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## THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

BY LORRAINE CARROLL

2022 has been an exciting year! There have been lots of ups and downs but in the end there continues to be hope. As I reflect on this year I prefer not to focus on what wasn't accomplished but instead look at the progress forward that we have made.

The republicans now have the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives. We have the ability to stop so much of the crazy policies and spending coming out of Washington DC. We must make our voices heard as we go into this next year. You may not think one email or one phone call can make a difference, but it does. If you are a member of CRW (which makes you a member of NFRW - National Federation of Republican Women) you will receive updates on legislation and "Calls to Action". Let your voice be heard.

The republicans have kept Texas red. Local policies impact our lives more than Washington DC. It is important to follow what is happening in Austin as we go into legislative session at the beginning of 2023. There are many opportunities to impact decisions in Austin. If you are a member of CRW then you are a member of TFRW (Texas Federation of Republican Women). You will receive key information from TFRW on what is happening in Austin and how you can have an impact.

Each of us has a part in protecting our freedoms. You can run for office, testify to legislative committees, write emails, make phone calls, promote patriotism through our community programs, or simply talk with others and make them aware of what is at stake. Nothing you do is too small.

Make it your goal as we head into the new year to have an impact.

Don't forget our last event for the year. Wreaths Across America will be on

Saturday, December 17. See details below. Hope you can join us in honoring our Veterans.

I personally want to thank everyone who has supported CRW or attended our meetings the past two years while I was president. Please continue to be involved and together let's ***make a difference!***

## ***What did CRW do in 2022?***

- Candidate Forum for TX Senate District 12
- Meet and Greet for Dallas County Candidates and local state races
- Donated \$7,400 to local republican candidates
- Awarded two (2) \$1,000 scholarships to young women living in Coppell graduating from high school
- Speaker Genevieve Collins, Texas State Director of Americans for Prosperity
- Speaker Melissa Conway, RNC Elections Integrity Texas State Director
- Speaker Bunni Pounds, Founder & President of Christians Engaged
- Speaker Rafael Cruz, Cuban-American, Preacher, Father of US Senator
- Speaker Anthony Triola, Chief Warrant Officer Four (Ret.), US Army
- Sponsored a Deputy Voter Registrar Training
- Participated in the Coppell Rotary Flag Program
- Honored Coppell's First Responders with treat deliveries four times during the year
- Held New Member Orientation Meetings
- Happy Hours
- Attended TFRW's Leadership Workshop
- Co-sponsored Wreaths Across America
- Sponsored a drive for the DFW Airport USO
- Sponsored a food drive for Metrocrest Food Bank
- Participated in the Coppell Independence Day parade

## ***CRW Women***

***Coppell Republican Women is honored to have members willing to serve!***

- Melisa Denis was a candidate for TX House District 115.
- Shelly Akerly was a candidate for Dallas County Treasurer.
- Kit Whitehill is President of TFRW (Texas Federation of Republican Women) for 2022-2023.
- Sharon Kappers is the Dallas County Council of RW Legislative and Resolutions Director.
- Karyn Brownlee serves on the Texas Credit Union Commission.
- Kit Whitehill serves on the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority.
- Allie Hewett serves on the City of Coppell Smart City Board.
- Ann Dyer serves on the Oklahoma State University Board of Trustees, the OSU MBA Advisory Board, the OSU Women's Council, and the OSU

President's Fellows.

- Melisa Denis serves on the University of North Texas Board of Regents.
- Many members served as delegates to the Local Precinct, Senate District, and Texas Republican Convention.

## 2023-2024 CRW Officers

### ***Congratulations to the new officers for 2023-2024***

Officers were elected at the November 2022 meeting and will be installed at the January 5, 2023, meeting.

- President – Ann Dyer
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP of Programs and Community Service – Jane Anne Sellars
- VP of Membership – Sharon Clark
- VP of Campaign Activities – Lorraine Carroll
- VP of Ways & Means – Lynell Huffmaster
- VP of Legislation – Angela Miller
- VP of Awards – Sue Ann Roberson
- VP of Americanism – Sharon Kappers
- Secretary – Annee Sisk
- Treasurer – Linda Mays

## Upcoming CRW Events

### Plan to Attend!



**Coppell Republican Women to Co-Host  
7th Annual  
WREATHS *across* AMERICA**

Saturday, December 17  
Rolling Oaks Memorial Center  
400 Freeport Parkway, Coppell

11 a.m. Ceremony  
Followed by Placement of Wreaths on Veterans Graves

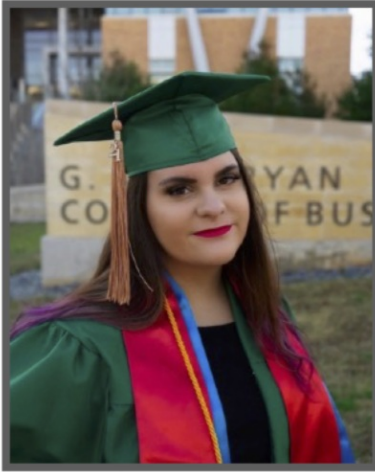
*Click here for information, how to donate wreaths,  
and how to participate!*

You may also volunteer to help: set-up, greet people, break down, and hand out wreaths. [Click here to go to SignUpGenius.](#)

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# ***Coppell Republican Women***

## ***January Meeting***



**Speaker Kelly Neidert**  
Executive Director and Founder  
of  
**PROTECT TEXAS KIDS**

Thursday, January 5, 2023

6:30 p.m. Social & 7:00 p.m. Speaker

Cozby Library & Community Commons  
177 N. Hertz Drive, Coppell

***Click here to RSVP and read speaker bio.***

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Saturday, December 17, Wreaths Across America
- Thursday, January 5, Speaker Kelly Neidertf, Executive Director & Founder of Protect Texas Kids
- Friday, February 3, TFRW Legislative Day in Austin
- Thursday, March 2, Speaker Jill Glover, State Republican Executive Committee Representative for Senate District 12
- September 28 - October 1, NFRW Convention in Oklahoma City, OK
- October 12 - 14, TFRW Convention in Irving, TX

### **2023 Election Dates:**

- Wednesday, January 18, Filing for Ballot **opens** for both City of Coppell & Coppell ISD
- Friday, February 17, **Deadline** for Filing for Ballot for both City of Coppell & Coppell ISD
- Monday, April 24 - Tuesday, May 2, **Early Voting** for City of Coppell & Coppell ISD elections
- Saturday, May 6, **Election Day** for City of Coppell Council Elections (Places 1, 3, 5, & 7) and CISD Board of Trustees (Places 4 & 5)

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