



NEWSLETTER

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Get Involved!

We kicked off the year with a fabulous 45th Anniversary celebration and I hope you enjoyed it. With the celebration behind us, let's begin another 45 years for MCRW full of activities, events, meetings, keeping Montgomery County and Texas Red! To start, take a look at the "Meet the Board" page. There are numerous committees to utilize your talents. There is something for everyone! At the February meeting, I will be introducing the Committee Chairs so you can put names to faces.

We believe that MCRW thrives because of its amazing members. Whether you've been with us for years or just joined, there are so many ways to get involved and make your mark! Here are a few opportunities:

1. Volunteer for Events: We're always looking for extra hands to help plan and execute our programs. From brainstorming ideas to day-of coordination, there's a role for everyone. Membership and Hospitality are great ways to start. We always need greeters to make everyone feel welcome!

2. Join a committee: From Americanism to Young Republican Outreach, the committees are a great way to connect with others and contribute your skills. Everyone has a talent! Use it, don't lose it!

3. Share Your Ideas: Have an idea for a new event or initiative? We want to hear it! Reach out to any board member or email me at bgetexastech@gmail.com.

4. Attend Meetings: Stay in the loop and have your voice heard by attending our regular club meetings. The next meeting is February 27th at River Plantation Golf Club at our normal lunch meeting. 11:00am Meet & Greet with the lunch meeting beginning at 11:30am. We have amazing speakers and it is a great time to "network" with local officials attending the meetings.

5. Spread the Word: Invite your friends, family, and coworkers to join MCRW. The more Republican women the merrier! Republican men can join as Associate members and young women ages 13-17 can join as Junior Affiliate members. We have a membership plan for almost every Republican!

We're so excited to embark on this journey with all of you. Together, we can make this year one to remember. Yes, we won the election, but there is no time like the present to keep "foot on the pedal" as President Ronald Reagan said "freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction" If you have any questions or want to get more involved, don't hesitate to reach out.

Here's to a fantastic MCRW year ahead!

Keep Texas Red!

Barbara Eddleman

MCRW 2025 President

MEET THE BOARD

February 2025

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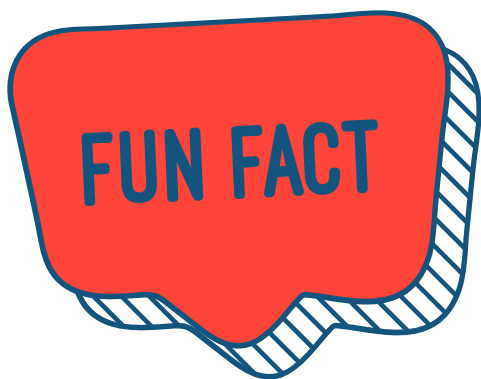
If you would like to volunteer to serve on one of our many committees, please reach out to the committee chair listed above. We'd love to chat!

Join us 2/27 to hear Rev. Dr. Scott Moore present on a sex-trafficking case that led to the rescue of trafficked victims. "Raids & Rescue"

Rev. Dr. Scott Moore is an Agent with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission assigned to the Houston Region (one of 5 TABC regions in the state). 2025 marks his 30 th year in law enforcement including time spent serving at the city, county, state, and federal levels. Currently, Scott is an Agent with TABC assigned to a multi-county regional team which includes Montgomery, Grimes, Waller, Colorado, Fort Bend, Matagorda, and Brazoria Counties. Their cases focus on Sale of Alcoholic Beverage to Minors, Sale of Alcoholic Beverages to Intoxicated Persons, Breaches of the Peace, Narcotics, Prostitution, and Human Trafficking.



In September of 2024, Agent Moore was part of an operation conducted by over 200 Law Enforcement Agents from TABC and several other governmental partner agencies which simultaneously raided 9 TABC-licensed premises in the Houston area that were operated by a Mexican drug cartel. The operation closed 9 businesses in one night, cut off a major source of funding and money laundering for a major cartel, and rescued 84 women from Human Trafficking. Dr. Moore is also the pastor of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in Huntsville and is the husband (and volunteer Chief of Staff) of Dr. Audrey Young, State Board of Education Member for District 8 which covers the northern and eastern portions of Montgomery County (among 10 others). Scott and Audrey now reside in Trinity. Agent Moore holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and Political Science from Lamar University, a Master of Divinity Degree from Southern Methodist University, and a PhD in Organizational Leadership from Our Lady of the Lake University. Scott is a former resident of Montgomery County, a former Associate Member of the Montgomery County Republican Women, and a former School Board Trustee for Conroe ISD, having served from 2016 – 2022.



