

May 2018

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## Bulverde Area Republican Women

### Save the Date

**Election Day Bulverde  
Offices of City Council Members  
Places 5 & 6 -- May 5<sup>th</sup>**

<https://tx-bulverde.civicplus.com/153/Election-Information>

**2018 Primary Runoff Election:**

**Early Voting – May 14-18**

**Election Day – May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

<http://www.co.comal.tx.us/Elections.htm>

*See pages 3-4 for locations/hours*

**Pedernales Electric Co-op:**

**Board of Directors Election**


**Districts 1,6,7: May 24-June 16**

<https://www.pec.coop/about-us/your-cooperative/board-of-directors/elections-voting/>




See pages 7-8 for meeting pictures

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Reception**



### A Primer on the TCPA (Texas Citizens Participation Act)



SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation) is a lawsuit intended to censure, silence and intimidate critics by burdening them with the cost of a legal defense until they abandon their criticism or opposition. The TCPA (Texas Anti-SLAPP statute) was signed into law June 17, 2011, by Governor Rick Perry. **Attorney Chris Byrd** will explain how the TCPA helps protect the little guy, promotes judicial economy, provides for tort reform, and advances the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights of all Texas citizens.

**Justice, 3<sup>rd</sup> Court of Appeals Run-Off Candidates, Donna Davidson and Mike Toth will briefly address the audience.**

**Monday, May 14, 2018**  
**6:00 PM Meet & Greet**  
**6:30 PM Program**  
**GVTC Auditorium, North of Hwy 46 on FM 3159**  
[Bar-winfo@bar-w.org](mailto:Bar-winfo@bar-w.org)  
[www.Bar-w.org](http://www.Bar-w.org)

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## Chaplain's Chat

by Diane Zornow, Bar-W Past Chaplain



### Don't Be Deceived – Know the Truth

The political bantering on the national, state and local stage brings confusion to the voter and a desire to ascertain what is fact and what is fiction (deception). How do you do that? Step one is determining what is your foundation of truth. For Christians that foundation is the Word of God.

**Ephesians 5:8-11** says, "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of the light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord, and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather expose them." Candidates may say they are Christian but God says we will know them by their fruit. Dirty politics is not a fruit of the Spirit!

**Scripture says we are to walk in wisdom. Ephesians 5:15, 17** says, "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise...Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is."

**Knowing the Word of God is a great help** in determining what the world and its politicians are telling us...truth or deception. Many issues facing us today are rooted in deception.

**One example:** Abortion advocates say it's the woman's body therefore her choice to abort (kill and dismember the baby in the womb) and that the fetus has no rights. God says every child is a gift from Him. That child is the Lord's with all the identity given to each of us from that moment of conception. Don't be deceived. The world wants to kill and destroy both woman and child.

**Let no one deceive you with empty words.** Seek His truth on every issue and candidate! Walk in His wisdom and with that also get understanding so you may be able to know the truth, take a stand and vote according to His will.

## 2018 Officers and Committee Chairmen

Please contact President Geri B. Ray at 703-300-7856 to serve as a Committee Chairman on the Board of Directors.

President.....	<b>Geri B. Ray</b> 703-300-7856	Historian.....	<i>Open seat</i>
1st VP-Programs .....	<i>Open seat</i>	Hospitality .....	<b>Susan Shapiro</b> 210-912-1359
2nd VP-Membership.....	<b>Linda K. Harlan</b> , 210-289-1499	Legislative.....	<b>Kaci Sisk</b> , 210-573-8274
3rd VP-Campaign Activities...	<b>Diane L. Moore</b> , 210-336-9159	Literacy .....	<b>Fran Carlson</b> , 714-296-5203
PAC Treasurer.....	<b>Gloria Hawkins</b> , 830-832-2603	Military Liaison .....	<b>Virginia Donnelly</b> , 210-279-4845
Recording Secretary.....	<b>Sheila K. McHenry</b> , 805-443-3340	Newsletter/The Bugle .....	<b>Kaci Sisk / Gwen Pain</b>
Parliamentarian.....	<b>Terry Rogers</b> , 210-275-2252	Publicity.....	<b>Sally Jane Driscoll</b> , 830-708-0117
Achievement Awards .....	<b>Diane L. Moore</b> , 210-336-9159	Senior Americans.....	<b>Virginia Donnelly</b> , 210-279-484
Boutique.....	<b>Patty Avery</b> , 978-790-4771	Teenage Republican Liaison .....	<b>Sandy Hancock</b> , 210-288-1326
Bylaws .....	<b>Hazel Roman</b>	Telephone .....	<b>Victoria Panzer</b> , 706-799-2938
Caring For America.....	<b>Diane M. Zornow</b> , 210-259-1135	Website .....	<b>Caryn Maus</b> , 830-899-2901
Chaplain .....	<i>Open seat</i>	Women's Fitness.....	<b>Jan Tilley</b> , 830-438-8891
Community Presence Initiative....	<b>Linda L. Bartle</b> , 951-609-6189	*****	
Directory .....	<b>Linda K. Harlan</b> , 210-289-1499	TFRW Deputy President - Region IX:	Linda Kinney
Fundraising.....	<b>Terry Rogers</b> , 210-275-2252	TFRW District Director - Senate District 25:	Deanna Abiassi

