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- Personal Responsibility
- Quality & Choice in Education
- Opportunity for All
- Freedom



TFRW Region No. 7
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Newsletter— Summer 2022

A Message from our President, Patty Castillo

We didn't stop.

Happy middle of summer Ladies and Gentlemen of MCRW! Our club, known unofficially as the hardest working group of Republicans in the world, didn't let the summer and 100+ degree heat stop us! We started off the summer by honoring our military who died while serving our country and defending our freedoms on Memorial Day. Then we went to the Republican Party of Texas Convention in Houston! I'm proud to say that over 60% of the delegates representing McLennan County were MCRW members! We handled important business of the Party, re-elected our SREC SD22 Chairwoman Devvie Duke and Chairman Jon Ker, defined our Legislative Priorities for the 2023 Texas Legislative Session and voted and approved our Party Platform! Please follow this link to find more information on the RPT Platform: <https://texasgop.org/platform/> and read the article later in the newsletter for the Legislative Priorities.



We can't stop.

In July, we welcomed an extraordinary speaker, Cole Hughes from *True the Vote*. Cole gave us an update on developments since the movie, 2000 Mules, and most importantly gave us a list of ways we can get involved in Election Integrity NOW! (Please look for his recommendations further along in this newsletter.) I had the privilege of hearing Catherine Engelbrecht, founder and champion of *True the Vote* at the July TFRW Board Meeting, and her words about the importance of our individual involvement are clear. To paraphrase, "It's all about the elections process and the foundation of that process is the data. This means that we must work to help clean up the voter rolls in each of our counties. We as Texans must work now."

... And we won't stop!

And now we begin the work that is the main objective of our club: WORK TO ELECT REPUBLICANS! Our kickoff to this important work will be at the August 9 General Meeting. We will have another outstanding speaker, Troy Jackson, who is THE republican we should all strive to be. He will educate and motivate us for the election season to come. We will also be asking for you to volunteer to work in several capacities –

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whichever fits your time and talents. But don't worry – we will train you! So, roll up your sleeves because no matter who you favored in the primaries, we are first of all REPUBLICANS, and we must be united in working to elect or re-elect REPUBLICANS. Just one word to motivate you on this – Beto?

I am so proud of each and every one of you, and I am privileged and honored to serve you.

Patty

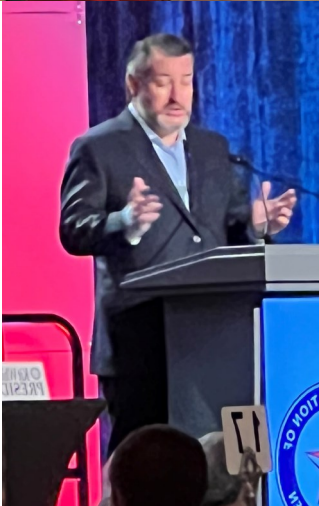


MEMORIAL DAY 2022





2022 TEXAS GOP CONVENTION
JUNE 16-18 ★ HOUSTON
LIFE ★ LIBERTY ★ TEXAS



Research and Legislation Chair - Devvie Duke

We made it through State Convention! It was exciting to see many “first time” delegates from McLennan County. I hope you had a great experience and learned things that will make us all even more effective for the next Convention.

The grassroots worked hard at convention, and the Republican Party has its 2022 Platform and the Top 8 Legislative Priorities for the 88th Session (2023-2024) of the Texas Legislature.

Chairman Matt Rinaldi said, “These priorities indicate that Republican delegates want our legislature to prioritize protecting our rights, our borders, and our children.”

The Legislative Priorities for the 88th Session (2023-2024) of the Texas Legislature are:

