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TEXAS FEDERATION OF
Republican Women

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
11:00 A.M.
EMBASSY SUITES
ROUND ROCK, TEXAS

2026 Tribute to Women

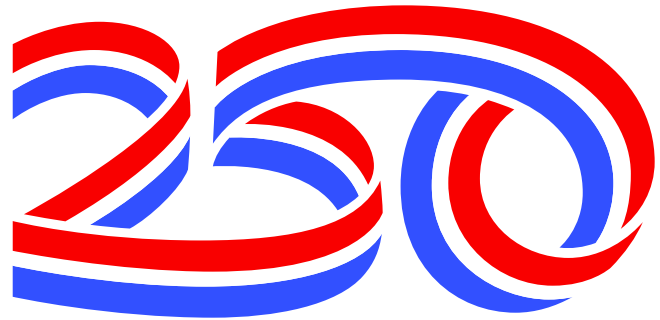


hello
May





AMERICA



Memorial Day is more than the unofficial start of summer; it is a solemn reminder of the cost of the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. For the members of the Montgomery County Republican Women, it is a time to reflect with gratitude and reverence on the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. Since its origins following the Civil War, Memorial Day has stood as a sacred day of remembrance. It is a day set aside not for celebration, but for honoring those who never returned home, the sons and daughters, husbands and wives, friends and neighbors who gave their lives defending liberty. Their courage secured the blessings of freedom that we continue to cherish today.

As Republican women, we hold a deep respect for the principles upon which this nation was founded: individual liberty, personal responsibility, and unwavering patriotism. Memorial Day calls us to renew our commitment to these ideals. It reminds us that freedom is never free and it is preserved through sacrifice, vigilance, and a shared sense of duty.

In Montgomery County and across Texas, communities will gather to pay tribute through ceremonies, flag placements, and moments of silence. We encourage our members to participate in these observances, to teach the next generation the meaning of this day, and to ensure that the legacy of our fallen heroes' lives on.

This Memorial Day, may we pause to reflect, to honor, and to give thanks. May we live in a way that is worthy of their sacrifice, committed to preserving the freedoms they fought to defend, and united in our love for this great nation.

We remember. We honor. We will never forget.

Barbara

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

GENERAL MEETING

APRIL 23, 2026

President Barbara Eddleman called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and gave the opening prayer. The Posting of the Colors was presented by the VFW 4709 Honor Guard who also led the pledges to the American and Texas flags. Barbara had the elected officials and candidates introduce themselves and then welcomed everyone and encouraged anyone who wished to join our club to see her or Nancy Hicks, 2nd Vice President of Membership. President Eddleman's comments included a reminder that early voting is open and encouraged us to rally around the choices of the party, stay engaged, and be out in force! She emphasized that Brett Ligon, Texas Senator for District 4, is in a runoff against a Democrat and Brett needs our support! She reiterated that The U.S. Senate race is May 26th and it is critical that the Republicans' stay in the majority, every vote matters as we must keep Montgomery County and Texas RED!

· The minutes of March 26, 2026 were approved.

· The Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2026 has been filed for Finance Committee Review.

Committee Reports

· Caring for America/Armed Services: Rachael Peters, reported that our MoCo Food Bank volunteer day which was on April 15th was a huge success and she thanked everyone who served! She also thanked all who brought food items for the Conroe VFW food pantry today and reminded everyone that we ongoingly collect food items, at each meeting, for the Conroe VFW food pantry. Contributions are greatly appreciated!

· Membership: Nancy Hicks reported that our club membership is growing! We currently have 98 primary members, 56 associates, and 3 juniors. We just need 2 more members to become a "Jumbo" Club! She encouraged all to continue to invite others to join!

· Scholarship: Pearl Maggio and Susan Stockholm were honored to announce and introduce the following three students who were selected to receive the MCRW \$1,000 scholarship awards for 2026:

- Morgan Cude, Senior at The Woodlands College Park High School;

- Abigail Fehrie, Senior at The Woodlands College Park High School;

- Lucy Davis, Texas A&M University (received the Wally Wilkerson Scholarship).

