



Village Republican Women

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Lessons Learned—An Overview of the 2018 Election Cycle

Mark Wednesday, January 23, 2019, 11:00 a.m. at the Houston Racquet Club on your calendar! You won't want to miss this analytical overview of the 2018 election cycle.

All politics is local, and Village Republican Women is pleased to welcome election integrity expert, Alan Vera, and well-respected campaign consultant, Kevin Shuvalov, to give overviews of the local political landscape from their perspectives, followed by a discussion where they will be joined by Village's very own, Kathaleen Wall, Chair of the Election Integrity Working Group for Republican Party of Texas.

Kevin Shuvalov has over two decades of experience in campaign strategy, public affairs, issue advocacy, and fundraising. In 2014, Kevin opened MMG's Houston office. MMG is a full-service political consulting and public affairs firm with political and corporate networks in every state in the country. He quickly established MMG as one of the go-to public affairs and political strategy firms in the Houston metropolitan area. MMG and Kevin advise a number of influential pro-business organizations in local, state, and federal politics. Kevin has been an integral part of five presidential campaigns, numerous national conservative issue advocacy groups, and non-profit organizations. He has helped guide many Republican candidates to victory all across the country.

Alan Vera has been President & CEO of The Quest Business Agency, Inc. since 1984. In 2001, he was named "Marketer of the Year" by the American Marketing Association. He has served as the Chairman of the Harris County Republican Party Ballot Security Committee since June of 2014.

In 2017, he was named "Volunteer of the Year for SD 7" by the State Republican Executive Committee for his work on election integrity. This year he was selected to serve on the SREC Election Integrity Committee. The SREC and the RPT staff soon replaced their election worker training materials and curriculum with those developed by Alan for the HCRP Ballot Security Committee. Alan was one of the original founders of True the Vote and served as the Director of Training and Curriculum for 4 years. For his service he was honored with the True the Vote Bayonet Award in 2012. On December 1 of this past year Alan and his wife, Colleen, were honored by Empower Texans with the Conservative Leader award. Alan served as a U.S. Army Airborne Ranger from 1970 through 1974, receiving numerous individual awards and unit citations.

....soooooo, are you logging onto <https://villagerepublicanwomen.org/rsvp/> to RSVP right now?

Next Meeting Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Houston Racquet Club, 10709 Memorial Drive, Houston TX

11:00 AM Registration

11:30 AM Program and Lunch

**RSVP on the [website](#) or
rajadaflaming@yahoo.com or
713-963-9805**

Lunch \$25.00

No lunch \$5.00

(Pay with credit card on line or cash only at the meeting)

**All Attendees must RSVP by Friday, January 18th.
Before 12:00 NOON**

Please notify us of dietary restrictions when RSVP

No-Shows will be billed

Complimentary Valet Parking



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are right in the middle of the Christmas Holidays and the end of the year 2018. It seems as if it suddenly appeared and that yesterday was June, but come to think of it, I feel that way every year as they come faster and faster. And what a year we have had with the election results that shocked all Republicans, especially in Texas.....don't forget, though, this year was a vote by Democrats against Trump and they rallied their constituents in huge numbers. We don't want to have this happen again and in 2020 so what do we do? Work harder you say, but we did work extremely hard this year...maybe we need to change our method of working to doing what the Democrats did: hold neighborhood meetings and talk about our beliefs and hold these often in homes in key areas, promote our values without calling them Republican values, sign up more folks to vote, be more visible and meet more folks outside our circle of friends. Stay involved! Couldn't hurt, could it?

I especially want to thank everyone of you for your kind generosity to our Veterans and the Children's Assessment Center. VRW asked a lot of all of you and you came through. Kathleen Wall delivered the huge numbers of books to the Veterans at the USO, (read about in this NL), our Teddy Bear drive at our Christmas Party was wildly successful and we donated a large number of Teddy Bears to the Children's Assessment Center (see photo in this NL) and your dollars added up to a nice sum in credit cards which Cheryl Dalton delivered to Camp Hope PTSD Foundation (see photo in this NL). Camp Hope was so surprised and delighted to receive all the wonderful credit cards for them to pass out to their Veterans. Thank you!!!!

Be sure to get your 2019 membership renewals in before January 15 and encourage others you know to join our very active organization and meet others who think like you do. What better way to learn what is going on, what to do, and how to do it. We have a lot planned already for 2019 and will need your help.

I accepted the challenge for VRW to co-chair the Finance Committee for the TFRW bi-annual convention coming up later this year on October 3-5 in OUR area, which will make it easier for all of us to attend. It is at Moody Gardens, near Galveston. You will hear more about what is needed from you as plans proceed.

Have a wonderful Christmas and look forward to a prosperous New Year ahead!

Cheryl Dalton, President VRW

Legislative Issues by Kate Bush

On the Mid-Term Election

We don't know if George Soros hand picked Lina Hidalgo to run against Ed Emmett. But it is frightening that one man can manipulate the democrats to vote for someone without any knowledge or experience for this position.

Lina Hidalgo is 27 years old, she was born in Colombia, grew up in Peru and Mexico. She emigrated to America in 2005. She attended Texas public schools. She graduated from Stanford University the same year she became a U.S. citizen, PER HER WEBSITE. She has worked at the Texas Civil Rights Project and served as a Spanish-English medical interpreter at the Texas Medical Center. She HAD been pursuing a joint degree in law and public policy at NYU and Harvard. PER HER WEBSITE. This information comes from the Houston Business Journal.

