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From the President's Desk

Fall is HERE! I hope you are enjoying the cooler temperatures as much as I am. We are very close to the November 8th General Election. Our Midland County Republican Women Club members are working hard to get out the vote and to **KEEP TEXAS RED!** Let's take back the U.S. House and Senate!

Our next MCRW meeting is Wednesday, October 12, 2022. Local Republican candidates in contested races will be our guest speakers. The contested races include Mayor, City Council, MISD School Board, and Justice of the Peace. Come early at 11:00 AM to meet with the candidates prior to the meeting. Our meeting will start promptly at 11:30 AM and adjourn at 1:00 PM. You may make your reservations for the luncheon at Midland Country Club on our website www.mcrwtx.org as well as on the reservation link found on our Facebook page. You do not want to miss this meeting!

This newsletter contains important information about election dates, future general meeting dates, opportunities to participate in Republican campaign activities, and much more. Our 2022 Executive Board members work very hard to help us achieve and maintain our Super Jumbo Club status. Thank you for being such a great team!

Please visit our website at www.mcrwtx.org to learn more about MCRW. 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 MCRW meeting and to see you at the polls!

Judy Canon, President of Midland County Republican Women



Important Voting Information

October 24th: First Day of Early Voting
November 4th: Last Day of Early Voting
November 8th: Election Day

MCRW Tribute to Women

The Tribute to Women is the Texas Federal of Republican's biennial event honoring ladies from across Texas who have made an impact on their clubs and the Republican Party.

This event gives each club an opportunity to honor one or more members of their club who give to their club, our Republican candidates, and the Republican Party. Our Midland County Republican Women Club honored three outstanding members for 2022. These women included **Mary Helen Bowers**, **Susannah Purvis Donaldson**, and **Darlene Olson**. We are excited to be able to share the information as presented in their nominations.



Mary Helen Bowers MCRW Tribute Honoree #1

Mary Helen Bowers has worked at the Midland County Tax Office since 1998 (24 years of service!). She started as a general clerk leading her to a Motor Vehicle Supervisor. After two years, she was then promoted to bookkeeper preparing and reconciling accounts as well as maintaining and balancing financial spreadsheets with large sums of monies. Currently she has worked hard to attain her role as Chief Deputy Tax Assessor, which is second in command from the Tax Assessor. Her completed certifications include CPR Training and Educational Training: Ethics, Leadership, SIT, TNT, Title and Fraud Training, PTEC Course, CPOR, Stop the Bleed, Fraud Waste and Abuse. These are requirements for the Assessors, their continued education. She believes in putting God first, having a strong drive for success, being detail-oriented and having a positive mind-set. In July 2018, she was diagnosed with Breast Cancer and underwent a regimen schedule. Today, she is a Breast Cancer Survivor. She is passionate about helping the community and impacting lives while serving in her various organizations. Her mottos are: Live life to the fullest! You only have one, so make it count!



The slideshow from Tribute to Women meeting highlights Mary Helen Bowers.



United States Congress Woman Kat Cammack (left) & PNfrw President Eileen Sobjack (right) present a certificate to Mary Helen Bowers (center).



Mary Helen Bowers attends the Tribute to Women Luncheon.



Susannah Purvis Donaldson

MCRW Tribute Honoree #2

Susannah Purvis Donaldson is a dedicated and active member of our Midland County Republican Women's club. She is a well-respected and faithful member of our club. We proudly recognize her for her many years of service to MCRW and the Republican Party. She is well deserving of the honor of being a Tribute to Women nominee for MCRW.

Susannah served on the MCRW Executive Committee as the Recording Secretary for two years from 2019-2021. She displayed unwavering commitment to this position where she faithfully executed her duties as secretary despite many challenges accompanying the pandemic when board meetings were held via zoom. Her contagious smile and positive attitude are welcomed at all Republican events and campaigns. She truly represents the Republican ideals and beliefs.

Further, our board can always count on Susannah's attendance at our regularly held MCRW meetings where she is joined by her husband and MCRW Associate member, Briggs Donaldson. You will also find Susannah in attendance at local fundraising and campaign events as she and her family, the Purvis family, have been strong supporters of Republican candidates and politics for many years.