President's Day Fun Fact:

Officially named George Washington's Birthday, many people began calling the holiday Presidents' Day as a way to honor the lives of all U.S. presidents. As a federal holiday, Presidents' day only grants government workers the day off. The states can choose to address the day as they see fit, even call it something else entirely! Other names for Presidents' Day include Lincoln Day, used in Illinois, Washington's Birthday and Daisy Gatson Bates Day in Arkansas, and George Washington and Thomas Jefferson Day in Alabama.

Source: <https://www.americanflags.com/blog/post/presidents-day-facts?srsltid=AfmBOooHrkD9BeSE5ubITM377A3bKFRuUCuplsMejzdz5sbHcqmwNKL>

Important GOP Site Links:

[NFRW.ORG](https://www.nfrw.org)

[TFRW.ORG](https://www.tfrw.org)

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

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

[MCRW SITE](#)

Campaign Activities: Pearl Maggio

MCRW reported **9,535** hours for the fourth quarter of 2024. The total hours submitted for MCRW in 2024 were **35,618**. *Thanks to all who worked to make this possible.*

The first quarter hours for this year will be due March 15th to Pearl.



Legislative Committee: Karen Callanan

Lots of activity both in Congress and the Texas State Legislature. I will summarize a few actions.

Texas Republicans in Congress are proposing Bills to codify into law many of President Trump's Executive orders. Such as ending birthright citizenship, increasing oil drilling, and leaving WHO.

The President's freeze on federal funds is very limited, only eliminating DEI, the green new deal, and funding nongovernmental organizations that undermine the national interest.

Lt. Governor Patrick outlines sweeping conservative agenda with 25 legislative Priorities hitting the ground running with a Public Hearing on Senate Bill 2 (Senator Creighton) regarding school vouchers and then voted to bring them out of the Education Committee for vote by full Senate if the Governor names it as "an emergency item" allowing a vote as early as next week instead of waiting the 60 days required before the 89th Texas Legislature can vote on proposed Legislation. Well, the Governor did name School Choice as one of Seven "emergency items" in his State of the State address on February 2, 2025. SB 2 was voted on the following week and was sent to the House. The other Six "emergency items" are Property Tax Relief, Water Infrastructure Investment, Teacher Pay Raise, Expanding Career Training, Bail Reform, and Create Texas Cyber Command.

Other items on the agenda are Senate Bill 14 Improving Government Efficiency. Senate Bills 10 and 11 "Placing the Ten Commandments in School" and "Protecting the Freedom to Pray in School" Senate Bill 24 "Educating Texas Students on the Horrors of Communism." Guarding against inappropriate books in public schools" and requiring local law enforcement to "assist the federal government's deportation efforts" as well.

The Texas House is typically much slower in action than the Senate. However, a new speaker has been elected, Dustin Burrows- R Lubbock, and the rules were passed on January 14, 2025. No democrat will be allowed to Chair Committees but may be allowed to Vice-Chair a committee and a subcommittee. We will watch and see how the committees are structured.

Budgets in both the Texas House and Senate are the first order of business. School vouchers and assisting public schools with teacher pay raises are fully funded. Border control as well as New Water sources and the state electric grid upgrades are generously funded. Lt. Patrick spearheaded an effort to create a \$3 billion dementia institute.

TFRW Legislative Day Event March 20-21, 2025, information can be found at [TFRW.org](https://www.tfrw.org).

-Karen Callanan, Legislative Chair





COMMITTEE UPDATES

Caring for America: Beverly Wright

Caring for America had an outstanding 2024! Members & guests gave so generously! The projects we will be supporting this year are Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention; God's Garage; Fisher House Foundation; Wreaths Across America; VFW Food Pantry' and retired flag collection.

Domestic violence and awareness will be our first project. Many times women have to leave all or most of their belongings to get in a safe place quickly. The ladies in women's shelters are in need of the following items: underwear, bras, t-shirts, and leggings- ***NEW items only, and all sizes welcome.*** These clothing items will be collected at the February and March monthly meetings.

