Immigration Moratorium For Four Years

Washington D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene introduced the Protect America First Act to end Joe Biden's crisis at the Southern border by halting all immigration for four years, funding and building the wall, expediting the deportation of illegal aliens, rescinding DACA & DAPA, and other measures protecting our national sovereignty.

"The 'Protect America First Act' is the most comprehensive and thorough piece of border security legislation to be introduced in the 117th Congress. When enacted into law, the 'Protect America First Act' will end the flood of illegal border crossings unleashed during the first 50 days of the Biden administration," Congresswoman Greene said about her groundbreaking immigration bill.

"Joe Biden is rewarding human traffickers and coyotes who smuggle illegal aliens across the border. My bill will end these Democrat-created incentives by stopping all immigration during the Biden administration. The 'Protect America First Act' will fund and finish the wall, defund sanctuary cities, expedite removal of illegal aliens, repeals Biden's radical executive orders, and so much more.

The 'Protect America First Act' is critical to secure our Southern border, conserve American culture, and defend U.S. sovereignty."

SPOTLIGHT..... Jill Miller



Hi there! I am Jill Miller and have the pleasure to serve ECRW in the role of badges for this year. I have been a member of ECRW for many years, however I did not play an active role in the organization until the last election. I have been very active on a state level in housing issues for many years, but this last election I felt a burning desire to step up and attend locally as well. I think it is very important that we all help to grow our local organization and help to make our voices heard on Republican issues for the future of America. One voice makes a difference, one vote makes a difference, and together we make an impact.

I am excited to be a part of the ECRW Board this year. I take providing badges for the members as a lot of fun and look forward to seeing everyone each month. I am excited about the new badges for this year. You may have noticed that they are a bit generic, but this will allow us not to have to make changes to them in the future and I hope to have fun ribbons for our next meeting so that you can customize your badge to be unique just like each of you. I am working hard to get orders in as quickly as I can so that everyone will have a badge and I appreciate all of your patience. It is important that we all get to know each other by name, and if you have a memory like I do, the badges sure do make this task a lot easier.



On a personal note, I am the Executive Director of Odessa Housing Finance Corporation (OHFC) and Odessa Affordable Housing, Inc. (OAH). We develop housing for low to moderate income families in Odessa. I have had the privilege of being with these organizations for 20 years this year. I am married to my husband Tommy for 24 years and have three Amazing children: Austin, Haley and Our Angel Hunter. I own my own Real Estate Company MILLERSTRONG Real Estate Group and enjoy going to the lake every chance that I get. I look forward to getting to know each of you and here's to a great year!

March Donations to WTFB



If you have never toured and seen what is happening at WTFB, you must go! They have a class act organization along with the National Guard handing out food. Money is the best way to support the food bank. Thank you, Craig Stoker for the tour! wtxfoodbank.org



Subject: Border Districts Contacts:

Texas:

Rep. Henry Cuellar: [\(202\) 225-1640](tel:(202)225-1640)

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Rep. Filemon Vela: (202) 225-9901

California:

Rep. Juan Vargas: (202) 225-8045

Arizona:

Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick: (202) 225-5452

Rep. Raul Grijalva: (202) 225-2435



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

***BORDER CARE PROJECT
IN APPRECIATION***

Caring for the Agents Who Protect Us

Hygiene Items Needed For Our Border Patrol Agents: Hand Sanitizer, Towelettes, Wound Wash, Bug Spray, Sun Screen.

First Delivery Will Be Late April to the Agents.

The Items are then Distributed to Field Agents on the Border.

Please Help Us Support Our Border Patrol!

Anyone interested in helping on the committee please let us know, the agents are in dire need of these supplies. Anyone planning a trip to any of the borders that would like to make a delivery please contact Donna Kelm 432-413-8894.



Kathryn Lewallen won one of our door prizes from Wallace Dunn. The drawing for pre-registering for the luncheon!



