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Richardson Republican Women
Quarterly Newsletter-March 2026

A Message from the President

Shirley Raven

Well, my friends, we got through the primary elections. But we are nowhere near being finished. Getting ready for a runoff can feel a little like gearing up for a second round of Christmas presents. We thought we knew a lot of the tools, but this is the moment that decides everything.

Runoffs usually come down to:

- Lower turnout, which means your votes carries more weight.
- A narrower field, so the contrast between candidates becomes sharper.
- **Conflict-free data, time, and isolation of your runoff donors.**
- Just ask Donald Sean Dag Rea, Jr. 2026. Early voting begins Tuesday May 19-22.

Get informed

- Review candidate statements, debates, or voting records.
- Look at endorsements from groups you trust.
- Compare policy positions on the issues you care about most.

Plan Your Vote

- Decide whether you will vote early or on Election Day.
- Map out your polling location and transportation.
- Set a reminder — runoff dates can sneak up on people.

If You are Helping Others Prepare

- Share official information, not rumors.
- Remind friends and family of the dates, polling plan.
- Offer rides or help with logistics if you can afford it.

NOT BAD? Before the runoff elections, **Richardson Bond and Charter Election** and **RRW Trustee Brenton** in May 2, 2026 with early voting from April 20-24.

This is precisely the chapter where is done every 10 years.

The Bond Election has 8 propositions including streets, public buildings, parks and recreation, and public safety. Early voting begins April 20 and ends April 24 and concludes on the polling day vote. Please refer to our site for additional details.

Community Open Houses:

- April 2, 2-PM Kingsley Recreation Center
- April 11, 2-PM Huffmeister Recreation Center

FOR MORE DETAILS — VISIT RICHARDSONTX.GOV

It's going to be. It's up to me.

Shirley Raven

"In Loving My Foes"

Chaplain's Corner

Dr. Lana Hope

Let go of fear, surround yourself with people who bring out the good in you, find hobbies or passions that make you feel alive, and remember that your worth is not tied to your performance. Fear is a lie that wants you to shrink, but you are meant to live, love, and be free.

Everyone is projecting their own "stuff" on the issues you know, speak, and live best. When you live in your truth, you don't need to defend it, you just live it. Your presence alone is enough to inspire others to think and act. Keep shining, and your influence will grow.

You are not there by accident. You are where it's the moment to stand by it or leave. As Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us, God has plans for us, plans for hope and a future, even in this moment.

And when you look back, remember, it's not about "what could I have done" but what did I do. Every decision mattered. Through Christ and his mercy, God has continued to bless us, forgiven us, and guided us. Let that be your anchor. Let it remind you that your faithfulness matters, your presence matters, and your impact matters.

Living as ambassadors of God demands authenticity. It's about speaking truth with grace, standing firm in your faith, and trusting that God is working through you even when it feels like you're just holding on. Remember, God is not surprised by this moment. He is still sovereign, still loving, still working, and still calling us to be faithful, courageous, and at peace.

So if it leaves you with this:

"What does living as a conservative mean to you?

Always at your service,

Dr. Lana Hope

VP Memberships

Florence Allwood

As we step into April, I can't help but feel a sense of excitement for what's ahead for RRW.

Spring always brings a feeling of renewal — fresh energy, fresh faces, and fresh opportunities to connect with our community and celebrate the work we do together. It's a time for growth and **our membership campaign, partnerships, and volunteering.**

One of the most beautiful things about RRW is that we are more than a meeting on the calendar. We are a community that shows up for one another, supports our local leaders, and stands together in shared values. Whether you're a longtime member or just getting to know us, there's a place for you here and we want to make sure you feel that from the very first day.

This month, I want to gently encourage each of us to keep our **membership growth efforts** top of mind. Every conversation we have, every invitation we extend, and every friendship we build helps us fulfill our mission and strengthen our local community.

"Come as one guest, I'll bet for you to join me!"

That invitation may seem small, but it can make a lasting impact.

As **3-Friend Challenge** participants in the June and December prize drawings, we've been asked to bring a guest. Consider this a friendly reminder that it's not just a rule, it's a chance to share something you love with someone who might be looking for exactly what we offer.

As we move through April, let's continue to:

- **Welcome warmly**
- **Invite intentionally**
- **Show up joyfully**
- **Grow with purpose**

Thank you for being part of what makes RRW so special. Your volunteering matters, your presence matters, and your friendship matters. Let's continue this exercise, deepen relationships and have fun.

Let's make April a month of connection, movement, and growth.

Warm greetings,

Florence Allwood

Vice President of Membership

RRW PCO

30-Day 5-Friend Challenge

We encourage you to invite three friends to RRW General Meetings. Consider this people to determine. If they would like to know more information about the RRW PCO, they can visit our site, or they can come to a meeting as a guest. Guests are welcomed into a raffle. Raffle winners with bonus a guest will be recognized as an Ambassador that month, and they will be acknowledged at the next meeting.

Become A Member

We've been featured!

Richardson Republican Women was proud to be featured in the Dallas County Council of Republican Women February Club Spotlight!

"DCCRW Club Spotlight — Richardson Republican Women "

"This February, we're proud to shine our Club Spotlight on the Richardson Republican Women (RRW), one of the vibrant and long-standing Republican women's clubs in Dallas County.**"**

Established in 1956, RRW has been a passionate force for grassroots involvement, fellowship, and conservative leadership for more than six decades. They typically meet on the second Tuesday of each month, bringing together women who share a passion for conservative values, community action, and service.

Under the leadership of President Shirley Raven, RRW continues to grow its impact through meaningful community engagement, and opportunities for participation.

Their gatherings often feature inspiring guest speakers, including elected officials and community leaders, providing members with access to key decision-makers and a new voice for Republican principles.

From fellowship to education to hands-on the ground engagement, Richardson Republican Women embodies the spirit of conservative organizing. Want to get plugged in? Check with Richardson RRW for meeting details and membership information!"

RRW Meeting Recaps

January Meeting

We were honored to welcome our first guest speaker of 2026, **Jennifer Dreskard** from **Texas Right to Life**. Jennifer shared her personal journey, the organization's mission, and its continued growth in Texas, including its upcoming driving road Republican events in **Dallas**.

February Meeting

Senator Bob Hall presented a brief keynote at our February meeting including notable bills from the 89th Legislature, the threat of Sharia Law, and acknowledged the importance of practical chaos and calling.

March Meeting

Richardson Republican Women welcomed **Brent Merchant**, Senior Advisor to Governor Abbott, to our March meeting! Brent's political career dates back to the 1970s and he is a seasoned strategist with deep ties to Republican party, state bureaucracy, grassroots efforts, current and former legislators, and campaigns.

Visit our **Facebook** and **Instagram** for more of meeting photos.

America Reads the Bible Kickoff

Richardson Republican Women attended Dallas County Council of Republican Women's "America Reads the Bible" kickoff event. Our President Shirley Raven, Vice President Florence Allwood and Vice President Ben Gates are they introduced the upcoming scripture reading event in Washington.

On April 16, 2026, Dallas County Republican Women will begin a series of chapters per gathers in Washington D.C. to read the entire Bible aloud ahead of an national 2-5000 celebration.

First VP Programs

Diane Dees

"May our visions be clear and may our actions always match the beauty of our faith."

Patron Program

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