President/Zenia Warren

Once again we find ourselves in disarray; when will we return to our comfort zone of normalcy? Social distancing does not mean social isolation. I would like to think of it as safe distancing. We have all had tough decisions to make keeping in mind the needs of the most vulnerable affected by these trying times. In the best interest and safety for all members, our May meeting is cancelled, but this should not stop anyone from keeping active. We have a very critical election to prep for and COVID19 has not stopped the Democrats from actively pursuing Texas. Texas is ground zero! I've included some very important training options in this newsletter and encourage all of you to volunteer.
COVID19 has not stopped your board from actively moving forward.
I appeal to you now, help us make a difference.
We will not be meeting over the summer months of June and July.
We will meet in August and we have a very special program planned to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment!
We will be participating in the 4th of July Parade! The CTRW Membership Directory was sent out by email to all primary active members last month. If you are an associate member and would like the directory, please email me and I will be glad to send it to you. We also have a very important primary runoff election on July 14th. Please don't forget to vote.
We still have our Precinct/County Conventions coming up and the RPT State Convention. Our TFRW Tribute to Women honorees for this year are Kathy Ruiz and Marilyn Beasley. All these events are on track to happen! I am very optimistic as we slowly reopen Texas that we will come back stronger than ever. Please don't socially isolate yourself. You have a choice. Take advantage of everything offered. Think of the big picture ahead! We have a President to re-elect!
God Bless You and Yours.

MAY 2020

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SAVE THE DATE

*4/30/20 Executive Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. Zoom
*5/7/20 National Day of Prayer
*5/10/20 Happy Mother's Day
*5/16/20 Precinct and County Conventions SPJST Home Office
520 N. Main St., Temple
8:30 a.m. Registration 9 a.m.
DATE IS TENTATIVE
belltxgop@gmail.com
*5/25/20 Memorial Day
*6/15/20 Last Day to Register to Vote in the July 14 Primary Runoff Election
*7/4/20 ****4th of July****PARADE
*****EARLY Voting*****
July 6 to July 10, 2020
*7/14/20 Primary Runoff Election
*7/13-18/20 RPT State Convention Houston, TX
*8/24-27/20 National Convention Charlotte, N.C.

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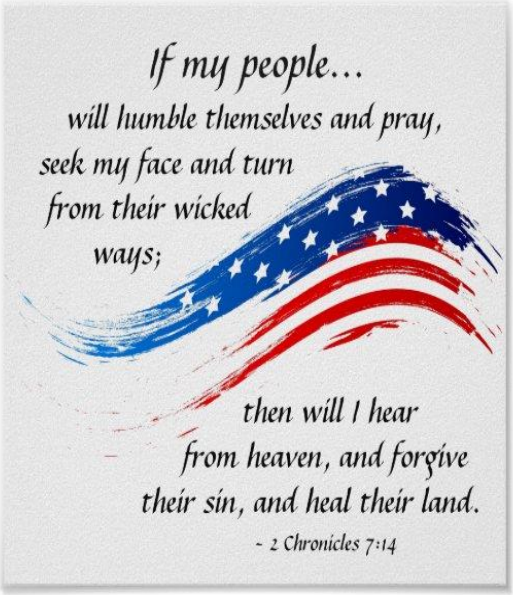
Political Activity Hours Reported to TFRW 5,945
(1ST QUARTER 2020)
TOTAL TO DATE 9,771

Chaplain/Gloria Ribbeck



May 7th will mark "The National Day of Prayer." In these days where anxious thoughts, words, and deeds darken our nation we can rejoice that God never changes. Prayer taps into God's wisdom, strength, protection, and peace. He stands ready to respond to our needs when we humbly ask for divine intervention in the affairs of men. Take a moment on this day as prayer will spread across America. In humble prayer we turn from sin to seek God's face and the promises in 2 Chronicles 7:14, knowing that change, healing, and transformation only comes through prayer.

