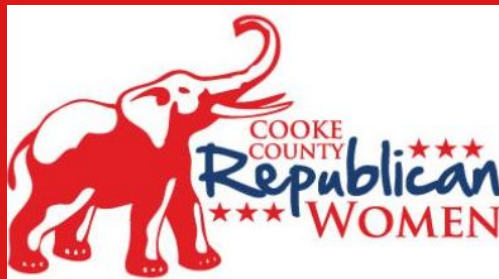


2023 October Edition



## The REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S VOICE

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### **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### **Featured Speaker: STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAVID SPILLER**

Our next meeting will be Thursday, **October 5, 2023**, at 7:00 PM at the Fellowship Hall of First Christian Church in Gainesville.

The guest speaker will be David Spiller. His presentation will include a summary of the past Legislative Session. Representative Spiller will also explain the proposed Constitutional amendments that will be on the November ballot.

David Spiller is the State Representative for House District 68, which includes Cooke County. He is a member on the House Committees on Appropriations, State Affairs, and General Investigating. He also is a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Fiscal Review and Vice-Chair of a House Appropriations Subcommittee. He is a member of the Rural Caucus, Texas Republican Caucus, and Vice-Chair of the Texas Water Caucus.

-- Dianne Helms, VP Programs  
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***President's Message by Marci Gilbert***

Did you hear this past Saturday marked "100 days until Christmas"? How time flies!

We are rapidly approaching the last quarter of the year. That means it's time to count up your Third Quarter Volunteer Campaign/Political Hours: Count everything you did to promote the club, the Republican Party and Republican values during July, August and September. Call or text your total to Tiffany Lester, 940-641-1107, by Oct. 10th.

The end of the year also means our Nominating Committee is busy working on a slate of club officers for 2024. Thank you to Tiffany, Nenia Kahl, Janice Hill and Karla Metzler for agreeing to serve on the Committee.

If any member wants a current Membership Directory, text Pauline Lesch at 214-212-9417, and she'll email it to you.

Come to the October 5th meeting to hear Representative David Spiller talk about the Legislative Session, the 14 Propositions that will be on the November 7 ballot and the Ken Paxton impeachment. He'll be ready for questions!

Hope to see you soon! Love,  
*Marci Gilbert, 2023 Club President*

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***HOSPITALITY***

*October 5 Meeting Refreshments:*  
**Pumpkins and Spice and everything nice!**

Fall Festival Time! For our next club meeting on October 5th, please make a family favorite fall dish or treat to share.

Let me know what you plan to bring!

-- Darla Hollandsworth, Hospitality Chair  
940-902-3295, [bdhollandsworth@yahoo.com](mailto:bdhollandsworth@yahoo.com)

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

WE NEED YOU !

The biggest motivator in growing CCRW is your passion to increase and maintain CCRW's strength. Strength is in numbers and CCRW Members are all members of the largest Republican Women's Organizations in the State of Texas and the nation. All eyes are on Texas and WE NEED YOU to ensure that our state will remain RED ! We need to protect our conservative values and elect Republican Leaders. We need everyone to make this happen.

We'll begin accepting 2024 dues on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

-- Pam Dill, VP-Membership  
469-381-0097, [mizzdar@outlook.com](mailto:mizzdar@outlook.com)

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## **LEGISLATIVE**

Senator Drew Springer provided an excellent explanation of the 14 Constitutional propositions that will be on the November ballot.

[CLICK HERE TO READ ABOUT THE PROPOSITIONS.](#)

Early voting begins on October 23rd, so it's time to start studying!

-- Deon Starnes, Legislative Chair  
940-300-8502, [neondeon91@gmail.com](mailto:neondeon91@gmail.com)

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## **AMERICANISM**

**Border Care Project:** We're continuing our participation in this State-wide project through the end of this year! Please be looking for sales on needed items such as Liquid IV Hydration Powdered Sports Drink Packets, Gatorade, Propel and/or Crystal Lite Drink Packets, Hand Sanitizer Wipes, Latex Gloves Insect repellent wipes, and non-perishable snacks. We're hoping to fill another three to four boxes of supplies for this coming quarter, just as we have for each quarter this year!

