

“Working to Keep Texas Red”

April 2021 Newsletter

TFRW Region 17 • Senate District 4

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LETTER FROM OUR *President*

What an informative meeting we had in March! TFRW Vice President of Legislation Robbi Hull gave us so much useful information about following bills in the Texas Legislature. We can all go to the Texas Legislature online, <https://capitol.texas.gov>, and look up those bills which particularly interest us. From there, we can follow the progress of the bill, see which legislators on the committee for that bill, etc. From that site, we can also list those particular bills we want to follow and receive alerts on activity regarding that bill. We simply click on the tab that says MyTLO and list the bills you wish to follow.

Remember, we need to be in contact with our elected Representatives and Senators and let them know our thoughts about the bills that are before them. Republican Women are among the most informed citizens in our state. Our views are important. Just remember, when you are contacting your elected official, you are doing so as a private citizen. Do not refer to Montgomery County Republican Women or the Texas Federation of Republican Women in your communication because you are not speaking on behalf of those organizations.

Your Board of Directors has so much planned for the rest of the year and you will want to be a part of those plans. You can look forward to supporting the Pregnancy Assistance Center, God's Garage, and Camp Hope as we go through the year. All three of these organizations are very worthwhile and provide a valuable service in our commu-

nity. Later in the year will be the National Federation of Republican Women Convention and the Texas Federation of Republican Women Convention. The NFRW Convention will be in Orlando in September and the TFRW will be in Round Rock in October. I hope several of our members will plan to attend these conventions.

Then, in late October, look forward to a fun evening at our MCRW fundraiser. We hold our fundraiser every 2 years and use those funds for our many worthwhile activities. This fundraiser is not limited to our members, but guests are always invited. More details will be in the May newsletter. We will need as many volunteers as possible to make this a success.

Our Yearbook chair, Kim Bailey, has done an excellent job with our 2021 Yearbook. I especially like looking at the photos and remembering so many of our activities from the past.

I want to thank our entire Board of Directors for their hard work. It is wonderful to see them working together to accomplish our goals. My hope is that our members will be able to join in on our many activities and give us a "helping hand". Our organization is only as strong as our membership.

Alice Melancon
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April **GENERAL MEETING** **Join Us April 22nd,**

**River Plantation Golf Club
550 Country Club Dr, Conroe, TX 77302**

**Guest Speaker: Tammy J. McRae, Tax Assessor/Collector
Montgomery County Texas**

**Time: 11:00am Social
11:30am Lunch and meeting**

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED including those not eating
\$22 cash or check payable to MCRW
\$23 credit card (now available)

**RSVP To: Suzanne Adams
smadams.mcrw@comcast.net**

DEADLINE: 9AM MONDAY, APRIL 19th
Make note of any dietary restrictions when making the reservation.

**River Plantation Golf Club preorders food for our meetings on Monday morning.
MCRW must pay for all meals that are ordered.**

**Please remember:
“A reservation made is a reservation paid!”**

**To protect our members we ask that you please stay home
if you are feeling unwell with fever, cough, shortness of breath, or fatigue.**

Program

TAMMY J. MCRAE, TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY TEXAS



Montgomery County Tax Assessor-Collector, Tammy McRae, has over 36 years experience in the Tax Office. She began her career in 1985 in Sabine County, serving as Tax Assessor-Collector for four terms. In 2009, she accepted the position of Chief Deputy in the Montgomery County Tax Office and served in that capacity until being appointed to serve as Tax Assessor-Collector in 2014.

She was then elected to that position. She was re-elected to her second term last year.

Tammy is an active member of the Tax Assessor-Collectors Association where she serves as President, chairs several committees, and represents the Property Tax Education Coalition Board.

McRae received the 2020 Distinguished Service Award from fellow Tax Assessor-Col-

lectors and she was Tax Assessor-Collector of the Year in 2019. She is the recipient of the 2016, 2017 and 2019 TACA President's Award. Governor Abbott appointed Tammy to the 2019 Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Board and the following year, she received their Gold Level Performance Recognition Award.

Tammy and her husband Jeff reside in The Woodlands.

Membership

Barbara Eddleman



It was so good to see everyone at the March meeting! We are up to 96 members and 38 associate members! Almost to our goal!!! Keep working ladies to grow MCRW!