"Lord, we exist to give You glory. We exist because of your glory, and in Your glory, as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We give you thanks and praise for every breath and moment You have given us." A-M-E-N

1st VP Programs/Linda Hagler

Hello everyone! I hope and pray this finds each of you doing well. Once again, I am saddened that we have to cancel our May luncheon and speaker. However, we do have an exciting and historic event planned for August 18th regarding the passage of the 19th amendment on August 26, 1920. We will be celebrating the 100th year of the Women's Suffrage movement. In honor of this timely event, we will have scheduled a renowned Suffragette Movement speaker as our featured guest. To accommodate a larger audience, we may have our luncheon at a different location. We will update you as plans progress. We also plan to celebrate by wearing attire from the era, ribbons, hats, etc. Please put August 18th on your calendar now and begin telling friends – Especially women - about this exciting event.

2nd VP Membership/Shelley Deloera

I truly hope everyone is staying healthy. We are in this together….for the duration of this pandemic. I do hope it ends soon!!!! I miss everyone and cannot wait until we are together again. We still need members to renew their membership. If you are not sure that you renewed, contact me. WE NEED YOU…PLEASE RENEW TODAY! The Membership Directory was e-mailed on April 15, 2020. We currently have 124 Primary Members and 63 Associate Members for a total of 187. Let's try to increase this number to 200 over the summer months…… RECRUIT new members! Hope to see you at our next unbelievable meeting in August!

3rd VP Membership/Kathy Ruiz

Dear CTRW Family, I pray everyone is healthy and safe and not going too stir-crazy with our shelter-in-place. I think it is safe to say that we are all ready to see each other again. At this time, our fundraising activities are on hold until we know when business will be allowed to open and when we will be able to gather as a group. We still hope to have our Cupcakes, Cocktails & Karaoke event in the near future and our annual Chili Luncheon in October. In the meantime, please pray for each other and for our nation as we continue battling this invisible enemy. Love and miss you all. Looking forward to getting together again soon so we can continue working to **KEEP TEXAS RED!**

Political Activities Chair/Anne Stephenson

In these difficult times when our thoughts and prayers are on family and friends, I would like to thank members for taking the time to submit your political activities hours. The response was fantastic. CTRW reported 5,945 Hours to TFRW for the first quarter of the reporting year. Be sure to track any and all activities you take part in. If you are not sure of how to count the hours, make a list of what your activities were, email to Annettexas@twc.com, and I will review and estimate your hours. We all must continue helping to elect Republican candidates and promoting our shared Republican values with others. 2020 is going to be a tough election year and it is vital to our country that we all be actively involved.

Caring for America Chair/Candyce Speidel

Dear Friends,
How are you? I trust you and yours are healthy and well.
Of late, Caring for America has gone local. Good golly, our Members are an inspiring and creative group. It's been inspiring to hear of the wonderful ways our Members have cared for our community; from making masks to serving our neighbors in countless ways. Where there is need, CTRW Members show up!

In addition to our boots-on-the-ground initiatives, we've put our money to work in the community by donating $500.00 to the Salvation Army! Every penny contributed to Salvation Army-Bell County is spent on those in need in our own back yard.
FYI: Lieutenants Aaron and Chantel Millin will be moving to their new post in the Houston area effective June 21st. Did you know that Temple is their first post? As they prepare to leave, I hope you will have an opportunity to let them know what a positive impact their ministry has had on our community. They truly have been good and faithful servants!
See you soon. Blessings and good health!

(Pictured left to right: TFRW VP Membership, Shelley DeLoera, Lt. Chantel Millin, TFRW Caring for America Committee Member, Libby Pruitt)

Americanism Chair/Lynda Schumann

We will observe Memorial Day Monday, May 25th, to honor the men and women who have died while serving in the military. It's customary to spend time remembering and honoring the countless veterans who have served the United States throughout the country's history on both Memorial Day and Veterans Day. However, there is a distinction between the two holidays:

Memorial Day commemorates the men and women who died while in the military service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. In other words, the purpose of Memorial Day is to memorialize the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. We spend time remembering those who lost their lives and could not come home, reflecting on their service and why we have the luxury and freedom that we enjoy today. We might consider how we can support and safeguard their grieving families and loved ones who are left behind.

Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor ALL who served—in wartime or peacetime—regardless of whether they died or survived. Veterans Day is always observed officially on November 11, regardless of the day of the week on which it falls. Remember: Raise the flag with honor and respect! On **Memorial Day** the flag is flown at half-staff until noon.

WE NEED YOU!!!!!!

WE are planning to actively celebrate the Fourth of July!
Please volunteer to ride on the Republican Party of Bell County float. Our parade is one of the most noted parades in the nation, rated in the top ten. Help us make an impact. Let's fill up that float with our patriotism. This year's theme is: "Vision for our Future." Please contact Lynda Schumann: cardstocelebratelife@gmail.com **with your contact** information…sign up today! Simple patriotic attire is suggested. You will be contacted for meeting time and place….. See you there!

Primary Runoff Election IS July 14, 2020

June 15, 2020 - Last day to register to vote in the July 14th Primary Runoff Election.

July 6, 2020 - The last day to apply for a Ballot by Mail request (must be received, not postmarked).

July 14, 2020 - Deadline for receiving Ballots by Mail (must be received, not postmarked).

EARLY VOTING - July 6, 2020 thru July 10, 2020 (Monday - Friday) 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Locations Early Voting will be conducted in person each weekday at:

Belton - Bell County Courthouse Annex, 550 East 2nd Ave

Killeen - Bell County Annex, 304 Priest Drive

Killeen -Killeen Community Center, 2201 E. Veterans Memorial Blvd

Temple - Bell County Annex, 205 East Central Ave

Salado - Salado Church of Christ, 217 North Stagecoach

Harker Heights - Parks & Recreation Center, 307 Millers Crossing

Election Day is Tuesday, July 14, 2020, 7:00am - 7:00pm

There are only two candidates running for the 426th District Court position on the Primary Runoff Ballot.
Steve Duskie and Jeff Parker
Historically fewer Voters turn out to vote in the Primary Runoff Election.
This is still a very important election……Your Vote does count……Please remember to VOTE!

