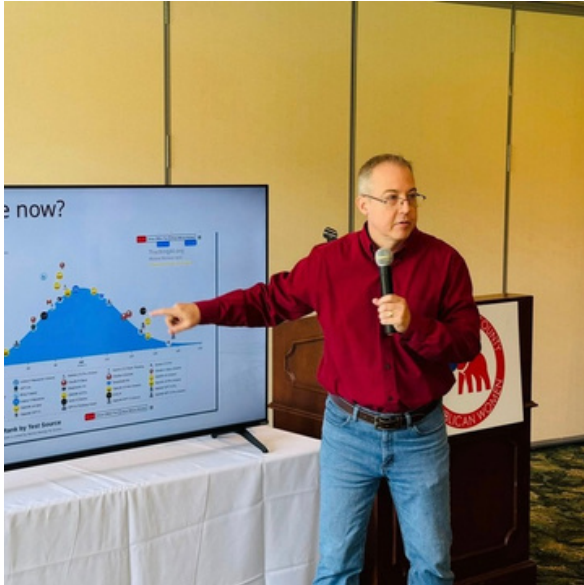




NEWSLETTER

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**MCRW's thoughts
& prayers are with
the Kirk family
during this
unimaginable
time of loss.**



As patriotic Republican women, we understand that our nation's strength lies in the enduring values of liberty, limited government, and individual responsibility all grounded in the foundational document that has guided our Republic for over two centuries: the United States Constitution.

Each year in September, we celebrate Constitution Week, commemorating the signing of the Constitution on September 17, 1787. This year, Constitution Week will be celebrated from September 15 to September 21st. This week serves as a powerful reminder of the principles that have shaped our democracy and preserved our freedoms through times of trial and triumph.

This year's Constitution Week carries even greater significance as we look ahead to America 250, the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding in 2026. This milestone is more than a celebration of the past — it is a call to action for the future.

As Republican women, we have always been at the forefront of civic engagement, education, and preserving the integrity of our institutions. Constitution Week is the perfect opportunity to:

- *Educate our communities and younger generations about the importance of the Constitution and the founding principles of our nation.*
- *Engage in local and national initiatives that promote civic literacy and constitutional awareness.*
- *Empower fellow citizens to take part in shaping a future that honors our founding ideals.*

As we prepare for America 250, let us recommit ourselves to defending the Constitution, upholding the rule of law, and ensuring that America's next 250 years are as bright as her first.

"We the People" includes us, Republican women who stand strong for faith, family, and freedom.

Barbara
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*Join
-US-*

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 look forward to seeing you at our fundraiser!



THANK
you

We offer our heartfelt thanks & gratitude to our 2025 MCRW 'Political Feud' Fundraiser sponsors. We appreciate you & your support!



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[GOP.COM](https://gop.com)

[TexasGOP.org](https://texasgop.org)

[MCRW SITE](https://mcrw.org)

Caring for America: Beverly Wright & Donna Norling

The Montgomery County Republican Women's Club has been extremely generous in supporting our homeless veterans. Please consider contributing to our food drive September 18th, October 30th, and December 4th . We only have three more months to show our appreciation to our homeless veterans.

Retired flags are still being collected for proper disposal. We are also looking forward to making goodie bags for the Fisher House at the December meeting. Supplies will be provided by the Club.

Thank you Montgomery County Republican Women for all of your support for these great projects. *You are MAKING AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!*

Suggested snack items for the food drive:

- **Tuna/Chicken Ready-to-eat Packets**
- **Protein/Granola Bars**
- **Fruit Cups**
- **Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers**
- **Individual Peanut butter packets**
- **Canned Meats**
- **Individually packaged breakfast items (Pop-tarts, Muffins, etc.)**



Membership: Suzanne Adams

Veterans Memorial Tour Coming Soon!

Plans are underway for a private club tour of the new Veterans Memorial in Conroe during its October "soft opening," with a possible lunch for members and spouses —full details coming soon!

