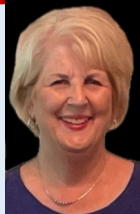




The Bell Ringer

Liberty Belles Republican Women Newsletter - Q1 2025 Edition

Message from our President:



This year is flying by! It's already April, Springtime and the Second Quarter of 2025.

Liberty Belles RW have been busy. We've had 3 General Meetings with excellent speakers, we successfully hosted our Mardi Gras themed fun-raiser, several members attended Legislative Day in Austin in March and we have our first Membership Social planned for April 15th. We had a great time working at Robert Walker's Fundraiser and look forward to serving other dedicated Republican leaders of our community. Caring for America has donated Lap blankets and snacks to the Willis Convalescent Center, monetary donations to Conroe Meals on Wheel and the TLC Foodbank as well as collection of food items to donate to TLC.

We have several goals for 2025 for LBRW. One of the goals is to increase membership, not only new members but retention of or contact with previous members. If you know of members that are not receiving notification of meetings or events, please contact me because we fear some notices are ending up in Spam or Trash email.

Another goal is to better report campaign activities hours. Most of us report fewer hours than we spend by attending political meetings, working the polls, listening to podcasts or watching the news. Hours for Jan-March are due by April 15. (See WHAT COUNTS for determining campaign hours)

Let's work together to SERVE and

KEEP MONTGOMERY COUNTY RED!

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Williamson, President LBRW

Activities



Mardi Gras "Fun" Raiser

LBRW members and guests enjoyed a fabulous evening of great food, fun and fundraising at the Mardi Gras Fund Raising Party.

Thanks to Mary Lu Divilbliss and her committee for planning and executing this outstanding event. Thanks also go to everyone who bought a sponsorship and/or purchased auction items at the event. The fundraiser was very successful and raised substantial funds.

**Join us for a
TAX DAY
Membership
Social
at
The
Panorama Golf
Pavillion!
(Directly across from
the Golf Club)**

**Please bring a
prospective
new
member!**



*Liberty Belles
Republican Women*

Membership Social



**TAX DAY
APRIL
15**

5:00 - 7:00 pm
Wine & Appetizers will be provided
Panorama Golf Club Pavillion
73 Greenbrier Dr.
Conroe, TX 77304

LBRW 2025 Officers



Officers Pictured Left to Right:

Janet Thompson, Treasurer

Marisa Chambers, 1st VP Programs

Jane Williamson, President

Mary Lu Divilbliss, 3rd VP Marketing

Portia Brown, 2nd VP Membership

Judi Thomas, Secretary



LBRW Caring for America



LBRW continued to support non profit organizations in 2025:

- Donation for Willis Convalescence Home
- Donation to Meals on Wheels
- Donation to TLC Food Pantry
- Food drive for TLC Food Bank in April & May (Please bring rice & beans to the April & May meetings)

Treasurers Report

We began the year with a balance of \$68,282.01. We brought in income of \$1134 from membership and \$17,806.05 from our Mardi Gras Fund Raiser. We had expenses of \$1,378.42. Our balance on hand as of 3/31/2025 is \$85,843.64



Membership

If you haven't already, now is the time to renew your LBRW membership. Help increase our membership by inviting your friends, neighbors, daughters - anyone who would like to join us.

Membership Opportunities

Active Membership \$35/year

Associate Membership \$25/year (Men and members of other Republican Women Clubs)

Young Affiliates \$15/year (teenage women ages 13 - 17)

Complete the form online @

www.libertybellesrw.com and pay via PayPal

For renewal, if there is no change in your information AND renewal is done with PayPal, a membership form is not required to renew membership. Or mail your form and check to:

LBRW
PO Box 1081
Conroe, TX 77305

Our Next Meeting...

April 10th 5:30 pm @ Panorama Golf Club



Don't Harris County our Montgomery County Courthouse!

JOIN US FOR DINNER AND DISCUSSION OF OUR COURTHOUSE FACILITIES AND THE FUTURE OF JUSTICE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY!

The courthouse is outdated, outgrown, and unsecure. Judges Laird and Bays will tell us about the need for a new courthouse.

Previous 2025 Meeting Updates

January 9th Meeting

Jason Millsaps, Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, shared a presentation on the various duties of his department. Jason's department works with many agencies within our county and across our state. Members were invited to schedule a tour of his office.



March 27th Meeting

Guest panel Holly Arbuckle, District Director for Congressman Morgan Luttrell, Sarah Henry - Staff Assistant for Will Metcalf and Ivan Canales, Staff assistant Brandon Creighton shared information on the role of the being a political staffer.



