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President's Letter - Leigh Billingsley

The election for the Sheriff runoff race is coming up. Early voting begins on Monday, May 20th (from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.) through May 24th. The official election day is May 28th which follows Memorial Day weekend so if you have plans for the weekend you may want to consider early voting. As always, before voting for any candidate please study your options. As you would in any hiring decision look at past track record, management experience (the department has more than 1,000 employees), and political endorsements of those you trust.

On a more somber note, I am very sad to announce that a beloved member of our team, Secretary Mary Osborn, has passed away. Please keep her family in your prayers as her son-in-law passed away the same day.



- Carolyn Jones
1st Vice President/
Programs



Monthly Meeting June 5, 2024

Bentwater COUNTRY Club
800 Bentwater Dr.
Montgomery, TX

Program: State Senator Brandon Creighton - Updates from the State Capitol and report on a committee hearing this week on the issues of DEI on college campuses, antisemitism on college campuses, and campus free speech.

Raised on a working ranch in Montgomery County, where he currently resides, Brandon Creighton put himself through the University of Texas and Oklahoma City law school working as a pipefitter. Following law school, Brandon worked for the Oklahoma and Texas Attorneys General.

During his time in the Texas House, Creighton led the largest Republican Caucus in the nation, and in the Texas Senate, he Chairs the Senate Committee on Education overseeing K-12 and Higher Education.

Last election cycle, Brandon was asked to lead the statewide Victory effort for the Republican Party of Texas. Best known for his trademark, Let Texas Run Texas, Creighton is consistently ranked the most conservative in the Texas Senate. In the private sector, he works as an attorney and real estate developer in Conroe where he lives with his family.

Sign-in starts at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m., with lunch at 11:30 a.m. The program will begin at noon. Meetings last until approximately 1:00 p.m. Lunch is optional, but reservations must be made by midnight, May 28, even if you're not eating. You can make reservations by clicking on link below or by calling Bentwater Country Club at 936-597-6219 and choosing the 0 option.

[**RESERVATION**](#)



Runoff Election for Sheriff

- ◆ May 20th is the 1st day of Early Voting
- ◆ May 24th is the last day of Early Voting
- ◆ May 28th is Runoff Election Day

You did not have to vote in the primary to vote in the runoff, but if you voted in the opposing party's primary, you cannot vote in the Republican runoff.



NSRW Food Drive

There were 123 pounds of food collected during the NSRW Food Drive for TLC Food Bank just before our May 1 meeting. Kim Greene collected the items in her SUV and took them to the food bank in Willis. Good job, members.

Membership

- Genette Stanton, 2nd Vice President

We have 233 Active Members and 65 Associates. Please get your renewals turned in as soon as possible. We always welcome new members. You can send a check with the form or renew online.



New Member

Karen Smith

Online membership:

<https://www.nsrepublicanwomen.org/membership.html>

Items Needed for Battered Women



When battered women are taken to a shelter or away from their abuser by police, they go without any change of clothing. NSRW members can help these women with donations of the following: All sizes - sports bras, underwear, socks, t-shirts, pajamas, dresses or jeans. Bring them to the June 5 meeting if you would like to help.

Also, Leigh Billingsley can give our sewing members a pattern to make bags to put the items in. Leigh says they are very simple to make. Let her know if you can make a bag - leigh@northshorerw.com.

*NOTICE:

NO MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST

NO BEACONS IN JUNE AND JULY

Ways & Means

Debbie Graham, 3rd Vice President

Golf Tournament



I would like to thank those of you who have already made your commitment to our 2024 United We Stand to Keep Montgomery RED Golf Tournament. As of May 11th, we have collected \$16,000, which is 27.5% towards our goal.

We have also already received some very interesting items for our auctions. We would like to have all our sponsorship levels filled by August 1st, so we can open our registration for the remaining golf teams. If we obtain the sponsors needed prior to then we will be able to open registration for golf sooner.

