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Spring Newsletter 2019

A Message from our President, Devvie Duke

2019 - 2020 Texas 86th Legislature is in session.

Our State Legislature is in session January through May every other year. We are more than half way through the current session. Once 2019 session has come to a close, they will not return to regular session until January 2021 so now is the time to be advocating for bills.

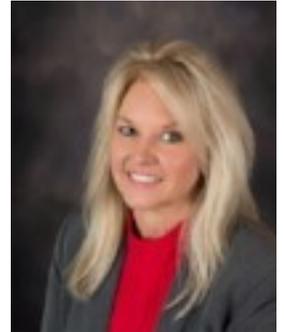
Have you called your representatives lately? Your calls matter! Watch for Action Alert emails from MCRW (McLennan County Republican Women) and TFRW (Texas Federation of Republican Women) requesting that you call your state representatives and request their support on various bills. As a member of MCRW, you are also a member of TFRW and the NFRW (National Federation of Republican Women).

The website legiscan.com is a great resource for researching bills. You will find the "bill number", a "summary" of the bill that links to the full version, and the "action" which is the next step in the process for any particular bill. It also shows which bills are trending.

TFRW Legislature Day is April 25, 2019. We will spend the day at the Capitol in Austin, visiting our representatives and participating in the Legislative process. It will be a fun day. If you have not signed up and wish to attend, please go to TFRW.org to register.

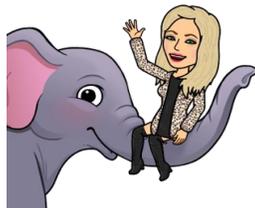
Devie Duke

President, McLennan County Republican Women PAC



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- Balance of Power
- Personal Responsibility
- Quality & Choice in Education
- Opportunity for All
- Freedom



Devie Duke and Allen West
at January 2019 General
Meeting

Let's #WeShowUp and #KeepTexasRed.





From Karen Curnock: Abby Johnson will be our guest speaker at the May 14 General Meeting!

Abby Johnson: The Force Behind the Movie

Every life is worth fighting for.

All life born or unborn should be valued from conception to natural death.

Every single life should be shown dignity

--Abby Johnson

If you have not seen the movie *Unplanned*, go see it. This is a movie every student taking health science classes should see. It will lead to an awakening—one Abby Johnson had while she was the “Abortion Provider of the Year,” having risen up the ranks of Planned Parenthood (PP) after being recruited as a student at Texas A&M. The brochure’s misleading message was that Planned Parenthood provided health services to women; their goal being to reduce unwanted pregnancies. Abby fell for its lure hook, line, and sinker, believing such a mission was doing God’s work. Although, there was something nagging from the beginning—she hid her volunteer work with PP from her parents. From the light of retrospection, Abby realized you should “never do anything you need to hide from your mother.”

During her eight years at Planned Parenthood, she counseled girls of all ages to end their pregnancies, witnessing botched procedures and overseeing 22,000 abortions. It wasn’t until she was asked to help with an ultrasound-guided abortion that she awakened to the horror *which is* abortion. She watched a 13-week-old baby boy fight for his life, at the hand of the abortionist, until he was overpowered and suctioned through a tube from within his mother. The realization of what had happened—the death of a baby living inside his mother’s womb—changed Abby instantly. She came to grips with what her life’s work was truly about: “Abortion was a product Planned Parenthood was selling,” not, as Abby was told, “an unfortunate necessity they were fighting to decrease.” And this product made them good money. In fact, their #1 money maker.

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about Abby

Abby Johnson began working with Planned Parenthood in 2001 and progressed to the position of community services director and health educator, where she served as liaison between the community and Planned Parenthood as media correspondent. Later promoted to health center director, Johnson ran both the family planning and abortion programs. In 2009 she left Planned Parenthood and joined the local pro-life movement as a volunteer.

Today Abby travels across the globe sharing her story, educating the public on pro-life issues, and advocating for the unborn. She is founder of And Then There Were None, a ministry that assists abortion clinic workers in leaving the industry. Abby lives in Texas with her husband and four children.

She left Planned Parenthood with the support of her family and the director of 40 Days for Life, Shawn Carney and his wife. Planned Parenthood, with its deep pockets and tax payer funded budget, immediately took Abby to court to intimidate and silence her with a gag order. As Abby notes, the workers who leave are the organization's greatest threat.