Membership #'s: 115 primary, 55 associates, and 2 junior affiliates.

2025 membership dues are due now.

Scan the QR code to join/renew, or join online at mcrepublicanwomen.org. You may contact Suzanne Adams, Membership Chairman @ 713-582-8902 if you are unsure of the status of your membership.



89th Texas Legislature – Special Session Highlights

Session Dates: August 15–September 4, 2025

Governor: Greg Abbott

Agenda Expanded: August 20, 25, 26

✓ Key Legislation Passed

Topic & Summary

- Redistricting New congressional maps favor GOP; legal challenges anticipated
- Abortion Pills HB 7 bans manufacture/distribution; civil enforcement; medical exceptions
- Restroom Policy SB 8 mandates sex-based designations in public restrooms
- Camp Safety SB 1 enforces floodplain standards for youth camps post-July 4 disaster
- Education Testing HB 8 replaces STAAR with “Student Success Tool”; rollout by 2027–28
- Quorum Penalties New House rules penalize future walkouts with fines and budget cuts

✗ Major Bills That Failed

Topic & Outcome

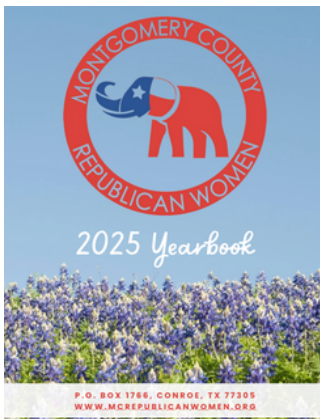
- Property Tax Relief SB 10 stalled due to narrow scope and House opposition
- Hemp/THC Regulation SB 6 failed; House declined to advance prohibition efforts
- Police Records HB 15 passed both chambers but died in reconciliation
- Election Reforms Same-day registration ban and AG authority restoration not enacted
- Lobbying Ban Taxpayer-funded lobbying prohibition failed to pass

What’s Next:

- Governor has 20 days to sign, or veto passed bills
- Unresolved issues may return in a future special session or wait until 2027

Information from Texas Policy Research

Yearbook: Rachael Peters



2025 MCRW Yearbooks are available for \$5!

All MCRW members and associates should have received an email on May 23rd with a digital version of our 2025 yearbook.

If you’d like to purchase a printed yearbook, you can purchase them at our monthly general meetings for \$5.

Exact cash is appreciated.

MCRW GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 28, 2025, RIVER PLANTATION GOLF CLUB

President Barbara Eddleman called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m. Kaye Stone gave the opening prayer and led the pledges to the American and Texas flags. Elected officials, candidates, and guests were introduced. President Eddleman reminded members of the Campaign Institute Leadership Training to be held on September 12, 2025. She reported that we have 11 delegates planning to attend the TFRW Convention in San Antonio. Virginia Miller will be attending the NFRW Convention in Orlando, Florida. The minutes of the June 26, 2025, general meeting were approved; the treasurer's report was approved and will be filed as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Membership chair Suzanne Adams reported that there are 114 primary members, 55 associate members, and 2 junior affiliates.
- Pearl Maggio announced that 12,546 campaign hours were submitted to TFRW for the third quarter. She reminded all to keep track of their hours for the next submission at the end of October.
- Karen Callanan gave the legislative report which included the redistricting debate in the special session
- of the Texas Legislature. She also reported on the Camp Mystic tragedy response and the nutrition legislation which included remarks from Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
- Fund Raiser chair Alice Melancon reported that tickets for September 18, 2025, are still available. Two teams will participate in the Political Feud. "The Badge, Gavel and File" will be competing with the "Bench and the Bill." She asked that tickets be purchased by September 10, and that the auctions items be delivered to Pearl Maggio no later than September 15.
- Program Chair Alice Melancon announced that Nick Adams will be the speaker for the October 30, 2025, meeting. There is no November meeting; the Fisher House will present the December meeting.
- Alice then introduced our speaker Bryan Christ who presented an informative program on Artificial Intelligence. Bryan spoke of the risks and reality of AI, how it works, the levels of AI and the generational changes it has and will cause. He pointed out the inevitable changes of AI, its predictions and safety and what we should do. A question-and-answer period followed.
- Kathy Rickli and Betty Byrd gave out the door prizes.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pearl Maggio, Recording Secretary