To continue my series on why I joined MCRW was to become ACTIVE! What can I do to be active in MCRW? As I filled out my membership form, I noticed it had committees you would like to serve. Did you know MCRW has 15 committees? What is their function? In the new member packet I received a brief explanation of each of them.

1. Americanism – anything pertaining to patriotism – Example – Voter Registration Drive.

2. Campaign Activities – Help Republican candidates at any level to get elected. Volunteer to work at Republican Headquarters. **One of my personal favorites! Keep Texas RED!**

So fun!

3. Caring for America – Identifies opportunities in our local community that are in need. This year MCRW is assisting Camp Hope, Pregnancy Crisis Center and God's Garage. **Another favorite!**

4. Email – Contact members of meetings and events via email. **I can email, too!**

5. Historian – Records the history of MCRW. Taking pictures of meetings and events and posting them on our website and Facebook page.

6. Hospitality – Greeting members and guests at each meeting, coordinating desserts and door prizes at the meetings. **I love meeting people!**

7. Legislation – Keeps members informed on legislation at the state and national level. **I believe every citizen should be informed and know their constitutional rights.**

8. Literacy – Contributing books to local schools. Reviewing and awarding scholarships to area girls who enter service related professions. **Our children are our future! Super important!**

9. Membership – Keeping membership records and hosting yearly membership events. **Another personal favorite, keep MCRW growing!!**

10. Newsletter – Collecting articles, publishing the monthly newsletter

and sell ads to local businesses to support MCRW. **Not my best talent, but I am trying on these articles!**

11. Publicity – Provide information and pictures about MCRW to the local media groups.

12. Telephone – Contact members without email about meetings and other club events. **I have called members, too. We have some awesome members. Love talking to them!**

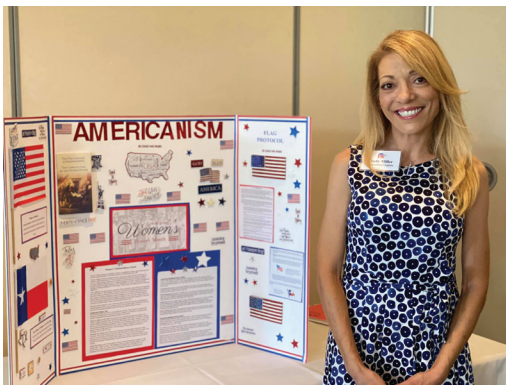
13. Ways and Means – Plan fund raisers for MCRW to benefit our membership and local community. **This is my first year to fund raise and looking forward to it!**

14. Website Committee – Keeping the website current and the information update and useful.

15. Yearbook – Gathering information for the annual MCRW yearbook to distribute among our members.

I believe everyone has a talent. MCRW has at least 15 committees to you utilize your talents. I also believe if you don't use it, you lose it! I signed up for several committees and I was so glad I did! I have enjoyed working on the committees. You can be active as you want to be in MCRW. I choose to be active. Don't wait until your next renewal form, contact the committee you want to serve now. If you don't know who the chairman is, ask me or one the officers, we can assist you. **Choose to be active!**

March Meeting



TFRW



**SOME OF OUR LADIES ATTENDED THE
TFRW BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AND PATRONS RECEPTION.
PICTURED HERE ARE MARIE MAGGIO,
PEARL MAGGIO, AMY BYERS, DINA CARR,
ALICE MELANCON AND KITTY RICE**

General Meeting Minutes

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN RIVER PLANTATION GOLF CLUB MARCH 23, 2021



President Alice Melancon called the March 23, 2021, general meeting of the Montgomery County Republican Women to order at 11:35 a.m. Cindy Miller, Chaplain, led a prayer and pledges to the U. S. and Texas flags. Alice recognized attending elected officials and guests. The February general meeting minutes were approved as printed. The treasurer's report was approved and will be filed for financial review.

Alice gave a brief report on the March club activities. She spoke about the Wine and Chocolate Membership Social (March 1), the County Executive Committee's Steering Committee meeting attended

by Alice and Suzanne Adams (March 2), the Board of Directors' meeting (March 11), the Nuts N Bolts workshop (March 16), and the Life and Liberty Event (March 19).