She won that battle and went on to become a relentless force and voice for life, writing two books: *The Walls are Talking*, which relates the stories of abortion clinic workers, and *Unplanned* the story of Abby's awakening.

She also started the organization *And Then There Were None* which focuses on assisting abortion workers who want to leave their jobs. Abby's goal: "We see ourselves as being part of a pro-love movement. We want to love these workers out of the clinics. We want to love them to a path of healing, and we want to love them into a relationship with Jesus Christ." So far, they have helped 500 abortion workers leave their jobs.

For more information about Abby Johnson, her story and mission, check out her website at abbyjohnson.org.

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THE STORY

Unplanned is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation.

All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in.

Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days For Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

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Vice President, Kathy Endres

Quarter Notes

#WeShowUp

We started the year running as our first event was the swearing-in ceremony of several elected County officials, on January 1. MCRW Member Dianne Hensley began her second term as Justice of Peace, Pct 1, PI 1. And Pete Peterson, Associate Member, began his second term as Justice of Peace, Pct 1, PI 2. MCRW members had a front row seat to cheer them on!

In January many members attended a fundraiser for Pastor Ramiro Pena, with guest speaker Mike Lindell.

We kicked off our new Book Club, Red Readers, Reading with a Purpose, reviewing Judge Ken Starr's book with guest Alice Starr. Read more about our Book Club, Red Readers, Reading With a Purpose, in Sara Jones column which will appear later in this newsletter.

In February we took a road trip to Dallas to listen to Dennis Prager, founder and president of PragerU. We have watched so many of the videos that are produced by PragerU, and it was wonderful to hear some of the inspiration behind those videos.

TFRW Regional Leadership Day was February 23 in Salado. Again, MCRW had a great showing.

March found us volunteering at the Republican Party fundraiser on March 23 at Ridgewood County Club. Karl Rove was the guest speaker.

At the end of March, Unplanned opened in theaters around the country and Waco was one of the major cities that previewed the movie in advance. Many MCRW members and Associates watched the story of Abby Johnson, Planned Parenthood Director in Bryan, Texas, who after 8 years had her eyes opened to the realities of Abortion. Great movie, and Abby will be our guest speaker in May!

Our second quarter of 2019 will definitely be jam-packed with opportunities to be involved with our many activities. Watch our web-site and be prepared to join us! www.mcrwpac.com



At right, **Fundraiser**. Pictured left to right – Lyn Anderson, Devvie Duke, Sara Jones, Vicky Kendig, Mike Lindell – guest speaker, Kathy Endres, Charlotte McNamara



At left, **Swearing in for Dianne Hensley**. Pictured left to right: Linda Peterson, Kathy Endres, Dianne Hensley, Karen Curnock, Peggy Mallick



TFRW Legislative Day in Austin April 25, 2019

Open to all members

Register at www.TFRW.org by April 1

TFRW Leadership Day in Salado

At right: MCRW member Rachel Woods was one of the speakers

Below: MCRW members attending the meeting from left – right:
Merryl Jones, Connie Stamps, Sara Jones, Anne Grinols, Devvie Duke,
Terry McDonald, Lorna Kohutek,
Kathy Endres in front.



Membership - Patty Castillo

Our club is growing ... by leaps and bounds!



Congratulations team! Since the beginning of this year, we have 25 new Members and 5 new Associate Members! At this rate, we are on course to meet our 2019 goal of becoming a Super Jumbo club for the first time our club's history! Keep on recruiting like-minded women and men. With your help, we can make 2020 another history-making

year for Republicans. But don't wait to recruit new members because our work starts **NOW!** You can get membership brochures at the general meetings, or download a form from our website www.MCRWPAC.com



Renewals – don't forget!

Thanks to all of you who have renewed your membership for 2019. However, we still have many members who have not renewed their membership – and it's already April! Please go to our website ASAP and click on Documents/Forms to download your renewal form and instructions. Remember, even if you cannot attend our monthly meetings, there are many other ways to participate and contribute – even if you're too busy, your membership dues help support our programs and we need your help!

Welcome New Members!

To our New Members – welcome to MCRW and to one of the largest women's political organizations in the nation – the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW). As a new member, you also automatically became a member of the National Federation of Republican Women. This 3-in-1 membership allows you to be informed on:

- Legislative issues – local and national
- How to make your voice HEARD
- How to elect Republican candidates
- Our monthly meetings and enlightening speakers

How to do you stay informed? First, make sure that you are getting our emails. As a new member, we have signed you up for our email list. However, you must reply to the confirmation email that we sent you. If you are not getting emails from us, please contact Patty Castillo, our Membership Chair at the email below.

