

January 2026
TFRW Region VII, Senate District 22

Welcome to 2026! And a great new year
for MCRW. January kicks off with a
spectacular speaker you won't want to
miss. So make your reservation early
before we sell out!



A Message from the President

Dear Members and Friends of MCRW,

I am thrilled to return as your president! We have an exceptional lineup of officers and a talented new board ready to serve you and MCRW. Our team brings a wealth of fresh ideas and a vision for our club that we will share during our 2026 "Blast Off" meeting.

You may have noticed an update to our logo. We are **RELAUNCHING** the club in 2026, opening up new opportunities for you to engage and for us to enhance our communication with you. Our aim is to empower our members by offering additional training, resources, and meaningful ways to contribute.

We are all excited to get started with our **RELAUNCH**. Join us!

Don't miss John Guandolo *Islam and the Takedown of Texas* January, 13. Find out what we should be doing to stop it NOW!

Patty



Insider Highlights

January 13 Meeting
Speaker: John Guandolo
"Islam and the Takedown of
Texas"

Sponsor Board
Appreciation Party

Upcoming Candidate Meet
& Greet in February

Fall Catch-up Highlights

Q & A with Judge
Susan Kelly

New Sponsor Board Level

Let's Blast Off the New Year Together

Don't Miss this Very Special Meeting

Reservations Close Jan. 9

Gifts for Everyone
& Lots of Surprises

MCRW RELAUNCH JANUARY 13TH



WELCOME JOHN
GUANDOLO

Many hostile organizations operate within Texas and the United States, yet few people are able to recognize, confront, or defend against them. **John Guandolo** is a former FBI Agent and counterterrorism expert, who has gained unique insights into these threats through his extensive experience.

Don't miss "Islam and the Takedown of Texas"

TICKETS

February 5
Meeting



Meet the
Primary
Candidates

February 5
Lee Lockwood
Ballroom
5:30 - 7:30 PM
Talk one-on-
one with
candidates.

Note Date, Time & Location Change

Political Activities

↓ IMPORTANT DATES

February 17–27	Primary Election Early Voting
March 3	Primary Election
March 28	County/SD Conventions
May 18–22	Runoff Primary Election Early Voting
May 26	Runoff Primary Election
June 11–13	RPT Convention George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston TX

↓ VOTE

↓ GET INVOLVED

MCRW 2026/2027 OFFICERS



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Lori Whitsell
2nd Vice President
Vicky Kendig
Secretary
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Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP

It's Time to Renew Your Membership!

[Renew online by clicking here!](#)

Our goal for 2026
is 400 MEMBERS.
WE WANT TO BE
THE BIGGEST
CLUB IN TEXAS!
So, bring a friend
and sign them up!



Membership Levels

REGULAR MEMBER	\$40
ASSOCIATE MEMBER	\$30
PATRON	\$100
SILVER SPONSOR BOARD	\$250
GOLD SPONSOR BOARD	\$500

In 2026 we are offering two levels of Sponsor Board Memberships. If you would like to participate in helping the club get more Republican Candidates elected sign up now!

Here's where your Membership Fees go:

\$25 from each member goes to NFRW/TFRW for yearly dues.

The remainder pays for support of GOP Candidates and club administration.



Silver Sponsor Board Membership
\$250



Gold Sponsor Board Membership
\$500

MEMBER RELATIONS

IN 2025 WE CELEBRATED,
NOW IT'S TIME TO GET TO WORK!

2026 IS THE
YEAR OF
THE
VOLUNTEER

We need You!



PRIMARY
ELECTION
2026

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Be Informed
Voter Registration
Block Walking
Working at the Polls
Holding Signs at Polling Locations
Volunteer in a Candidate's Campaign
and so much more.

Be A Star!



Get to Know our local Judges



"Yes, sometimes there is humor in the courtroom. Like the time my puppy broke loose from my chambers and started running all over the courthouse – while I had to stay composed and in control on the bench!"

Q&A

with Judge Susan Kelly 54th District, McLennan County

Like all of our district courts in McLennan County, the 54th is a "general" jurisdiction court. This means that Judge Kelly can hear all types of cases, both civil and criminal. Currently, Judge Kelly presides over approximately one-half of our county's total felony criminal docket.

Q. What made you decide to become a judge, and who were your mentors along the way?

A. As a little girl, "That's not fair!" was my regular exclamation. Often, the response was, "Life's not fair." That's true, of course, but as I grew up, I learned about advocacy. I saw the power of words and the magnitude of that power when those words were said at a certain time and place—to a certain audience. It was before I turned 30 that I made judgeship my goal. Judges not only have the power to dispense fairness—or justice for all—but the duty to impose it under the law. Now, at least in the cases that come before me, when I hear the words, "That's not fair," I have the power and the duty to do something about it.

My greatest mentors were "my" judges/bosses along the way. As a briefing attorney at the 10th Court of Appeals, I learned much from Judge Terry Means and later, Judge Bill Vance. Although they were on opposite sides politically, both were brilliant and kind human beings who took their roles as judges very seriously.

Q&A

with Judge Susan Kelly

To this day, when I call or text either one of them, they respond immediately. I am still in awe of them and their faith in me.

Q. How do you navigate personal views when making judgments that conflict with them but align with the law?

A. It is not always easy!! There are times when someone is charged with a serious offense, and I personally and immediately want to lock him or her up and throw away the key. But I have to remember that anyone charged with a crime is presumed INNOCENT and cannot be convicted and then punished, unless and until, found GUILTY under the law. A judge may not defend her rulings to the public. So, when I'm hounded on social media to "explain" a ruling, I have to exercise my DUTY to remain silent. My court staff protectively prohibits me from reading the comments on our cases.