**Wreaths Across America:** Mark your calendars to join us on **December 16, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.** at the Nelson Grove Cemetery, FM 678 and County Road 178, to participate in the National Wreaths Across America ceremony and laying of remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes. This is a wonderful experience for adults and children alike, so bring your children and grandchildren! If you are interested in purchasing your own wreath to lay, you can do so 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.

Thank you all for your participation in our Americanism projects this year. If you have any questions or want to help in any way, feel free to contact me.

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

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### **CAMPAIGN HOURS DUE OCTOBER 10**

Third Quarter Volunteer Political/Campaign Hours are due October 10. Get ready! I will be sending an email asking for your quarterly hours. The period covers July 1st to September 30th, 2023. Hours you can include are prep time, time at meetings, travel, calling people, working at Headquarters and more! Elected public officials who do not get paid more than a stipend, if anything, can count their hours. Think School Board, NCTC Trustees and Hospital Boards, City Council, Lake Ray Roberts Planning & Zoning. Even Texas State Senators and Representatives can report their hours working on behalf of their constituents. Please contact me if you have any questions about what you can count. I'll be emailing you soon! Please turn in your hours by Tuesday, October 10th.

-- Tiffany Lester, VP Campaign Activities  
940-641-1107, [jtlesler@ntin.net](mailto:jtlesler@ntin.net)

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Left to Right, CCRW members Pauline Lesch, Marci Gilbert, Cathy Hallmark, Pam Schad, Dianne Helms, Susan Schaub and Pam Dill.

### **LITERACY**

This year instead of dictionaries, our club has purchased THE ADVENTURES OF RUSH REVERE® SERIES to donate to local schools. This middle-grade series written by Rush and Kathryn Adams Limbaugh is a #1 New York Times Bestseller, and Children's Choice award winner. Hopefully this will be a gift that area students will be able to enjoy for many years to come.

-- Pam Schad, Literacy Chair  
940-736-6465



Delivering to Callisburg Elementary School Librarian Cicily Waneck is Marci Gilbert, assisted by Elise, Harper and Watson, her grandchildren who are students there.



Pauline Lesch delivering books to Principal James Dautherty at Sivells Bend ISD



Dianne Helms delivering books to Superintendent/Principal Ken Kemp at Walnut Bend ISD

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## ***GENERAL MEETING MINUTES***

Cooke County Republican Women Regular Meeting – September 7, 2023  
Location: First Christian Church, Gainesville, TX

**Call to Order and Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Marci Gilbert, who welcomed all in attendance. Sharron Acker led the invocation and pledges. Elected officials and candidates in attendance introduced themselves.

**Minutes:** August 3, 2023 General Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Pauline Lesch presented the Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2023 with a balance in the combined account in the amount of \$11,917.82.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **· Americanism:**

- **Border Care Project:** Chair Cathy Hallmark thanked everyone for the donations to the Border Care Project so far this year. The supplies donated this quarter will be sent to the Border in October. CCRW will continue the project through the end of 2023.
- **Wreaths Across America:** CCRW will be participating in the Wreaths Across America project on December 16, 2023, at the Nelson Grove Cemetery. CCRW member Janice Hill will again be the DAR Representative who will conduct the ceremony at 11:00 a.m. Ten wreaths have been purchased by CCRW.

**· Literacy:** Chair Pam Schad reported that 10 sets of "The Incredible Adventures of Rush Revere" series of five hardcover books by Rush Limbaugh have been purchased for the libraries of eight local school districts and St. Mary's and Sacred Heart schools. She asked that those interested in delivering books to the schools sign up tonight.

· **Constitution Week:** Pam Dill announced that National Constitution Week will be celebrated by the DAR by ringing bells and reciting the Preamble on the courthouse steps on Sunday, September 17th at 3:00 p.m. to commemorate the reading of the Constitution. She urged everyone to join in this historical ceremony.

**TFRW Convention Delegates:** It was moved by Dianne Helms that the four CCRW members registered to attend the Convention, Janette Hess, Sarah Hess, Nenia Kahl and Pauline Lesch be elected as CCRW Delegates. Motion carried.

Marci announced that three CCRW members, Charter Member/ Founder & First President Shirley Newton, Charter Member/Founder Rita McCreary, and Past President Sharon McCormack will be remembered at the Memorial Service at Convention this year.

