



# Village Republican Women

**September 2017**

**Next Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 27, 2017**

Lakeside Country Club, 100 Wilcrest Drive 77042

11:00 AM Registration

11:30 AM Program and Lunch

RSVP on the website or  
mailto:president@villagerepublicanwomen.org

Or 713-963-9805

Lunch \$25.00

No lunch \$3.00

(Pay on line or cash only at the meeting)

All Attendees must RSVP by Friday, May 19<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 NOON  
Please notify us of dietary restrictions when RSVP

**\*No-Shows will be billed\***

Complimentary Valet Parking

**2017 DATES TO REMEMBER**

**OVERVIEW OF THE REGULAR AND  
SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS**



First elected to the Senate in 2014, Paul Bettencourt represents Senate District 7, which includes portions of Harris County. He previously served 10 years as the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector, where he introduced “Smart Government” at the Harris County Tax Office and developed a customer service-driven organization. His team created the first major online property tax payment system and the first county tax office website with online automotive registration in Texas. (His motto was “Get on-line, not in-line.”)

In his first legislative session, Senator Bettencourt served as the chief Senate sponsor on 25 bills that the Legislature approved, including his amendment to SB 1760 that requires a 60% supermajority within a taxing jurisdiction to increase property taxes and has already prevented Dallas ISD from imposing a \$100 million tax increase on its taxpayers. Senator Bettencourt also led the passage of the Andrea Sloan “Right to Try” bill, which allows terminally ill Texas patients access to drugs still in the FDA approval pipeline, and SB 1004, which expanded dual credit opportunities in Harris County. He built upon this success in the most recent legislative session by passing legislation to stamp out inappropriate student-educator relationships and he reached across the aisle to establish ISD and Charter School Partnerships to give Texas students better access to educational opportunities. Additionally, he worked to pass HB 810, which gets government out of the way and allows adult stem cell treatments to be used for patients facing severe chronic illnesses.

During the interim session, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick appointed Senator Bettencourt to serve as Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Property Tax Reform & Relief. The Select Committee toured Texas and heard almost 50 hours of public testimony, discussing ideas to reform the appraisal system and bring tax relief to Texans, as proposed in SB 2 (SB 1 in the special session), the Texas Property Tax Reform and Relief Act of 2017.

Senator Bettencourt also serves on the Senate Finance, Education, and Higher Education committees, and is the Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Most recently, he was appointed Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Government Reform and unanimously elected by his colleagues to serve as the Chair of the Texas Senate Republican Caucus.

A graduate of Texas A&M University, Senator Bettencourt is the CEO of Bettencourt Tax Advisors, LLC, a tax consulting company in Houston that has grown to more than three dozen employees. He is also a radio and television personality.

The senator and his wife Susan are active members of Saint John Vianney Catholic Church, where Paul is a fourth-degree Knight of Columbus.



## *President's Message*

**DEAR VRW MEMBERS,**

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer filled with opportunities to make great memories.

We have a packed agenda for the coming months. Our President and the Conservative Movement is being attacked everyday. We must continue, day after day, to stay vigilante and fight for our believes and principles. Look over the "Mark your Calendar" in this newsletter and vow to get involved.

Please do not let the liberal media and the hate groups convince you all is lost and the President is going in the wrong direction. Here are some of the accomplishments in his first few months:

