



BRW NEWS

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Welcome to our 2025 Newsletter



Diane Rinn BRW President

HAPPY 2025 EVERYONE! It's Trump time in the White House again and some are predicting a "Golden Age" for America. I know we're all excited about this and want to know how we can participate. There will be plenty of opportunities. President Donald Trump and Vice President J. D. Vance have big plans and we have our own because there will be many bills we will need to support or oppose in our own Texas legislature this year. Communication will be key. Therefore, I am excited to welcome you all to our BRW newsletter. I'm proud of the work we did together with other Republicans in 2024 to help get strong Republicans elected. In 2025 we need to make sure they stand true to party principles. One of my club goals this year is to have everyone pick a capacity you want to serve in and merge our individual gifts together for the common cause. The Republican Party knows how important Republican women are (and associates). I'm excited that we get to do our part to Make America Great Again. God bless you, God bless Texas, and God bless America.



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Above: RPT Convention Attendees L-R Jan Stanley, Darlene Shue, Kacey Roman, Deanne Amerine and Marv Amerine.

Below: Candidate Forum, Doris Williams Civic Center, Lake Jackson-January 14, 2024



Candidate Forum

On January 14, 2024, Brazosport Republican Women and Angleton Republican Women hosted a Republican Candidate Forum for the 2024 Primary Election. The event took place at the Doris Williams Civic Center in Lake Jackson. Forum attendees were welcomed by club presidents Diane Rinn (BRW) and Velma Perry (ARW). Brazoria County Judge Matt Sebesta served as the moderator for the forum, which is held every two years. Thirty-one candidates were allowed three minutes each to address their candidacy. Those candidates without opponents in the Primary or General Election were given one minute to introduce themselves.



2024- Highlights

Elections: National, State & Local

Winners in National, State and Local Races-Nov.5, 2024

Office	Candidate	Party
President/Vice-President	Trump/Vance	REP
U.S. Senator	Ted Cruz	REP
U.S. Representative-District 14	Randy Weber*	REP
State Senator, District 17	Joan Huffman*	REP
State Representative, Distr 25	Cody Thane Vasut*	REP
State Representative, Distr 29	Jeffrey Barry	REP
District Judge, 461st Judicial District	Patrick Bulanek	REP
Sheriff	L. "Bo" Stallman	REP
County Tax Assessor-Collector	Kristin R. Bulanek	REP
County Commissioner Precinct 1	Jay Burrridge*	REP
County Commissioner Precinct 3	Stacy L. Adams	REP
Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, PI 1	Jack Brown	REP
Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, PI 1	John Vasut	REP
Justice of the Peace Precinct 4, PI 1	Sarah Linder	REP
County Constable Precinct 1	Mike Fulton*	REP
County Constable Precinct 2	Willie Howell	REP
County Constable Precinct 3	CB "Buck" Stevens	REP
County Constable Precinct 4	James Brawner	REP
Brazoria Drainage Distr 4 Com PI 1	Adrian Hernandez	REP
Brazoria Drainage Distr 4 Com PI 2	Jeffrey H Brennan	REP

*Indicates BRW Associate Member / Source: Brazoria County Clerk Dept.

Congratulations to the FIVE BRW Associate members who are newly-elected officials. Club membership matters!

Below: BRW members David White, Cindy White and Dynise Finley at the RPT State Convention.



Below: RPT State Convention attendees Pam Mahon, June Simmons and Cecilia Gabba at a caucus meeting in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio.



Below: Gayla Baker, Becky Green and Cecilia Gabba attend the RPT State Convention.



Below: Janece Driggers, Dr. Terry Driggers and Kacey Roman wait for a caucus meeting to begin at the RPT State Convention.



2024- Highlights

Texas GOP Convention 2024

The Texas GOP Convention occurs every two years and was held in San Antonio in May, 2024. Delegates from all across the state are selected, along with alternates, to attend and give input on the state's legislative priorities. These delegates discuss, debate, and determine the positions and legislative priorities that will direct and define our Party over the subsequent two years in which the state legislature meets. The Republican Party of Texas leaders, such as the State and Vice Chairmen, are also elected at the convention.

Our Republican Party is a grassroots organization. One definition of grassroots is "a group of people working together to advocate for a cause in order to create change or a positive impact". This convention is organized to do just that. It was not all smooth in its implementation and there were some frustrations, but, overall it was something all Texans should get a chance to experience. BRW had the best representation at the convention for a club our size with 21 members and associates attending as delegates.