MCRW Treasurer's Report August 31, 2025 General Fund

Beginning Book Account Balance per Book (July 31, 2025) \$ 44553.26

Income/Deposits

08/04/25	Square	Luncheon – Aug, Membership - Tibbs	\$ 71.42
08/06/25	Square	Luncheon - Aug	\$ 62.19
08/12/25	Square	Luncheon - Aug	\$ 61.88
08/13/25	Square	Luncheon - Aug	\$ 62.19
08/19/25	Square	Luncheon - Aug	\$ 93.13
08/20/25	Square	Luncheon - Aug	\$ 92.82
08/22/25	Square	Luncheon - Aug	\$ 61.88
08/25/25	Square	Luncheon - Aug	\$ 1827.99
08/26/25	Square	Luncheon - Aug	\$ 30.94
08/27/25	DEPOSIT	Handbook Sales	\$ 140.00
06/27/25	DEPOSIT	FUNDRAISER - 6	\$ 2908.34
06/27/25	DEPOSIT	FUNDRAISER - 7	\$ 2900.00
08/29/25	Square	Luncheon – Aug	<u>\$ 614.09</u>

Total Income/Deposit \$ 8926.87

Expenses – Charges & Checks

08/13/25	DEBIT	CONSTANT CONTACT – Text Fees	\$ 23.46
08/13/25	DEBIT	TFRW - Membership	\$ 25.30
08/18/25	2743	US Postal Service	\$ 226.00
08/28/25	2744	Preisler Golf Properties - August	<u>\$ 1770.00</u>

Total Checks and Bank Charges \$ 2044.76

Ending Bank Account Balance per Books \$

51435.37

Petty Cash \$ 100.00

Total Cash Available (July 31, 2025) \$ 51535.37

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September 11th		MCRW REMEMBERS & HONORS THOSE LOST ON 9/11. MAY WE NEVER FORGET.
September 18, 2025	MCRW 2025 FUNDRAISER: "POLITICAL FEUD" <i>(Think Family Feud with a political spin!)</i>	River Plantation Golf Club 500 Country Club Dr., Conroe, TX 6:00 PM start time
October 9, 2025	MCRW BOARD MEETING	10:00 AM Location: : Kevin Brady Community Center & Library
October 23-25, 2025	TFRW 35TH Biennial Convention	San Antonio, Texas
October 30, 2025	MCRW OCTOBER MEETING SPEAKER: Nick Adams	River Plantation Golf Club 500 Country Club Dr., Conroe, TX 6:00 PM start time

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 Rachael Peters at Rachael.D.Peters@gmail.com.



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Barbara Eddleman: President

It has been an incredible honor to serve as President of Montgomery County Republican Women this past year. As a lifelong Texan and devoted conservative, leading this outstanding club has been one of the most fulfilling roles of my life. I am humbled and grateful that the Nominating Committee has asked me to serve another term as your President for 2026.

Born and raised in Slaton, a small-town southeast of Lubbock, a fifth-generation Texan with deep roots and a strong belief in the values that make our state and country great. I earned my BBA in Accounting from Texas Tech University where I met my husband, Neil. We recently celebrated 51 years of marriage and are blessed with a daughter, Angela, her husband, Drew, and two wonderful granddaughters, Abigail and Lucy, who live nearby in Magnolia.

Following a 40-year career in accounting, including 20 years as an Accounting Manager at Standard Motor Products, I retired in 2019. That same year, Neil and I moved to Conroe to be closer to family. It was also the beginning of a new chapter in my life: serving the Republican Party at the grassroots level.