1. Supreme Court Judge Gorsuch .
2. 59 missiles dropped in Syria.
3. He took us out of TPP.
4. Illegal immigration is now down 70%( the lowest in 17 years.)
5. Consumer confidence highest since 2000 at index 125.6 .
6. Mortgage applications for new homes rise to a 7 year high.
7. Pulled out of the lopsided Paris accord..
8. Arranged 20% Tariff on soft lumber from Canada.
9. Bids for border wall are well underway.
10. Keystone pipeline approved.
11. NATO allies boost spending by 4.3%.
12. Allowing VA to terminate bad employees.
13. Allowing private healthcare choices for veterans.
14. More than 600,000. Jobs created.
15. Median household income at a 7 year high.
16. The Stock Market is at the highest ever In its history.
17. China agreed to American import of beef.
18. \$89 Billion saved in regulation rollbacks.
19. Rollback of A Regulation to boost coal mining.
20. MOAB for ISIS.
21. Travel ban reinstated.
22. Executive order for religious freedom.
23. Jump started NASA.
24. \$600 million cut from UN peacekeeping budget.
25. Targeting of MS13 gangs.
26. Deporting violent illegal immigrants.
27. Signed 41 bills to date.
28. Created a commission on child trafficking.
29. Created a commission on voter fraud.
30. Created a commission for opioids addiction.
31. Giving power to states to drug test unemployment recipients.
32. Unemployment lowest since may 2007.
33. Historic Black College University initiative.
34. Women In Entrepreneurship Act.
35. Created an office or illegal immigrant crime victims.
36. Reversed Dodd-Frank.
37. Repealed DOT ruling which would have taken power away from local governments for infrastructure planning.
38. Order to stop crime against law enforcement.
39. End of DAPA program.
40. Stopped companies from moving out of America.
41. Promoted businesses to create American Jobs.
42. Encouraged country to once again Buy American and hire American.
44. Cutting regulations 2 for every one created.
45. Review of all trade agreements to make sure they are America first.
46. Apprentice program.
47. Highest manufacturing surge in 3 years.
48. \$78 Billion promised reinvestment from major businesses like Exxon, Bayer, Apple, SoftBank, Toyota...
49. Denied FBI a new building.
50. \$700 million saved with F-35 renegotiation.
51. Saves \$22 million by reducing white house payroll.
52. Dept of treasury reports a \$182 billion surplus for April 2017 (2nd largest in history.)
53. Negotiated the release of 6 US humanitarian workers held captive in Egypt.
54. Gas prices lowest in more than 12 years.
55. Signed An Executive Order To Promote Energy Independence And Economic Growth.
56. Has already accomplished more to stop government interference into people's lives than any President in the history of America.
57. President Trump has worked with Congress to pass more legislation in his first 100 days than any President since Truman.
58. Has given head executive of each branches 6 month time Frame dated march 15 2017, to trim the fat. restructure and improve efficacy of their branch. Observe the pushback, the leaks and the lies as entrenched POWER refuses to go silently into that good night!
59. Last, Refused his Presidential Pay Check, donated it to Veterans issues.

*Buffie*

*Legislative Report (Deanna Harrington, Chair)*

**The 85th Session of the Texas Legislature:  
Overtime Wrap-Up**  
*by State Representative Jim Murphy (HD-133)*

The 85th special session came to a close last week and members are now back home and readjusting to life post-session. The House and Senate each offered their own unique approaches to the twenty items set on Governor Abbott's agenda, resulting in a mixed bag of passed bills and items left unresolved.

With more than 500 pieces of legislation filed during the special session it might surprise you to learn that only twelve bills passed to become law. Four of the twelve laws are pro-life reform bills, and I am especially proud that I was able to author and pass House Bill 215 during this special session. This new law provides information to ensure that abortions performed on minors are carried out properly and gathers new information that will be used to improve public health. The legislature appropriated an additional \$563 million for public education and retired school teachers (HB 30), ensured that state agencies like the Texas Medical Board do not expire before their next sunset review

passed new regulations to election system (SB 5).

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transparency and property  
municipal annexation pro-  
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support the legislature  
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Notwithstanding these  
ture failed to agree on  
issues. SB 1, a property-  
matic elections for certain

taxes more than six percent over the previous year, died on the last day of the special session. Other items that did not pass include reducing the rate at which interest accrues on deferred property taxes (HB 108), legislation prohibiting the use of taxpayer dollars to collect union dues (HB 156/SB 7), measures to expedite the permitting process for local governments (HB 164/SB 13), and the creation of a commission to recommend improvements to the school finance system (SB 16).