Upcoming Meetings

April 10	Evening Meeting	Presentation by Judges Laird & Bays
May 8	Lunch Meeting	Chord Busters Singing followed Presentation by Jessica Steinmann
Meetings will resume in September...		
September 11	Lunch Meeting	Presentation by Sheriff Wesley Doolittle
October 9	Dinner Meeting	Presentation by Judge Echo Hutson
November 13	Lunch Meeting	Presentation by Congressman Morgan Luttrell



Liberty Belles College Scholarship Award

We are offering a great SCHOLARSHIP opportunity for Republican Women that are residents of Montgomery County.

This Scholarship is geared to Republican Women that have a minimum of 30 college hours completed and a GPA of 3.0 or better.

What a great opportunity for you, your daughter, granddaughter, friends and Neighbors!

The application can be found at
www.libertybellesrw.com

Texas Federation of Republican Women Legislative Day

Several Liberty Belles were among the More than 500 Republican Women who attended TFRW's advocacy training on March 21st in Austin.



Campaign Activities - Please see the policy for reporting political/campaign hours below.

GENERAL POLICY FOR COUNTING POLITICAL / CAMPAIGN HOURS

And Political Calls

1. All hours count for activities that are political in nature or support the Republican Philosophy. This includes in person and conference or web- based events.
2. Paid hours count – if not your primary income. Hours as Election Judge, Clerk Poll watcher, door knocking, phone bank calling and other activities.
3. Hours for elected officials who receive a stipend salary can be counted. Such as Texas State Senators and Representatives, some city council and school board members. Don't forget to count the hours of time they spend out and about the community.
4. Hours for your club meetings counts, general monthly meetings, board, committee meetings.
5. Work done for campaigns, including all work for mailings, preparing signs, telephoning, door knocking, poll greeting etc. Work can be performed at any location, home, campaign headquarters, GOP offices, polling locations. Include any travel time
6. Hours spent at a special event, including all organizing, planning and cleanup. Even events you pay for or are compensated for.
7. All hours at Texas Federation board meetings, events, conventions, training, includes event preparation and travel time.
8. Any hours spent as a precinct chair or assisting your precinct chair
9. Travel and time spend at Republican Party events, including County Executive meetings, SREC meetings, Precinct conventions, County/SD Conventions, State convention, National Convention.
10. Party Committee work, local or state. Includes any committee meetings, and preparation.
11. Volunteering at TFRW headquarters or local GOP headquarters
12. Committee work performed for appointments made at the local, county or state level. Includes travel time, preparation and associated activities.
13. Political candidates may count all campaign hours.
14. Work on local "non" partisan elections counts, if work is done for known Republican candidates, this includes city and school board elections.
15. SREC work, including time spent creating reports, committee work, quarterly meetings, updating local CEC and clubs.
16. Voter registration work, include time and travel to become certified, and drop off forms. Set up and work on Voter registration drive booth/events, include clean up. |
17. Work on Caring for America Projects that are political in nature, i.e.: Border Project Attending Citizenship ceremonies and welcoming new citizens.
18. Time spent voting.

Tracking of Political calls

Note: the time spent making calls counts under hours.

1. Calls of a political nature or for club activities
2. Calls made to elected officials
3. Calls made for voter registration, GOTV
4. Calls made for campaigns
5. Calls to remind members of club meetings/events/membership
6. Calls in support or opposition to legislation

Special notes:

Reporting hours and tracking is on a best time estimate.

Travel time refers to time it takes to go to and from the event, including rest and food break without side trips for personal business.

A “known” Republican is someone who voted in the most recent GOP primary election.

Female associates only report to their home club. Male Associates report hours to their spouse’s home club or to the club closest to his home residence.

NOTE: Per the TFRW Bylaws, Article III, Sections 1 & 2 – Club Presidents and Campaign Activities Chairs are not permitted to endorse or work in GOP primary or nonpartisan elections when there is more than one Republican in the race. Clubs may not endorse in the name of the club. Individual members may work for the Republican of their choice.

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Liberty Belles Republican Women does not endorse candidates for primary elections in which two Republicans are running. Any photos of candidates that might appear on this website are not to be perceived as endorsements.



Liberty Belles in action



Professional photos from the Mardi Gras "Fun" raiser can be found at:

<https://www.ccphototx.com/libertybelles?fpciidx=15>



