



## April 2025! Newsletter

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Things are heating up at the State Capitol. While the Senate has been busy crafting and passing bills that support our grassroots principles, the House has been less inclined. However, it looks like the State Affairs Committee and the House Elections committee might be working together to get some good election law passed. Several of our members are in Austin as I write this, to testify on important matters that will actually forward the grassroots agenda. Don't be fooled by many in the Statehouse who are putting out "gaslighting" Facebook posts that celebrate their authorship or sponsorship of bills that sound good. Many of the *guiltiest* have a new claim everyday but the reality is that they are crafting bills that gut the intended goals of such priorities as "no taxpayer funded lobbying" by exempting ISDs, counties, and cities from the measure. Who does that leave? Be sure to read the text and not just the headlines! Thanks to our areas SRECs, including Ken Moore, Gaylyn Devine, Scott Bowen, and Dawn McDonald for all they do to keep our priorities at the top of the conversation.

*Kathy Rogers*, TCRWC President

## UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP

**Membership for 2025 is now being taken.  
Get all of 2025 for only \$30**

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### April SPEAKER!

Our featured speaker on April 8 is Michella Vaughan, Director of Education for Texas Right to Life. Always at 11am at Golf Crest Country Club in Pearland. \$25 with lunch



She is the Director of Education at Texas Right to Life. Texas Right to Life is Texas's oldest and largest Pro-Life organization. Texas Right to Life legally, peacefully and prayerfully protects the God-given Right to Life of innocent human beings from fertilization to natural death through legislation, education, and patient advocacy. In college, Michaella was accepted into Texas Right to Life's Dr. Joseph Graham Fellowship for College Pro-Life Leaders and Student for Life of America's Christian Leadership Fellowship. After graduating with

a degree in Economics, Michaella worked in management consulting before feeling a call to Pro-Life ministry. In Michaella's role as Texas Right to Life's Education Director, she manages the Dr. Joseph Graham Fellowship for Pro-Life College Students, High School Team LIFE Camp, the Convention for Life, and other Pro-Life community efforts and youth leadership programs. Michaella lives in Houston with her husband and their daughter, Lucy.

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**College Scholarships Available to Young Conservatives in Galveston County including 2- and 4-year institutions and trade schools. See Kathy Rogers for more information.**

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On **March 11**, Konni spoke to Tri-County. Konni Burton is Founder and CEO of *The Texan*. Previously, she was a grassroots activist who worked on numerous campaigns for local, state and federal races. Konni then went on to run for office and was formerly of Texas Senate District 10, and current CEO of, The Texan News <https://thetexan.news/site/about.html> elected in 2014 to serve Tarrant County's Senate District 10 in Austin. The Texan provides factual news and information without bias for the entire state of Texas. Check them out at the link above.

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**Go to [www.TCPatriots.com/Events](http://www.TCPatriots.com/Events) or Call/text RSVP to by Thursday April 5 at 5 p.m. to reserve a spot!**

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**Guest Column on CCISD issues by  
Scott Bowen**

*Scott Bowen is currently the SREC man for SD-6 and is currently serving as an at-large member of the CCISD School Board. Note this is not an endorsement by TCRWC but presented for information purposes. Scott has been endorsed by the RPT, Harris County Republican Party, and Galveston County Republican Party.*

**I'm a product of CCISD, and I'm passionate about giving back to the schools that mean so much to me.**

I attended and graduated from Ward Elementary, Webster Intermediate, and Clear Lake High School. My five younger siblings and I participated in the WAVE program. I went on to graduate from Texas A&M and returned to the area to make home and career as a chemical engineer, later receiving a Master's degree from Rice University. I'm a member of Clear Lake Baptist Church, an Eagle Scout, and an avid runner.

My engineering background, analytical skills, and conservative Republican values made me an ideal choice to serve on the CCISD Board of Trustees. Since my election in 2019, I have worked to bring more accountability and transparency to Clear Creek ISD. I opposed delays to reopening in-person education, introduced and passed the first ban on critical race theory (CRT) adopted by any district in Texas, and have resisted efforts to lower academic standards.

I also work closely with our legislators to ensure our district's needs and values are represented in state government. I have been endorsed for re-election by our local Republican State Representatives Dennis Paul, Mayes Middleton, Briscoe Cain, and Cody Vasut.

I care deeply about our schools, the children and parents they serve, and the teachers and staff who make them great. If re-elected, I will continue to use my skills and experience to protect our excellent programs, maintain high standards, and ensure the values of our community continue to be represented on the Board.

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**Newsletter Editor needed! Please contact Kathy to put your imprint on our club!**

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## **Tri-County Call to Action!**

Call Greg Bonnen's Austin Office at (512) 463-0729 and politely ask him to allow Taxpayer testimony on the budget bill!