**2024 Nominating Committee:** Pauline Lesch nominated Tiffany Lester, Nenia Kahl, and Janice Hill to be members of the Nominating Committee, with Karla Metzler acting as alternate. It was moved by Sharron Acker that these women be elected. Motion carried unanimously.

**Introduction of Speaker:** VP of Programs Dianne Helms introduced Dr. Brent Wallace, North Central Texas College Chancellor, who announced that NCTC is celebrating its 100th year anniversary this year, and spoke on the state of NCTC and provided an update on aspects of the college including satellite locations, enrollment, finances and legislative impact. A question and answer time followed.

**Announcements:**

· Marci announced that Deputy Registrars, Susan Schaub and Pauline Lesch will be making a presentation and registering voters at Gainesville High School.

· Pauline asked for volunteers to set up/take down and man the Republican Party booth at the upcoming Gainesville Depot Days celebration.

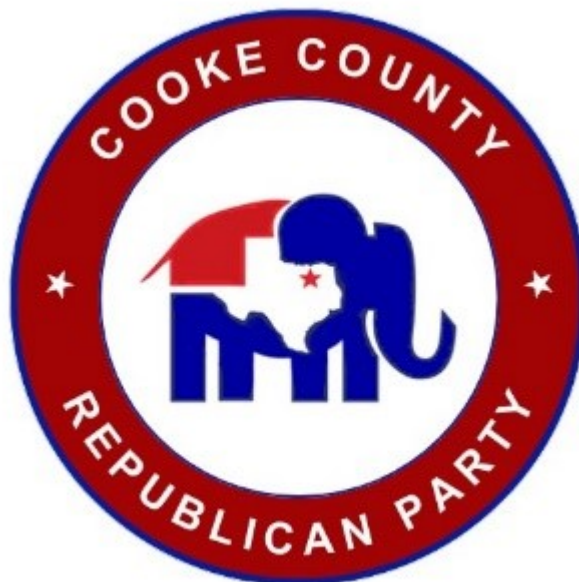
· Dianne reported that Representative David Spiller will be speaking at the October meeting, and the Border Care issue will be covered at the November meeting.

· Marci thanked Hospitality Chair Darla Hollandsworth for organizing tonight's refreshments.

**Adjourn:** With no further business to come before the Club, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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

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*From your Cooke County Republican Party  
2024 Election Cycle has begun*

Tuesday, September 12, was the first day for Precinct Chair candidates to file for a place on the Primary ballot. Nine of the current 13 PCs have filed for another term.

Any registered voter can run for Precinct Chair in the voting precinct in which she or he resides. Here's the link [Leadership \(cookegop.com\)](http://Leadership(cookegop.com)) to a list of Voting Precincts and the current Precinct Chairs. Don't let the fact that there may currently be a Precinct Chair deter you from offering to step into the role! If you have any questions, contact me at [chair@cookegop.com](mailto:chair@cookegop.com), or call and leave a message at HQ 940-665-8683, and I'll return your call.

Filing for all other offices, including County Chair, begins on Saturday, November 11. The deadline for all filers will be 6:00 PM on **Monday, December 11**.

We will have a booth at Gainesville's Depot Day on **Saturday, October 14**. The stalwart Pauline Lesch and I will both be out of town that weekend, so we are looking for volunteers to take a slot during the day to help man the booth. Contact me to get your name on the signup list. We need your help!

--Chris McNamara, County Chair  
940-736-7965, [chair@cookegop.com](mailto:chair@cookegop.com)

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TFRW 34th Biennial Convention, October 12th-14th  
Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas  
**Regular Registration – \$250**  
July 1st – September 30th  
**Late Registration (Online Only) – \$335**  
October 1st – October 10th

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

Convention is always an energizing opportunity to meet elected officials and candidates, engage in seminars and meet “Iron Ladies” from throughout Texas. All members are encouraged to attend.

