

# *Bush Legacy*

*Republican Women of Weatherford*



*March 2021*

Happy March!

As we move into spring, please join me in a moment of prayer for the families and friends who have suffered loss! We will miss Larry Fowler and all that have passed! I am thankful that we are blessed by their friendship, their service to our community, and their witness that remains with us!

As we continue to deal with the current DC structure, please remember to stay engaged. Tell **ALL** Senators and Congressional members that the Constitution matters. HR1 is an attempt of the federal government to ignore the Constitution and take over elections. The current discussion on “background checks” is an attempt to further erode our gun rights that are protected by the Constitution. Please tell both Republicans and Democrats. No elected official should be able to truthfully say they’ve only heard one side.

Locally, candidates have filed and are campaigning for City Councils and School Boards. These elected officials determine the course of our communities and the future of our children and grandchildren. A very small percentage of registered voters generally participate in the May elections. Let’s make this the year that more of our friends and neighbors are engaged. We need rock solid conservatives that believe in personal accountability, the proper role of government, and ALL of our rights as property owners and citizens.

Don’t let Facebook or Twitter silence you. Stay in the discussion with truth and respect. YOU are the difference in the battles that keep us free!

*Zan Prince 2021 BLRWW President*

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## **March Guest Speaker -Konni Burtin**

Born in Kerrville, Texas, Konni was raised in the tiny South Texas town of Banquete where her father served as the high school principal and her mother as the school secretary. Konni attended the University of North Texas and graduated with a BBA in Marketing. There she met her husband Phil who also graduated with a BBA in Marketing. After marrying, Konni and Phil made Tarrant County their home. Konni went to work for Olmstead-Kirk Paper Co but after several years there, the drive to start her own business led her to open her own wedding consulting business, Weddings Ltd. During that period, Konni and Phil began their work with The Gladney Center for Adoption in Fort Worth. Konni volunteered her time and energy to the center and held leadership positions on the Auxiliary Board.

Even though Konni was a lifelong Republican, she grew frustrated with the ever increasing size and scope of all levels of government by politicians in both parties. Motivated to take action, Konni became involved in local grassroots groups and campaigns, block walked, organized events, and donated money to advance candidates that espoused her shared belief in limited government, personal liberty and free market economics. Konni served as one of Ted Cruz's top organizers in DFW during his historic 2012 campaign for U.S. Senate.

Eventually, Konni's involvement in politics led her to successfully run for the Texas State Senate. Konni would go on to secure the Republican nomination amidst a crowded field and was then successful in winning back the district from the Democrats the following November.

While serving in the Texas legislature, Konni took on the big fights to swing the pendulum of power from the government back to the people. Always an advocate for the taxpayer, Konni became the strongest proponent in the legislature for ending the practice of taxpayer-funded lobbying, which saw peoples' hard-earned tax dollars used by local governments to hire lobbyists and many times work against their interests. Konni also led the charge against corporate welfare programs which dole out sweetheart deals to big business off the backs of taxpayers. Konni received the first committee hearing in the history of the Texas Senate on repealing 313 property tax abatements—the state's largest and most abused corporate welfare scheme.

Throughout the course of her service, Konni received the support of every conservative grassroots organization across the state, including Texas Right to Life, Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, the National Rifle Association/Texas State Rifle Association, Grassroots America: We the People, Texas Values and Young Conservatives of Texas. Her absolute commitment to her constituents and conservative principles earned her the enthusiastic support of Texans across the state. An activist at heart, Konni's passion for limited government, individual liberties and free market principles, means a lifelong engagement in the fight to protect these values.

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## Member Spotlight

We are highlighting members of our club in order to become more acquainted with each other. We will be reaching out to club members with questions to write a short bio about them.



**Precinct 3 Commissioner Larry Walden**

Larry Walden is a fifth-generation Parker County native, tracing his lineage back to 1850 with the settlement of his great-great grandfather. Walden grew up 13 miles northwest of Weatherford in the Authon community, attending Garner I.S.D through eighth grade and Millsap High School. He graduated from Weatherford College in 1978 and Tarleton State University with a bachelor's degree in 1980. He went on to complete a Master's in Agriculture in 1981 and a second Master's in Administration in 1996. He made the decision to run for commissioner in 2012.

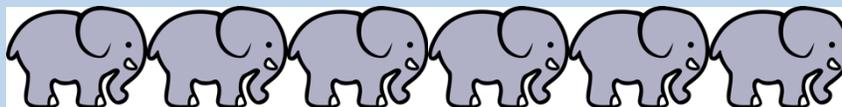
"I decided to run [for commissioner] because I saw a need for someone in this position who wouldn't be playing political games," he explained. "I feel that my experience, education, and common sense makes me uniquely qualified for this job."

Walden joined as an associate member of BLRRW to stay informed on the multitude of activities that BLRWW has to offer, as well as listen to the informative speakers.

Most people are not aware that Walden was an administrator for the special education programs in Parker County for 20-plus years.

"I believe in education. My favorite charity, by far, is to contribute to scholarship programs such as the Millsap Alumni Scholarship Foundation and to Weatherford College," he continued.

When Walden is not working for the tax payers of his precinct, you can find him outside on his ranch.



*Calendar of Events*

## March 18- Regular Meeting

### April 16- Make plans for the fundraiser with Star Parker!

The Republican Women's Club are proud to announce Star Parker as the guest speaker for their fundraising dinner on April 16, 2021 at Dove Ridge Vineyard in Weatherford. This event is the major fundraiser for the club and will include a dinner featuring Star Parker, founder and president of, Center for Urban Renewal and Education (CURE.)

CURE is a non-profit Policy Institute based in Washington DC that fights poverty to restore dignity through messages of faith, freedom and personal responsibility. CURE's vision is to preserve, promote and protect Christianity, capitalism and our constitution to improve culture, reduce government dependency, and to build race relations. CURE works in public policy, the public square, and in poor communities through three Programs- a Policy Program that works directly with the White House and the Congress on welfare reform ideas; a Media Program that includes rapid response, a daily news site, [blackcommunitynews.com](http://blackcommunitynews.com) and television show, "CURE America with Star Parker; and a Clergy Program that umbrellas a national network of more than 950 conservative clergy who serve in various distressed zip codes around the country.

The Republican Women's Club are now selling table sponsorships and tickets for the event. VIP guest will enjoy meeting Star Parker and take home a photo with her.

For More Information call 817-594-5029 or visit [BLRWW.com](http://BLRWW.com)



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*PLEASE make your membership dues have been paid  
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*PLEASE NOTE: We kindly request that you RSVP no later than Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. prior to the Thursday meeting so that we can plan on the appropriate amount of food with the caterer. **The cost is \$20 (\$25 for non-members)***

If you are not receiving meeting notice, please contact Robin Millhorn at [Rbnshn1973@yahoo.com](mailto:Rbnshn1973@yahoo.com)

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**Our monthly meeting is the third Thursday of the month at the Doss Heritage and Culture Center - 1400 Texas Drive in Weatherford 11:30 - 1:00 Please mark your calendar!**