Our ongoing project is the VFW Food Pantry and Retired Flag Collection for the VFW. This food pantry is available for veterans and their families in need & homeless veterans. Commander Marcy Phillips requests food that is ready-to-eat. Suggestions include: canned meats, beef jerky, fruit cups, applesauce, cookies, rice Krispy treats, and anything for a family treat. There will be a box in the foyer for food donations at our monthly meetings. There will also be a basket in the foyer for placement of the retiring flags. We will take the flags to the VFW for proper disposal on June 14th, Flag Day.

A big thank you to Donna Norling for volunteering for this committee. *Please contact Beverly Wright at 936-333-4476 if you would like to volunteer.*

MEMBERSHIP: SUZANNE ADAMS

Republicans are riding high on our BEAUTIFUL, HUGE victory in November! MCRW is looking forward to a successful 2025 membership drive. We currently have **69** primary members, **36** associate members, and **1** young affiliate member. But that's only 56% of our 2024 membership! While we will take your money at any time, please take care of renewing your membership right away.

We have made it very convenient to renew your annual dues. You can pay online with a credit card through our website (mcrepublicanwomen.org), or you can pay in person at the general meeting with credit, debit, cash or check. To mail your application, make your check payable to MCRW, P.O. Box 1766, Conroe, TX 77305. You can print the application from our website.

FYI: A primary member is a woman who is a U.S. Citizen and a registered voter. She may hold a primary membership in only one Republican Women's club and it is the only club in which she may hold office. An associate member is a woman who has their primary membership in another Federated club. She may attend meetings, but cannot hold an office, have a voice or vote, or be on a committee. Teenaging women age 13 through 17, may join our club as a young affiliate, but shall have no voice or vote at club meetings. Republican men are eligible for associate membership, but are not eligible to hold office or have a voice or vote.

Scan the QR code to join/renew, or join online at mcrepublicanwomen.org



MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING January 23, 2025, River Plantation Country Club, Conroe, Texas

The meeting was called to order at 6:57p.m. by President Barbara Eddleman. Suzanne Adams led the prayer. Judge Vince Santini led the pledges.

President Eddleman acknowledged attending elected officials, candidates, new members and guests and followed with a brief history of MCRW. The minutes were approved as written and will be filed. Treasurer Nancy Hicks reported on the November 2024 and December 2024 treasurer's reports. The reports were approved and will be filed for review. The 2025 budget was voted on, passed and approved.

Alice Melancon gave a brief report on the September fundraiser. A "Political Family Feud" game is being planned with elected officials as contestants. In celebration of the 45th anniversary of MCRW, Alice announced the 21 charter members who in 1979 started MCRW. A brief report on the purpose of the club, club activities and awards won was given.

A proclamation from State Representative Will Metcalf, House Dist. 16., congratulating MCRW on their 45th anniversary, was read. President Eddleman accepted a commemorative certificate from Rep. Metcalf on behalf of the club. The names of all past MCRW presidents were announced and President Eddleman presented those in attendance with gifts of appreciation.

President Eddleman presented three outstanding members with Lifetime Membership Awards. Each of these members have won several state awards, held positions with TFRW and have also served as MCRW board members for many years. Those recognized for their outstanding contributions were Marisa Rummell, Pearl Maggio and Alice Melancon.

Alice Melancon spoke about the ABC's of Leadership training to be held on February 10th at River Plantation Country Club. She thanked Senator Brandon Creighton for funding the cost of the room and the printing of materials. She then introduced the speaker, Steve Munisteri. Mr. Munisteri has been active in the Republican Party since 1976 and was chairman of the Republican Party of Texas from 2010-2015. He went on to work in President Trump's first administration in several capacities. Mr. Munisteri spoke about President Trump's successes in his first years. In December 2020, he became senior advisor and policy director for Governor Abbott. He spoke on Gov. Abbott's priorities in the 2025 legislative session.

Ted Spackey was recognized for providing parking lot transportation.

Kathy Rickli and Betty Byrd pulled door prize numbers and encouraged members to sign up for dessert and door prize donations. Lindsey and Bobby Kasprzak were thanked for providing the wonderful cake and cupcakes for the evening.