And then, **GET INVOLVED!** We have many opportunities to get involved in our programs. From stuffing Easter eggs for our local kids and other Caring for America activities ... to calling your local and state legislators on key issues ... to contacting members for renewals, you can pick the area(s) that you like. Contact a member of the Board of Directors or one of the Committee Chairwomen if you see an area of particular interest to you – just look for them at the monthly meetings. They will be happy to have an enthusiastic New Member helping them!



For information please contact Patty at MCRWmembers@gmail.com



Programs

Karen Curnock, Chairman

Janell Gilman, Co-Chairman



Our MCRW programs are designed to educate, inspire, and motivate our members to make a difference in our community on behalf of Republican causes. And so, we began this year with a BANG! inviting US Army Lieutenant Colonel and former Florida congressman Allen West to speak to us about his new book *Hold Texas, Hold the Nation: Victory or Death*—the second book choice for our new MCRW Red Readers book club.. In a new format, Allen answered questions about his book posed by our president Devvie Duke, as they sat and talked, reminiscent of presidential fireside chats. Then West answered questions from our members and friends. The focus was the importance of keeping Texas red, the agenda of the left to turn us blue, and a comparison between Texas and California—one state successfully run by Republicans, the other deplorably run by Democrats. Books were available for purchase on site, and West was happy to sign them for us.

In February we turned to another local and state issue inviting guest speaker Ann Newman-- author, writer on legislative and policy issues, and political activist-- to speak to the issue of pornographic and obscene materials being shown to our children in public schools in the name of education. This issue was personal, affecting many of our children and grandchildren in schools throughout Texas, so we held an evening meeting to open the discussion and share information with the public. This led to new connections, new members, and an Action Alert to call our state representatives asking them to support, and Senator Birdwell to co-sponsor, HB 3135 to protect our children from obscenity in our schools. The bill requires the removal of seven words from the Texas Penal Code which will strike the exemption of the use of obscenity for educational purposes.

Spring brought March Madness--both basketball and political! --and we were blessed to have Reverend Ramiro Pena, founder and pastor of Christ the King Baptist church here in Waco, focus our attention on issues affecting our state and our country. His mission has him traveling extensively, preaching the gospel and ministering to world leaders. He has the respect and the ear of our president, and he recently traveled to the border with him to see, firsthand, the crisis there. He shared his heart—why he supports protecting our borders, why Hispanic support for our president is at an all-time high, and why he wholeheartedly supports President Donald J. Trump. It was a sweet, enlightening time followed by a question and answer period which ended with the challenge to keep them both in our thoughts and prayers.

With spring and summer ahead, and the 2020 elections not far off, we will continue to invite conservative speakers who will challenge us, inform us, inspire us, and motivate us to effect change in our community, our state, and our nation. With the left marching further left, we need to do all we can to *right* our country. We hope that these programs will encourage you to invite others to our meetings and ultimately to get involved. Because when #WeShowUp, we make things happen!

Campaign Activities, Janell Gilman

Inspire. Unite. Achieve.

"We have now completed the first quarter of 2019. Amazing how time flies. Occasionally I'm asked, "What counts for Campaign Activities hours?" A simple explanation is to count hours pertaining to non-paid political activities such as work done at home, mailings; preparing campaign posters or signs, telephoning, but not for general club meetings. If you have any hours you have not turned in, please send them to janellgilman@gmail.com.

For a more in depth explanation, see below the Policy for Counting Campaign Hours provided by the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW)."