****Voters can now vote at ANY voting site on Election Day!****

Site #	City	Location Name and Address
001	BELTON	Belton Nazarene Church, 1701 Sparta Road, Belton, Texas 76513
002	BELTON	Belton Annex, 550 E. 2nd Ave., Belton, Texas 76513
003	BELTON	Christ the King Catholic Church, 210 E. 24th St., Belton, Texas 76513
004	BELTON	Belton Senior Center, 842 S. Mitchell, Belton, Texas 76513
005	MORGAN'S POINT	Morgan's Point Event Center, 60 Morgan's Point Blvd., Morgan's Point Resort, Texas 76513
006	LITTLE RIVER / ACADEMY	Bliss Community Center, 109 South Evans, LR/A, Texas 76554
007	KILLEEN	Liberty Christian Center, 4107 Westcliff Rd Killeen, Texas 76543
008	HOLLAND	Kuhlmann Civic Center, 100 West Travis Street, Holland, Texas 76534
009	KILLEEN	St. Joseph Parish Hall, 2903 E Rancier Ave, Killeen, Texas 76543
010	NOLANVILLE	J.W. Sims Community Center, 408 North 10th St., Nolanville, Texas 76559
011	HARKER HEIGHTS	VFW Post 3892, 201 VFW Dr., Harker Heights, Texas 76548
012	HARKER HEIGHTS	Harker Heights Parks & Recreation Center, 307 Millers Crossing, Harker Heights, Texas 76548
013	SALADO	Salado Church of Christ Activities Center 217 N. Stagecoach Rd., Salado, TX 76571
014	KILLEEN	Destiny Outreach Church, 101 N. W.S. Young Dr., Killeen, Texas 76541
015	KILLEEN	Killeen Community Center, 2201 E. Veterans Memorial Blvd., Killeen, Texas 76543
016	KILLEEN	Killeen Senior Center @ Lions Club Park, 1700 E. Stan Schleuter Loop, Killeen, Texas 76542
017	KILLEEN	Grace Christian Center, 1401 E. Elms Rd., Killeen, Texas 76542
018	HARKER HEIGHTS	St. Paul Chong Hasang Catholic Church 1000 E FM 2410 Harker Heights, Texas 76548
019	EAST TRIMMIER	First Baptist Church of Trimmier, 6405 Chapparral Road, Killeen, Texas 76542
020	TROY	Troy Community Center, 201 East Main Troy, TX 76579
021	TEMPLE	VFW Post 1820, 3302 Airport Road, Temple, Texas 76504
022	TEMPLE	Northside Church of Christ, 3401 N. 3rd Street, Temple, Texas 76501
023	TEMPLE	A & E Storage, 4970 E Highway 190, Temple, Texas 76502
024	TEMPLE	Cross Church on Birdcreek, 2202 Birdcreek Drive, Temple, Texas 76502
025	TEMPLE	Immanuel Baptist Church, 1401 W. Central, Temple, Texas 76504
026	TEMPLE	Wilson Parks & Recreation Center, 2205 Curtis B. Elliott Drive Temple, Texas 76501
027	TEMPLE	Temple Annex, 205 E. Central Ave., Temple, Texas 76501
028	TEMPLE	Bethel Assembly of God of Temple, 22621 SE H K Dodgen Loop 363, Temple, Texas 76504
029	CYCLONE	St. Joseph Catholic Church Fellowship Hall, 20220 FM 485 Burlington, TX 76519
030	MOFFAT / STAMPEDE	First Baptist Church Moffat, 13929 Moffat Rd., Temple, Texas 76502
031	ROGERS	First Baptist Church of Rogers, 5 Prairie, Rogers, TX 76569
032	TEMPLE	First Church of the Nazarene, 5000 South 31st St. Temple, Texas 76502
033	IVY GAP	3275 Boys Ranch Road, Kempner, Texas 76539
034	KILLEEN	Robert M. Shoemaker High School, 3302 Clear Creek Road, Killeen, Texas 76541
035	KILLEEN	Killeen Annex, 304 Priest Dr., Killeen, Texas 76541
036	KILLEEN	Central Fire Station, 207 North 28th Street, Killeen, Texas 76541
037	KILLEEN	Skyline Baptist Church, 906 Trimmier Rd., Killeen, Texas 76541
038	WEST TRIMMIER	West Bell Water Supply Office, 4201 Chaparral Road, Killeen, Texas 76540
039	KILLEEN	Killeen Utilities Department, 210 W. Avenue C, Killeen, Texas 76541
040	KILLEEN	Palo Alto Middle School, 2301 W. Elms Road, Killeen, Texas 76549
041	KILLEEN	Roy J. Smith Middle School, 6000 Brushy Creek Dr., Killeen, Texas 76549

JEFF PARKER

STEVE DUSKIE

PRIMARY RUNOFF CANDIDATES

426TH DISTRICT COURT

I am running to be the judge of the 426th District Court because that is what I believe God has called me to do. My wife, Susan, and I feel a calling for me to bring my Christian values, along with my knowledge and experience of criminal and family law, to the bench in order to serve the citizens of Bell County.

You should vote for me because I have over twenty years of experience handling the exact types of cases that are heard in that court every day. I am the only candidate who is Board Certified in Criminal Law, the only death-penalty qualified candidate, and the only candidate with experience as a prosecutor. I currently work as an assistant district attorney in Coryell County, representing the State of Texas in serious felony criminal cases; and I work with law enforcement to keep our community safe.

This pandemic has highlighted the need for a judge with technological competence. At the very beginning of this public health crisis, the Texas Office of Court Administration issued guidelines to all judges on how to continue court operations with videoconferencing which would follow the law with regards to the Open Courts Provision of the Texas Constitution while keeping all of the participants safe. Not all judges have followed these guidelines. As the judge of the 426th District Court, I would. I believe that broadcasting court proceedings online is not only beneficial during this health crisis, but that is also will give the public a better understanding of what the courts deal with daily. I welcome the opportunity for the public to see first-hand my decisions and the reasons for those decisions.