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**May 22, 2018 - Primary Election Runoff**

**Comal County Primary Runoff Early Voting Locations and Times**

<http://www.co.comal.tx.us/Vote/2018/05-22-2018/2018%20Primary%20Runoff%20%20Early%20Voting%20Locations.pdf>



**Location, Dates & Hours of Main Early Voting  
Polling Location**

**MAIN LOCATION:** 396 N. Seguin Ave  
New Braunfels, Texas 78130  
**DATES and HOURS:** May 14-18, 2018 — 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**Location, Dates & Hours of Temporary Branch Early Voting  
Polling Locations**

**Garden Ridge City Hall** May 14, 2018 – 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**9400 Municipal Parkway** May 15-18, 2018 – 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
**Garden Ridge, Texas 78266**

**Comal County Offices/  
Bulverde Annex** May 14-18, 2018 — 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
**30470 Cougar Bend**  
**Bulverde, Texas 78163**

**Comal County Office/  
Goodwin Annex** May 14-18, 2018 — 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
**1297 Church Hill**  
**New Braunfels, Texas 78130**

**Mountain Valley Middle School** May 14-18, 2018 — 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
**1165 Sattler Rd.**  
**Canyon Lake, Texas 78133**



**You may vote at any of these locations from  
May 14<sup>th</sup> to May 18<sup>th</sup>.  
On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, you must vote at your  
Precinct location.**





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### Comal County Primary Runoff Election Day Polling Places

<http://www.co.comal.tx.us/Vote/2018/05-22->

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#### PRECINCT

#### POLLING PLACE

101, 103, 203, 207

Comal County Senior Citizens Center  
655 Landa, New Braunfels

102, 106, 405, 107

Bill Brown Elementary School  
20410 Hwy 46 West, Spring Branch

104, 105

Tye Preston Memorial Library  
16311 South Access Rd., Canyon Lake

204, 206, 208

Comal County Offices – Bulverde Annex  
30470 Cougar Bend, Bulverde

205

Jay F. Feibelman Garden Ridge Community Center  
9500 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge

201, 202, 302, 301, 303

Comal County Courthouse  
100 Main Plaza, Room 101, New Braunfels


402, 403, 407

Church in the Valley  
14181 FM 306 at Canyon City, Canyon Lake


304, 305, 406, 401, 404, 306

Christ Presbyterian Church  
1620 Common, New Braunfels





**All Locations**  
**OPEN 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**



### Who is on Your Ballot?

<http://www.co.comal.tx.us/Vote/2018/05-22->

[2018/20180522%20Republican%20Primary%20Runoff%20Sample%20Ballots.pdf](http://www.co.comal.tx.us/Vote/2018/05-22-2018/20180522%20Republican%20Primary%20Runoff%20Sample%20Ballots.pdf)

## An Event-Full Political Month

By Kaci Sisk, Legislative Chair

May 2018 is full of critically important elections. Our area will vote in **two Primary Election runoff races**. **U.S. Congressional District (CD) 21** Representative Lamar Smith is retiring at the end of this term. The winner of the runoff will face a Democratic challenger in November, with the winner taking Rep Smith's place as our Representative to Congress.

The second runoff contest is for **Justice, Place 6, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Court of Appeals**. Justice Bob Pemberton is retiring from this seat on the court that handles criminal and civil appeals from 24 Central Texas counties. The winner of the runoff will face a Democratic challenger in November.

<http://www.co.comal.tx.us/Vote/2018/05-22-2018/20180522%20Republican%20Primary%20Runoff%20Sample%20Ballots.pdf>

In non-partisan races that affect us, the **City of Bulverde residents will vote** to elect City Council Members Places 5 and 6 on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

<https://tx-bulverde.civicplus.com/153/Election-Information>

**Pedernales Electric Co-Op (PEC)** members will vote to elect Board directors to serve three-year terms in Districts 1, 6, 7. Voting is by mail-in ballot or online from May 24<sup>th</sup> to June 16<sup>th</sup>.