If you would like to become a sponsor, you can do this from our website by selecting the "Golf Tournament" tab. Ann has made this process easy to do. Or, you can also mail your sponsorship check to *North Shore Republican Women, P.O. Box 1993, Montgomery, TX 77356*, sign-up during our June 5th Luncheon, or contact me at 281-705-3887 or deb@northshorerw.com.

We have also begun the process of procuring auction items, so please begin contacting businesses or friends who you think may like to donate. For this event to be a success, we need everyone's help. The funds we raise are needed to keep Montgomery County RED and support our local community. Thanks for all you do.



Mary Osborn, Recording Secretary, Passes Away

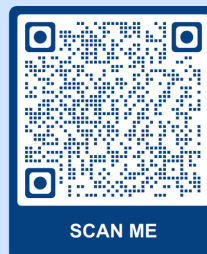
Mary Osborn, our reliable and very competent recording secretary during her short term of four months, passed away May 11. Our sympathy goes out to her family. There is no service planned at this time, but a memorial service may be scheduled in June.

Mary retired in 2019 after working 10 years for District Attorney Brett Ligon. She was a member of NSRW previously and stated in the Beacon when elected Secretary that she was glad to be able to be back as an active member since retirement.

Treasurer's Report

- Chris Gurley, PAC Treasurer

We began the month of April with a balance forward of \$121,547. We brought in income of \$2,250 (Dues \$349, Ways & Means (Fundraiser) \$1,694, Ways & Means (Gift Table) \$207. Expenditures totaled \$1,970 (Administrative \$886, Communications \$210, Community Engagement \$129, Hospitality \$395, Membership (Dues to TFRW) \$350). Our balance on hand as of April 30, 2024 was \$121,827.



QR code for golf tournament page on our website. Scan to go to page to choose a sponsorship and pay.

Go to pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter to find more information about the tournament.

SCAN ME



**May 28 - Primary Runoff Election - Sheriff candidates only -
Rand Henderson (incumbent) and Wesley Doolittle**

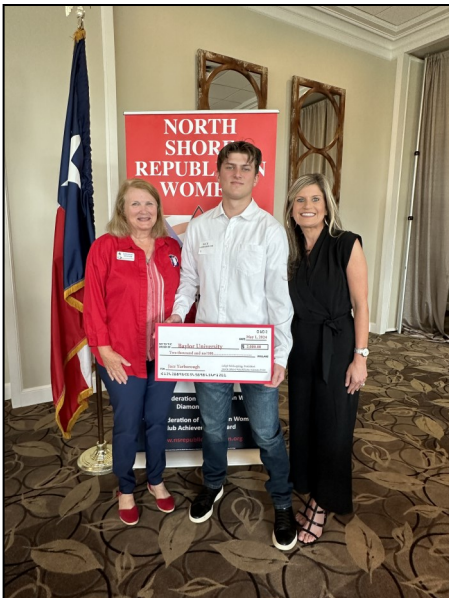
For May 28 Early and Election Day voting information, [click here](#)

**Early Voting Locations
(For May 28 Election Day locations, [click here](#))**

MAP/Photo/Directions	Polling Location	Physical Address	Location in Building
Get All Information	♦ North Montgomery County Community Center	600 Gerald Street, Willis 77378	<i>Meador Room New Room</i> ★
Get All Information	♦ Lone Star Community Center (Not the Lone Star Convention Center in Conroe)	2500 Lone Star Parkway, Montgomery 77356	Cissy Boulware Room
Get All Information	♦ West Montgomery County Community Development Center	31355 Friendship Drive, Magnolia 77355	Green Room
Get All Information	♦ East Montgomery County Fair Association Building	21675A McCleskey Road, New Caney 77357	Main Room
Get All Information	♦ Central Library (Main Early Voting Polling Place - Limited Ballots)	104 I-45 North, Conroe 77301	Large Meeting Room
Get All Information	♦ Magnolia Event Center	11659 FM 1488, Magnolia 77354	LGI 1
Get All Information	♦ Spring Creek Greenway Nature Center	1300 Riley Fuzzel Road, Spring 77386	Community Center
Get All Information	♦ East Montgomery County Community Development Center	16401 First Street, Suite 100, Splendora 77372	Hayden and Dunn Conference Rooms
Get All Information	♦ Shenandoah Municipal Complex <i>New Location</i> ★	29955 I-45 North, Shenandoah 77381	Council Chambers

