

July 2026

TFRW Region VII, Senate District 22



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A Message from the President

Dear Members and Friends of MCRW,

What a spectacular 4th of July Event! We celebrated America 250 by dancing to the great 10-piece band, The All Funk Radio Show, we ate from an all-American menu, and finished the evening with an awe-inspiring fireworks display at Touchdown Ally. It was truly an evening to remember and a fabulous time celebrating our Country.

The next day, we honored our local Veterans by providing a fried chicken dinner to the men and women who served our country so valiantly. It was a highlight to hear their stories and learn about their service to our country.

I love how the women and men of MCRW truly love their country and want to give back to all those to whom we owe a debt of gratitude. Kudos to all of you who came out to celebrate America 250 and to honor our Veterans.

Enjoy July, and I'll see you in August.

Patty



No July Meeting

August General Meeting



Pete Sessions
United States
Representative
17 Congressional District

Guest Speaker:
Pete Sessions
Congressional Update

August 11, Baylor Club
Reservations Close Friday at Noon, Aug. 7



Honors Our Veterans

Please bring to the August Meeting for the Veterans at One Stop:

Ramen noodles, spam,
condiments (jelly,
ketchup, mayo, mustard,
syrup) pancake mix,
cornbread mix, chips,
cookies, candy, juice,
pretzels, popcorn, soda.



NEWS FROM THE GOP CONVENTION



The really good news is that we, the grassroots, are stronger than ever. We voted D'rinda Randall and David Covey Chairman & Vice Chairman of the Texas Republican Party. A resounding victory for us.

Speaking to thousands of delegates at the George R. Brown Convention Center in downtown Houston, Governor Abbott suggested the party will close its primaries to only Republicans, a priority of GOP activists that would require primary voters to register with the party. The governor also renewed his call to ban local governments from sending lobbyists to Austin — known among critics as taxpayer-funded lobbying — and encouraged the Legislature to adopt his plans for regulating data centers, slashing property taxes and taking a hard line on immigration.

NEWS FROM THE GOP CONVENTION



This says it all!



Paige was a BIG hit.



Thank You
MCRW
Delegates!!

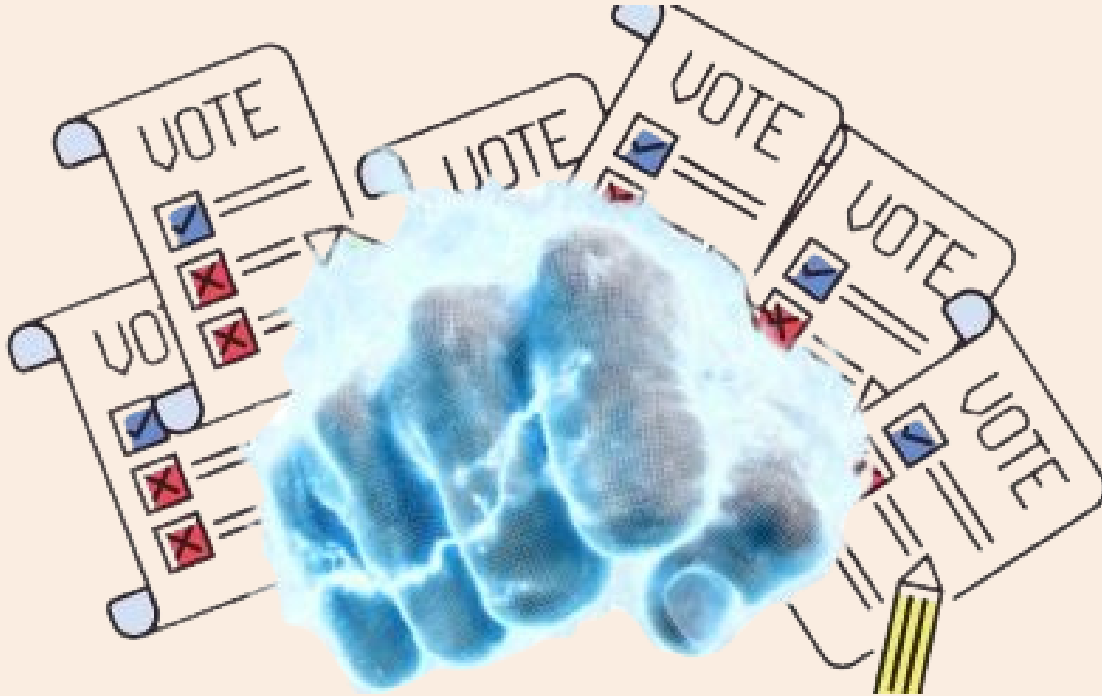


Here's DJ Daniels, who captivated us all. Despite being overlooked by Democrats after President Trump commended his bravery in battling cancer, we honored him with a standing ovation and heartfelt hugs.



POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

This summer MCRW volunteers are joining hundreds across the country to take back the power. These volunteers are making sure every vote is fair, and every vote counts



They are helping to review voter rolls and contribute to an accurate, up-to-date database. Thank you, Debbie Wolgemuth, and Nancy Keaton, for spearheading this effort for us.

Register Voters 7/25 & 7/26

Calling all VDR's that would like to help at
the Waco Gun Show, BASE at Extraco Events Center.
Contact Nancy Keaton @ NNKeaton@gmail.com

Stay tuned: By the fall, we will be organizing teams for
"Get Out the Vote". We need your help for this very
important Midterm Election.

MEMBERSHIP

We Did It!!!

MCRW met the challenge and raised our membership by 110% over last year.

To make that happen, we held a Membership Dash Contest. The winner received a \$100 Gift Certificate and an American 250 Tumbler.

Congratulations
Rebecca Eubank!



Membership as of June 10th

**236 Members &
72 Associates
308 Total Members**

Membership Levels

REGULAR MEMBER	\$40
ASSOCIATE MEMBER	\$30
PATRON	\$100
SILVER SPONSOR BOARD	\$250
GOLD SPONSOR BOARD	\$500

**Here's where your
Membership Fees go:**

**\$25 from each member
goes to NFRW/TFRW for
yearly dues.**

**The remainder pays for
support of GOP Candidates
and club administration.**

Attention New Members

New Member Orientation

Our next new member orientation will be held at the Republican Headquarters in late August or early September.

Learn about MCRW and find out how you can get involved.

Watch your email for details.





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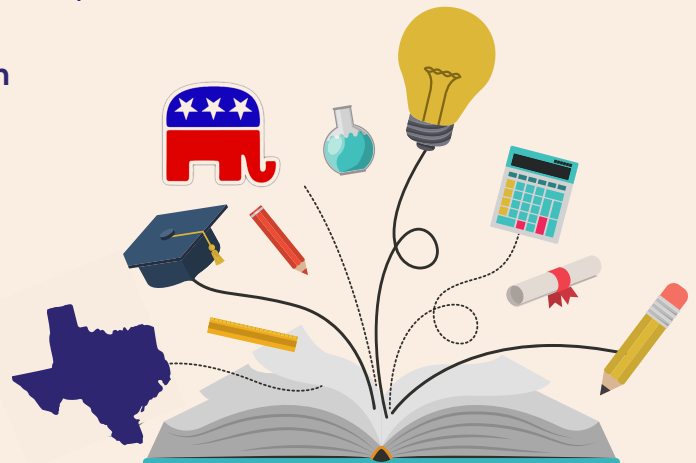
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MCRW University is now in session

If you missed the first two sessions, Republican 101 in May, and Ethics in Political Leadership in June, you can pick up the third session in August. Our instructor, Rebecca Eubank is walking us through our Government structure, how the courts work, how bills pass through the House and Senate, and how the grassroots fits in. To make your reservation, contact Rebecca Eubank at raeubank16@gmail.com



Get to know our local Judges



The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals is the highest court of Texas for criminal cases, including exclusive jurisdiction over death-penalty appeals. The court is the final arbiter of criminal law in Texas, ensuring that the criminal proceedings comply with both the Texas and U.S. Constitutions. Its decisions shape how criminal statutes are interpreted, how trials are conducted, and how rights are protected in criminal proceedings. There are 9 judges who are elected statewide with three of them on the ballot every two years. They serve 6-year terms.

Q & A

with Judge Gina Parker
Texas Court of Criminal Appeals,
Place 7

Q. What made you decide to become a judge, and who were your mentors along the way?

A. After reading the Stephens decision in late 2021, I began to give serious consideration to run for the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. This landmark decision abruptly stripped the Texas Attorney General of long-standing authority to unilaterally prosecute election fraud, leaving Texans undefended from election fraud when local district attorneys refuse to prosecute these cases. This holding thwarts the will of the electorate. So, I decided to run for office in 2024.

The most important mentor for me was conservative icon Phyllis Schlafly, who founded Eagle Forum. Shortly after graduation from law school, with her encouragement, I traveled across Texas and lectured on the Bill of Rights. As a result, I was awarded the Outstanding Eagle Forum Award for dedicated work in support of the United States Constitution. Mrs. Schlafly's book *The Supremacists: The Tyranny of Judges and How to Stop It* emphasized constitutional originalism, judicial restraint, and opposition to judicial activism. Because I shared this judicial philosophy, I authored the study guide for this book.