<https://www.pec.coop/about-us/your-cooperative/board-of-directors/elections-voting/>

**An eventful and vitally important time** in our community, state, and country; we owe it to our future to understand the candidates we vote for. Bar-W Members are known for vetting the candidates and their positions, for digging out the truth, and seeing through false promises and claims. I urge you to share your insight and understanding of the issues and the personalities with everyone you can. **Runoff elections are historically low turnout elections.** This year, we cannot afford to have a few decide races that will affect us daily on so many critical levels. *Please vote, and encourage others to follow your example of responsible citizenry.*

## Bar-W 2018 General Meeting Dates

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays

Monday, May 14	J. Christopher Byrd; 3 <sup>rd</sup> Court of Appeals candidates
Monday, June 11	Scholarships Presentation
Saturday, July TBD	Summer Social
Monday, August 13	Dictionary Signing
Monday, September 10	

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays

Monday, October 08	2019 Officer Nomination
Monday, Nov 26	Guest Night Dinner Meeting & 2019 Officer Elect
	Tribute to US Congressman Lamar Smith
Thursday, December 06	Christmas party

**Bar-W Board Meetings are Thursday prior to the General Meeting.**

**Members Welcome!**

**General Meetings at GVTC Auditorium at 6:00 p.m.**

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## May is Military Appreciation Month

### Memorial Day 2018

By Gini Donnelly, Military Liaison Chair

**Memorial Day is a special day set aside each year to honor those who lost their lives serving in the United States Military.** We honor their life and are thankful for their service. We honor them for all they did for our country, their hard work, their determination, their small and sometimes daily sacrifice. We honor them for things they saw that could not be unseen; for the loss of friends they experienced; for continuing to serve when it was more difficult than we can imagine. We honor their bravery and their service. We honor them. We are ever thankful.

During our meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>, Bar-W will have a slideshow presentation to honor those family and friends who lost their lives while serving our country. If you would like your loved ones to be included, please send Rank, Name, Branch of Service, and, if desired, a picture (head shot preferred), to [barwinfo@bar-w.com](mailto:barwinfo@bar-w.com).

The role of Bar-W's Military Liaison is to help and serve our Military members and family. Writing letters, sending care packages, and helping veterans find resources are some of the projects planned for this year. If you are interested in helping or if I can help you, please contact me at [v.donnelly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:v.donnelly@sbcglobal.net)

- May 1: Loyalty Day
- May 7 - May 13: Public Service Recognition Week
- May 8: Victory in Europe Day
- May 12: Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- May 20: Armed Forces Day
- May 30: Memorial Day



## National Police Week

Sunday, May 13 - Saturday, May 19, 2018



In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

National Police Week is a collaborative effort of many organizations dedicated to honoring America's law enforcement community. The Bulverde Police Department will hold their annual tribute to and recognition of fallen police officers on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. **Please join Bar-W's Community Presence Initiative members at Bulverde City Hall May 15<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m., for the ceremony.**



## Bar-W's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Reception

By Sally Jane Driscoll, Publicity Chair



On April 9th at the GVTC Auditorium, members and guests of Bar-W enjoyed the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Boots,

Brisket and Bluebonnets

Dinner at the 16th Annual Membership Reception. After the Smithson Valley High School Navy JROTC presented the colors, **Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar** (head of the treasury, chief tax collector and the person who tells the legislature how much they can spend) gave us an overview of how he administers our tax money as **Chief Financial Officer of the world's 10th largest economy - now larger than each of the economies of Canada and Russia.** Sales tax collection is the major income at \$1.6 trillion per year. In the last 10 years 25% of all jobs in the U.S. were created here in Texas, there are 2 million new employees and the number of women who are business owners increased 147%.

**Despite this massive growth, there are concerns.** The rainy day fund from the 1980's, based on oil and gas resources, is in need of reform. Health care costs may cause Texas' AAA rating to be lost in the next 6 or 7 years if no actions are taken to prevent this. And while the state pension system is not yet in crisis, it needs better management or problems will soon arise. Mr. Hegar's goal is to work toward a less burdensome tax system, which would help lead to even more job creation and business expansion, and so to a healthier Texas economy.



**Mr. Hegar has also been working on getting the Texas Gold Bullion Depository in Leander up and running.** The purpose of the depository is to repatriate \$1 billion in gold bullion belonging to Texas, which is now stored in a bank vault in New York City. Signed into law in June 2015, this is the first state-administered bullion depository in the country, "free from the jurisdiction of governmental or quasi-governmental authority beyond the state of Texas." Mr. Hegar himself just opened the first account to test the procedure. Find out more at <https://texasdepository.com/>.

**Finally, Texas may be holding some of your unclaimed property** that you're not even aware of, like a utility deposit or a final paycheck. More than \$8.9 million has been reclaimed by people in Comal County alone. And this money is never turned over to the state—if it's yours, it's always yours to claim. Check out <https://claimittexas.org/>.



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