

**Minutes
STAR Republican Women General Meeting
March 18, 2014**

SRW President Charlotte Hewitt convened the March 18 General Meeting at 1:00 p.m. after those present enjoyed a light lunch. Trudy Stucky led the group in prayer and pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas.

Charlotte welcomed new members, guests, elected officials and candidates, including:

ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Becky Lange, Llano County Attorney-Elect
- Marci Hadelor, Llano County Clerk-Elect
- Linda Bayless, Burnet County Court at Law Judge-Elect
- Steve Jordan, Mayor of Horseshoe Bay
- Ronnie Rudd, President LISD Board
- Peter Jones, Llano County Commissioner, Pct. 2
- Jolene Hawkins, Burnet County Precinct 203 Chairman
- Don Warner, Llano County Precinct 109 Chairman
- Kathy Hussey, Llano County Precinct 101 Chairman

CANDIDATES

- Rob Henneke, State Rep, Dist 53
- Bebe Piatt, JP, Pct. 1
- Steve Lange, JP, Pct. 2
- Andrew Murr, State Rep, Dist 53
- Lyn Jenkins, JP, Pct 1
- Michael Sandoval, LISD Board, Place 3

Charlotte reminded everyone to vote in the upcoming Primary Runoffs set for May 27. She commented on the low turnout of just 33 percent for Llano County for the earlier primary, and said she hoped we could increase the voter turnout in upcoming elections.

Don Warner provided an update on convention delegates, encouraging those interested to sign up to become a delegate after the meeting.

Charlotte thanked Hospitality Chairmen Pat McMurtrie and Judy Patterson for organizing the complimentary lunch before the meeting. She also recognized the other hostesses: Judy Landry, Frances Highsmith, Winnie Woodruff, Kathy Hussey, Barbara Rounsberg, Linda Bayless and Shelly Comerford.

Vice President Donna Stevens introduced guest speakers LISD Superintendent Casey Callahan and Board President Ronnie Rudd. Callahan and Rudd provided a brief report on the performance of LISD before providing a more detailed presentation on a \$33 million bond proposal for the school district.

After thanking Rudd and Callahan, Charlotte asked for reports from SRW officers and committee chairmen.

SRW PAC Treasurer Louraine Robertson reported that SRW had an ending balance on March 10, 2014 of \$8,428. Charlotte said that minutes of the February meeting were on the information table for anyone to view.

Membership Committee Chairman Gennie Ward reported a current membership count of 211, including 149 active members and 62 associate members. She encouraged members

to recruit their spouses to become associate members and to encourage friends and other family members to join as well. She said it is important to let prospective members know that SRW serves Llano and Burnet counties. Gennie also reminded everyone to report volunteer hours to Campaign Activities Committee Chairman Tomi MacDonald so SRW can get credit towards special recognition. She said efforts by associate members should also be reported.

Caring for America Committee Chairman Tricia Burcham reminded members of the current campaign to donate arts and crafts supplies to the Wounded Warrior Project, benefiting soldiers in the region. She said the campaign would continue through the year and contributions by cash or check would also be accepted.

Literacy Committee Chairman Kathy Hussey said the committee is planning on distributing dictionaries to area schools in September. She also said the committee soon will announce a book drive to aid other local organizations.

Ways and Means Committee Chairman Marion Gardner provided an update on the spring fundraiser called Destination: Paradise. Joining Marion on the committee are Tomi MacDonald, Gloria Lomax, Nancy Cobb and Ellen Hower.

Five destination packages will be offered in a live auction including:

- Seven nights at Treasure Cay, Bahamas
- Two nights at Lighthouse Inn in Rockport
- Wine-tasting tour for two couples in Fredericksburg
- Hunting trip at a four-star South Texas lodge to acquire a mouflon ram

Several items will be offered in a silent auction as well, including:

- Kendra Scott jewelry
- A travel ensemble from Salem's
- Cologne from Beall's
- Apparel from Madlyn's
- Apparel from Schumann's

Destination: Paradise will be held Tuesday, April 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets will be \$20 and reservations are required.

Charlotte announced that a new SRW website was being created and would go live soon. She also reported that SRW business cards are being printed to help in membership recruitment. They will be available at the next meeting.

Charlotte reminded everyone to vote early in the upcoming primary runoffs and school bond elections. She adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Kromer