North Shore Republican Women 2024 \$2,000 Scholarship Winner

Jace Yarborough of Willis High School



About Jace: National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Federation of Christian Athletes, Varsity Wrestling Team.

Class ranking of 7 out of 600 graduating seniors with overall GPA of 5.7065. Will be attending Baylor in the Fall in pursuit of a degree to become a cyber security engineer.

Looks forward to joining the Baylor's Student Republican organization. Has served as a Volunteer for Will Metcalf's Fundraiser Event, Panorama's Mayoral Election, and assisted with Wesley Doolittle's campaign.

Photo: Scholarship Chairman Deborah Graham, Jace, Abby Yarborough (Jace's mother).



September 30, 2024 NSRW Golf Tournament Sponsorships

Because North Shore Republican Women is a Political Action Committee (PAC), we cannot accept contributions from corporations because of Texas Ethics Commission laws. We can, however, accept personal checks from owners of corporations.

Dinner Host Sponsor - \$5,000 - Ron Keyser of GuadalaHARRY'S bar & grill

Red, White & Blue Sponsor: \$4,000 - Pct. 1 County Commissioner Robert Walker

Platinum Sponsor: \$2,000 (10 available)

1 team of 4 golfers

8 dinner tickets

4 Mulligans, 1 Bubba Drive

Recognition on large banner at registration table and dinner

Recognition in press releases, NSRW website and social media, NSRW Directory

Gold Sponsor: \$1,000 (6 available)

1 golf team of 4 golfers

4 dinner tickets

2 Mulligans, 1 Bubba Drive

Recognition on large banner at registration table and sign at the dinner

Recognition in press releases, NSRW website and social media

Silver Sponsor: \$500 (10 available)

4 dinner tickets

Recognition on large banner at the registration table and dinner

\$10,000 Hole-in-One Sponsor: \$500 (2 available)

1 dinner ticket

Recognition on large banner at registration and dinner

Recognition banner on golf course at tee box

Dinner Beverage Sponsor: \$350 (6 available)

1 dinner ticket

Recognition on banner at dinner

Recognition on label of complimentary wine bottles on each table

Golf Beverage Sponsor: \$300 (5 available)

1 dinner ticket

Recognition on banner on all course drink stations

Putting Contest Sponsor: \$250 (2 available)

1 dinner ticket

Recognition at the Weiskopf Putting Green

Hole Sponsor: \$150 (10 available)

1 Dinner ticket

Recognition on golf course at tee box

Scan for online credit card payment.



Golf entry fee, if not included in sponsorship, is \$165. It includes green fees, cart, driving range practice, gift/snack/ditty bag, 1 Mulligan and Team Bubba Drive, bounce back certificate for repeat 18 holes at a special rate for a later date, dinner ticket, and complimentary wine.

Thank You!
for your support.

**North Shore Republican Women 8th Annual
Golf Tournament - September 30, 2024**

WE APPRECIATE OUR SPONSORS!!