President Eddleman announced upcoming events.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Stockholm for Christin Cormier, Recording Secretary

Get connected and plugged-in!

Follow MCRW's social media accounts!



MCRW is now on Instagram, our handle is ***MoCoRW_TX!*** Follow us there for updates!



Be sure to **LIKE** and **FOLLOW** the MCRW Facebook **PAGE**. We've had a "group" for years, but will be using our page moving forward.

MCRW Treasurer's Report January 31, 2025 General Fund

Beginning Book Account Balance per Book (December 31, 2024) \$ 41905.18

Income/Deposits

01/02/25	Square	Training – ABC	\$ 49.86
01/03/25	Square	Dinner – Jan, Membership, ABC	\$ 224.44
01/06/25	Square	Dinner – Jan, ABC	\$ 112.05
01/07/25	Square	Dinner – Jan, Membership, ABC	\$ 127.29
01/08/25	Square	Dinner – Jan, ABC	\$ 111.74
01/09/25	Square	Dinner – Jan	\$ 61.88
01/10/25	Square	Dinner – Jan	\$ 93.13
01/13/25	Square	Dinner – Jan, ABC	\$ 280.46
01/14/25	Square	Dinner – Jan, Membership	\$ 269.25
01/15/25	Square	Dinner – Jan, Membership	\$ 162.13
01/15/25	DEPOSIT	ABC Training	\$ 125.00
01/16/25	Square	Dinner – Jan	\$ 80.90
01/17/25	Square	Dinner – Jan	\$ 284.36
01/21/25	Square	Dinner – Jan	\$ 446.15
01/22/25	DEPOSIT	Membership, Newsletter Ads, Donation	\$ 505.00
01/23/25	Square	ABC Training	\$ 24.93
01/24/25	Square	Dinner – Jan, Membership, ABC	\$ 185.25
01/24/25	DEPOSIT	Dinner – Jan, Membership	\$ 240.00
01/27/25	Square	Membership	\$ 80.56
01/28/25	Square	ABC Training	\$ 149.87
01/29/25	Square	ABC Training	\$ 24.93
01/30/25	Square	ABC Training	\$ 24.93
01/31/25	Square	ABC Training	\$ 24.93

Total Income/Deposit \$ 3689.04

Expenses – Charges & Checks

01/08/25	2682	B. Eddleman – TFRW Patron 2025	\$ 304.50
01/08/25	2683	A. Melancon – Program/Speaker Gifts	\$ 96.16
01/08/25	2684	Greater Houston Council – Membership	\$ 30.00
01/16/25		BANK CHARGE – 2 Debit Cards	\$ 30.00
01/20/25	2685	TFRW – Submission 2025 – 3	\$ 175.00
01/20/25	2686	Speed Printing & Office Supplies	\$ 67.50
01/23/25	2687	Conroe Golf Carts - Transportation	\$ 253.31
01/23/25	2688	VOID	\$ 0.00
01/23/25	2689	Preisler Golf Properties	\$ 3270.00

Total Checks and Bank Charges \$ 4226.47

Ending Bank Account Balance per Books \$
41367.75

Petty Cash \$ 100.00

Total Cash Available (January 31, 2025) \$ 41467.75

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45TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

February 2025







For additional photos please visit the MCRW Facebook [Page!](#)

February 18, 2025	GHC "Original" Nut's & Botls Workshop	Mendenhall Center, 8:30 am, Register online at https://www.ghcfrwpac.org
February 27, 2025	MCRW General Meeting Speaker: Rev. Dr. Scott Moore with Texas Alcoholic Beverage Comm.	River Plantation Golf Club 500 Country Club Dr., Conroe, TX Social: 11am Meeting: 11:30 am
March 13, 2025	MCRW Board Meeting	10 am, South County Community Center Room Number TBD (2235 Lake Robbins Dr., 77380)
March 20-22	TFRW Legislative Day (3/20-21) & TFRW Q2 Board Meeting (3/22)	For More Information & To Register Click Here: TFRW.org
March 27, 2025	MCRW General Meeting Speaker: Cathy O'Bryan	River Plantation Golf Club 500 Country Club Dr., Conroe, TX Social: 11am Meeting: 11:30 am

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