Steve has been an attorney in Bell County for over 20 years, and a partner in the firm Lindley, Wiley & Duskie, PC since 2002. His practice includes civil litigation, family law, criminal defense, and business law. He has handled all types of cases in Bell County representing numerous individuals and businesses.

Steve served in the U.S. Air Force, and is a graduate of St. Mary's Law school where he served on the St. Mary's Law Journal. Steve interned for the Federal District Court in San Antonio, and the Texas Supreme Court.

Steve and his wife Laura (a retired Lt. in the Killeen Police Department) have two sons, and are members of the St. Paul Chong Hasang Catholic Church in Harker Heights. Both children attend public schools and are involved in extracurricular sports and activities.

Steve is a member of the following: Killeen Heights Rotary Club, Board Member of Bell County Bar Association, Knights of Columbus, American Association for Justice, Texas Bar Foundation, and Phi Delta Phi.

As an attorney, business owner, and property owner in his community, Steve has learned that you have to be a good listener - and that a district judge should be able to listen to every person that walks into court. The laws are written by our elected members in congress, not by judges. Steve will make decisions based on the law, ensuring that everyone gets their fair day in court and that those that break the law are held accountable.

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If we are unable to meet for the Precinct and County Conventions on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at the SPJST Home Office, 520 N. Main Street, Temple, TX 76501; the Temporary Chair will call the conventions to order on the steps of SPJST, set the date and time for the conventions to convene and then adjourn.
For more information on Bell County Conventions visit: https://www.belltxgop.org

Download Application to be a Delegate to the State Convention by scrolling down red column on the right side above Events, click on Application to be nominated. Application may be submitted to belltxgop@gmail.com, brought to the Republican Headquarters on Tuesday or Thursday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, or mailed to Nancy Boston, P.O. Box 173, Temple, TX 76503-0173
Resolutions may also be submitted.

The Republican Party of Texas State Convention will be held in Houston, Texas, July 16-18, 2020.
TRUMP SIGNS will be available at the Precinct and County Conventions.
The Republican Primary Runoff Election will be held Tuesday, July 14, 2020. You may vote at any of the 41 Voting Sites in Bell County.

Legislative Chair/Jackeline Fountain

Everyone is anxious for Texas to Re-open!
Here are the highlights of the Governor's plans to slowly and cautiously re-open!
The Governor's new plan announced April 28th supersedes all local orders.
Texas will reopen in phases. There is NO requirement that a business owner must reopen.
The goal is to expand childcare resources ASAP to assist families in getting back to work.
COVID-19 testing is being increased.
Contact tracing is already in progress in Texas, and additional staff will be added to expand this effort.
Summer camps are important, and plans will be developed to open summer camps.

Phase I

To open May 1: Retail, restaurants, movie theaters, malls, museums and libraries at a maximum of 25% occupancy. Churches were already allowed open in the last Executive Order, which labeled them as essential. Now they may expand their services with safe practices and social distancing. Outdoor sports are allowed with no more than 4 persons in a group and social distancing in place. (Previously, State Parks were reopened to groups of 5 or less.) Medical professionals may return to normal practices so that patients can be seen. Hospitals must still ensure 15% capacity is available for CV-19 patients.
A different standard applies to counties with five or fewer cases. That encompasses over half the counties in Texas. These standards are outlined in the The Governor's Report to Open Texas.
https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/opentexas/OpenTexas-Report.pdf

Phase II

If spread is contained between May 1 and 18, then Phase II will begin. 25% occupancy will expand to 50%. Additional businesses may be opened. To finalize the date for Phase II, data will be tracked. An increase in testing is expected to yield an increase in positive cases. So, other factors will be considered, such as hospital rate, death rate, hot spots, and all other pertinent data.
Now is not the time to let up, but to be even more diligent as we move back into society. Please use all the CDC recommendations for social distancing and frequent hand washing. When possible, it is still a good idea to just stay home to avoid any potential spread of the virus. Stay Safe….Stay Healthy!

