



## President's Message

September has been a month focused on the USA. There is plenty to be concerned about it. We are all thinking about the upcoming election and how we can help take back the Senate and the House which is critically important.

However, this September 17, we took time out for a day of celebration! We celebrated outstanding Republican Women of Texas at the TFRW Tribute to Women luncheon. Exceptional women from all over the state were honored by their individual Republican Women Clubs for outstanding work.

CCRW had the privilege of honoring Deon Starnes at the Tribute to Women for her past years of outstanding service to the Republican Party of Texas in a variety of roles. Deon is a delightful and cheerful leader and her story is compelling. We loved sharing the day with her. We can watch her and rely on her natural leadership ability to guide us to solid decisions for our communities and our state.

September 17 was also Constitution Day. We were all reminded of the words that make up the preamble of the Constitution. They are food for serious thought.

*"In Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."*

The Preamble is the perfect measuring tool to evaluate how our government is working, how well our elected officials are representing the people and how well the people are monitoring the elected officials.

We cannot be distracted by fast talking politicians who just want to keep their job with false promises. We need to look for patriots who are willing to sacrifice to attend to matters of the Republic and not search for ways to get rich. We the people must take responsibility to do the hard work of making sure they are attending to the matters of a free country. It is a Government of the people by

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Cooke County Republican Women, organized in 1991, is a Local Club of the **Texas Federation of Republican Women (Region III, Senate District 30)** and **National Federation of Republican Women.**

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[www.tfrw.org](http://www.tfrw.org)  
[www.nfrw.org](http://www.nfrw.org)



**Next Meeting:**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022, 7pm**

*Featuring*  
**Special Guest Speaker Duke Machado**  
**"Latino Strike Force" National Director**

(see more details on page 2)

**First Christian Church Christian Life Center**

*More about October 6 Guest Speaker*

## **Latino Strike Force National Director Duke Machado**

Join us on October 6 to meet guest speaker **Duke Machado, National Director of Latino Strike Force**. He describes the Strike Force as “a conservative Latino-powered team of volunteer activists working to increase the Latino Republican vote” and will provide us with ideas about communicating with Hispanic voters.



Born and raised in San Marcos, Machado is a US Air Force veteran who worked in the Strategic Air Command. After his service, he entered the auto

industry where he has been in business for 25 years. He also owns an in-ground pool building company.

Machado began his political activism in 2008, launching a Hispanic Republican Club in McLennan County. He subsequently helped organize six additional Hispanic clubs. He has written many blogs and published opinion pieces in local and national newspapers. He hosts “The Duke Machado Show,” a podcast on Spotify and Apple Podcasts, becoming a strong voice in Texas politics.

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### **SAVE THE DATE -- NOVEMBER 3 MEETING** **Hot Topic on the Agenda: EDUCATION**

Our speaker will be **Pam Little, District 12 Representative on the State Board of Education (SBOE)**, where she currently serves as Vice Chair. Cooke County was moved during redistricting, so Nov. 8 is our first time voting for SBOE 12 representative. Pam is running for reelection and will appear on our ballot.

In addition to her accomplishments at the SBOE, she has extensive experience in education, business and non-profit organizations. Pam looks forward to building a strong relationship with the voters of Cooke County and to being our voice for Texas education.

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**ALL THINGS ELECTION-RELATED:**  
*For polling places, precinct map, sample ballots, info on mail in voting: Go to <https://www.co.cooke.tx.us/page/cooke.Elections>*

*Hospitality . . .*

## **October 6, Celebrate Autumn with Salads**

*--Nenia Kahl, standing in for Darla Hollandsworth, Hospitality Chair, [bdhollandsworth@yahoo.com](mailto:bdhollandsworth@yahoo.com), 940-665-5676*

Let's make October 6<sup>th</sup> the Best of Salads day! Introduce a family favorite salad to CCRW members and visitors. Or try out a new recipe! Desserts always welcome!

**Text to me what you'll bring, 940-641-2922!**

If you try calling, please do not leave a voice message.

I would also appreciate help setting up prior to the meeting and cleaning up afterwards. Thank you!

*Yummy \* Yummy \* Yummy \* Yummy \* Yummy*

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### *President's Message*

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the people. We must take responsibility to act like educated electorate. We cannot let the elected officials tell us what we need, what is important. We must tell them what we need and what is truly important to the people.

Continual education of the Constitution is important and has been neglected in elementary, middle and high schools. Adults also need to be refreshed on the Constitution as well from time to time. In her message, NFRW President, Eileen Sobjack wrote about her interview with Cathy Gillespie of Constituting America, a 501©(3) organization with a mission to educate America's younger generations about the Constitution.