Susannah assisted her mother in hosting the 2019 MCRW's Annual Membership Brunch in her mother's home with approximately 200-300 in attendance. Many members, former and new, successfully registered for the upcoming year. Susannah is always ready to help and takes pleasure in teamwork and campaigning for Republican candidates, local and national. Susannah represents Republican ideals and values, and she truly has a servant's heart.



Susannah (right) and her mother, Margaret Davis are active Republicans.



Susannah and her husband, Briggs, attend MCRW meetings regularly.



Darlene Olson

MCRW Tribute Honoree #3

Loyal, Committed, always Available! Darlene Olson is the kind of person who is the backbone of any organization. She quietly volunteers for the tedious jobs behind the scenes and never brings attention to herself. A member of Midland County Republican Women since 2010, Darlene began working for Republican values in 1978 when her former boss, Jim Lacy, ran for Texas Railroad Commissioner. She has worked in the oil and gas industry for 30 years and education/teaching for 21 years. Walking blocks, making phone calls and stuffing envelopes for local, state and federal races,

Darlene has been involved in the Presidential races of Bush and Trump, Gubernatorial races of Bush, Perry and Abbott, U.S. Senate races for Hutchison and Cruz, State Senate for Kevin Sparks, RRC Christi Craddick, and several County Judge, Mayoral and City Council races. She works them all.

Having served on MCRW's Nominating Committee, you will now find her Greeting and Welcoming at monthly luncheons as well as a table hostess for lone attendees and new members. She has volunteered for TRVEP and is volunteering with the Welcome Project of newly registered in her district on behalf of Congressman Pfluger and Representative Craddick.

Darlene is active at her church, First Baptist Midland, where she has worked with the Mission program of Girls in Action, Personnel Committee and Care Group Leader. She serves her community with Delta Kappa Gamma and Society of Petroleum Engineers. Darlene is married to Dean, has two children, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Darlene and Dean, her husband, visit the 9/11 Memorial in NYC.



Darlene enjoys a hug with her great-grandson Daxton.

News from the District

Judy Calloway, District Director SD 31, Texas Federation of Republican Women

The fourth Texas Federal of Republican Board of Directors' meeting was held on September 16, 2022, in Georgetown, Texas, at the Sheraton Convention Center. This meeting was the fourth board meeting of the year, and, as SD 31 District Director, I attended all of them. This board meeting was part of the weekend that featured "Tribute to Women" on Saturday at noon. We are always honored to have special speakers at our Board Meetings, and this event featured the excellent speaker Melissa Conway who heads the Election Integrity Campaign in Texas. The second guest speaker was State Senator Brandon Creighton, the chair for Texas Victory 2022. Senator Creighton and his family reside in Conroe where he represents SD 4.

Items stressed at this meeting included getting new officers trained and submitting reports in a timely manner. Membership VP Melanie Grammar wanted all Membership chairs to know that only renewals of membership go on the December 31 submission with the slate of officers. If you have New Members, they need to be submitted after January 1, 2023. This requirement is a NFRW rule that we need to follow. The second substantial change was an increase of the fee for Board Meeting Registration to \$75. Inflation has hit all the Convention prices, and we must now pay for things that were free in the past.

Upcoming dates to remember are February 3, 2023, Legislative Day at the AT&T Conference Center in Austin; First Quarter TFRW Board Meeting on February 2, 2023, at the same location; and the 2023 NFRW Convention on September 28-30, 2023, in Oklahoma City. The TFRW State Convention is October 12-14, 2023, in Irving Texas. These major events are for your officers and club members to attend, with prominent Republican elected officials in attendance and great workshops.



Karen Hood (left) and Judy Calloway (center) congratulate Mary Helen Bowers (right) MCRW Tribute to Women honoree.

MCRW Meeting with Lt. Governor Dan Patrick

The September meeting of Midland County Republican Women was held at the Petroleum Club on September 15, 2022, with Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick as their special guest speaker. Lieutenant Governor Patrick and Senator Brandon Creighton inspired the audience to “get out the vote” so that Texas will remain **RED**. Pictures with the Lieutenant Governor reflected the enthusiasm of the attendees.



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

Standing Committees

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 Mabey
Social Media	Crystal Dimino
Website	Karen Hood

Advisory - Liaison

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

2022 Calendar of Events

October

Oct 12th MCRW Luncheon
Midland Country Club

Oct 24th - Nov 4th
Early Voting

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

Nov 8th
ELECTION DAY