Lina beat Ed Emmett. She now leads 4,000 employees. She is responsible for the safety of 4.653 million lives in Harris County.

I have been unable to find any interviews with Lina, just articles about her work as an interpreter; her research on criminal justice and advocacy groups and governments pushing for criminal justice reform. She is sort of a "community organizer".

Although many of us are bemoaning our losses, lets concentrate on our wins. Statewide, all of our top officials were re-elected: Gov. Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, Attorney General Ken Paxton, Sec. Of State Rolando Pablos, Comptroller Glenn Hagar, Commissioner of Texas General Land Office George P. Bush , Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddock, Commissioner of Agriculture Sid Miller.

Republicans hold the majority in the Texas State Senate and State Representatives.

Federally, Ted Cruz won his senate seat again, joining John Cornyn

Of our 36 U.S. Representatives, only 2 seats were flipped to the Democrats, giving the Dems 11 members, while the Republicans have 25.

We welcome Dan Crenshaw, who is replacing retiring Congressman Ted Poe.

While President Trump was campaigning for Republicans, Speaker of the House Paul Ryan was basically AWOL, resulting in the loss of 40 congressional seats. If you would like to talk to Paul's staff, his phone number is: 202-225-3031.



Americanism by Kathaleen Wall

Thanks to the many generous members of Village Republican Women for the book donations. They were delivered by Kathaleen Wall, VRW Americanism Chair to former Army Captain and Director USO Houston at Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, Loren Westerfield on December 18, 2018. These books will be distributed throughout the 4 Houston USO library's as an amenity for service members to use during their rest and relaxation time. We look forward to USO Houston and Village Republican Women partnering together to support other joint efforts including military personnel voter registration.



GALA POSTPONED

The 2018 Election was disappointing to many Republican Candidates and VRW supporters, but we must make these set-backs temporary.

To allow candidates and our members time to regroup for the 2020 Presidential Election cycle, we have chosen to postpone our GALA from February 2019 to February 2020.

We all need to prepare for the 2020 election to regain lost territory and support the re-election of our President.



VRW Members with the Director of the Playroom and Volunteer Coordinator of the CAC with the Teddy Bears donated by VRW members and presented at their annual Christmas Party!



Cheryl Dalton with Claudia Leiva of Camp Hope for VRW's donation of credit cards to their Veteran's

Welcome New Members

Diana Arnett	Amelia Betros	Renee Braeutigam
Michell Garcia	Afifa Hye	Mabel Lombardino
Christina LaRotta	Gail O'Neil	Brenda Stardig
Bredow Bell Thompson		Cynthia Thomas

Welcome New Associate Members

John Dalton	Ramsey Elder	Lawrence Ermis
Luis LaRotta	John Luman	Patricia Soderstrom

Happy Holiday's
&
Happy New Year!!

VILLAGE REPUBLICAN WOMEN

General Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2018

President Cheryl Dalton called the meeting to order at 11:25 PM. Beverly Roberts opened the meeting in prayer. Kathaleen Wall led the pledges to the flags. Jodie Dornak presented the "American Minute" and spoke on the significance of Veterans' Day..

President Dalton welcomed everyone to the General Meeting and introduced guests and elected officials. President Dalton also stated that the 2019 memberships are ready to be renewed and can be paid on line as well as in person today. She also reminded members to RSVP to the Christmas Party which is on December 6. She further reminded us of the Helping a Hero event which is to be held on December 10. She mentioned the collection of gift cards for the veterans at Camp Hope and will buy more with checks from members. President Dalton told us of our win for U.S. Senator yesterday in Mississippi which solidifies our control of the U.S. Senate. She also made it clear that our County Chair, Paul Simpson had done a spectacular job raising over two million dollars which was spent inside Harris County to aid in electing our candidates. She explained that because of straight ticket voting that unfortunately the Democrats were swept into office; however, in future elections straight ticket voting will not be an option. She also reminded us that in future elections we must do a better job of utilizing social media and of displaying yard signs. It was announced that Jan Crocker was having a jewelry show and was contributing 10% of the price paid to the club.

President Dalton asked for approval of the minutes of the October 28th General Meeting. A motion was made, they were approved, and were entered as accepted.

Nancy Scott gave the treasurer's report with the amounts of \$7680.32 in the checking account and \$44,945.68 in the savings account. She also asked us to give her any names for future candidates who might possibly run for U.S. Congressman or City Council.

Kate Bush asked for members to notify Mitch McConnell by phone or e-mail in order to encourage him to bring a floor vote on the First Step Act as well as taking a vote to approve the presidential appointment of candidates for various positions.

Buffie Ingersoll was called on to report the postponing of the February 2019 fund raiser to February 15, 2020 due to loss of interest due to outcome of midterms. She explained that we will schedule a smaller fund raiser with the date to be announced later.

Carolyn Hodges introduced the speaker, Debra Coffey, who spoke to us about the return of her father's remains fifty years after he had been shot down in Laos. She explained to us what the process entailed, how it affected her family, and the beautiful burial ceremony which finally brought closure to her and to her family. President Dalton said that a contribution would be made to Camp Hope PTSD Foundation in honor of the speaker today.

President Dalton concluded the meeting and we stood adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Penny Remick

Recording Secretary

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2018-2019 Executive Board

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