

LARW April Newsletter

LET'S GET TO WORK!

We would like to congratulate all the winners in the primaries and look forward to supporting you in the lead up to the election in November. Now that the primaries are over it's time to come together and work on getting our Republican candidates elected in the General Election ballot.



Susie Stell – President

It's been said and I believe it, that this country stays conservative due to West Texas. West Texas cities including Lubbock, Midland/Odessa, Amarillo, San Angelo, and others maintaining their strong conservative values at the polls keep our great state of Texas Red. Keeping Texas Red is imperative to Texas and to the United States.

It's time now more than ever to work for our conservative candidates. Make calls, build relationships, go door knocking and whatever else you can to literally "Save Our Country!"

—Susie Stell-President

APRIL

April General Meeting

April 18th Meeting is Free

General Luncheon Meal - \$20 per person

MUST RSVP by 4/16/2024



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Please join us for a fundraising dinner...
KEEP THE FLAG WAVING: THE VALUE OF FREEDOM
Benefiting the Medal of Honor Character Development Program
APRIL 16TH - 6:30 P.M.
MCM Elegante

GUEST SPEAKERS - MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS:
 JAMES MCCLOUGHAN - US ARMY - VIETNAM
 DWIGHT BIRDWELL - US ARMY - VIETNAM
 MIKE THORNTON - US NAVY SEAL - VIETNAM

With Kurt Kiser as Emcee and Music Provided by Local Musician Jeff McCreight

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:
 *Medal of Honor Table - \$2,500*
 *Silver Star Table - \$1,850*
 *Bronze Star Table - \$1,350*

TO PURCHASE A TABLE OR MAKE A DONATION,
 PLEASE CONTACT DANNY KOCH AT
 DJKOCH5207@MSN.COM OR 832-492-4083

A Special Thanks to Our Title Sponsor: Lubbock & South Plains Sonic Drive-Ins!



“PROPOSITION A” ON THE MAY 4TH BALLOT



Early voting begins Monday, April 22nd and ends on Tuesday, April 30th.



Election day is Saturday, May 4th.



***Cancelled
The Mayoral
Forum is
Cancelled***

In the May 4th City Election ballot will include candidates for mayor, city council, municipal court judge, and school boards of our local school districts. We will also be voting on “Proposition A”. The ballot language for “Proposition A” will read as follows:



Susan Cherry-Legislation Chair

The code of ordinances of the City of Lubbock shall be amended by enacting an initiative ordinance creating “Freedom Act Lubbock” including measures to reduce enforcement of low-level marijuana.

This vague language indicates a somewhat benign ordinance; however, reading the complete ordinance reveals the truth. On Project Destiny Texas’ website, you can read a summary of the ordinance and download the full ordinance. Click on this link: <https://projectdestinytexas.com/Ordinance-Summary.html>

Decriminalizing possession of four ounces (quarter pound) of marijuana would be detrimental in many areas. At two of our recent General Meetings, LARW member Aleisha English (January meeting) and Paul Stell (March meeting) gave presentations on the harmful effects of marijuana on the human body especially in young people. At a recent forum on “Proposition A” at Hillcrest Country Club, Sheriff Kelly Rowe spoke on the consequences passing the ordinance would have on our Lubbock County Detention Center. He stated there is not a single inmate currently incarcerated with only a charge of marijuana possession. There are always other charges including possession of other drugs like cocaine or fentanyl, burglary, or theft. Passing “Proposition A” would lead to more people using marijuana which would lead to more crime. More crime means more inmates in our already crowded Detention Center which has a capacity of 1512 beds. Clearly, there are many reasons we need to protect Lubbock by defeating “Proposition A”.



NEWS AND NOTES

**Hello, fellow Patriots
and Prayer Warriors!**

Spring is here! We just celebrated Good Friday and Easter, and I'd like to share these words with you...

"God's amazing love, how can it be? That You gave Your life upon that tree. My works & deeds that man can see; could never purchase my salvation or favor with Thee. Only Your forgiving, redeeming love could do that for me! God sent Jesus to bridge the gap- that I might have His forgiveness, mercy, & grace for all eternity."

What a blessing it is to serve our risen Lord! Hallelujah! He's alive!

Psalm 29:11 "The Lord will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace."

Happy Birthday: Carol Agosta, Nelda Jett, Rube Render, Dana Nussbaum, Chris Winn, Christie Brown-Hernandez, Mary Glasheen, Kathryn Fousha, Patsy Ponce, Laquita Carthel, Elyse Newsom, Cindy Williams, Mallory Miller and Nya Dutkowsky

Prayer Requests: Carla Johnson, Shannon David, Don Workman, Neva Haney, Rube Render, and Sue Matthews. Be in prayer for our country: wisdom for the upcoming elections and to vote **AGAINST** Prop A. Pray for our ally, Israel--victory & peace.

SOCIAL WITH KRIS KING

LARW-LBK Murals tour!

-Date & Time: To be announced

-Meet at Women's club parking lot to park and ride together to view murals. Tour a few, have lunch at Dirks then tour a few more.

-We will be taking pics at each stop! Celebrate Lubbock citizenship and branded art together!