Barbara Eddleman, President, acknowledged and congratulated the students, parents and grandparents stating that we celebrate more than their academic and civic achievements – we celebrate their determination, resilience, heart, vision, and courage to lead with purpose, inspire others, and uplift communities. Barbara reminded them that the scholarship recognizes their accomplishments but also is an investment in the impact they are destined to make, in the world. She concluded, "the future is brighter because of each of you and there is no limit to what you can achieve! Congratulations – you have earned this honor, and it is only the beginning. Stay in touch with MCRW."

· Women of Distinction: Barbara reminded everyone that the "Women of Distinction" luncheon will take place on May 1st at the Hyatt Regency in Conroe, as we honor Virginia Miller of our club! All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Lunch was served.

· Program: Alice Melancon, 1st VP Programs, introduced our guests from the Daughters of the Republic, Coughatti Trace Chapter, who presented the program, entitled, "Remember the Ladies, The Women Behind the American Revolution". The informative and fun program celebrated our nation's 250th anniversary through discussion of American culture, including replicas of the period, and a demonstration of the dress during the Revolutionary period of the United States.

Alice announced that our program in May will be a panel discussion with Brad Bailey, Audrey Young, and Michael Ghutzman.

Door Prizes were distributed by Joyce Koplín, Pearl Maggio and Susan Stockholm.

The meeting was adjourned by President Barbara Eddleman at 12:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Stucker, Recording Secretary



Member Spotlight: Susan Stockholm

Susan Stockholm is truly one of the backbones of MCRW. A member since 2012 and a lifelong friend of Alice Melancon, Susan has watched the club grow into the vibrant organization it is today.

While she prefers to stay out of the spotlight, Susan is always ready to lend a helping hand—whether at monthly meetings, special events, or our bi-annual fundraiser. She also plays a key leadership role in MCRW’s success as Chair of the Awards Committee. Her quiet dedication, steady leadership, and dependable spirit make her an invaluable part of our organization.

If you hear Susan speak, you might assume she is from Lafayette, Louisiana. Though born in Houston, she is half Acadian and proudly embodies everything good about her heritage—warmth, generosity, resilience, and a love of family and tradition. Ironically, she didn’t try crawfish until her mid-20s!

Susan is the proud mother of two grown children and grandmother to her sweet grandson, Daniel. A true morning person, she enjoys life’s simple pleasures. Her perfect day includes the freedom to do whatever she chooses—whether that means reading, cooking, or settling in with an unpredictable mystery.

MCRW is grateful for Susan’s years of friendship, service, and unwavering support.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

If you would like to volunteer to serve on one of our many committees, please reach out to the committee chair, we’d love to chat!

We are proud to report the current membership of our organization:

 101 Primary,  58 Associates,  and 3 Junior Affiliates!

Together we continue to grow a strong, active, and patriotic organization dedicated to fellowship, service, and community involvement.



Let's keep the momentum going – invite a friend, neighbor, or family member to join us at an upcoming meeting or event!



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REMINDERS



MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL



Reminder

We will have ongoing collections for food drive for the VFW. Bring items to our monthly meetings!

Important GOP Site Links:

NFRW.ORG

TexasGOP.org

TFRW.ORG

[MCRW SITE](#)

GOP.COM

LITERACY UPDATE: RACHAEL PETERS



Join us in Celebrating Barbara Bush's Legacy of Literacy

MCRW Literacy Book Drive, June 25th

*In honor of Barbara Bush's Birthday, we invite you to celebrate by wearing your pearls, one of Mrs. Bush's signature styles, & by bringing **new** books, for all ages, to donate to local Montgomery County libraries & schools.*



**Scan Here for Suggested
Book Donations*:**



**This list is not exhaustive, please feel free to select your own titles.*

For questions or more info. please contact Rachael Peters, 903-570-1729.