TRAINING OPTIONS……WEBINARS

Are you becoming an armchair Republican?
Here are some great opportunities to take advantage of training and volunteering from the comfort of your armchair……***MAKE A DIFFERENCE…..VOLUNTEER!!!!!***

TFRW Victory Red Dialer Training

We are facing an unprecedented global challenge. Despite some re-openings, it remains uncertain if block walking and traditional Get-Out-The-Vote efforts will be feasible this Fall. Please consider signing up for one of these trainings. Through VEP, there is a great deal of personal one-on-one assistance. Familiarize yourself now so you won't be at a loss when we need to make calls through Red Dialer in the Fall. Please take 14 minutes of your time to view this tutorial!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xG7Iv7ZnwsI&feature=youtu.be

Republican Volunteer Engagement Project

Despite social distancing, the Volunteer Engagement Project [VEP] is still working hard to prepare for VICTORY in November 2020. We will continue to Register Republicans throughout the state. Volunteer today. Request your list of 10 prospective voters who need to be registered to vote…Yes you only have to contact 10…RPT will do the rest! We are thankful for all of our **TFRW volunteers** who are assisting with the 10K 4 10R Program across the state. Our field staff is making phone calls to register voters, but we need your help. We are hosting several **Red Dialer training sessions** to assist in **VOTER REGISTRATION** and hope you will join in helping **all of our candidates from the White House to the Courthouse!** Red Dialer is a smart phone app that allows you to easily "phone bank" from your home. VEP training sessions will be accessible via your mobile phone or laptop.

Sign up now **https://www.texasgop.org/join-our-team/** **Let's Keep Texas Red!**

Contact: Eduardo Leal, Central Texas Regional Director, Republican Party of Texas

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OR

Krysta Walker, Regional Field Director, Republican Party of Texas

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Abbott University Training

Abbott University offer a great training session put together by the Governor's team covering Organization Building, the Advantage App, using Social Media, Voter Registration and Tips.
Two different classes are available: Leadership and Advantage.
Contact Rhonda Anderson, Director of Voter Engagement (TFRW), Texans for Greg Abbott. Rhonda can provide you with available class dates. Classes are conducted by Webinar…Call (678) 977-1833 or email: Randerson@gregabbott.com
For additional information contact Matt Maley, Deputy Political Director, Texans for Greg Abbott (617) 365-3040. The program will take roughly 45 minutes with a 15-minute Q&A period at the end.

STILL THINKING ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE?
WE NEED YOU!

CTRW Scholarship Endowment Foundation

Honoring our Scholarship Recipients for 2020!
COVID19 did not prevent the scholarship foundation to continue the tradition of awarding the Kitty Pope and Sonny Pope Scholarships to two very special recipients this year. 12 outstanding students from Bell County submitted applications for these scholarships. This year's recipients are: Meghan Malcik: Kitty Pope Scholarship ($1500.00) and Emily Freemyer: Sonny Pope Scholarship ($1500.00).

Meghan is the daughter of Roy and Kim Malcik. She resides in East Bell County and attends Rogers High School. She will be attending Texas A& M in the fall, transferring 25 completed hours toward prerequisites to pursue a nursing degree. Once completed she plans to continue pursuing an advanced degree in nursing to become a certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.
"While some are destined to develop leadership skills, Meghan posses the intrinsic qualities of a born leader, and she's able to accomplish this without an air of arrogance or superiority towards her peers. She has demonstrated her selflessness through numerous community services and has proven that through hard work, determination, and dedication, she can and will accomplish any task she sets her mind to." *Nicole Gutierrez, Rogers High School National Honor Society Sponsor*

Emily is the daughter of Erica and Terry Kinsey and Ryan Freemyer. She resides in Temple and attends Belton High School. She will be attending Angelo State University in the fall, transferring 12plus completed hours toward prerequisites to pursue a degree in Biology with a Pre-Medical focus.
"Emily is a very driven young woman; mature beyond her years. He focus on a future career guides her plans; while knowledge gained from her experiences provides motivation of personal character. Emily has sought out and worked alongside 5 professionals in the healthcare industry. She signs up for any and all volunteer programs in the local health community and takes advantage of what is offered. I find this refreshing, since many high school students are less motivated to learn and work during their free time."
Stephanie Yaryan, Health Science Teacher, Belton High School