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Join us on Facebook - TCRWC  
**Check out our NEW and improved website: [www.TCPatriots.com](http://www.TCPatriots.com)**  
**Make your lunch reservation, pay in advance, and/or join!**

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**The Resolution that Almost Got me  
(Kathy Rogers) Physically Escorted  
Out of the GCRP Meeting  
Wednesday 3/26/2025**

**"NO NEW COUNTY TAXES FOR  
OVERSPENDING COUNTY GOVERNMENT"**

WHEREAS, the last four years of the Marxist Biden Administration has negatively impacted citizens' income and expenditures due to inflation and out of control government spending, and

WHEREAS, property appraisals continue to rise, generating more and more revenue to Galveston County, and

WHEREAS, our state legislature has been infiltrated by Democrats who, along with unprincipled Republicans, will not return any of the \$23.76 Billion surplus of taxes they took from Texans nor Address the property taxation problems in our state, and

WHEREAS, Galveston County successfully eliminated our County Treasurer position under the guise of saving money, but yet recently authorized millions and millions of dollars to change the uniforms of the Sheriff Deputies, change the uniforms of Precinct 1 Constable Deputies, change the attire for jail inmates, and changed the color of the Sheriff's office automobile fleet color, all frivolous, non-essential expenditures at the tax payers' expense; and

WHEREAS, Galveston County has issued a \$300 Million Bond Election with no public input, no publicity, no announcements, and no advertisement to be held in a short period of time in the May 2025 Election to sneak up on the voters, and

WHEREAS, the cost of construction material and labor is at the highest it's been in many years which will result in higher costs for bond projects thus limiting the projects' scopes and plans from the proposed Bond Election, and

WHEREAS, Bond Elections raise the taxes of citizens and the Republicans on County Commissioners Court have vowed, "No New

Taxes" and citizens' taxes are already too high,

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Galveston County Republican Party will not support this Bond Election and urges voters to Vote NO for each Bond Proposition.

Ruben Espinoza the Santa Fe ISD Police Chief, who is a Precinct Chair and Sergeant at Arms tried to grab me by the arm and usher me out, but I finally sat down. Basically, the GCRP didn't want to hear it because they only take direction from the County elected officials! What real Republican Party could be against "No New Taxes"!

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**\*\*\*\*Be sure to vote in the May Elections! Know what is on your ballot and be an informed voter! \*\*\*\* in Galveston County go to [www.GalvestonVotes.org](http://www.GalvestonVotes.org)**



Block walking for CCISD candidates endorsed by the RPT and other like-minded groups on Sunday April 13 at 1:30 p.m. Appetizers at Schafer's to follow. Come help us get good conservatives elected to the CCISD board. For more information, and to volunteer, contact Alison Putman 281-734-3223.



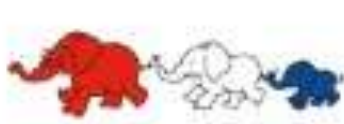
Kay Simpson-Talton has graciously volunteered to coordinate Name Badges and other Tri-County themed items. If there is something you think would be of interest to the club (t-shirts, pens, fans, visors, etc.) please let her know!

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Our State Senator, Mayes Middleton has passed the No Taxpayer Funded Lobbying bill out of the Texas Senate! Now it needs to go to the Texas House, where Greg Bonnen wants to allow Counties and Schools to continue to use your money to lobby against you and your best interests.

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Hope to see you at our April 8 meeting. We meet on the second Tuesday January through May and September, October, and a party in November or Decembers.



**TRI COUNTY**  
*Republican Women's Club*

**Please complete 2025 Membership Application and bring to a meeting and return with your check or mail to:**

Tri County Republican Women's Club

207 Charleston, Friendswood 77546

Today's date \_\_\_\_\_ Who can we thank for inviting you to join? \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # (required)(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Print Email (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ year not required but we'd like to send you a greeting!

Select Type of Membership:

\_\_\_\_\_ Active Annual Membership \$30

\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Annual Membership (members of PARC not voting members) \$20

Are YOU a registered voter? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes or \_\_\_\_\_ No Precinct # \_\_\_\_\_

Club badges are \$17.00. Please indicate \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No to purchase a badge.

I would like to help with the following committee(s):

\_\_\_ Awards \_\_\_ Bylaws \_\_\_ Campaign Activities \_\_\_ Community Service \_\_\_ Finance

\_\_\_ Legislative \_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_ Programs \_\_\_ Public Relations \_\_\_ Social Media

\_\_\_ Sponsorships \_\_\_ Website \_\_\_ Newsletter

\_\_\_ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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For TCRWC use only:

Cash/Check/CC amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_