

Summer 2022

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From the President's Desk

The spring and summer months have been busy for Midland County Republican Women Club members! The Joint Primary Runoff Election was in May, and our Republican State Convention was held in Houston during June. Our members worked hard to get out the vote and to attend the Republican convention. A big thanks to all of you for your dedication and efforts to **KEEP TEXAS RED!**

As we commemorate our Nation's Birthday during July, we must remember the brave and courageous Founding Father delegates that signed our Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. May we continue to preserve the principles and democratic freedoms set forth in the Declaration of Independence and our United States Constitution. As our great Republican President Ronald Reagan stated, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the blood stream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."

Please mark your calendars for our next General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at Midland Country Club. We will email our members the reservation link when we get closer to the time of the meeting. Our website and Facebook page will also have a

reservation link for the meeting.

Our newsletter contains important information as to future election dates, General Membership Meeting dates, opportunities to participate in Republican activities, and much more. Our 2022 Executive Board members work very hard to fulfill their responsibilities as elected officers, chairs of committees, and members of MCRW. Thank you for being such a great team!

Please visit our new website at www.mcrwtx.org. As always, we welcome new members! If you have any questions, please email us at info@mcrwtx.org. We hope to see you at our next Midland County Republican Women's meeting on August 10th!

Judy Canon, President of Midland County Republican Women



2022 Election Dates to Remember

General Election

Early Voting:

Monday, October 24 – Friday, November 4

Election Day:

Tuesday, November 8, 2022



Elizabeth Moore

Scholarship



Gayla Mabee

Fellow MCRW members –

This year, we had the honor of co-chairing MCRW's 2022 Scholarship Committee. Many outstanding students applied. During our May General Membership Meeting, we presented the 2022 MCRW Scholarship to two students who were stand-outs in their class and who excelled academically, civically and athletically -- Miss Shelby Stephens and Mr. Paul McMillian. Also, to say that we were inspired by Shelby's and Paul's answers to our application essay question would be an understatement. The essay question was "How would you describe the importance of the United States Constitution in preserving our freedoms?" Both of this year's recipients answered this question beautifully and with a maturity beyond their years.

Shelby Stephens graduated as Valedictorian of Midland High School's 2022 class, which is quite a remarkable accomplishment. During high school, Shelby was Captain of the Basketball team, Vice-President of the National Honor Society, and a Midland Symphony Bell. In the fall, Shelby plans to attend Texas A&M University. According to Mark Teel, who recommended Shelby for this Scholarship, "Shelby Stephens is a dedicated, brilliant, and honest student who strives hard to succeed in whatever endeavor she sets out to accomplish." Shelby was joined at the MCRW May luncheon by her mother, Angela, and her grandparents. Congratulations, Shelby!

Paul McMillian graduated from Midland Classical Academy. Paul played Basketball, ran Cross Country all four years in high school, and received several awards for his participation. Also, during his Junior year, Paul received the MCA Faculty Commendation Award and was the Mastery with Honors Project Award Winner. In the fall, Paul plans to attend Texas A&M University. According to Jack Swallow, who recommended Paul for this scholarship, "Two of the character values I admire in Paul are his strong work ethic and ever-present leadership skills." Paul attended the May luncheon with his proud parents Sheena and Charlie. Congratulations, Paul!

Thank you!

Gayla Mabee and Elizabeth Moore



MCRW President Judy Canon congratulates Scholarship Winner Shelby Stephens.



Shelby Stephens' family attends the MCRW General Meeting (l to rt: Steve Becker, Dee Becker, Dusty LaLane, Shelby, and Angela Becker).



Elizabeth Moore (right) congratulates Scholarship Winner Paul McMillian (second from left) and his parents Charlie and Sheena.



Midland County Republican Party

Sherri Merket

What a wonderful time we had at the 2022 Texas GOP Convention June 16-18 in Houston, Texas! The Republican State Convention is held every two years. Midland County was well represented with thirty-two delegates in attendance -sixteen of those for the first time. We enjoyed three days, filled with meeting and hearing from elected officials, attending our SD 31 Caucus meetings, attending general sessions, ice cream socials, Governor Abbott's fun party to the Rustic Venue, fellowship, and great meals shared together.



District 31 delegates attend their caucus meeting

During our caucus meeting, SD 31 elected Tisha Crow, from Ector County, as our State Republican Executive Committee woman, and Thomas Warren, from the Amarillo area, as our state Executive Committee man. We also heard from Midland's soon-to-be Senator for District 31 Kevin Sparks. We are proud that this area and the oil and gas industry will be so well represented by him.

