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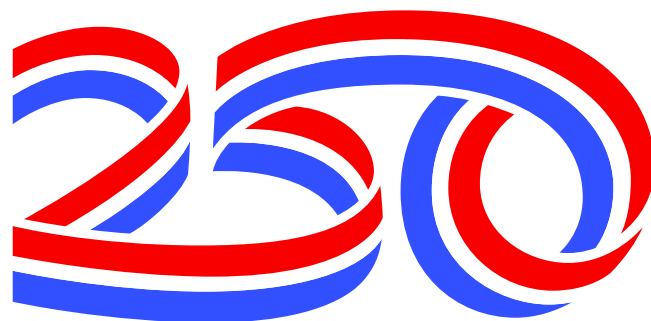


 **TFRW Tribute to Women 2026** 
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AMERICA



Join Us for Our Final Meeting Before Summer Break!

Before we pause for the summer months, please join us for a special and informative meeting. One you do not want to miss!

Our featured speaker will be Dr. Todd Kent of the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University, who will discuss U.S.–Europe relations and the challenges related to the upcoming elections this fall. His insights promise to provide a timely and thought-provoking look at international affairs and America's role on the world stage.

Our meeting also coincides with Barbara Bush's birthday, giving us an opportunity to honor her enduring legacy of service, literacy, and devotion to family and country.

In recognition of Mrs. Bush's commitment to literacy, members are encouraged to bring books for donation to support local literacy efforts and help inspire future generations of readers. Rachael Peters, our Literacy Chair, has included an Amazon link with some of her suggestions in her article this month.

And don't forget to wear your pearls as we celebrate the life and legacy of one of America's most beloved First Ladies.

We look forward to seeing you at this special meeting as we conclude a successful spring season!

Barbara



MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN
GENERAL MEETING
May 28, 2026



President Barbara Eddleman called the meeting to order at 11:31am. Suzanne Adams, Chaplain, gave the opening prayer and Pam Bertone, Americanism Chair, led the pledges to the American and Texas flags. She also introduced Keith Ferry who give a short presentation about Flag Protocols and Etiquette. President Eddleman had the elected officials and candidates introduce themselves. Barbara 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 commented on the importance of Memorial Day and honoring our country's heroes. She also reminded us that every vote matters in this election cycle as we must keep Montgomery County and Texas red!

- The minutes of April 23, 2026 were approved.
- The Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2026 has been filed for Finance Committee Review.

Committee Reports:

- Candidate Donations: Barbara Eddleman and Alice Melancon presented the following candidates with donations from MCRW: Brett Ligon, Kristin Plaisance, Brad Bailey, Will Metcalf, Mark Keough (his will be mailed), Tiffany Nelson (husband accepted in her absence), and Dr. Aubrey Young. All these candidates will have an opponent in the November election.
- Scholarship: Pearl Maggio read thank you notes received from scholarship recipients from our April general meeting. She mentioned that Barbara was present at College Park's Awards Night and was thanked by the school for her continued support of their students.
- Campaign Activities: Pearl Maggio reminded everyone that campaign volunteer hours for quarter 2 (April, May, and June) will be due by the end of June. She announced that placecards will be provided in June's general meeting to help you to record your hours and those can be turned into her for credit.
- Legislation: Barbara mentioned we pay close attention to the "Keep 9 Amendment" which has been introduced in the last three Congressional sessions. This is in relation to maintaining only 9 Justices in the Supreme Court by permanently setting the Court at this number. Concerns over "court packing" have increased as prominent Democrats have expressed support for expanding that number. NFRW has supported the Keep Nine Amendment. Go to [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov) to see if your Representatives and Senators have cosponsored House Joint Resolution 28 or Senate Joint Resolution 16 and thank them if they have. Also if they have not joined the Keep Nine Movement, request that they join it!
- Literacy: Rachael Peters reminded us to bring in books to donate. For more information which is on the flyer, see May's Newsletter.

Meeting Minutes continued..

·Membership: Nancy Hicks reported that our club membership is growing! We currently have 102 primary members, 60 associates, and 3 juniors. She encouraged all to continue to invite others to join! She introduced the newest members and associate members to the club. She also mentioned to read her Member Spotlight article in May's Newsletter which was Susan Stockholm. She talked about the success of May's Member Social at Pearl Maggio's and reminded everyone to purchase their Yearbooks, which are now available for \$6 each.

Lunch was served.

Program: Alice Melancon, 1st VP Programs, spoke briefly about the difference between the red and purple poppy symbols. Every guest received a red poppy pin to take home. She then introduced our discussion panelists for today's meeting: Brett Ligon, Dr. Audrey Young, Brad Bailey, and Michael Gutzmann. They were asked several questions such as why did you decide to run for office and what role did the Republican Women play in your campaigns?

Door Prizes were distributed by Joyce Kobin and Becky Yates.