You can read about their work on Constituting America's at <https://constitutingamerica.org> to get some insight. It looks to me that they have great information for citizens of all ages. It might be a good reference to consider to help us use the Constitution to meet our responsibility as citizens.

*Margaret Carter, 2022 Club President*

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### **2022 MEMBERSHIP- LAST CALL!** **Deadline is at hand!**

*--Pam Dill, Membership Chair, 469-381-0097  
15540 W. FM 922, Rosston, TX 76263*

If you haven't yet paid your 2022 dues, get a check to me by October 15, to prevent a lapse in membership. If not sure of membership status, contact me at 469-381-0097.

## Americanism

# **Wreaths Across America and Caring for Border Agents**

--Cathy Hallmark, Americanism Chair, [merlenc48@gmail.com](mailto:merlenc48@gmail.com), (661) 477-2822

1. At our last Executive Committee meeting the EC voted not to participate in the Gainesville Christmas Parade this year, but to focus our time, energy and resources on the **November 8<sup>th</sup> Mid-Term Elections**. Early voting starts October 24!

2. **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**: CCRW has purchased 10 wreaths to lay at **Nelson Grove Cemetery, Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.**



This is an amazing program highlighting our Veterans and their sacrifice to our country. Honoring Veterans--both living and dead--is also tremendously meaningful to their families who experienced that sacrifice on a very personal level, knowing their loved ones are not forgotten. It's a great event to bring children to also, to see American patriotism at work. Plan to be there!

We will participate in a short ceremony put on by the local Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter, and then will be assigned our area to lay wreaths.

The cemetery is located on RM 678 and CR 178, about two miles south of Hwy. 82. There are 124 Veteran gravesites at this cemetery, dating back to the Civil War.

If you are interested in sponsoring your own wreaths, you can donate by going to [www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org). Be sure to indicate you are purchasing through the **Rebecca Crockett Chapter of DAR**, so they'll get the recognition, and choose **Nelson Grove Cemetery**.

3. We'll continue to collect items for the **Border Care Project** through the end of the year. We've already delivered a huge box of items collected in September and October to TFRW to deliver to the Border on our behalf. Be sure to look at the Border Care table at our meetings, where you can leave your donations,



sign a thank-you card and leave a monetary donation for the purchase of fast food meal cards to insert in the card.

We want to continue to support the hard-working men and women of the U.S. Border Patrol, DPS, Texas National Guard and local Sheriffs' stations who work tirelessly for our safety.

### **BASIC ITEMS NEEDED**

HAND SANITIZER SUNSCREEN INSECT REPELLENT WIPES

MICROBAN SPRAY POWDERED ELECTROLYTE (*Gatorade, Liquid IV, Propel*)

DISPOSAL GLOVES SNACKS (*things that will not melt: crackers, chips, cookies, etc*)

**ITEMS FOR FIRST AIDE BAGS:** suggestions: Gauze, tape, eye wash, wound wash, antibiotics, chiggers/ insect medication. These can be individually given or put in a shopping bag. They are taken out to the field stations for agents. The .99 cent shopping bags at Walmart are perfect and easy to transport.



Thank you all for your participation in our Americanism projects this year. If you have any questions or want to help in any way, contact Cathy Hallmark, Americanism Chair, (661) 477-2822.



## **CCRW members honored at TFRW Tribute to Women**

CCRW's Honoree at the September 17 Luncheon was Deon

Starnes (right). With her is Associate Member Sue-Lynn Voigt, our TFRW District Director for Senate District 30, who was the Honoree of her home club, Iron Tracks Republican Women, Van Alstyne.

President Margaret Carter, Past President and TFRW Deputy President Kerri Kingsbery, Dianne Helms and Pauline Lesch also attended the event in Georgetown. The guest speaker was the Honorable Kat Cammack, U.S. Representative from Florida's 3<sup>rd</sup> District, the youngest Republican woman in Congress.

Cooke County Republican Women information is always available at

[www.cookegop.com/crw](http://www.cookegop.com/crw)

Upcoming meetings, listing of officers, current newsletter, previous newsletters, membership form and club bylaws.

**From your Cooke GOP. . .  
IT'S ELECTION SEASON!  
Help wanted!**

--County Chair Chris McNamara, [chair@cookegop.com](mailto:chair@cookegop.com), or call HQ 940-665-8683, leave a message and I'll return your call.

**It is critical that Republicans win in November!**

We have yard signs for Governor Abbott! They will be available at CCRW meetings. We expect to have some from other candidates as well.

**We need volunteers** to keep headquarters open until November 8 election day, so that we are there for anyone wanting to pick up yard signs and get information about the election. Contact Vice Chair Pauline Lesch to get on the schedule! 214-212-9417. Pauline can also train you on making campaign calls while you are there, or at home.