- **Protect our Elections:** Restore felony penalties and enact civil penalties for Election Code violations, which shall be enforceable by any Texas jurisdiction, including the Texas Attorney General. Require citizenship verification of each voter. Restrict the distribution of mail-in ballots to only disabled, military, and citizens that are out of county. Reduce the time allowed for early voting and eliminate the three-day gap between early voting and election day. Establish closed primaries in Texas. As technology evolves, we encourage the passage of legislation that ensures the security of our elections.
- **Ban Democrat Chairs:** To ensure all legislative Republican priorities are given a fair opportunity to become law, the Republican-controlled Texas legislature shall adopt a rule that would end the practice of awarding committee chairmanships to Democrats.
- **Abolish Abortion in Texas:** Abolish abortion by ensuring the right to life and equal protection of the laws to all preborn children from the moment of fertilization, including adopting effective tools to ensure the enforcement of our laws to protect life when district attorneys fail to do so.
- **Stop Sexualizing Texas Kids:** Repeal Texas Penal Code “Obscenity Exemption” 43.24(c), which allows children access to harmful, explicit, or pornographic materials and 43.25(f)(2-3), which allows sexual performance by a child. In addition, prohibit teaching, exposure, and/or discussion of sexual matters (mechanics, feelings, orientation, or “gender identity” issues), and prohibit use or provision of related books and other materials using criminal, civil, or other enforcement measures.
- **Ban Gender Modification of Children:** Texas must ban chemical castration, puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, genital mutilation, bodily alteration surgery, psychological/social transitioning, and any other methods applied to or performed on children.
- **Secure the Border and Protect Texans:** Texas shall immediately deny all taxpayer funded services and subsidies to illegal aliens. We call upon the Governor to assert his duty under Article 1, Section 10, Clause 3 of the US Constitution to declare an invasion on our Texas border and do everything in his power to protect Texans from this invasion. The legislature shall direct the Governor to enter into an Interstate Compact with one or more states for Border Security.
- **Parental Rights and Educational Freedom:** Parents are the primary decision makers for their children in all matters. This authority shall be protected as an inalienable right. This shall include the choice of schooling where the money follows the child without strings attached, and enforcement and penalty mechanisms when parents’ rights are violated. The right to education shall be free from any social theories.
- **Defend Our Gun Rights:** Protect our gun rights against threats, such as red flag laws, federal, state, or other restrictions by strengthening and preserving our inalienable rights under the second amendment to protect our life, liberty, and property. The Texas Legislature should eliminate gun-free zones.

We will kick off our legislation efforts in September with a special program so watch your email. If you are interested in participating in the Legislation & Research Committee for MCRW, please contact Devvie Duke at sd22duke@gmail.com.

You can find the full Republican Party of Texas Platform at TexasGOP.org.



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2022 Top Eight Legislative Priorities:

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Defending Our Gun Rights

Caring for America Chair - Connie Stamps

As usual, our Caring for America donations have been greatly appreciated for the second quarter of 2022. Carenet and Blessing Bag stuffing participation has shown how much we truly care about people. The most recent request from Caritas for donations for much needed fans during this hot summer will help many who are suffering now.

Many thanks for all that you do!

THANK YOU!

Red Readers Chair, Sara Jones

How to beat the Texas heat: Stay inside and read books! MCRW Red Readers can help you with that. This group loved to read with a purpose. Sometimes I look at the books we have been reading for the past few years, and I think we should each get a diploma!

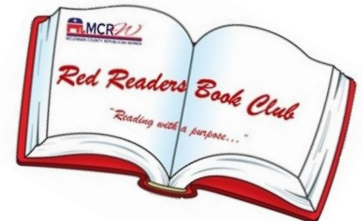
Our current selections are an excellent example of our subject range. July found us reading **United States of Fear: How America Fell Victim to a Mass Delusional Psychosis** by Mark McDonald M.D. This book certainly challenged each of us to think outside the box. The August selection is at the number one spot on the New York Times Best Seller List. **Battle for the American Mind: Uprooting a Century of Miseducation** by Pete Hegseth with David Goodwin is the “untold story of the progressive plan to neutralize the basis of our Republic” through the school system. It’s quite a read indeed!

Reading with a purpose doesn’t always have to be political or non-fiction. Sometimes it can be for the pure joy of an excellent author or a glimpse into history. The following are three of my favorites from this summer:

1. **The Personal Librarian** by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray
This fascinating novel is based on the true story of Belle da Costa Greene. Belle was a brilliant black woman who passed as white her whole life. She built J P Morgan’s Pierpont Morgan Library into the masterpiece it is today. It wasn’t until her death that her race was revealed.
2. **Eternal** by Lisa Scottoline
A fascinating and heartbreaking look into Rome, Italy, during the rise of Mussolini and WW2.
3. **Remarkably Bright Creatures** by Shelby Van Pelt
Along with thousands of others, I am now in love with Marcellus McSquiddles, one of the best octopuses that ever starred in a novel.

“You don’t have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them.”

- Ray Bradbury



Your MCRW Board meets
on the third Tuesday of
each month at 10 a.m. at
the Waco Central Library.



Membership Chair, Cheryl Lenamon

A whopping 388 down and only 12 new members to go to meet our 2022 Membership Goal of 400. Thanks to our members who have reached out to their friends, neighbors, and sometimes ladies they meet at the grocery store! Good for you!

