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- Free Market System
- Decrease in Regulation
- Balance of Power
- Personal Responsibility
- Quality & Choice in Education
- Opportunity for All
- Freedom



*TFRW Region No. 7
Senate District No. 22*

Newsletter - Fall 2024

A Message from our President, Stephanie West

Dear Members of MCRW,

As we close out this year all I can say is WOW! What an amazing year 2024 has been. I first want to say "Thank You" to you, our members. Thank you for your support as I unexpectedly stepped into the role of President. I have appreciated the faith you placed in me as we navigated this crazy political year. I could not have done this year without you.

We started the year off with a competitive Primary season in March. Thank you to all the candidates who stepped up to run for office. It is not always an easy task to put yourself out there and run a campaign, but this is the best example of our democracy at work. In the end, no matter the outcome (whether your candidate won or lost) we are all still Republicans in the end and we all support the conservative values we hold near and dear to our hearts.

This year we had our State Republican Convention in San Antonio. Our McLennan County delegation was one of the largest groups for CD17 and SD22. We were also able to send 3 of our own members to the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee in July. Our two members Denise Ballew and Patty O'Day, plus Hayden Head, Associate member, represented McLennan County and Texas with pride.

The national elections were no different; it ran our emotions on a wild and crazy roller coaster ride all year long. Thank you to all those who volunteered and the countless hours you spent at phone banking, texting, block walking, voter registration, and volunteering at headquarters or for candidates. This is what "grassroots" work is all about: boots on the ground, putting in the time, and working together for a common goal! Thanks to your efforts, we were victorious in November. We elected more Republicans than ever before,

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we flipped seats, and we ousted failing Republican candidates. With the successful campaigns to re-elect Senator Ted Cruz and to return President Donald Trump to the White House, we also **Kept Texas RED!** We also want to acknowledge one of our own, Gina Parker, elected to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 7. We are so proud of all our elected officials and for their service to our community and state.

With the start of 2025, my hope is that you will stay involved as we concentrate our efforts towards the Legislative issues of Texas. Attending our monthly meetings is vital to keeping abreast of the issues and continuing our grassroots efforts as we focus on the issues before us. We want to make our club to be the best working club in McLennan County and in Texas. I look forward to continuing our momentum into 2025!

Together we are a mighty force!

Sincerely,

Stephanie West, MCRW President

Membership Chair, Patty Notgrass

The McLennan County Republican Women's (MCRW) membership team has been busy this year. We have 265 members and 78 associate members. Our club is the third largest group in the state according to the Texas Federation of Women. To get to this large number, we have encouraged our members to invite their friends to meetings, held membership contests, and reached out to those who visited our meetings through emails and phone calls. The club uses online registration for meetings, and we always have lunch for those who attend. Food always helps! Also, our upbeat meetings that are information packed and always have great speakers makes a huge difference in helping us attract new members. We are about to finish off 2024 with a New Member Orientation meeting. At the meeting, we will give our newest members the most important information on the mission of the organization and how they can fit into the mission as a volunteer and an ambassador for MCRW. We will continue to do all we can to grow our club!

Lorna Kahutek - Chaplain

I am serving as Chaplain for the McLennan County Republican Women for 2024-2025. I have led the prayer to begin the MCRW general and board meetings, and this has been a real honor for me this year. I have prayed for unity and strength in the Republican Party and in our nation. I thank God that we are electing godly candidates with conservative values—one of MCRW's main goals. I look forward to what we can accomplish with God's help in 2025: in America, in Texas, and in TFRW. Glory to God! 🙏



Caring For America, Karen Lane

We have partnered with many worthy organizations which serve our communities. Project Life Force, which teaches children how to become successful business leaders, recently received some donations of school supplies. Crime Victims Services, a program which is part of the office of our county District Attorney, also received supplies of all kinds so that children could be in a safe place while their parents are dealing with legal problems. We've also received donations for Veteran's One Stop, the Family Abuse Center, and for blessings bags given to pro-life organization Sidewalk Advocates. Friends for Life is also on our radar, especially as the holidays come around. McLennan County Republican Women are some of the most generous souls in Texas, and we appreciate their diligence in always being a force in the Waco community!



Your MCRW Board meets
on the third Tuesday of
each month at 11a.m. at
the Waco Central Library.



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