Alice then gave a short summary of bills proposed by the Texas Legislature concerning election integrity. House Bill 3229 would require a person who has applied for a mail in ballot to surrender the ballot if voting in person. HB 4369 would require the Ballot Board to maintain 6 years of signatures on file to verify signatures on mail in ballots. HB 4456 would require a pen and ink signature on mail in ballots and HB 2018 would require ballot propositions be written in plain language.

Amy Byers, Caring for America Chair, reported that the club donated 80 towels and 120 face cloths to Camp Hope. Amy has chosen the Pregnancy Assistance Center North as the club's next project. A brainstorming luncheon

will be held on March 29 at the home of Leanne Jaggers to discuss ideas on how the club can support the young mothers. Amy asked club members to start collecting baby items.

Julia Morton, Finance Chair, gave a brief report for the Financial Review Committee. Julia, Suzanne Adams and Pearl Maggio met on February 25 and conducted a review of all checks and deposits for 2020. They found that everything was in order and made the recommendation that a log of voided checks be kept. Alice gave the Literacy Committee report. Applications for scholarships are now available. The club is awarding two \$1,000 scholarships to girls graduating in May. The deadline for returning scholarship applications is April 4.

Suzanne Adams reminded everyone to send their first quarter volunteer hours to Pearl Maggio.

Suzanne (1st Vice President,

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Programs) introduced Robbi Hull, TFRW Vice President Legislation. Ms. Hull spoke on the basics of the Texas legislative process. She talked about Governor Abbott's legislative priorities for the 2021 session: energy, education and election integrity. She went on to describe the steps a proposed bill must go through to become law: 1) the bill is introduced, 2) the bill goes to the Committee Action Committee and Calendars Committee, 3) the bill moves to floor action, 4) if the bill passes by a majority vote, it moves on to the other house, 5) if the other house has a similar bill, it goes to the Conference Committee, 6) the bill goes to the Governor's desk where it is signed into law, not signed into law, vetoed or undergoes line item. Ms. Hull recommended using

Texas Legislature Online – Capitol.TX.gov as a resource for information on proposed bills. The federal resource for legislation is Congress.gov. Ms. Hull can be contacted at V.P. Legislation@TFRW.org.

Barbara Eddleman, 2nd Vice President Membership, reported a club membership of 94 members and 38 associate members. Kim Bailey, Yearbook Chair, will email digital copies of the 2021 Yearbook by the end of March. Printed copies can be purchased for \$5, contact Kim to buy one.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Members were asked to visit the committee orientation and browse the posters that displayed the work of the various MCRW committees. Fish Creek Republican Women asked to borrow the posters to display at one of their meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

-There will be a fundraiser in the fall, probably in October. Details to follow. -Emails will be sent to encourage members to contact elected officials on important legislation. -A C.H.A.T. is being planned with details to follow.

-Congratulations to Amy Byers, the new TFRW Ballot Security Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

April 4 – scholarship applications due

April 8 – MCRW Board Meeting – place TBD

April 9/10 – TFRW Board of Directors' Meeting, Georgetown, TX.

April 22 – General Meeting
The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Susan Stockholm for Bettie Moss, Recording Secretary*

MCRW OFFERS SYMPATHY TO BRIGITTE IZZO ON THE LOSS OF HER SON, ROMAN IZZO



Roman Izzo, the son of Brigitte and Dominic Izzo, passed away April 1, 2021 in Leavenworth, Kansas after succumbing to a five year fight to recover from a traumatic brain injury. Roman attended McCullough High school in the Woodlands, TX and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering

from the United States Military Academy and a MPA from Western Kentucky University, as well as, his Diploma from the Command and General Staff College.

Roman served for 17 years as an Armor officer in the United States Army before being medically retired.

MCRW will send a memorial contribution to Camp Hope in Roman's memory.