Some highlights included: Senator Ted Cruz speaking, our very own Kacey Roman singing the National Anthem before an audience of 6,700 delegates and Lt. Governor Dan Patrick giving an encouraging speech.

It was apparent at the RPT Convention that our Party is strong and that Texas is RED. Our voice and hard work matters. May God bless Texas and America!

Cecilia Gabba, Contributing Writer



Left: Kacey Roman opened the 2024 RPT State Convention by singing The National Anthem at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, TX.

2024- Highlights

BRW/ARW Christmas Social 2024



Above: Jorene Aycock, along with members of her family, accepts awards in appreciation of her many years of service as BRW Treasurer.



Above L-R: Gayla Baker, Tina Gibson, Mike Gibson, Becky Green, Shayne Green and Gloria Millsap.



Above : Judge Jessica Pulcher presides over the swearing-in ceremony of the 2025-2026 BRW Officers.

On December 8th, the annual Christmas Social was co-hosted by the Brazosport Republican Women and Angleton Republican clubs in the Terrace Room of the Doris Williams Civic Center in Lake Jackson. It was a celebration of God and America filled with warmth, camaraderie and a shared commitment to positive change. Tom Stroschein, an Associate Member of both groups and Velma Perry, President of Angleton Republican Women, led the guests in the US Pledge Of Allegiance and Texas Pledge respectively. Kacey Roman, BRW's newest board member and Secretary, sang "God Bless America" beautifully to start the celebration. Linda Kellogg, BRW Chaplain, led the invocation with a prayer of thanks for wisdom and leadership in the New Year.

Jorene Aycock was honored for her many decades of volunteer service, most recently as BRW Treasurer. Gloria Millsap, District Director for State Senator Joan Huffman, presented Jorene with a flag flown at the Texas Capitol on Thanksgiving Day on behalf of the senator. Many of Jorene's family were able to attend and Jorene accepted the honor in her husband Bob's memory. Bob was a crucial team member in everything Jorene was able to accomplish.

As is customary at every Christmas Social, the oath of office was given to the incoming officers who will serve the next two years. Judge Jessica Pulcher, 149th District Court, graciously administered the swearing-in of the following BRW officers: President Diane Rinn; First Vice President-Programs Gayla Baker; Second Vice President-Membership Cecilia Gabba; Secretary-Kacey Roman; and Treasurer-Cindy White.

Speakers for the event were Cody Vasut, Texas State House Representative, District 25; Shayne Green, Brazoria County Republican Party Chairman and Becky Green, SREC SD-17.

Sincere gratitude to all who generously supported the Blue Santa gift drive and to all who brought refreshments, decorated and renewed their membership dues. May God bless Brazoria County and 2025! Happy New Year!

*Dynise Finley & Kacey Roman,
Contributing Writers*

In Memory of **Yvonne Dewey**

July 18, 1940-September 2, 2024



Yvonne Dewey became a member of the newly-formed Brazosport Republican Women's Club in 1974. She served the club three years as President, followed by serving on the BRW Board as Past President and Historian. She also provided much-appreciated guidance as BRW's Parliamentarian.

Yvonne attended her first Republican Party State Convention as a delegate in 1974, and attended every State Convention thereafter as a delegate or alternate through the 2022 Republican Party State Convention.

Her service to the Republican Party and the voters of Brazoria County includes 17 years as Precinct Chair, 6 years as Senatorial District 17 Chair, 14 years as Party Secretary, Election Judge or Clerk for countless elections, and several stints as Republican Headquarters Chair in the Lake Jackson area. She also assisted with the Brazoria County Republican Party's fundraisers including the Lincoln Reagan Day Dinner and Funfest.

Yvonne Dewey was recognized as the Brazosport Republican Women's Club Honoree in 2020. Additional honors and awards: Inducted into the Brazoria County Republican Party's Hall of Honor in 1988, Senatorial District 17 Volunteer of the Year in 1990 and 1996. She was honored, along with her husband John (who served as the Brazoria County Republican Chair) by Funfest, United We Stand 2017, and for 43 years of service to the Republican Party.

Yvonne was awarded the first ever Lifetime Republican Service Award by the Brazoria County Republican Party during its Lincoln Reagan Day Dinner in 2020.

Yvonne served as the Brazoria County Republican Party Chair for 21 years. It was during her tenure and under her leadership that Brazoria County became the #1 Republican County in Texas. A deep amount of gratitude will be forever owed Yvonne for her leadership and dedication which she gave to the Brazosport Republican Women and to the Republican Voters of Brazoria County. *Yvonne's tireless efforts and commitment will always be appreciated and remembered.*

Gayla Baker, Contributing Writer

BRW Member Highlight: Deanne Amerine

Below: The Texas Delegation at the RNC National Convention held in Milwaukee, WI in July, 2024



Below: Deanne Amerine at the RNC National Convention on C-SPAN.