AWARDS DINNER HOST

Ron Keyser - GuadalaHARRY's Bar & Grill

RED, WHITE & BLUE

Pct. 1 County Commissioner Robert Walker

PLATINUM

GOLD SPONSORS

Roger & Leigh Billingsley

Mike & Roberta Clark

Doug & Gail McKinnon

Bruce & Toni Sellers

SILVER SPONSORS

Pct. 72 Chairman Ann Kate

District Attorney Brett Ligon

State Representative Will Metcalf

Dr. Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, Woodlands

Township Board

Justice Jay Wright, 9th Court of

Appeals

HOLE-IN-ONE SPONSOR - \$10,000

Prize

DINNER BEVERAGE

Judge Phil Grant, 9th District Court

GOLF BEVERAGE SPONSOR

PUTTING CONTEST SPONSOR

Ed & Karen Pawlak

Stanton Travel - Genette & Jim

Stanton

Judge Amy Tucker, Co. Ct. at Law 3

HOLE SPONSOR

David & Deborah Gentz

Paul & Lesta Gotsch

Randy & Carolyn Jones

Richard & Joan Martin

District Clerk Melisa Miller

Conroe City Councilman Howard

Wood

**Tom Peacock Cadillac - Prize of an
automobile for a hole-in-one**

May 1, 2024 Meeting



MINUTES OF THE MAY 1 MEETING

- Mary Osborn, Recording Secretary



Leigh Billingsley, President, called the May Meeting of the North Shore Republican Women to order at 11:00 AM on May 1, 2024

The devotion and the prayer were led by Cheryl Bolt and the pledges to the United States and Texas flags were led by Will Metcalf, State Representative, District 16. The minutes from the April meeting were approved as presented.

2nd Vice President Genette Stanton thanked Gail McKinnon for her help when she was on vacation and announced that we have 232 members and 66 associate members. She also reminded everyone that they could fill out their membership on line or fill out the form at the gift table. Treasurer Chris Gurley presented the financial report and our balance on hand is \$121,86.74.

3rd Vice President, Deborah Graham thanked several people for their help on the Golf Tournament, including Theresa Ross, who is helping with the On-Line auction, Diane Campbell with the banquet set up, Ann Kate with the website for the event. She asked that Sponsorships be finalized by May 30 and announced that items have been donated for the on-line auction which will run from September 14 to September 28 and that the silent auction at the banquet will close at 6:30 PM.

President Leigh Billingsley read a list of the candidates that will receive a donation from NSRW, including the Sheriff's race which will be paid after the runoff. The total of the donations comes to \$48,500. A vote was taken by the membership to approve this amount and the list of names and it passed.

Leigh Billingsley announced that the members of the board and the chairman of the committees that will serve on the nominating committee for the 2025 year are, Ann Kate, Carolyn Jones and Genette Stanton. She asked for nominations from the floor for two persons from the general membership. The persons nominated were Toni Sellers and Mary Frances Doris. A vote was taken by the membership and the two were approved for the nominating committee.

3rd Vice President and Scholarship committee chairperson, Deborah Graham, introduced the winner of the 2024 scholarship, Jace Yarborough from Willis High School. Jace is 7th in his class of 600 plus students and will be entering Baylor University this fall. He also received a certificate from Representative Will Metcalf to receive the flag that is being flown today at the Capital in Austin. Jace attended the luncheon with his Mother, Grandmother and his Aunt.

Will Metcalf gave a reminder that election day is Saturday May 4th and that we will be voting on an item that was

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WE NEED YOU!



The nominating committee (Genette Stanton, Toni Sellers, Carolyn Jones, Ann Kate, Mary Frances Doris) will be calling prospective officers for NSRW the next few months. They hope you will answer the call to serve the club beginning in January 2025.

Offices to be filled are President, 1st Vice President/Programs, 2nd Vice President/Membership, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary.

If you are interested in any of these offices, please call or email one of the nominating committee members.

Montgomery County Republican Party Precinct Chairs and County Chairman

All Republicans are invited.



voted on by the electorate, concerning the tax cut and that members of the appraisal board will be elected and not appointed. The 1st three of those places will be decided in this election.