Also, I had the honor to serve as her Judicial Reform Chair. But what I remember most about her was watching her kneel to pray one evening. Her commitment to God and country made an indelible mark on my life.

Q & A

with Judge Gina Parker

Judicial service is also in the family genes. My great, great-grandfather, J.J. (Dad) Padgett, served as Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, McLennan County. Before being elected JP, he was a constable and served as a deputy sheriff for 16 years. He was a prominent historical figure and known for his colorful courtroom activity. He was called “The Marrying Judge” because of the numerous marriages he officiated.

He was also known for pragmatically running a busy courtroom. It is said he used his gavel like an axe to keep order in the courtroom. He would often bark to the spectators, “The next man who opens his mouth to laugh will find out what the inside of a jail cell looks like. I’m the only one paid to talk here.” But it is what was written on his grave that is most impressive: “He was loved by God and man. An honest man is the noblest work of God.”

Q. What accomplishment in your career are you most proud of?

A. I’m proud of the opportunity I’ve had to serve Texans in many different capacities. I served for more than eight years as Commissioner and Chair of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, where I oversaw administrative appeals and regulatory matters.

My experience has included serving as a criminal defense attorney, prosecutor, and city attorney, giving me a broad perspective of our justice system. For more than 30 years, I’ve advocated constitutional principles and the importance of the rule of law. Beyond the legal field, I founded a business that supports charitable causes and second-chance employment opportunities, and I’ve worked through my ministry Hands of Hope to serve women in crisis and meet other community needs. I’m also the author of two books, *The 828 Journey* and *Hush Little Baby*.

Q. How do you navigate personal views when making judgments that conflict with them but align with the law?

A. As a judge, my duty is to uphold the law and not to impose my personal opinions or preferences. There may be times when my personal views differ from the outcome required by the law, but I took an oath to follow the Constitution and apply the law as written.

Q. How would you like to be remembered?

A. I would like to be remembered as a conservative originalist voice whose career reflected that judges must uphold the law rather than reshape it. More importantly, I want to be remembered as someone who loved God and people, and like my great, great-grandfather, to be remembered as a person loved by God and man.

“I am proud of the opportunity I have had to serve Texans in many different capacities”

Spring/Summer Round-Up

Just in case you missed some of our fun and meaningful events.

**MCRW May
General Meeting:
We celebrated
being the #1 Club
in Texas.**



Celebrating Women Veterans



**MCRW June
General Meeting:
we honored our
members and
their daughters
who served our
country and we
learned more
about Veterans
One Stop.**



On July 4th We Celebrated Our Independence



with Music, Dancing,
All-American Food,
Fireworks, Friends & Fun.



Thanks to our Generous Sponsors
who made the evening one to
remember:

U.S. Rep. Pete Sessions

State Rep. Pat Curry

State Rep. David Cook

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Patty & Ivan Castillo

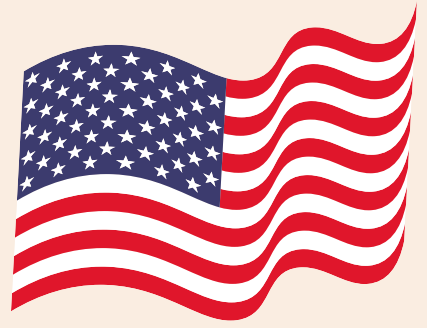
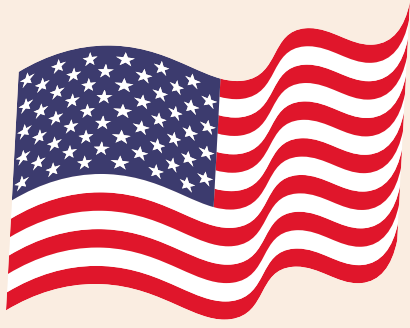
Barbara & Herb Cross

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Thanks to all who bought cupcakes. We sold out! All proceeds benefit our local Vets!

On July 5th We Celebrated Our Veterans



To show our appreciation to the Veterans who fought for our freedoms, we served a chicken dinner at Veterans One Stop in Waco.

Thank you to **Veterans One Stop**, **Blanek's Catering**, **HEB** and **Jenifer Edgett Veteran Band** for making our luncheon a huge success. **And May God Bless America!**



Exciting News!
The Curtains at the
Hippodrome will open in
October to . . .



