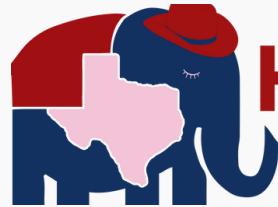


We are the Wall

Save the Dates



**HAYS COUNTY
REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

**HCRW MEETING:
VALENTINES FOR
VETERANS
WORKSHOP
JANUARY 10**



**HCRW MEETING:
CIVILIAN RESPONSE
TO ACTIVE SHOOTER
EVENT
(C.R.A.S.E.)
FEBRUARY 7**

**HCRW MEETING:
FENTANYL CRISIS
SEMINAR
MARCH 14**

**LINCOLN REAGAN
DINNER
APRIL 20**

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 Vice President - Julie Taylor
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 Secretary - Renee Rainey
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 Hospitality Chairs - Kelli Uresti and Misty Dodson
 Parliamentarian - Julie Taylor
 Correspondence Secretary - Susan Manley

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR HCRW PRESIDENT

With 2022 winding down, I want to take a moment and say how honored I am to have worked alongside some incredible candidates, their campaign teams, and our amazing volunteers during this election cycle.

Though things didn't turn out the way we had hoped, all is not lost. We fought hard. We left it all on the field, but sometimes it's not enough. It's easy to sit back and lose ourselves in this loss, but now is not the time.

Now is the time to reflect, recharge, regroup, and prepare for 2024. We should look at the things we did that worked, reconsider the things that didn't, and take those lessons forward into 2024. We're not finished. The fight continues.

Hays County is an extraordinary county with remarkable people. We fight for our values. We endure. We don't stay down. We come back stronger.

To those who won, I congratulate you on a job well done. To the ones whose outcome was not what we expected, you fought a good fight honorably. You should be proud.

For now, take time to spend with family and friends, enjoy the holidays, and give thanks for our many blessings.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
See you in 2023!

Sandi Ellen

A Shift in American Values

by Danielle De Lucia

Texas State University Republicans

If you're looking for an area populated with mixed politics Hays county is the perfect spot. Even though the county votes blue, you'd be surprised by the amount people who note themselves as Republicans. When deciding to spend a day in Wimberley, there is a small business that sells shirts with statements that would appeal to a Republican or Libertarian; slogans would include 'don't trust government' and calling out the elites in power. For the business to sell these shirts there needs to be an audience that is going to buy them. In Wimberley there is that market, however, shirts like that probably wouldn't do as well in a city like San Marcos.

San Marcos is home to the TXST campus and is the settling ground for many students as they achieve their higher-level education. On an average day in San Marcos, you're bound to see an old 'BETO' bumper sticker or a pride flag hanging in a local restaurant. When it comes to the classroom, if a conservative, you are most likely outweighed by liberals. The rhetoric about America from the left-leaning students on campus usually includes a disgust for the county or an attack on capitalism. Students on the left are not opposed to a somewhat socialist society, if anything they are for it and would like to see the country shift more that way. When hearing students make statements bashing capitalism, it signifies how America has failed at teaching the privileges that come from a capitalist society. Along with that, respect for our flag is being lost among the younger generations, they would more likely want to see the flag on the ground than have it be raised as a symbol that unites the country into one. Whatever the statement may be, it comes from an angry hateful point of view that gives life to the Democratic party.

Even though a left-leaning perspective outweighs the culture in San Marcos it's still possible to find Republicans in the mist. It takes courage to go against the crowd, and honor to stand with the American values that most citizens used to once hold.

The opinions, beliefs and viewpoints expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the opinions, beliefs and viewpoint Hays County Republican Women.

HAYS COUNTY GOP CHRISTMAS PARTY



**A great time was had by all
at the Hays County GOP
Christmas Party!**



HCRW EXECUTIVE BOARD SPOTLIGHT

Susan Manley

**Membership Co-Chair and
Correspondence Secretary**



Susan is a retired banking executive with over 25 years of financial experience. She is originally from Pennsylvania but also lived in North Carolina and Virginia and upon retirement moved to Texas. Susan attended the University of Pittsburgh where she met her husband. During her career in banking Susan held several positions including Systems Administrator, Business Analyst, Project Manager and Agency Auditor. Currently, she is an active member of the Wimberley Community Civic Club and has served as their Reservations Co-Chair and as Spring Event Co-Chair. Susan has been a lifelong conservative Republican and is looking forward to supporting Hays County conservative candidates and keeping Republicans informed. Her spare time is spent traveling, visiting family and friends, tending her rose beds and baking.