Returning to Austin for an additional 30 days away from our families and our jobs was a real challenge, especially after a grueling 140-day session. Regardless, the amount of work we were able to finish is commendable, and I am proud of the work my colleagues and I have done. The ideas and conversations had over the last month will help pave the way for improving Texas in the years to come and I look forward to continuing to work on your behalf. It is my honor to represent you in the Texas House.



(Senate Bill 20, SB 60), and protect the integrity of our We passed two bills strength-  
erty owners: SB 6, increasing  
owner participation in the mu-  
cess, and HB 7, relating to mu-  
removal. And with unanimous  
passed SB 17, extending the  
nal mortality task force.  
accomplishments, the legisla-  
how to resolve a number of  
tax reform bill requiring auto-  
taxing units attempting to raise

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<http://villagerepublicanwomen.org/membership-application/>

*Welcome Members (Eleanor White, Membership Chair)*

Ethelene Adams	Angela Ansel
Meredith Austin	Donna Bahorich
Julianne C. Blodgett	Barbara Boek
Sandy Campion	Priscilla Carroll
Dan Comstock	Sarah Jarrell
Linda Miller	Joanna Stewart
Wynette Stuntz	Carolyn Williams



*Meet Your Executive Board Member*

*Cheryl Dalton, Chaplain*

My interest in politics started with the CAMPAIGN of President Ronald Reagan in 1980. A friend asked me to JOIN her AND work in Reagan's BID FOR THE PRESIDENCY and I was smitten immediately. I believed there was no better way to serve America, this while living in Raleigh, North Carolina.

After moving to Houston, I looked for a place to connect to politics and joined Daughters of Liberty RW in 1998 at the suggestion of friends in church. While working full time, I volunteered with DOL and was on IT'S Board and held various positions including Executive Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Hospitality Chair.

After retiring from my 25-year career as Financial Planner with Morgan Stanley I assumed the role of President of DOL in 2012. Simultaneously during this period, I served on the Board of Greater Houston Council of Federated RW and became its President in 2016, where I currently serve.

I am Precinct Chair of Precinct #761, Election Judge for Voting Precinct #707, and serve on the Engagement Committee of THE Harris County Republican Party.

*Americanism by Mary Grace Landrum*

We will be hosting a Voter Registration Drive at the Buckingham Senior Living Center on September 7, 2017 from 10 am - noon. Please join us as we help register new voters or those who need to make changes or need a mail-in ballot. Contact Mary Grace Landrum, ([mlandrum@landrumandassoc.com](mailto:mlandrum@landrumandassoc.com)) or 713-722-0104 or Emely McHattie, ([emchattie14@gmail.com](mailto:emchattie14@gmail.com)) or 832-664-9782 to volunteer.



## **VRW FUNDRAISER**

Sunday November 19, 2017  
1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM  
BEAR CREEK PARK PAVILLION #6

We are trying something different this time. So many of our members have not attended the fundraisers in the past because of the cost. Therefore we are only charging \$25 per person which includes your food. Since it is a picnic we are including children, so please bring your children, grandchildren, or (in my case) great grandchildren. Ages under 10 will only cost \$15. They even get ice cream.

We will have food, music, games, and a petting zoo with a donkey for the children to ride. We may even try line dancing. The main event will be a Tug of War between city/county elected officials captained by County Clerk Chris Daniel and state officials captained by Judge Bill Boyce.

Of course we will have a silent auction and a live auction with Paul Bettencourt as our auctioneer. Emely McHattie, our auction chair, is collecting auction items. Since this is a fund raiser we really need auction items. Some suggestions are college baskets, items from elected officials, jewelry, food baskets, wine baskets, dinners, tickets to performances or sports games, plane rides, golf packages, political souvenirs, or just use your imagination.

Contact Kathaleen Wall or Nancy Scott for underwriting opportunities are available.

## **Village Republican Women In The News**

**Dear Members,**

Congratulations for our successful CHAT on Harris County Resources to combat Human Trafficking! Many thanks to Kathaleen and Buffie for their tireless efforts.