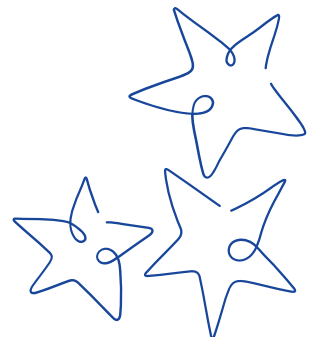
The meeting was adjourned by President Barbara Eddleman at 1:25 p.m.

Upcoming 2026 Events:

- June 11 – MCRW Board Meeting – Brady Center
- June 11-13 – Republican State Convention – George R Brown Center- Houston
- June 13 – City of Conroe Runoff Election
- June 14 – Fly your US Flags!
- June 25 – MCRW General Meeting – River Plantation Golf Club

Respectfully submitted,

Sabrina Amell Corresponding Secretary
Jill Stucker, Recording Secretary



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

 **103 Primary,**  **60 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!



SMS TEXT
REMINDERS



MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL



Caring for America *Reminder!*



A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who brought items for the VFW pantry in April & May- y'all went above & beyond. We will continue collecting non-perishable items for the VFW all year.

Suggested items: Tuna packets, fruit cups, individual PB, protein bars, cheese/PB crackers.

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 June 1776, the following events transpired:

- On June 7, the Lee Resolution, later adopted by the Second Continental Congress, was proposed as a formal and legal act of separation from Great Britain. The resolution declared the Thirteen Colonies “free and independent States,” absolved from British allegiance, and served as the foundational motion leading to the Declaration of Independence.
- On June 11, the Continental Congress established a committee to draft a Declaration of Independence. The committee members included Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and Robert R. Livingston.
- The Virginia Declaration of Rights, adopted on June 12, 1776, as part of the Virginia Constitution, serves as a foundational document that proclaimed the inherent rights of individuals. These rights encompass the freedom of the press, the exercise of religion, and the right to reform or alter the government. The Virginia Declaration of Rights significantly influenced the United States Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights.
- On June 28, 1776, American forces successfully repelled a British naval assault at Charleston, South Carolina, by defending a fort on Sullivan’s Island.
- On June 28, the final draft of the Declaration of Independence was submitted to the Continental Congress. There are six extant drafts of the document. Only one copy is referred to as the “original rough draft,” which underwent copy edits by Franklin, Adams, and the Continental Congress. This copy is housed in the Jefferson Papers at the Library of Congress. Four additional drafts were sent by Jefferson to colleagues and do not contain congressional edits. Subsequently, Jefferson also made his own notes on the Declaration debates and incorporated them into his autobiography in 1821.



Mayflower Compact Quarter
Obverse



Mayflower Compact Quarter
Reverse



Revolutionary War Quarter
Obverse



Revolutionary War Quarter
Reverse



Declaration of Independence Quarter
Obverse



Declaration of Independence Quarter
Reverse



U.S. Constitution Quarter
Obverse



U.S. Constitution Quarter
Reverse



Gettysburg Address Quarter
Obverse



Gettysburg Address Quarter
Reverse

The 1776–2026 Semi-quincentennial quarters celebrate the 250th anniversary of the U.S., featuring a unique dual date and five distinct designs. The first, the "Mayflower Compact" quarter, others highlighting the Revolutionary War, Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Gettysburg Address.



Scan here to order a custom MCRW bling name badge.



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!



Quarter 2 campaign hours due by end of the month! See Pearl Maggio for more information!



TEXAS FEDERATION
of
Republican Women

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



2026 MCRW Yearbooks are here!

Copies of the yearbook will be available for purchase at our meetings. Cost is \$6. Digital copies will be sent to all the members.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY
REPUBLICAN WOMEN

2026 Yearbook

P.O. BOX 1766, CONROE, TX 77305
WWW.MCREPUBLICANWOMEN.ORG



Habits of a Healthy Club

- Has an EIN number
- Has a bank account with 2 authorized signers
- Collects dues at every meeting
- Sends state and NFRW dues to state monthly
- Treasurer submits reports monthly
- Internal audit conducted annually by a club audit committee

FINANCES

Habits of a Healthy Club

- Has at least 5 business meetings per year
- Has programs that promote Republican values
- Members volunteer for local Republican candidates
- Promotes participation with the NFRW virtual events
- Members receive the weekly Capital Connection
- Members attend state federation and NFRW events

MEETINGS

Habits of a Healthy Club

- Reviews & updates bylaws annually
- Gives each member access to current bylaws
- Has board elections at end of every term
- Board members reviewed the Leadership Resources page at NFRW.org
- Board members are familiar with basic meeting processes in Robert's Rules
- Board members uploaded their photo on their NFRW profile

LEADERSHIP

Habits of a Healthy Club

- Club's profile is updated at NFRW.org
- Has active Social Media accounts
- Sends monthly emails to members
- Reviews Membership Committee resources at NFRW.org
- Has at least 1 membership drive event scheduled in 2024
- Has a membership committee chair

Recruiting and Retention





Join us:

MCRW General Meeting

June 25, 2026

Meet & Greet at 11am & Luncheon at 11:30am
at River Plantation Golf Club

Register at mcrepublicanwomen.org

Registration Required, "A reservation made is a reservation paid."