At the general session, the delegates elected Matt Rinaldi as State Party Chair and Dr. Dana Meyers as State Party Vice Chair. The general sessions were spirited in true Republican fashion, and we ultimately

voted by scantron ballot on 275 platform resolutions late Saturday afternoon. Midland County Young Republican leader, Steven Villela, sat on the Platform committee and introduced resolution #41 regarding "Midland over Moscow" and the importance of the oil and gas industry being promoted by our own Representative August Pfluger.



We are in desperate need of election judges/alternate judges, and workers for upcoming elections. The Election Office will train workers. Please consider becoming trained for such a role.

I am very proud to be your Midland County Republican Party Chair and was delighted with Midland's delegation. I encourage all of you to consider attending this fun and informative process in two years.

Sherri Merket, Chair of the Midland County Republican Party



MCRP Chair Sherri Merket counts ballots during a District 31 Caucus Meeting.



Midland delegates gather for a picture with the GOP elephant.

Midland County Republican Party State Convention 2022





TRVEP *Rhonda Lacy*

Happy Summer Patriot Volunteers!

I have **exciting** news for all of you. We are *nearing our goal of 100,000* newly registered Republicans in Texas.

To DATE we have registered over 75,000 new Republicans

Our **Day of Action** resulted in **17,000** calls being made. Pretty good for a weekend of calling.

Our **NEXT Day of Action will be on July 23**. And of course, you may make calls during the week, too.

Our VEP team has made over **400,000 total calls**. We need to register another 25,000 new Republicans, and I feel confident that we will reach our goal, soon.

Contact a Regional Director or me, and we will get you plugged in. Text Rhonda at 432-553-1593 OR contact Amariah Pinchback at apinchback.2020@gmail.com to get credentialed, to get pointed toward a regional team, and to get a quick refresher on how to make calls.

Let's do the JULY push!

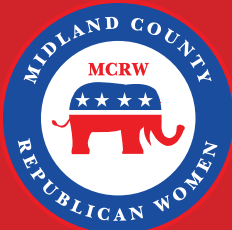
We CAN do this! Victory Texas!

Rhonda Lacy
TRVEP State Director of Volunteers



Chaplain *Carla Smith*

*Share Your
Prayer Requests
With Us*



Prayer Team

We are honored to pray for you!

MCRW prayer team takes the needs of our members, and beyond, to the Lord in prayer. What a privilege for us to pray for one another, for our families, our communities, our city, our state, our country, our leaders..... Prayer changes things!

If you have a prayer request, don't hesitate to reach out. You can be as vague or specific as you would like. Send your request to 432-967-1598. They will be shared with the team, but your privacy is important to us, and your specific requests will not be shared with the public membership. God bless you and remember, He hears!!

Midland County Republican Women

2022 Executive Board



President	Judy Canon
1st VP Programs	Kathy Young
2nd VP Membership	Ginamarie Soto
Secretary	Mary Helen Bowers
Treasurer	Angela Becker
Immediate Past President	Denise Porter
Chaplain	Carla Smith
Parliamentarian	Teresa Clingman DeShaw

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Awards	Dianne Anderson
Bylaws	Hon. Leah Robertson
Campaign Activities	Erika June
Caring for America	Micah Dunn
Community Awareness	Leann Brenner
Emails	LuAnn Morgan
Hospitality	Catie Matthews
	Amy Stretcher Burkes
Counting/Hospitality	Pat Blackwell
Legislation/Education	Hon. Elizabeth Leonard
Membership Brunch	Cecilie Pfluger
Patrons	Cathie Broten
Reservations	Cindy Wallum
Scholarship	Elizabeth Moore
	Gayla Mabee
Social Media	Crystal Dimino
Website	Karen Hood

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Midland County	Sherri Merket
Republican Party	Sue Brannon
SREC & Strike Force	Rhonda Lacy
TFRW Liaison	Juandelle Lacy Roberts

2022 Calendar of Events

July

NO MCRW MEETINGS

Jul 15-16th TFRW 3rd Quarter Meeting:
Georgetown, TX (Sheraton Austin)

August

Aug 4-7th CPAC Texas
Dallas, TX (Hilton Anatole)

Aug 4th Board Meeting
Rays of Hope

Aug 10th MCRW Luncheon
Midland Country Club

September

Sep 8th Board Meeting
Rays of Hope

Sep 15th MCRW Luncheon
Petroleum Club

October

Oct 6th Board Meeting
Rays of Hope

Oct 12th MCRW Luncheon
Midland Country Club

November

Nov 3rd Board Meeting
Rays of Hope

Nov 9th MCRW Luncheon
Midland Country Club

December

Dec 7th Christmas Board Luncheon
Midland Country Club

Dec 14th Christmas Membership Brunch
Museum of the Southwest