— *Treasurer's Report* —

JANUARY 2021

LORY KAYE, TREASURER



GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	2/28/2021	\$22,682.76
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Income

3/03/2021	Membership Dues, Square, Inc.	\$33.99
3/03/2021	Membership Dues.	\$605.00
3/16/2021	Membership Dues	\$195.00
3/22/2021	Membership Dues, Square, Inc.	\$34.96
3/22/2021	Member Dues/Lunch Fees, Square, Inc.	\$57.37
3/26/2021	Lunch Fees, Square, Inc.	\$22.30
3/26/2021	Lunch Fees	\$770.00

3/31/2021		(\$1,718.62)
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Expense

3/01/2021	#3034 Barbara Eddleman	\$175.64
3/01/2021	#3035 Montgomery County Women's Council of Organizations	\$50.00
3/02/2021	#3036 Speed Printing	\$94.11
3/05/2021	#3037 TFRW	\$100.00
3/06//2021	#3038 Barbara Eddleman	\$132.07
3/11/2021	#3039 TFRW	\$50.00

3/15/2021	#3040 Suzanne Adams	\$24.35
3/19/2021	#3041 TFRW State Scholarship	\$50.00
3/19/2021	#3042 Marion Martin Building Endowment Fund	\$25.00
3/19/2021	#3043 NFRW Trust	\$25.00
3/21/2021	#3044 TFRW	\$50.00
	#3045 VOID	
3/25/2021	#3046 River Plantation Golf Club	\$879.84
3/31/2021	#3047 TFRW	\$50.00

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Ending Balance 3/31/2021		\$22,695.37
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Petty Cash	\$100.00
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TOTAL 3/31/2021	\$22,795.37
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Caring for America



AMY BYERS

As most of you know, I have broken up our Caring for America projects into yearly quarters. This quarter is the Pregnancy Assistance Center North!



The Caring for America committee had a brainstorming lunch, beautifully hosted by Leanne Jaggers. Also in attendance were Amy Byers, Barbara Eddleman, Diane Bass, Linda Woods, Carolyn Nini, Kathy Rickli, Susan Stockholm, Marisa Rummell and Alice Melançon. Lots of great ideas were brought to the table including a baby shower. Not a baby shower as we know, but at our upcoming May meeting, let's bring happiness to young women who have chosen life for her baby. It isn't easy for these ladies, but we as conservatives and Republicans need to support their path.

I've talked to Terri Townsend of PACN to get some ideas and there are several ways to help. They need things from burping cloths to Pac and Plays. Clothes (up to 5T), diaper bags, cribs/

mattresses/bumper pads to small stuffed animals and hygiene products. They have a storeroom that they try to fill for the needs of expectant mothers and ones that have already given birth. You can find their wish list at: PACNcommunity.org and click on 'donation wish list'.

Another thing they do is provide a little gift bag to women as incentives for completing their classes. Smaller items (think Bath and Body Works, etc.), nail polish and lip gloss. Any of these things will help.

Anything we can do is appreciated. Having these women know that people in the community have not forgotten about them is so important.

Thank you for all you do for Montgomery County!

ONLY 2021 MEMBERS NOW RECEIVING NEWSLETTERS

Those members from 2020 who did not renew their membership dues will no longer receive our monthly newsletters or our email blasts. MCRW typically sends newsletters to the previous year's members through the month of March after which time only current members receive the news-

letter. Those members who did not renew were contacted by email to remind them of this policy.

If you know of someone who did not receive the newsletter and thinks she paid 2021 dues, please have her contact our 2nd Vice President, Barbara Eddleman, at

bgetexastech@gmail.com. Barbara will check her records and make corrections if needed.

It is not too late to renew membership for 2021. A membership form can be found on our website, **www.mcRepublicanwomen.org**, under the club forms and the become a member tabs.

Legislation

JULIA MORTON

UPCOMING BILLS IN THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE



Several bills have been proposed in some of the areas that TFRW has chosen as important this session. These areas include: election integrity and education. Also an important area this session is concealed carry rights.

There are two excellent websites where you can follow the pertinent bills. The first is Texas Legislature Online (<https://capitol.texas.gov>). The second is LegiScan (<https://legiscan.com>TX>). If you know the bill number (for example, HB 6 concerning election integrity), you can enter that to get the status, hearing dates, and authors and co-authors of the bill. The website also lists the members of the Texas Legislature with their contact information. You can also enter the subject matter (for instance, election integrity, education, concealed carry, or any other topic in which you have an

interest), and all the relative bills are shown.