We will have a booth at Depot Day on **Saturday, October 8. Volunteers needed! Contact me at [chair@cookegop.com](mailto:chair@cookegop.com).** 8-10am set-up; 10am-4pm event hours; 4-6pm breakdown.

Also contact me if you are interested in being a **pollwatcher** on **November 8**. The party or a Republican on the ballot can appoint you to observe the election. Want to watch a particular precinct? The Early Voting Ballot Board, Signature Verification, or Central Count?

**Pollwatcher online training from the Secretary of State is not difficult, but is a requirement.**

The deadline to register to vote in the November 8 election is **October 11**. Contact Pauline if you'd like to become a Deputy Voter Registrar. She'll walk you through the training and process.

As Club President Margaret Carter says, let's



**NEED AN UP-TO-DATE CCRW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY? Just ask!**

Email [plesch@ntin.net](mailto:plesch@ntin.net), and Pauline will reply with a current Membership Directory and Yearbook.

**CCRW participating in TFRW's "Adopt A Candidate"**

--Pauline Lesch, Campaign Activities Chair

TFRW recommended candidates in contested races for clubs to support, and we chose one that's close to home: **Kronda Thimesch for Texas House District 65**. The Executive Committee voted to "adopt" Kronda, donating \$500 to her campaign.

HD65 is a narrow strip of southern Denton County.



Members are encouraged to work for her election, and I would be happy to help you connect with the campaign to see what you can do if you have some time to devote to sending another Republican to the Texas House. Individual donations to the campaign are also welcome. Follow Kronda on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/KrondaThimesch>

Research more online, and on her website:

[Kronda Thimesch for Texas House | Republican Candidate for Legislature \(krondafortexas.com\)](http://www.krondafortexas.com)

**Getting our Club and its Mission to the General Public, Part 2**

--Peggy DeLancy, Public Relations Chair, [pegdelancy11@gmail.com](mailto:pegdelancy11@gmail.com)

Have you seen our press releases in local media, or heard announcements about CCRW on KGAF?

They are out there! We'll also be at two events in October, and every member is invited to participate:

**Saturday, October 1**

**"Chalk Art On Main Street Festival" in Muenster**

**Join the CCRW Team (2-5)!** Contact Pauline at 214-212-9417 to sign up or suggest a design. Non-members are also welcome to help. The event is sponsored by North Texas Visual Arts, [www.northtexasvisualarts.com](http://www.northtexasvisualarts.com).

**Saturday, October 8**

**"Depot Day" at the Gainesville Farmers Market**

**Volunteers are needed** for the Republican booth, where we talk to people about our conservative values and about CCRW! See Chris' article for more details.

Voter Registration will be available at both events.

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK.**

Like, Comment, Share!

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Cooke County Republican Women Regular Meeting • September 1, 2022

*Location: First Christian Church, Gainesville*

President Margaret Carter called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm, welcomed everyone, and led the invocation and pledges. She invited elected officials and candidates to introduce themselves.

Cooke County Republican Party Chairman Chris McNamara announced that volunteers are needed for headquarters during the coming months to distribute yard signs, as well as volunteers for the Depot Day booth on Saturday, October 8.

The August 4, 2022, Meeting Minutes were approved.

### Announcements:

- Americanism Chair Cathy Hallmark reported that the club would lay wreaths on veterans' graves at Nelson Grove Cemetery as part of Wreaths Across America. The Club donated for 10 wreaths. She announced continuation of the Border Patrol Project, thanking members for donations to date.
- President Carter announced the Club's 2022 Pat Peale Memorial Scholarship recipients. Tavia Josey accepted an award certificate from CCRW. Senator Jane Nelson also presented a certificate. Alyssa Huchton was unable to attend, but forward a note of appreciation to the Club.

Programs Committee member Dianne Helms introduced guest speaker, Senator Jane Nelson. She spoke about her experiences getting into politics at a time when the Democrat Party dominated state offices and the legislature, and encouraged members to get out the vote for Governor Abbott and the rest of the Republican ticket.

Past President Kerri Kingsbery explained the importance of electing a Nominating Committee to recruit a slate of officers for 2023. Nominees from the Executive Committee were Dianne Helms and Cathy Hallmark. From the general membership, the third nominee was Janice Hill. Nominations ceased, and the Nominating Committee was elected without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Pauline Lesch, Acting Secretary

### **CONTACT YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS!**

There is a complete listing of elected public officials--federal, state and local--in your Membership Directory and Yearbook. If you ever want an up-to-date edition, just email Pauline [plesch@ntin.net](mailto:plesch@ntin.net), or call/text 214-212-9417, and she will email the latest digital edition to you. In addition, local elected public officials are listed on the last or next to last page of each newsletter (see next page).