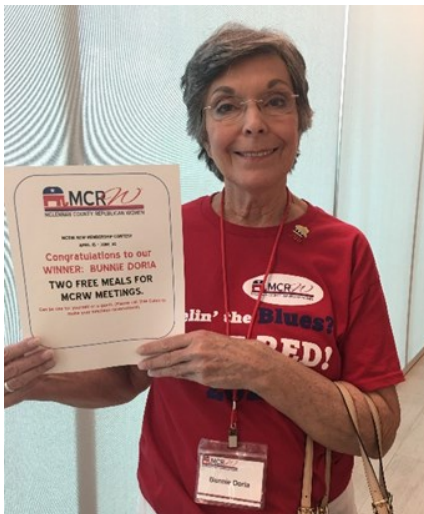
Our Spring/Summer Membership Contest ended July 1, and winners were announced at our July 12 meeting. **CONGRATULATIONS** to our winners. **Angela Granger** (FIVE new members) won a therapeutic massage and gift basket donated by Barbara Cross, owner of Refresh Massage Therapy. **Bunnie Doria** (THREE new members) won two free lunches for MCRW Meetings.

Our 2022 membership contest will conclude in September with a prize for the member who brought in the most new members throughout the year.

T-SHIRTS FOR SALE at MONTHLY MEETINGS



Pick one up for \$20 while we still have your size!



Our T-Shirts are walking billboards and conversation starters! **Bunnie Doria** wears her shirt shopping and signed up a new member by talking up our club at the grocery store. Congratulations to **Angela Granger** who signed up 5 new members! Go, Ladies!



NEW MEMBER PIZZA PARTY ORIENTATION

Our N.M. PIZZA PARTY was held on April 21st at the McLennan County Republican Headquarters to a packed house. These ladies (and men) are motivated and already getting involved. Our next orientation will be held in the Fall.

See pictures on next page!





Our next big event will be to celebrate reaching our goal of 400 MEMBERS, and to kick off Get Out The Vote activities for the 2022 election, where we Keep Texas Red and take over the U.S. House and Senate. MCRW will host a Rally/ PARTY for our entire membership. Date TBA.

Get involved in Election Integrity

- Volunteer with the elections department or political party
- Volunteer with a candidate or campaign
- Familiarize yourself with the laws, processes, and procedures that govern your local elections, and the roles of local officials and their individual and combined responsibilities.
- Lobby your elected officials and law enforcement for transparent elections and strict adherence to established election laws and procedures, and accountability when those laws and procedures are not followed.
- Nominate your Sheriff for Protect America Now – visit protectamerica.vote
- Submit Open Records Requests to learn what is happening at the local and state level. If you have questions, ask us and our team will help.
- Build groups inside of your larger organizations - find likeminded people with a similar desire to make an impact, complimentary skillsets, and combine efforts locally to work towards election integrity.
- Network! We've spoken to groups from California to New Jersey and many places in between. Connect, share ideas, learn what people are trying in other areas, and combine forces for good.
- Encourage friends and family to be mindful of their election experiences, and to ask questions or report issues that do not seem right. File reports with your county, your state, and fill out a report on the TTV Tip Line.
- Use the Texas Secretary of State's tool to look up and verify your registration information. Get your friends and family to do the same.
- We have to be about solutions – be proactive in finding ways to be a value-add and force-multiplier!

TRUE THE VOTE

Political Activities Chair, Angelika Hoehner

Political Activities News

In April, NFRW announced new guidelines for counting campaign hours. Among the exciting new guidelines are that hours spent working as an Election Officer, Poll Watcher, Challenger, or Election Integrity Worker, even if paid on a **temporary** status, those hours can now be counted. If working for a Republican Campaign or Republican Party and receiving a salary, those hours do not count. All other volunteer hours supporting Republican values and issues count. Also in the new guidelines, there is language that indicates time at a general meeting may now be counted, but there is no need for you to compute the time spent or travel to a general meeting. To facilitate this reporting, we have created a formula that accounts for both travel time and time spent at general meeting for each member and associate member who attends a general meeting. If you have any questions about activities that may or may not count, please contact Angelika Hoehner at propertygirl@icloud.com. Please report your campaign hours each month at the MCRWPAC website. To quote NFRW, "When in doubt, count the hours!"

As we head toward the election cycle, those members who have been certified as Volunteer Deputy Registrars (VDRs) will have numerous opportunities in the coming months to work at Voter Registration Day events. The last day to register voters for the November election is October 11, so there will be many opportunities to reach out to those in our county who are not registered to vote. Watch your emails for future details on these volunteer opportunities.

MCRW Calendar of Events

August 9 – MCRW General Meeting and GOTV Kickoff!

August 16 – MCRW Board Meeting, Waco Central Library

August 25 – Book Club "Battle for the American Mind"

September 13 – MCRW General Meeting - Legislative Priorities

September 17 – TFRW Tribute to Women Luncheon, Georgetown

September 20 – MCRW Board Meeting, Waco Central Library

August 9 Guest Speaker

- Troy B. Jackson, PhD
- *“The Persistent Happy Warrior”*
- *Precinct Chair since 1990*

Kick off 2022 Election Work!



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