Leigh Billingsley introduced the office holders and candidates that were in attendance for the meeting. Will Metcalf, State Representative District 16; Chad Jones, WISD School Board member; Rand Henderson, Sheriff who was introduced at the end of the meeting. Candidates that were present were Paul Cameron, MISD School Board Position 4, Kent Chambers Justice Elect 9th Court of Appeals and Wesley Doolittle, Sheriff Candidate.

After lunch the speaker, Mark Meckler who is President of the Convention of States was introduced by Carolyn Jones and we listened to a great presentation of what that organization is concerning and how it works.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM



Chris Gurley, Genette Stanton, Deborah Graham, Leigh Billingsley, Carolyn Jones, Mary Osborn

2024 NSRW Board Members

OFFICERS

President

Leigh Billingsley leigh@northshorerw.com

1st Vice President/Programs

Carolyn Jones

2nd Vice President/Membership

Genette Stanton

3rd Vice President/Ways & Means

Deborah Graham

Recording Secretary

Treasurer/PAC Treasurer

Chris Gurley

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Americanism

Awards - *Dorothy Woodall*

Campaign Activities - *Deborah Gentz*

Caring for America - *Ann South/Sherry Fox*

Caring and Concern - *Sherry Martinez*

Chaplain - *Cheryl Bolt*

Community Engagement - *Karen Darcy Pawlak*

Directory - *Jody Hostetler/Karen Darcy Pawlak*

Gift Table - *Becky Harper/Sharon Lasseter*

Historian - *Gail McKinnon*

Hospitality - *Cay Eckland/Debbie Dye*

Legislative - *Sarah Tillman Henry*

Literacy - *Ann South*

Media - *Ann Kate*

Parliamentarian/Bylaws - *Dorothy Woodall*

Pistols and Pearls

Publicity - *Joan Martin*

Scholarship - *Deborah Graham*

Youth Outreach - *Dianne Tompkins*



NSRW Calendar of Events

June 5 - NSRW Monthly Meeting, Bent-water Country Club, sign in begins at 10:30 a.m. Program - State Senator Brandon Creighton

May 20 - Sheriff Runoff Election Early Voting Begins (see page 5)

May 24 - Sheriff Runoff Election Early Voting Ends

May 28 - Runoff Election for Sheriff (see page 5)

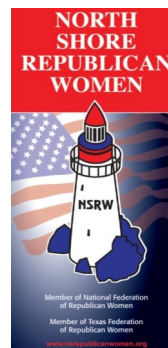
No board meetings in June and July

No monthly meetings in July and August.

August 21 - Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

September 4 - NSRW Monthly Meeting

September 30 - United We Stand Golf Tournament



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Republican Party of Texas Website:
www.texasgop.org



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NORTH SHORE REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEMBERSHIP FORM - 2024

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: _____

Spouse Name (if applicable):

Home Address:

City:

Zip code _____

Mailing Address (if different for mailings):

Home Phone:

Cell:

E-Mail: _____

Texas Senate district in which you reside _____

Occupation (Required for PAC reporting):

OR (Please check if retired) _____

NSRW may/may not (circle one) publish this information in its printed and electronic form

Do you want a Yearbook? Yes ___ No ___

Prefer: Electronically _____ Printed _____

Please check one:


New _____ Renewal _____

Membership Fees: (Circle One)

Active: \$40 Associate: \$20

Young Affiliate: \$10

Seniors 75+ discount offered: \$30

Lighthouse Circle  (see website): In addition, I would like to contribute _____ \$15, ___ \$25, _____ \$50 or \$_____ to support various NSRW philanthropy programs (any amount would be greatly appreciated).

Active membership is for all women with NSRW as their primary membership. Associate membership is for women with other Republican Women memberships, and men. Associate women please specify your other current active membership: _____ Young Affiliate is teenage women ages thirteen through seventeen.

NSRW has my permission to send the monthly Beacon newsletter to me by email yes/no (circle one)

***** Please mail this form with your check payable to NSRW to:**

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