**REGISTER
HERE**



Featuring:

**Dr. Todd Kent, Political Science professor at
the Bush School of Government & Public Service
at Texas A&M University.**

Topic:

The Road from Reagan to Trump

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Charles Todd Kent, Ph.D., is an Instructional Professor and Director of Undergraduate Programs in Political Science at Texas A&M University. With extensive international experience, including administrative and faculty roles in South Korea and Qatar, Kent's teaching philosophy emphasizes active and problem-based learning, influenced by his experience with second-language learners internationally. This approach, moving away from traditional lectures, has benefited students both abroad and at Texas A&M. Kent's career focuses on continuous innovation to create optimal learning environments for all students. He also champions education abroad programs and is the faculty leader of the political science department's Summer European Academy program. A significant portion of Kent's professional life has included both political and business consulting.



A Call to Action!

The NFRW is urging its members to just take a few minutes to contact their U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives in support of the following two bills. Thank you for your help and engagement.

Both S.197 and H.R. 2754 are companion bills—they contain the same policy, one introduced in the Senate and one in the House.

S.197 — Protecting Military Installations and Ranges Act of 2025

Sponsor: Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) Status: Introduced Jan. 22, 2025; referred to Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee.

What the bill does

Requires the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) to review any purchase, lease, or concession of U.S. real estate by foreign persons connected to Russia, China, Iran, or North Korea when the property is:

Within 100 miles of a U.S. military installation, or

Within 50 miles of military training routes, special-use airspace, controlled firing areas, or military operations areas.

Mandates automatic CFIUS review (no request needed) for covered transactions.

Requires notifications to members of Congress representing affected districts.

Pauses energy or aviation project approvals by the Departments of Defense or Transportation if the underlying land is under CFIUS review.

Purpose

To prevent foreign adversaries from acquiring land near sensitive military sites, reducing risks of surveillance, interference, or national-security vulnerabilities.

H.R. 2754 — Protecting Military Installations and Ranges Act of 2025

Sponsor: Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-TX-19) Status: Introduced Apr. 9, 2025; referred to multiple House committees.

What the bill does

The House version mirrors S.197 and would:

Restrict foreign persons tied to Russia, China, Iran, or North Korea from purchasing or leasing land near U.S. military sites without mandatory CFIUS review.

Apply the same 100-mile and 50-mile distance rules.

Prevent DoD and DOT from issuing final decisions on certain energy or infrastructure projects until CFIUS completes its review.

Purpose

To strengthen national security by ensuring foreign real-estate transactions near military assets undergo rigorous scrutiny.



In short

Both bills aim to block or scrutinize foreign land purchases near U.S. military sites when the buyer is linked to adversarial governments. They expand CFIUS authority, pause related federal project approvals, and increase congressional oversight.

MCRW Treasurer's Report May 31, 2026

Beginning Bank Balance per Books			60,987.94
		Revenue/Deposits	
Membership Applications Revenue		106.88	
Donation		5.94	
Lunch Revenue		<u>1,315.02</u>	
	Total Revenue/Deposits	1,427.84	1,427.84
		Expenses - Checks and Charges	
5/2/2026	2799	Speed Printing	22.00
5/28/2026	2800	Brett Ligon Campaign	2,500.00
5/28/2026	2801	Kristen Plaisance Campaign	250.00
5/28/2026	2802	Brad Bailey Campaign	2,500.00
5/28/2026	2803	Will Metcalf Campaign	500.00
5/28/2026	2804	Mark Keogh for MC Judge	2,000.00
5/28/2026	2805	Tiffany Nelson for Texas	250.00
5/28/2026	2806	Dr. Audrey Young Campaign	2,000.00
5/28/2026	2807	TFRW PAC	250.00
5/28/2026	2808	Preisler Golf Properties	1,888.00
5/5/2026	Deb Cd	TFRW Membership Submission	75.90
5/13/2026	Deb Cd	Constant Contact	23.46
5/16/2026	Deb Cd	TFRW Membership Submission	<u>25.30</u>
	Total Checks and Charges	12,284.66	<u>12,284.66</u>
Ending Bank Account Balance per Books			50,131.12
Petty Cash			<u>100.00</u>
			<u><u>50,231.12</u></u>

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<p>June 21, 2026</p>	<p>First Day of Summer</p>	
<p>June 25, 2026</p>	<p>MCRW General Meeting Speaker: Dr. Todd Kent</p>	<p>River Plantation Golf Club 11:00 AM Meet & Greet Meeting begins at 11:30 AM</p>
<p><u>NO JULY MEETING</u></p>		<p>Have a wonderful time celebrating America's 250th! We will see you in August!</p>
<p>September 19, 2026</p>	<p>TFRW Tribute to Women</p>	<p>Round Rock, Texas 11:00 am Click HERE for more info.</p>

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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