Below: Local delegates and guests who attended the RNC National Convention (L-R): Marv Amerine, Deanne Amerine, Chris Harvey, Beverly Stricker, Anita Bargas, and Tom Stroschein.



Below: Deanne with The First Lady of Texas, Cecilia Abbott, at a breakfast held at the RNC National Convention in July.



In this issue, we highlight BRW Member Deanne Amerine. Deanne currently serves as Campaign Activities Chair. She has served in many capacities since joining BRW, including Second Vice-President-Membership, where she has been instrumental in recruiting and encouraging new members. Please get to know Deanne, in her own words:

1. Where were you born? *Larned, Kansas. I lived in Kansas until 1966 when we [husband, Marv] got married and moved to Tucson, Arizona. We lived there for 11 years, moved to San Jose, California for three years, and moved to Lake Jackson in 1980.*
2. Where have you lived most of your life? *We've been in Lake Jackson since 1980, so that's 42 years. We voted for Sheriff Joe King in his first election.*
3. What was/is your favorite job? *My favorite job was my first one immediately after graduating from the University of Arizona in 1969. It was very rewarding to help a bunch of disadvantaged kids.*
4. What are your hobbies? *Traveling and volunteering*
5. How long have you been a member of BRW? *21 years since 2003, thanks to Yvonne Dewey.*
6. Any favorite experiences recently? *Trump's re-election. WOW!!!!!! Once-in-a-lifetime experience of being a delegate to the RNC Convention [in Milwaukee, WI], thanks to the BRW ladies. We Delegates had to go early to vote for Trump to make him the official Nominee. Thrilling!!! This was necessary for him to get more security after the assassination attempt. It was amazing to feel the emotional energy in the arena when President Trump came into the room on the first day of the convention instead of the usual last day for other conventions. We also were 12 rows back from Trump at his movie premier showing of **Trump's Rescue Mission: Saving America**.*

Attending 2 SpaceX launches of Starship in Boca Chica, TX (1st in Oct. and 2nd in Nov.). We were only 5 miles away from the historical event of "The Catch" during Test Flight #5.

TFRW Tidbits



As Members and Associate Members of BRW, we are required to keep track of and report our Quarterly Volunteer Hours and Political Calls. These hours and calls are sent to our Campaign Activities Chair, Deanne Amerine, who compiles and submits a schedule to TRFW. Below is the TFRW General Policy for Counting Hours to refresh you on the rules, or, for those who are new, to learn what counts. Hours and calls for the period of January-March, 2025 will be due to Deanne before the April 15 deadline. Watch for an email from her in late March.



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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, ie: 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.

Source: “What Counts as Campaign Activities/Political Action?” Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) website, www.tfrw.org.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR: JAN-MAR 2025

Date	Event, Time and Place
JAN 20	Inauguration of President Donald J. Trump, noon, Washington, D.C.
JAN 20	Inauguration Watch Party, 11:00 am, China Star Restaurant, Lake Jackson
FEB 4	BRW Monthly Meeting, 6:00 pm, Lake Jackson Public Library
FEB 10	CEC Meeting, 7:30-8:30 pm, Angleton Courthouse West Annex
FEB 15	Lincoln-Reagan Day Dinner, 5:00-9:00 pm, LJ Civic Center
FEB 18	Nuts 'N Bolts, 8:30 am-2:00 pm, Trini Mendenhall Community Ctr, Houston
FEB 25	Brazoria County Day in Austin
MAR 4	BRW Monthly Meeting, 6:00 pm, Lake Jackson Public Library
MAR 10	CEC Meeting, 7:30-8:30 pm, Angleton Courthouse West Annex



Click below for L-R Day tickets & info:

<https://brazoriagop.org/event/lincoln-reagan-day-dinner/>

The Objectives of the Brazosport Republican Women:

- To work for the election of the Republican Party's nominees.
- To promote an informed electorate through political education.
- To increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through active political participation.
- To facilitate cooperation among local Republican Women's clubs.
- To foster loyalty to the Republican Party and promote Republican principles and candidates in all elections including non-partisan elections.

BRW meets once a month on the 1st Tuesday at 6:00 pm at the Lake Jackson Public Library, 250 Circle Way (unless otherwise noted).



Tina Gibson, GHCFRW President speaks at the 2024 Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop

Contact Info & Helpful Links

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