Mary Clarkson's Deep Dish Brownies

Ingredients:

3/4 Cup Butter or Margarine, Melted

1 1/2 Cups of Sugar

1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

3 eggs

3/4 Cup all purpose flour

1/2 cup Hershey's Cocoa

1/2 teaspoon Baking Powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup Hershey's Semi-sweet Chocolate chips or Reese's Peanut Butter Chips

Directions:

Heat Oven to 350 degrees. Grease square pan (8X8X2 inches). In Medium mixing bowl blend melted butter, sugar and vanilla. Add eggs; beat well with spoon. Combine flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt; gradually add to egg mixture, beating until well blended. Stir in chips. Spread into prepared pan. Bake 40-45 minutes or until brownies begin to pull away from sides of pan. Cool completely. Cut into squares. 16 brownies

HAYS COUNTY elected officials for the Texas Senate & House of Representatives.

Keep an eye on legislation and contact your lawmakers to let them know why you may or may not support it and why it is good or bad for Hays County residents.

Your voice matters!

**State Senator, District 21
– Judith Zaffarini (D)**

**State Senator, District 25
– Donna Campbell (R)**

**State Representative, District 45
– Erin Zweiner (D)**

**State Representative, District 73
– Carrie Isaac (R)**

**Carrie will have a link to the Texas House of Representatives in January, you can find her page [here](#).*

Interested in learning more about the legislative process in Texas?
[CLICK HERE.](#)

Want to see a list of filed bills during the 88th Legislative Session, and track their progress?
[CLICK HERE.](#)

Border Patrol

Another successful year collecting money and supplies for border patrol, dps, national guard and sheriff's. As the border crossings escalate our mission should too. Next time you are grocery shopping pick up a box of snacks. If everyone buys just one we will make a dent their needs. I am going to accompany Deb Wall in January to deliver supplies to a border location. Thank you all for your support of this project.

Mary Clarkson
Caring for America Chair

Please continue to bring items to the GOP Welcome Center or any HCRW sponsored event.

We still need the following:

- hand sanitizer
- hand sanitizer wipes
- microban sanitizing spray
- AA/AAA batteries
- latex gloves
- disposable gloves
- insect repellent
- Band-Aids
- first-aid kits
- liquid IV hydration powdered sports drinks
- Gatorade powdered sports drinks
- 6 inch rolled gauze
- Monetary Donations

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Clarkson.
512-589-4433

HCRW Membership Update

As of October, Hays County HCRW is now classified as a "Jumbo" Club. We have 121 voting members and 45 associate members for a total of 166. Look for membership renewals coming your way soon. Let's surpass 200 members!

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

ONE YEAR ENDS AND A NEW LEGISLATIVE SESSION BEGINS!

On January 10, 2023 the Texas Legislature will kick off the 88th Legislative Session. While there are many items that we will see from our Texas Republican legislators, there are a few we can be certain will be made a priority all the way up to the Governor, himself. In no particular order, here are some areas of focus we can expect to see over the next five months.

1. **Property Tax Relief.** It is safe to say that no one in Texas would object to lowering property taxes for homeowners, and the Governor has made it clear he intends to work towards just that. He supports taking a portion of the state surplus and using it to reduce property taxes, and if his plan goes accordingly, it will be the largest property tax cut in Texas history. We are looking forward to Texas lawmakers putting a good plan into action.
2. **Parent empowerment via school choice.** School choice is about a fundamental right for parents to have access to the educational environment that serves their children best. Families should have a wide range of high-quality schools or educational options to choose from; such as traditional public schools, public charter schools, private schools, homeschool, or virtual learning. One size does not fit all when it comes to education, and the Governor is ready to support that.
3. **Enhancing public safety and recovery initiatives.** More than \$874.6 million have been appropriated to support crucial public safety and recovery initiatives, such as border security and school safety. These funds will protect communities from the increasing threats from the ongoing border crisis, provide support to the Uvalde community, and boost school security all around. House Speaker Dan Phelan mentioned that school security will be a priority for the Texas House and ensure additional funding is allocated to do so.

Though these are important issues, we can surely expect to see much more coming from our Texas lawmakers during the 88th session. While we didn't quite see the red wave we anticipated at the federal level, Texas Republicans maintained a grip on the state government during the 2022 elections, sending a loud message that we want to keep the Lone Star State "a beacon of opportunity," as Governor Abbott stated. Republicans even narrowly expanded our majorities in both the Texas House and the Texas Senate. We can surely expect a busy and productive legislative session in 2023, and Hays County Republicans are ready to make sure the Lone Star State remains the freest place on earth!

WHAT CAN YOU DO? JOIN HCRW TODAY!