After visiting several local clubs, I found my home with Montgomery County Republican Women. From my first visit, I was inspired by the energy, purpose, and dedication of this club. I started by volunteering at the registration desk and soon stepped into leadership roles that deepened my commitment to our mission.

Over the years, I've had the privilege to serve in various capacities:

- 2nd Vice President of Membership (two terms)
- Board Member at Large
- Caring for America Chair (2023)
- MCRW Delegate Leader to the 2023 TFRW Convention
- 1st Vice President of Programs (2024)
- TFRW Literacy Chair (2024–2025)
- President (2025)

I was also honored to receive the **TFRW Tribute to Women Award in 2022**, a recognition I share with members who gives their time and heart to our cause.

As I look ahead to another year of service, I do so with a deep sense of responsibility and enthusiasm.

We have important work to do, to engage voters, support Republican candidates, protect our freedoms, and stand strong for conservative values. I am committed to working alongside each of you to ensure Montgomery County Republican Women continues to lead by example, not just in our county, but across the state.

Thank you for your trust, your support, and your continued dedication.

Keep Texas Red,
Barbara Eddleman



Alice Melancon: 1st VP– Programs

Alice has been a member of Montgomery County Republican Women since 2028 and has served on the Board of Directors a email/reservation chairman. 1st Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Americanism chairman, Literacy chairman, Chaplain, and President. She is currently serving as 1 st Vice President. She was named a Tribute to Women honoree in 2010 and in 2017 was named a Woman of Distinction for the Montgomery County Organization of Women luncheon, Alice is currently serving as the TFRW Liaison for the Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women, having previously served as Recording Secretary, Newsletter Chairman and 1st Vice President. In 2016 she was chosen as a Tribute to Women honoree for this group. Alice has served 2 terms as Vice President of Programs for the Texas Federation of Republican Women and is currently serving as Deputy President. She was honored by TFRW as a 10 Outstanding honoree in 2019. Alice also serves on the NFRW Board of Directors as a member of the Campaign Committee. She has also been a delegate to several TFRW, NFRW and RPT Conventions.

Alice was a junior high school teacher for several years and later became an academic advisor at Lone Star College–Montgomery. While her children were in school, Alice was very active as a parent volunteer for several school and district committees. She currently serves as Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Apricity Foundation.

Alice and her husband, Charles, have a daughter and son along with their spouses and 4 grandchildren.



Nancy Hicks: 2nd VP– Membership

Nancy Hicks was born in Malvern, Arkansas moving to Houston, Texas after graduating with High Honors (Finance) from the University of Arkansas in 1979 (Go Hogs!) to join ExxonMobil. Nancy was very active in Division Order Analyst Associations, serving as President of the Houston Chapter and in several positions at the National level. She loved working at ExxonMobil for 34 years, and enjoyed the various opportunities provided to work in 28 countries. She moved back to Houston in 2004 and, after 40 years, can finally say she has found the place she calls “Home” – Montgomery County, Texas. She and her husband, Ed, moved to Del Webb Woodlands in 2019 where they spend their time enjoying their neighbors, traveling and playing golf.

Nancy’s international work experiences made her cherish the benefits and rights we have as US citizens. She also realized that all of us would need to work to keep Montgomery County (and Texas) conservative and freedom-loving. By joining Montgomery County Republican Women (MCRW) in 2020, she is able to achieve many of her goals – supporting local charities, political education through monthly meetings and candidate support. She first served on the Board as Political Campaign Activities Coordinator and currently serves as Treasurer. She loves our members and encourages them to volunteer. She would like to continue working with the MCRW ladies as 2nd VP – Membership to help motivate our members to keep Montgomery County and Texas, RED!



Virginia Miller– Treasurer

Virginia Miller has been a member of MCRW since 2007. She has served three years as 1st VP of Programs, and two years as President, 2023–2024. She is a retired CPA, having served clients in Montgomery, Harris and

Walker counties for 40 years. She was a member of the Conroe Rotary Club from 1990–2004, and was the first woman president of that organization.