Please remember - if you are contacting a senator or representative by phone, email, or letter - be courteous and respectful. Make your points calmly and factually-based. Hearing from constituents, whether from their party or not, can make a huge impact on the legislator's vote. And you may always contact legislators other than your own.

Julia Morton,
Legislation Chair

Yearbook

2021 MCRW YEARBOOK - PRE-ORDER YOUR HARD COPY NOW

KIM BAILEY



The 2021 MCRW Yearbook is a great tool for all our members and we look forward to providing you with a free digital copy this month. Hard copies of the yearbook will be available at our April general meeting for only \$5 (cash or check). It's so useful to have a hard copy of the yearbook in your car or purse

so you always have this information close at hand.

If you would like a hard copy, please email Kim Bailey (kim.mcrw@gmail.com) and let her know. You may also send payment to her home (38 Tender Violet Pl The Woodlands, TX 77381).

PARLIAMENTARY POINTER

Pearl Maggio

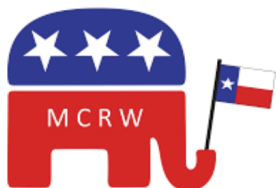
*Motion: A course of action
proposed at a meeting.*

Find us on



Do you know that MCRW has a Facebook page? You can find us listed as **Montgomery County Republican Women (MCRW)-Texas**. People are added to our page upon request. There is a small form that we ask you to fill out—it seems that we get confused with the Montgomery County Republican Women in Maryland and this is one way to avoid adding them. Once you join our page, please share some of our posts with your friends. That is how we can get the word out about our club and some of the political events that we are following.

www.facebook.com/groups/www.mcrepublicanwomen.org



Montgomery County Republican Women

2021 MEMBERSHIP (JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31)

Please fill out completely both new members and renewals!

DATE _____

Birthdate (Mo. and Day) _____

Membership Status:

Renewal _____ New _____

Active (full member)

\$35 _____

Associate (**only** if male or full member of other RW club)

\$20 _____

If full member of other RW club, please list club: _____

Young Affiliate (Under 18 years of age)

\$15 _____

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

Nametag preference (if different than above) _____

HOME ADDRESS

MAILING ADDRESS

E-MAIL ADDRESS

Telephone: Home _____
Work _____
Mobile _____

OCCUPATION--please provide--must have for PAC report _____

May we publish your contact information in the MCRW directory? Yes _____ No _____

Referred by (new members only) _____

Precinct (voting box) # _____ Congressional District # _____ Senate District # _____

Please indicate any committee on which you would like to serve:

Americanism	_____	Hospitality	_____	Publicity	_____
Campaign Activities	_____	Legislation	_____	Telephone	_____
Caring for America	_____	Literacy	_____	Ways & Means	_____
Email	_____	Membership	_____	Web Site	_____
Historian	_____	Newsletter	_____	Yearbook	_____

Would you be willing to serve on the MCRW Board? Yes _____ No _____

Please make your check payable to MCRW & mail to:

MCRW
P.O. Box 1766
Conroe, TX 77305-1766

Cash _____ Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

For Treasurer's use only: Date Reported to TFRW _____ Submission # _____

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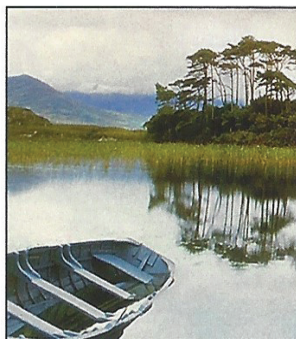
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	NOTE
April 20	Greater Houston Council Meeting	Mendenhall Center
April 22	MCRW General Meeting	River Plantation Golf Club
May 9	Happy Mothers' Day	
May 13	MCRW Board Meeting	South County Community Center

AMERICANISM ONE NATION UNDER GOD

The late Borah Van Dormolen, our former Republican National Committeewoman for Texas, used to emphasize to us the proper recitation of the Pledge of 'Allegiance. Borah, who had served in the United States Army, liked to point out that in our Pledge of Allegiance, there is no comma between one nation under God—so we should not pause between the words nation and under. We should say, "One nation under God". If say it that way at our meetings, eventually it will become more comfortable to us.



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