AMERICANISM: PAM BERTONE

As we commemorate the 250th anniversary of our nation's inception, it is imperative to recall that in May 1776, the following events transpired:

- In May of 1776, the Count of Aranda, the Spanish ambassador to Paris, approved a secret shipment of cannons, mortars, bombs, bullets, rifles and all kinds of supplies for George Washington's army, paid for equally by Spain and France, which made possible the rebels' first victory against the British, at the Battle of Saratoga (September 19 ~ October 7, 1777)
- On May 4, 1776, Rhode Island becomes the first North American colony to renounce its allegiance to King George III. Ironically, Rhode Island would be the last state to ratify the new American Constitution more than 14 years later on May 29, 1790.

The United States Treasury Department is issuing commemorative coins for the year 2026. The United States Mint announced designs for the 1776-2026 coinage. For 2026, the U.S. Mint is replacing the standard Roosevelt dime with a special "Emerging Liberty" design to commemorate the 250th anniversary of American independence. The one-year-only design features a portrait of Lady Liberty on the obverse and a majestic eagle on the reverse, with the coin featuring dual dates 1776-2026.



Parliamentary Pointer: Pearl Maggio & Alice Melancon



Did you know...MCRW follows Robert's Rules of Orders for our meetings, per TFRW guidelines.

During a vote, if you feel that there was no way the Chair could have said that the "ayes" beat out the "nays" and would like a hand count, you ask for a division of assembly.



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY
REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

**May 28, 2026 Meeting
River Plantation Golf Club
11:00 AM Social 11:30 AM Meeting**

**“The Experience of Running for Office and the Roles of
Republican Women”**



Featuring:

Brad Bailey, Candidate for Texas House

**Dr. Audrey Young, Candidate for
Texas Board of Education**

**Michael Ghutzman, Candidate for Judge
359th District Court**

Reservations required by May 26 at www.mcrepublicanwomen.org

Montgomery County Republican Women is a PAC, Virginia Miller, Treasurer. (P O Box 1766 Conroe, TX 77305).
Contributions are not deductible as charitable donations. Corporate contributions are not permitted.

May program



**REGISTER
HERE**

Our May program will consist of a panel discussion with the panel consisting of people who ran for office in the Republican Primary. They will discuss what they have learned on the campaign trail and the role of Republican Women in campaigns.

I chose these 3 people for specific reasons.

Brad Bailey has run for office before to serve on The Woodlands Township Board of Directors. He is now the Republican candidate for Representative of District 15 in the November General Election with 2 opponents.

Michael Ghutzman is a first time candidate. He is the Republican candidate for Judge of the 359th District Court, where our own member Judge Kathleen Hamilton now serves. He is unopposed in the General Election.

Dr. Audrey Young has been elected to the Texas Board of Education since 2021. She is up for reelection in the General Election in November with one opponent.

QUESTIONS

1. Why did you decide to enter the political arena?
2. If you could change 1 thing from your campaign, what would it be?
3. What is the biggest lesson or most unexpected lesson you learned as a candidate for elected office?
4. What role did Republican women play in your election?
5. How can Republican women help you?



**2025 MCRW
Yearbooks are here!**

Copies of the yearbook will be available for purchase at May's meeting. Cost is \$6. Digital copies will be sent to all the members.





A Letter from Will Metcalf:

It has been a busy and productive interim season at the Texas Capitol as we begin preparing for the 90th Legislative Session. While the Legislature only formally meets every two years, the work of serving Texans never stops. Over the past several months, I have continued meeting with local leaders, industry experts, stakeholders, and constituents across House District 16 and the State of Texas to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing our state.