Donita Clark-Caring and Outreach

**SPECIAL OFFER
FOR LARW BLOCK
WALKERS!**

Katy Campbell wants to show appreciation to her LARW friends who volunteered block walking this spring. She has a special offer of a *60-minute massage for only \$40* for any LARW member who volunteered walking blocks for a Republican Primary candidate.

Contact Katy at 806-777-0966 for an appointment and mention that you are an LARW member. Relax & Rejuvenate Massage Therapy, 5121-B 69th Street, Suite 718, Lubbock.



Kris King-Social Chair

*Thank
You*



GET INVOLVED— HELP OUR STUDENTS

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Christina Maldonado —Newsletter



Joni Matthews —TFRW District Director

Lynda Hogue —SREC SD-28 Chairwoman

TFRW - Deputy President Region 2 Precinct Chair #155

LARW member, Sharon Allmon, has asked our members to contact our legislators regarding changes needed in the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR). Bringing this to our legislators' attention will start the process of getting the necessary changes made for some of the Special Ed students taking the STAAR.

The STAAR test is a standardized test in math, science, and reading given to students beginning in 3rd grade. The STAAR assessment is designed so that all children can show what grade-level skills and knowledge they have learned over the course of the school year. The Federal government mandates each state give an equivalent measure to gather data and track student, teacher, and school progress. The Teacher Education Association's (TEA) accepted modifications and accommodations are not adequate help for some special population students; however, there are modifications and accommodations which would enable these students to access the test and result in reliable, measurable data gathered from the test to facilitate future teaching.

Please call or email our Federal and State legislators about the need for adequate modifications and accommodations for these special population students with dyslexia, dysgraphia, and dyscalculia. Some of the needed modifications and accommodations are as follows:

The text must be read to students who cannot read on grade-level as decided by the Admissions Review and Dismissal (ARD) Committee documented in the Individualized Education Program (IEP).

A filled in multiplication chart must be provided for students who cannot memorize their math facts as decided by the Admissions Review and Dismissal (ARD) Committee documented in the Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Congressman Jodey Arrington: Washington D.C. Office (202) 225-4005, Lubbock Office (806) 763-1611, www.arrington.house.gov

Representative Carl Tepper: (806) 407-5633, email through website: <https://tepperfortexas.com/contact>

Representative Dustin Burrows: (806) 795-0635, email through website: <https://www.burrows4tx.com/contact-us/>

Senator Charles Perry: (806) 783-9934, charles.perry@senate.texas.gov or email through website: <https://www.senate.texas.gov/member.php?d=28>

State Board of Education Aaron Kinsey: (325) 238-6050, info@aaronkinsey.com (email)

Contacting legislators across Texas will help move this issue into legislation. Please share this information with other Texans and encourage them to contact their legislators.

For more information or questions, contact Sharon Allmon: (806) 632-0491 or horseshoeranch@ymail.com





UNITY NOT UNIFORMITY

Now that the stress and the divisiveness of the primaries are over, it's time to come together and move forward as one. It's time for unity not uniformity. We will continue to have our differences, but we must focus on our common goals. This past year has shown the deep fracture in our party. We must stop the name calling and the infighting. We can only succeed in defeating the Dems if we are united. President Abraham Lincoln said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

I think it's a good time to revisit one of the purposes of the TFRW. "The Texas Federation of Republican Women actively supports Republican candidates while providing strength and unity for political action." We actively support Republican candidates. Notice, it doesn't say we support only candidates with which we completely agree!

So, my sisters, it's time to join hands and take the fight to the Democrats. Let's Keep Texas RED!

-Joni Matthews

TFRW District Director SD28



Important Dates!!!

**Local Election:
Saturday May
4th, 2024**

**General Election
Date:
Tuesday, Novem-
ber 5th, 2024**





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www.tfrw.org



www.nfrw.org



MEMBERSHIP

April is here and our Yearbook membership drive has come to an end. Thank you to all that helped with calls and by reaching out to your friends and family. I am excited to announce the final count is at 220 members. This puts our TFRW status at SUPER JUMBO: 201- 300 members. I have very high hopes that this number will double before year end, which will move up LARW status to MAGNA! We can do it with your help!



Lisa Cox- Membership

Look for an email from me as I am putting together a list of volunteer's names and numbers for each Committee Chair leader. I would encourage you to please call and introduce yourself and answer any questions they may have. Let's help to get everyone plugged in who checked a volunteer box by inviting them to lunch or coffee, or offer them training, etc. I will gladly go to any meeting you set up, so feel free to reach out to me.

I want to say a big "THANK YOU" to all of you who have taken on a Committee Chair role. It is a sacrifice but very rewarding when friendships form and we accomplish our goals.

SREC UPDATE

SREC- SD-28 Committeewoman Candidates

I am honored to announce that I will be running for State Republican Committeewoman (SREC) at the upcoming State Convention May 23-25. If you are a delegate, I ask for your vote.

-Jane Cansino

I'd like to announce my candidacy for the SREC Committeewoman from District 28. Lynda Hogue has decided not to run and has encouraged me to do so. If you are a delegate, I'd be honored to have your vote. If I should win, I will continue as TFRW District Director. The two jobs work hand in hand.

-Joni Matthews

Steve Evans -SREC SD 28 Incumbent



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