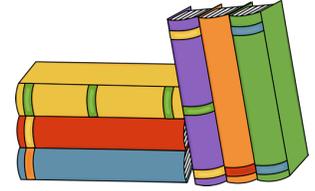


GENERAL POLICY FOR COUNTING CAMPAIGN HOURS

1. ONLY count hours pertaining to non-paid political activities. Hours as Election Judge, Clerk Poll Watcher count ONLY if pay is turned over to a county party, your local Federated Republican Women's Club, a candidate or the TFRW PAC.
2. Include work done at home, such as mailings; preparing campaign posters or signs; telephoning – solicited by a candidate/campaign; baking for a campaign, but not for general club meetings.
3. Count hours spent **working** at a special event or organizing the event. BUT NOT if you attend as a guest or if you are compensated for the event.
4. Count hours spent in session at Federation Board of Directors meetings and Federation Conventions and trainings – also time spent in preparation of convention if on Committee. You may include travel time.
5. Count hours spent in session at precinct, county/district or state party conventions. You may include travel time. NOTE: Please remember to attend your precinct convention!
6. You may count hours spent as members of county or state party committees – during scheduled meeting times and any preparation work. You may include travel.
7. Count political work done at club meetings, i.e., working the sign-in or membership table, driving a candidate, working on mailings, getting candidate petitions signed, etc. DO NOT count hours in regular meetings.
8. Volunteer hours done at county, state or Federation Headquarters may be counted. BUT NOT for paid staff positions.
9. All hours volunteered at campaigns and at headquarters include portal to portal travel. BUT NOT stops for personal errands.
10. Count nonpartisan hours for known Republican candidates in city or school board elections. "Known Republican" is someone who voted in the most recent GOP primary election.
11. Women candidates who are members of a club may count their campaigning as volunteer hours – as long as no salary is accepted.
12. Male associate members may count volunteer hours and must follow the same rules which apply to regular members.
13. A female associate member's hours are only counted in her primary club.

Events—Sara Jones

Red Readers – Reading with a Purpose



January saw the beginning of our newest monthly event, MCRW Red Readers Book Club. Meeting at Sironia on Austin on the 4th Thursday of the month we began with *Contempt: A Memoir of the Clinton Investigation* by Ken Starr. He had spoken at a previous club meeting and graciously autographed his book for us. The meeting was enhanced by Ken's wife, Alice, who added her personal remembrances of the Clinton years.

Our February book choice was *Hold Texas, Hold the Nation; Victory or Death* by Lt. Col. Allen B. West (Ret). Col. West had been our club speaker so many of us were fortunate enough to have an autographed copy of his outstanding book.

Our Red Readers Book Club met on March 28th to discuss *Ship of Fools, How A Selfish Ruling Class is Bringing America to the Brink of Revolution*, by Tucker Carlson.

Over 20 of us had a lively discussion of this information packed book. It is a book to keep on your shelf for future reference as we go through the next few years.



Next month we will meet again at Sironia on Austin, Thursday, April 25th to talk about *The Russia Hoax* by Greg Jarrett. I've started this one and it is packed full of insight and legal explanations. Hope to see you there.



Caring for America, Maria Berry

Caring for America for the first quarter has been super busy and each event was heartwarming! In January our group joined with TFRW and collected items for the victims of human and sex trafficking. February was another collaboration, this time with Rapoport Academy. Some of the students joined in with MCRW to give hand written Valentines to the Vets. It was well received by the veterans whom have sacrificed so much for this nation. In March, we began collecting for our April Easter egg hunt that we host for Rapoport Academy students.



Research/Legislative, Anne Grinols



How does anyone keep track of what is actually happening in our Texas Legislature when over 8600 bills were filed by mid-March? How many are serious bills? How many have a chance of passing? Have you made calls on the issues you care most about?

HB2-SB2: We have already learned that the Texas House passed a bill that increases spending 16%, yet failed to pass any new meaningful tax reform or tax relief. We are still waiting to hear from the Senate. Make your call now!

HB16 aka Born Alive bill: Although the Democrats in the U S Congress still vote against a bill ending infanticide, we are waiting to hear from our Texas legislators on this one. Call your state representative (as well as your US Congressmen) to register your opinion.

SB29: Why should officials who paid by our taxes lobby against the interests of taxpayers? Again, call your state senator.

SB9: Concerned about voter fraud in Texas? Call your state legislators to let them know.

HB 1507: Check with our own Helen Quiram if you would like the real truth on this bill dealing with licensing in the cosmetic industry. You may be as surprised as I was.

Bills are moving through committees and more will come to a vote. Follow the votes you care about. Contact Rep. Doc Anderson and Sen. Brian Birdwell to encourage them to support our positions.



Many ladies went to Austin in January to listen to testimony before the legislature on many topics. Among the attendees, Janell Gilman & Anne Grinols.

Please join us for our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month for the opportunity to network with other Republicans from the area as well as meet candidates and elected officials.

Meeting Information

Brazos Room C of the Waco Hilton
113 S. University Parks Drive
Waco, TX 76706

Meal at 11:30 AM - Program at 12:00 PM
Cost of the meeting is \$17 which includes a buffet lunch.

Reservations are required

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