**Senator John Cornyn**, 517 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510, 202-224-2934, <https://cornyn.senate.gov>

**Senator Ted Cruz**, 404 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20210, 202-224-5922, <https://cruz.senate.gov>

**Congressman Ronny Jackson**, 118 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515, 202-225-3706

<https://jackson.house.gov/contact/>

**Governor Greg Abbott**, P. O. Box 12428, Austin, TX 78711, 512-463-2000 <https://gov.texas.gov/contact>

**Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick**, P. O. Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711, 512-463-0001, <https://www.ltgov.state.tx.us/contact>

**State Senator Drew Springer**, State Capitol, Room E1.712, P. O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711-2068

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## STANDING COMMITTEES/2022 Committee Chairmen

Awards (VP-Programs) . . . . .	Jennifer Jonas	940-391-9991
Americanism . . . . .	Cathy Hallmark	661-477-2822
Bylaws . . . . .	Dianne Helms	940-368-0007
Campaign Activities (VP- Campaign Activities)	Pauline Lesch	214-212-9417
Caring for America . . . . .	Nenia Kahl and Nancy Willingham	940-641-2922 and 940-231-0725
Chaplain	<b>Opportunity!</b>	<b>803-522-1775</b>
Historian . . . . .	<b>Opportunity!</b>	<b>803-522-1775</b>
Hospitality . . . . .	Darla Hollandsworth	940-902-3295
Legislative . . . . .	<b>Opportunity!</b>	<b>803-522-1775</b>
Literacy . . . . .	Janice Stalling	972-948-9033
Membership (VP-Membership) . . .	Pam Dill	469-381-0097
Newsletter (The "VOICE") . . . . .	Pauline Lesch	214-212-9417
Parliamentarian . . . . .	<b>Opportunity!</b>	<b>803-522-1775</b>
Political Action (PAC Treasurer) . .	Marci Gilbert	940-634-3733
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Communications/Social Media . . .	Susan Schaub	214-289-8123
Ways & Means (VP Fundraising) . .	Christi Klement	940-736-9574



**What project and priority would YOU like to work on in 2022?**

Call me to talk about what interests you!

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### October

- 1 – Sat, CCRW at “Chalk Art” in Muenster (p. 4)
- 6 – Thurs, 5:30pm Executive Committee Meeting  
7:00pm **General Membership Meeting**  
(p. 1-2)
- 8 – Sat, DEPOT DAY, Gainesville Farmers Market,  
(p. 4)
- 11 – Deadline to register to vote on Nov. 8
- 24 – Mon, First day of Early Voting in Person**

#### November

- 3 – Thurs, 5:30pm Executive Committee Meeting  
7:00pm **General Membership Meeting**
- 4 – Fri, Last day of Early Voting in Person**
- 8 – Tues, ELECTION DAY**

#### December

- 1 – Thurs, 7pm CHRISTMAS RECEPTION and  
INSTALLATION OF 2023 OFFICERS
- 17 – Sat., 11am Wreaths Across America (p. 3)

#### January 2023

- 1 – Sun., Happy New Year’s Day! Swearing-in ceremony for newly elected and/or reelected Cooke County Public Officials

Follow **Cooke County Republican Women** on Facebook!  
 Find CCRW on the County Party website  
[www.cookegov.com/ccrw](http://www.cookegov.com/ccrw).

If you get the VOICE by U.S. mail,  
 and would prefer to receive it in color via email,  
 please contact Pauline Lesch, call/text 214-212-9417

### Cooke County Elected Officials

--effective 01-01-2021

- County Judge Steve Starnes (*eff. 1/25/2021*)  
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- Commissioner Precinct 1 Gary Hollowell (R)  
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- Commissioner Precinct 3 Adam P. Arendt (R)  
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- Commissioner Precinct 4 Leon Klement (R)  
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- County Attorney Ed Zielinski (R) 668-5459
- County Treasurer Patty Brennan (R) 668-5424
- County Clerk Pam Harrison (R) 668-5420
- Tax Assessor-Collector Brandy Ann Carr (R) 668-5425
- County Sheriff Ray Sappington (R) 665-3471
- Justice of the Peace:*
- JP Precinct #1 John J. “Jody” Henry (R) 668-5463
- JP Precinct #2 Carroll Johnson (R) 668-5510
- Constable:*
- JP Precinct #1 Mark Westbrook(R) 668-5523
- JP Precinct #2 Chuck Owen (R) 668-5523
- 235<sup>th</sup> Judicial District:*
- District Judge Janelle Haverkamp (R) 668-5401
- District Attorney John Warren (R) 668-5466
- District Clerk Marci Gilbert (R) 668-5450

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