The Lewallen ladies Sherry Fox, Kathryn, and Sydney Lyle



↑ Steven Villela with Midland County Young Republicans
→ Rachel Malone, GOA
← Wallace Dunn



STRUCTURE OF FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

by..... Judy Calloway

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN aka NFRW

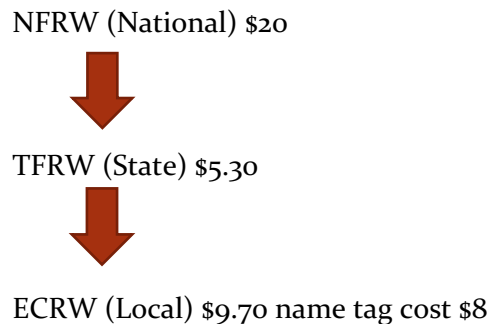
All 50 states plus District of Columbia and Puerto Rico that have Republican Women’s Clubs are under the umbrella of NFRW as the parent organization. Formed in 1938 the National organization is made up of elected officers and board of women from all over the United States. NFRW has over 57,000 female members divided into 8 Regions of the country. A director is elected for each region with Texas in Region 3 under Ellen Sojack. This region is made up of Ark, KS, LA, NMX, OK & TX with total of 277 clubs and 16,812 members. More members than any other region

TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN aka TFRW

Each state is under the guidance and rules set by NFRW with a state organization in control of the clubs in that state ours being TFRW in Austin. TFRW has elected officers and board members that are voted on at the State Convention held bi-annually. TFRW was formed in 1955 and ECRW became in a club in 1960. Texas has 31 senate districts and each of these has a District Director who is over the clubs in her SD currently ECRW Director is Dianne Hefley of Amarillo. There are a total of 161 clubs with 10,126 members in Texas. TFRW has authority over all clubs in Texas to assist or censor if by-laws are not followed.

ECTOR COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN PAC aka ECRW

Formed 1960 ECRW is one of under TFRW and NFRW and the third tier in this structure. The President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership and Programs are the main officers elected by the club. The board is made of members who have certain job descriptions. Our goal is to motivate, educate and support women in serving in the community in elected positions. The club has by-laws and many learning & serving opportunities to create support for conservative Christian values and the Republican platform. When you join ECRW you are a member of both TFRW, the state level and NFRW, the national level. We encourage women and men to belong to our club but only women can hold offices or serve on the board. ECRW was the largest Republican Women’s Club in America in 2019. Remaining the largest in Texas in the COVID shut down year of 2020. Below is the breakdown of your \$35 membership dues.





Congressman August Pfluger

It doesn't matter what kind of gun you restrict, criminals still hurt people. Let us protect ourselves.
You get to keep wealth you create & pass to your kids.

*Victor mentality is better than a victim mentality.
Free speech is absolute.
"Hate speech" is not an objective term.*

Midland County Young Republicans hosted Congressman Dan Crenshaw with dinner, silent auction and book signing. Steven and his team had a great turnout.

The left believe their lies and are buying the American people. Democratic strategy is pitting Americans against one another.



Congressman Dan Crenshaw The Conservative Guide to the Culture Wars



Steven Vilella Midland County Young Republicans

We are rewarding the loud people not the thinkers

*Utopianism
The belief in or pursuit of a state in which everything is perfect, typically regarded as unrealistic or idealistic.*





America is worthy of our love and patriotism.

The government has no right to shut down your business or invade your home without due process, even in pandemics.

Women should not have to compete against men in women's sports.

Verifying ID to vote is not racist. It is common sense.

Borders and national sovereignty are not racist or xenophobic.

You cannot have freedom without order, order without law, law without morality, morality without religion, or religion without GOD!

Innocent until proven guilty.

Personal responsibility is a virtue

Never give into cancel culture (but stay humble and apologize when you're wrong).



The founding was 1776, not 1619.

Stand for the anthem!

Policy that favors one race over another is not "social justice"

It's "Latinos" not Latinx.

Less abortion, more adoption!

Only women can be pregnant and breastfeed.

It's ok to lose in competitive sports, and second place trophies don't help anyone.

More police, not defund the police

We don't tear up the past, we learn from it.

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Tom Giovanetti
our April Speaker

Tom Giovanetti is president of the Institute for Policy Innovation (IPI), a public policy research organization based in Dallas, Texas

Make your reservations now for our luncheon on April 28th

**11:30 -1:00 for General Membership.
10:30 for VIP and Patron**

“Meet the Speaker”

Mr. Giovanetti writes for IPI and for other publications on a wide variety of policy topics including tax reform, intellectual property, Social Security personal accounts, communications policy, civil liberties and constitutional federalism, and is regularly published in leading papers including the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Times*, *Investor's Business Daily* and *The Dallas Morning News*. His most recent work has been on solving the student debt problem, the problem of judicial supremacy, urging state legislatures to override harmful municipal regulations, and implementing Social Security personal retirement accounts.



Our April entertainment will be Jerry Dugan

Ector County
Independent School
District Honor Guard
presented our colors.
Led by Sgt. Butts
We thank you for your
service!



About Our Organization...

**Membership Handbooks are being processed. Make sure to
pick one up at the April 28th luncheon**