Q. Describe an unexpected moment of humanity or humor in the courtroom.

A. It may have been my first week in office when I had a bond hearing for a defendant charged with a sex crime. He was waiting for his trial in our jail, and he was terminal with throat cancer.

At the hearing, I could see the golf-ball sized lump bulging out of his neck. After the hearing, I ordered him placed under house arrest. An ankle monitor would show his every move, and he was only allowed to leave home for medical treatment.

Probably the day after the ruling, protestors gathered in front of the courthouse carrying signs saying something like, "Remove Judge Kelly." Even Tommy Witherspoon joked that this had to be the earliest any local judge had faced courthouse picketers.

The accused never got his medical treatment. He died the week after his release, and our sheriff thanked me for preventing an inmate death—and all the consequences of it.

We all still get a laugh out of how fast I was picketed. You have to have thick skin to be a judge. After every hearing, at least one side is mad.

Recently, when confronted with a very serious judgment call, I called one of my old mentors for advice. After explaining the situation, I waited for the detailed guidance. There was a pause, and then he said, "Susan, just do what you think is right." And that is what I did. And that is what I try to do.

**"You have to have
thick skin
to be a judge."**

MAKE SURE MCRW EMAILS DON'T HIT YOUR SPAM FOLDER

iPhone

1. Tap the sender's "from" name
2. Choose "Create New Contact"
3. Tap "Done" to Save

Android

1. Tap the picture of the sender
2. Tap the "add to contacts" icon
3. Tap "Create new contact"

Gmail

1. Open the email in your inbox
2. Hover over the sender's name
3. Select "Add to contacts" to save the sender to your Contacts list

or

1. Open the email in your promotions folder
2. Move to your inbox

Apple Mail

1. Open the email in your inbox
2. Click on the sender's email address
3. Click "Add to Contacts"

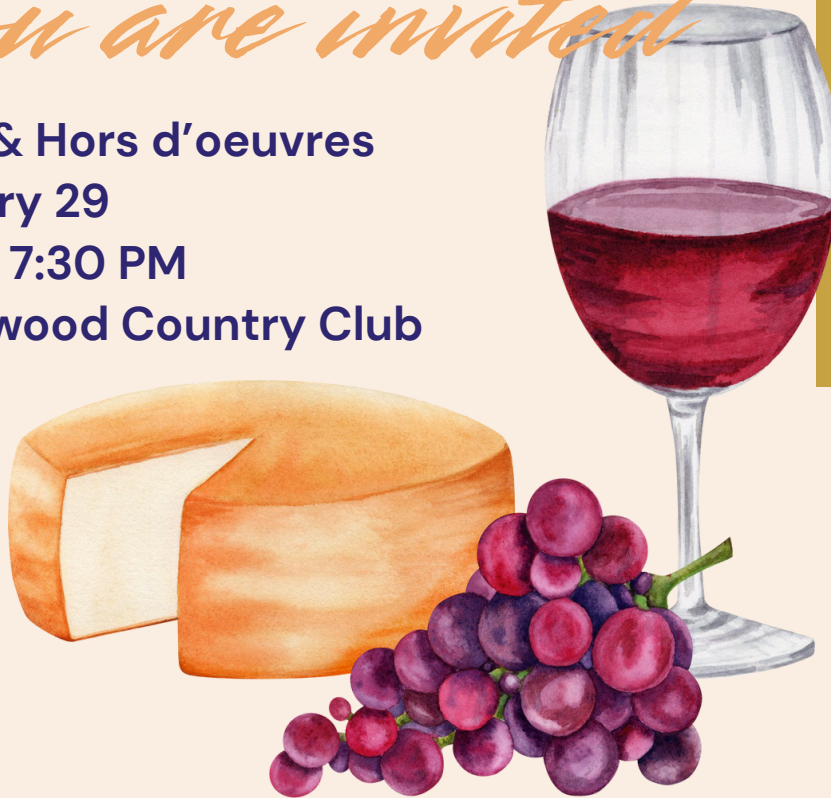
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SPONSOR BOARD ONLY APPRECIATION PARTY

**We Appreciate our Members
Who are Able to Generously
Give so that We CAN DO MORE!**

You are invited

**Wine & Hors d'oeuvres
January 29
5:30 – 7:30 PM
Ridgewood Country Club**



*A Thank
you to our
Sponsor
Board
Members*

If you'd like to be included in this event, go to MCRWpac.com and become a Sponsor Board Member. Or email us and you can join at the party.

**Help us celebrate the beginning of another amazing
year under conservative leadership, and the end of
Nancy Pelosi (again)!**

Please RSVP by January 15 to [Patty Castillo PresMCRW@gmail.com](mailto:Patty.Castillo.PresMCRW@gmail.com)

Fall Round-Up

Just in case you missed some of our fun and meaningful events this fall.

70th
MCRW
SPECTACULAR
September 4 Anniversary
Celebration



Honoring Charlie Kirk at our October 14th Meeting





TFRW CONVENTION October 23–25



**Congratulations to TFRW 10 Outstanding honoree,
our own Devvie Duke!**



We love our Veterans!



On Veteran's Day,
November 11th, we
boarded a float,
walked
our dogs and waved
our flags in support
of the men and
women
who served and
fought
for our freedom, and
the freedom of others.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 10

TFRW LEADERSHIP DAY
Fort Worth Hilton

JANUARY 13

MCRW GENERAL MEETING
Baylor Club 11:30 - 1PM
Reservations close Jan. 9

JANUARY 20

BOARD MEETING
Our Breakfast Place
11 AM

FEBRUARY 5

CANDIDATE MEET 'n GREET
Lee Lockwood Ballroom 5:30-7:30 PM
FREE, Registration Needed

FEBRUARY 17

BOARD MEETING
Our Breakfast Place
11 AM



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