Katie Hopkins



Batsh*t Bonkers in the USA

MCRW
Comedy Night

Stay Tuned

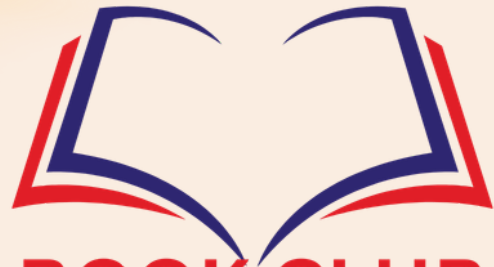


Mark Your Calendars - 4th Thursdays

NO RED READERS IN JULY



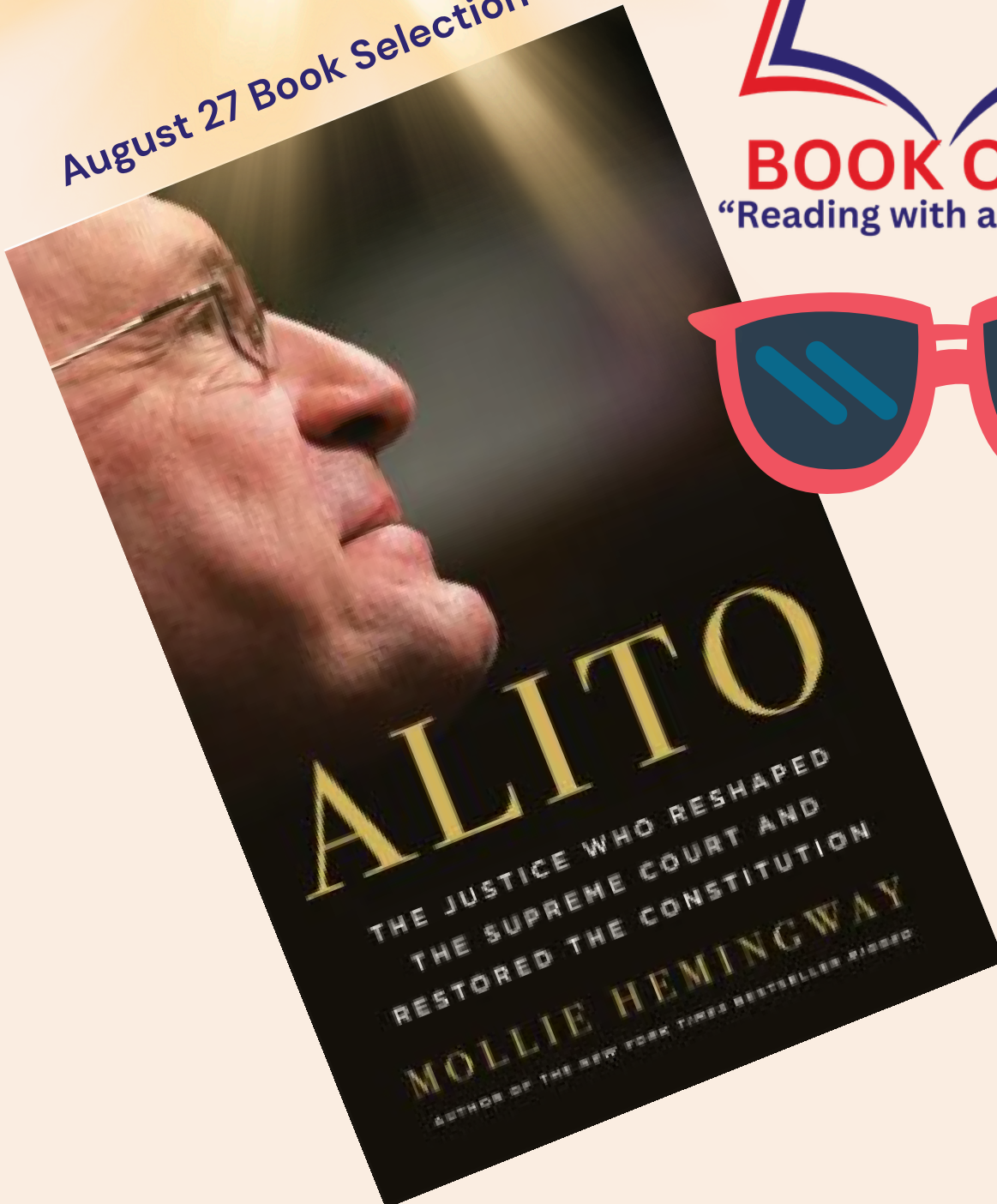
RED READERS



BOOK CLUB
"Reading with a purpose"



August 27 Book Selection



Join us from 11:30 to 1:30 at Our Breakfast Place.
Come early to order lunch.



**Caring
for
America**

VA BINGO



Every 2nd Thursday of the month,
we play Bingo with the Vets at
Veterans One Stop, 2010 LaSalle
Ave. Waco.

If you would like to come and join
the fun from 12:45 to 3PM, or
donate a prize such as an HEB
gift card, email Ellie Cates:
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