Thank you to this year's Scholarship Committee for your consideration and determination in choosing the very best applicants for our Scholarships. A very special Thank You to Mary Gauer for guiding us thru the process. 2020 Scholarship Committee members: Jo Ann Pemberton, Betty and Roy Northen, Linda Hagler, Wanita Reeder, Bob Weber, Dr. Austin and Kathy Ruiz. Temp Chair: Zenia Warren

A special presentation to Meghan and Emily is planned in lieu of our May meeting cancellation.
Please watch our Face Book Page for coverage!
We congratulate these two outstanding young women and applaud their determination. You are our future!
We wish you the very best. Reach out and grab your dream. You can make it happen!

"Education is not the means of showing people how to get what they want. Education is an exercise by means of which enough men, it is hoped, will learn to want what is worth having."

Ronald Reagan

What does it mean to be an American?

Being an American means that I enjoy freedoms that many people around the world can only dream of. As an American citizen, I am blessed with the freedom of religion and speech, the right to bear arms, as well as the right to an education. It is not only my right but my duty to participate in the political process by being an educated voter, and I am looking forward to casting my first vote in the 2020 presidential election to help keep America great. America was built by hard working people that took advantage of the capitalist system and helped build one of the strongest economies in the world. I feel safe knowing that I am protected by the greatest military in the world. Being an American means that I have been given the opportunity to work hard in order to pursue my dreams.

American politician and Christian minister, Mike Huckabee once said, "I wish we would all remember that being American is not just about the freedom we have; it is about those who gave it to us." In the last few years, my gratitude and appreciation for the men and women who fought for my freedom has significantly grown. During high school, I have had many opportunities to interact and help veterans with my school and community organizations. I have also had the opportunity to lay wreaths at the Killeen State Veterans Cemetery and Arlington National Cemetery. These were very emotional and humbling experiences which have motivated me to do more for the people that sacrificed all for the freedoms I enjoy today. As an American, I proudly stand and honor the American flag and all that it represents. Being an American is an honor that comes with rights and freedoms that I will never take for granted.

Meghan Malcik

In America, freedom of speech is a fundamental human right. The ability of an individual to speak their mind authentically without fear of retaliation or legal sanction is often one that Americans take for granted. Similarly, freedom of press, religion, and assembly are all rights protected by the very first amendment to the United States Constitution.

Yet for some, these rights that are viewed as fundamental in our society are seen as mere privileges, subject to restriction by governmental power. That is why it is essential to generate social change through exercising these inalienable rights. The diffusion of knowledge and ideas enhance a sense of community and increase its potential for benevolence and tolerance. Though progress is not always linear, persistent calls to assertive action compel those in power to exert their influence in positive manners.

Personal freedoms guaranteed to American citizens allow us to rally, to protest, and to campaign. It enables us to spread ideas and to spark critical thought in the minds of future powerhouses in political participation- my generation. Policy is what really changes society. Implementation of new policy happens when citizens vote for the change they desire.

American's ability and responsibility to exercise personal freedoms is what makes us unique. Protesting unjust legislation, throwing enormous support behind ideations that improve public welfare, and casting our vote to see the change necessary in our nation is at the crux of the American nature. Our nation's roots stem from rebellion and free-thinking. Carrying on that legacy through fiercely wielding the rights protected in the document of the public is not only our honor, it is our duty. Every election beckons for fulfillment of said duty, and this year's election will be the first in which I can and will participate.

Emily Freemyer

A special note to all:
This news letter was a little longer than usual….I hope you took the opportunity to read everything and please consider Volunteering from Home….we have a lot of work ahead of us….
Plan to TRAIN Now! Volunteer for Red Dialer or 10K 4 10R
Stay Safe and Healthy over the next few months…We will slowly make our way back to a new norm.
If you find yourself depressed or just need to talk…reach out to your CTRW family…
See you in August!

Hugs from a safe distance…..Zenia

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