Four members from our club are planning to attend the convention and have been elected to be our delegates:

Janette Hess ~ Sarah Hess ~ Nenia Kahl ~ Pauline Lesch

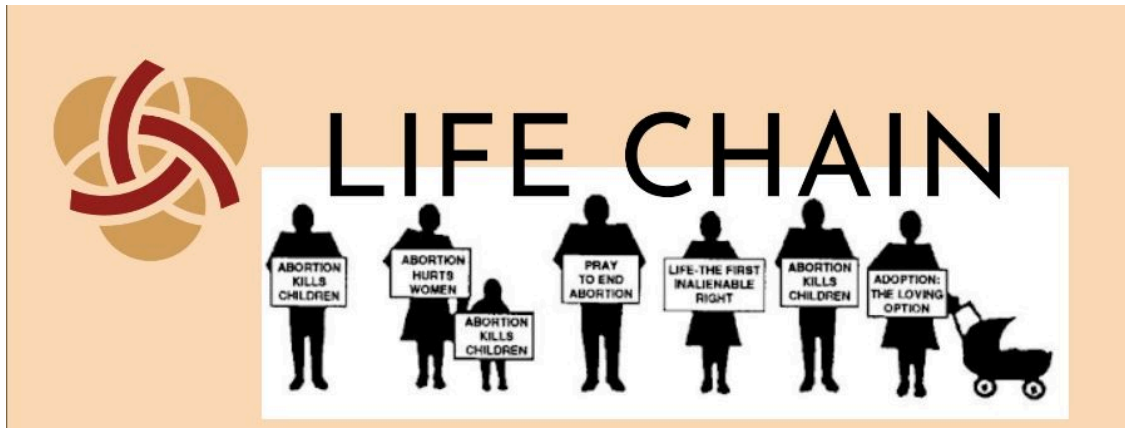
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**UPCOMING ELECTION INFO**

Early voting will begin on **Monday, October 23**, and Election Day will be on **Tuesday, November 7**.

The County Clerk's website at [Co.Cooke.TX.US](http://Co.Cooke.TX.US) has the most up-to-date information available and is a great resource for local voters (thank you, Pam Harrison!). In addition to the Constitutional Amendment Election, some voters will be voting for Bond Elections for Gainesville ISD and for Collinsville ISD. There will also be a Special Election for the City of Callisburg Sales & Use Tax Rate, Ordinance #138, and a School Board Election for Era ISD.

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### **LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY**

Both Lindsay and Muenster will be hosting "links" in the National Life Chain on **Sunday, October 1**, from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM.

LINDSAY's chain will take place on Highway 82 between Ash Street and Pecan Street from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM.

MUENSTER's chain will also be on Highway 82 at the Muenster City Park from 1:45 PM to 3:00 PM.

With the Dobbs decision resulted in the overturning of Roe v. Wade in June of last year, it felt like the battle for LIFE had been won. However, abortions are still happening across our nation. LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful, prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing in honor of more than 60 million lives lost to abortion, praying for our nation, for people in crisis situations and for an end to abortion. All you have to do is show up and grab one of the signs with one of these messages: "Life the First Inalienable Right", "Adoption the Loving Option", "Jesus Hears, Heals & Forgives", "Pray To End Abortion", "Abortion Hurts Women", "Pray to Change Hearts", "Abortion Kills Children", "Humble. Pray. Seek. Turn.", "El aborto lastima a Mujeres", or "El Aborto Mata Niños". There has been a Life Chain every year since 1987.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

#### **September**

28-Oct. 1 – [NFRW](#) Convention in Oklahoma City

#### **October**

5 – 5:30pm, Thursday, CCRW Board Meeting &

7pm, **Monthly Club Meeting**, First Christian Church

10 – Tuesday, Last Day to Register to Vote in November Election

11-14 – [TFRW](#) 34<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention in Irving

23 – Monday, First Day of Early Voting

#### **November**

2 – 5:30pm, Thursday, CCRW Board Meeting &

7pm, **Monthly Club Meeting**, First Christian Church  
7 – Tuesday, ELECTION DAY

**December**

7 – TBD, **Monthly Club Meeting**, First Christian Church  
with Installation of Officers & Christmas Social

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

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<b>Ways &amp; Means (4<sup>th</sup> VP)</b> . . . . .	Dorothy Lewis	940-736-5871

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Cooke County is located in TFRW District 3, Texas Senate District 30 and Texas House District 68.

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