Watch for the September issue of Absolutely Memorial! VRW will be featured in a full page article. Tell your friends, and encourage them to join. We can make a difference! We also were featured in the Greater Houston Council's newsletter last month. Look for great articles to come in the TFRW and NFRW newsletters. Send me your pictures! I appreciate our photographers!



# Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

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Federated Republican Women



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# CELEBRATES **55** YEARS

of

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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2017**

**LUNCHEON AND EXCITING PROGRAM  
AT THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HOUSTON**

**Honoring Past GHC Presidents  
Recognizing our Republican County Chairs**

**Featured Speakers**

**Congressman Michael McCaul**

**Congressman Kevin Brady (not confirmed)**

**Great Speakers ★ Historical Memorabilia ★ Bling for Sale**

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**Deadline for reservations is September 21!**

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## Minutes from May 24, 2017 by Fran Marintsc

The meeting was called to order by President Ingersoll at 11:25 A.M.

Ms. Cheryl Dalton (Chaplain) read the invocation and Ms. Mary Grace Landrum (Americanism) led the members in the Pledges.

President Ingersoll introduced guests, candidates and visitors who were present.

Minutes of the April 2017 General Meeting were approved as recorded with no corrections and the Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit as stated.

Ms. Kathaleen Wall (Programs) reported that the speaker for the August 17th meeting will be United States Representative Ted Poe.

Ms. Deanna Harrington (Legislation) reminded the attendees that there are four days left in the Legislative session.

Ms. Eleanor White (Membership) discussed that the Membership Orientation will be scheduled in early September.

Ms. Beverly Roberts (Ways and Means) requested that members start collecting silent and live auction items for the November fundraiser.

Ms. Mary Grace Landrum (Americanism) announced that VRW will have a booth during the Memorial Villages 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. President Ingersoll gifted Ms. Landrum a patriotic hat to wear in acknowledgement of a great job in her role as Americanism Chair.

Nominations were taken from the floor and were voted by the membership for the five members of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee for the 2018-2020 slate of Village Republican Women Board are Eleanor White (Chairman), Rajada Fleming, Cheryl Dalton, Kathleen Slaydon and Diane Sloan.

Village Republican Women will submit Ms. Lo Wallace as the VRW candidate for the TRFW Legacy Award. This award will be presented to the winner at the TRFW Convention in Dallas during October 2017.

Ms. Cheryl Dalton asked for volunteers to help at the GHC Anniversary Lunch. President Ingersoll announced that Care Packages can be bought for \$35 for Military dogs that are deployed through Troopathon.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

The speakers for this event were Ashley Davis-Nelson (C.P.S. to Conservative Activism) and Toni MacFarlan (America's Hidden Epidemic.)

SEPTEMBER 12	VRW MEMBER ORIENTATION SOIREE! 5:30PM AT BUFFIE'S HOME SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP OFFER!
SEPTEMBER 14 - 17	NFRW CONVENTION....PHILADELPHIA PA
SEPTEMBER 27	VRW GENERAL MEETING LAKESIDE CC 11:00AM-1:00PM
SEPTEMBER 28	VRW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING TRINI MENDENHALL 10:00AM-12:00PM
OCTOBER 6	GHC 55TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON, JUNIOR LEAGUE
OCTOBER 19 - 22	TFRW CONVENTION ,DALLAS, OMNI HOTEL
OCTOBER 25	VRW GENERAL MEETING, LAKESIDE CC 11:00AM-1:00PM
OCTOBER 26	VRW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING TRINI MENDENHALL 10:00AM-12:00PM
NOVEMBER 7	ELECTION DAY AT THE POLLS
NOVEMBER 11	HOUSTON'S VETERANS DAY PARADE
NOVEMBER 15	VRW GENERAL MEETING, LAKESIDE CC 11:00AM-1:00PM
NOVEMBER 16	VRW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING TRINI MENDENHALL
NOVEMBER 19	VRW OLE TIME PICNIC FUNDRAISER
DECEMBER 3	VRW CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!

# Village Republican Women

Region II  
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## 2016-2017 Executive Board

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