Virginia was a resident of the Woodlands for 24 years and has now lived in Huntsville for the last 23 years, with her husband Champe W. Miller. They share four grown children and seven grandchildren, and enjoy international

travel, hunting, fishing, reading and political activities.

Virginia strongly believes that women “drive the vote” at home, by teaching their children the importance of faith, core values, integrity and character, then demanding these qualities from elected leaders. She is committed to the success of MCRW as a leading influencer in local and state elections.



Jill Stucker– Recording Secretary

Jill Stucker is honored to be considered for the role of Recording Secretary on the Executive Board of Montgomery County Republican Women. With a heart full of faith, love for family and country, and of course her Aggie spirit, Jill has always been passionate about the values that matter most. Now in retirement, she’s embracing those blessings with even more enthusiasm—and with a joyful commitment to MAGA and MCRW!

Those who know Jill quickly discover her positive attitude, team-player mindset, entrepreneurial spirit, and warm sense of humor. She brings energy, encouragement, and a “get it done” drive to everything she takes on.

Before retiring, Jill enjoyed a successful career in the corporate world, working in high-visibility positions with Fortune 100, 500, and Fast 50 companies. Her diverse background in professional services and information technology gave her valuable skills that she now uses to serve her community and her fellow Republican women.

Outside of MCRW, Jill is very active in her church, where she especially loves singing in the Chancel, Capella, and Chamber Ensemble Choirs as part of the Music Ministry. She also enjoys giving back through her involvement in a national Philanthropic Educational Women’s Organization.

Jill is a proud graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in Agricultural Economics. Her love for the Aggies runs deep, and her love for God, faith, family, and country runs even deeper. Jill is excited to share that passion with MCRW and looks forward to serving alongside such a dedicated group of women.



Sabrina Amell– Corresponding Secretary

Sabrina Amell is a native Houstonian and proud first-generation Mexican-American whose life has been shaped by the values of hard work, resilience, and a deep commitment to lifelong learning. Inspired by her father's work ethic and her late mother's passion for personal growth, Sabrina has built a career rooted in leadership, mentorship, and service.

She began her academic journey at Vanderbilt University's School of Engineering before pivoting toward business, earning an Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration with a focus on Management from Lone Star College. In 2006, she co-founded The Amell Agency with her husband, growing it into a respected insurance brokerage while cultivating a culture of empowerment and professional development. Her leadership extended beyond the business, serving as Executive Vice President of a local Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and President of her BNI chapter, where she championed networking and community-building initiatives. She has held various other leadership roles within her BNI chapter and is still in leadership today.

Sabrina's passion for leadership led to the publication of her first book, *The Making of a Leader* (2020), offering practical guidance for emerging leaders. She returned to school, completing her Bachelor's degree in Integrated Social Sciences at the University of Washington in 2025. This deepened her understanding of cultural dynamics and the role of perception in shaping communities. These insights continue to affect her work as a mentor, speaker, and advocate for women's leadership—reflected in her upcoming book, set to publish in late 2025/early 2026.

Her recent involvement in the MCRW chapter, reflects her growing dedication to civic engagement and public service. Sabrina is committed to fostering thoughtful dialogue, supporting legislation that reflects the values of her community, and equipping herself with the knowledge and skills to contribute meaningfully to Texas politics.

Outside of her professional and political endeavors, Sabrina remains deeply involved in her church, where she has served in ministry for over two decades. She finds joy in watercolor painting, travel, reading, and writing, and is most proud of her role as a mother to five children and grandmother to one.

Note to members: The nominating committee will report the slate of officers at our September meeting for consideration. Nominations from the floor shall be in order following the report from the nominating committee. Elections will be held at the October general meeting. Our thanks to the 2025 nominating committee— Pearl Maggio (Chair), Rachael Peters, Virginia Miller, Nancy Hicks, Lindsey Kasprzak, and alternates Katherine Rummell and Susan Stockholm.