One of the biggest issues currently before the Legislature is securing and strengthening the Texas electric grid as Texas continues to experience unprecedented population and economic growth. As a member of the House Committee on State Affairs, I have participated in three major interim hearings focused on energy infrastructure, grid reliability, large electric load growth, and the future demands being placed on our electric system by data centers and expanding industry across Texas.

Texas continues to lead the nation in economic opportunity because businesses want to invest here, families want to move here, and industries want to grow here. But with that growth comes responsibility. Texas must continue pursuing an “all of the above” energy strategy that protects reliability, keeps costs affordable for working Texans, and ensures our grid remains strong, secure, and independent. I remain committed to ensuring Texas families come first as the Legislature evaluates long-term infrastructure and energy policy ahead of next session.

In addition to my work on State Affairs, I also had the privilege this month of chairing a hearing of the House Committee on Culture, Recreation, and Tourism. The committee reviewed implementation of legislation passed during the 89th Legislative Session related to the Alamo and the preservation of Texas historical documents.

We also heard testimony on the importance of livestock shows, county fairs, and rodeos to our state’s economy, agricultural heritage, and way of life. These traditions help shape the next generation of Texas leaders and preserve the values that make our state exceptional. I will continue fighting to protect our Texas heritage and ensure these institutions remain strong for generations to come.

It is an honor to continue serving House District 16 and I work every day to deliver conservative results for Montgomery County and the great State of Texas.

May God bless you, your family, and the great State of Texas.

Rep. Will Metcalf – District 16 Texas House of Representatives

MCRW Treasurer's Report April 30, 2026

Beginning Bank Balance per Books 65,644.06

Revenue/Deposits

Membership Applications Revenue 65.92

Lunch Revenue 1,321.47

Total Revenue/Deposits 1,387.39 1,387.39

Expenses - Checks and Charges

4/7/2026 2785 Speed Printing-Newsletters 36.10

4/15/2026 2786 TFRW-Beryl Dowd Schol Fund 25.00

4/15/2026 2787 NFRW-M Martin Bldg Fund 35.00

4/15/2026 2788 NFRW-Federation Fund 35.00

4/15/2026 2789 NFRW-K Brugger Residtl Fund 35.00

4/15/2026 2790 NFRW-Strike Force Fund 35.00

4/23/2026 2791 Coughatti Trace NSDAR-Progrm 200.00

4/23/2026 2792 VFW #4709-Color Guard 100.00

4/23/2026 2793 Morgan Cude-Scholarship 1,000.00

4/23/2026 2794 Abigail Fehrle-Scholarship 1,000.00

4/23/2026 2795 Lucy Davis-WW Scholarship 1,000.00

4/23/2026 2796 Kimberly Byrd-Desserts 180.00

4/23/2026 2797 River Plantation Golf Club 1,728.00

4/23/2026 2798 Pearl Maggio-ScholarshipGifts 232.83

4/2/2026 Deb Cd All-Star Catering-Memb Social 277.39

Various Deb Cd Supplies, Postage, Const Cont 124.19

Total Checks and Charges 6,043.51 6,043.51

Ending Bank Account Balance per Books 60,987.94

Petty Cash 100.00

61,087.94

May 18-22, 2026	Early Voting Runoffs	Check your early voting locations
May 26, 2026	Election Day Runoffs	Get out the VOTE! Every vote counts!
May 28, 2026	MCRW General Meeting	River Plantation Golf Club 11:00 AM Meet & Greet Meeting begins at 11:30 AM
June 11, 2026	MCRW BOARD MEETING	Kevin Brady Center
June 25, 2026	MCRW General Meeting	River Plantation Golf Club 11:00 AM Meet & Greet Meeting begins at 11:30 AM

Newsletter Ads!!

MCRW sells business card ads for \$100 per year. Newsletter campaign advertisements are also available for purchase. Ads are published monthly in the MCRW newsletter, except for July & November. These ads should **not** be considered endorsements by MCRW. **If you'd like to purchase an ad or have questions, please email Sabrina Amell at samell@theamellagency.com**


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