



Hill Country Republican Women

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March 2017

Next Meeting
March 9th, 2017
Santa Rita Mexican Rest.
6:15 PM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TFRW 2nd Quarter Board Meeting
Wednesday April 5th and Friday April 7th

BELLES AND BOOTS

April 5th
at Scholz Garten

LEGISLATIVE DAY

April 6th, 2017
at the Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol

For more information on this events please go to
www.tfrw.org

TCRP Reagan Gala Day

March 24th, 2017
for more information visit
www.traviscountygop.org/events

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CARING FOR AMERICA CAMPAIGN

South Austin Pregnancy Resource Center (SAPRC) seeks to empower women to make healthy choices. Our volunteers and staff affirm dignity and self-worth, as they seek to build relationships with women and families dealing with unplanned pregnancies. Services include: pregnancy testing, sonography, client advocate support, group and individual mentoring, maternity and baby items, childbirth classes, life skills classes, abortion recovery Bible study, and referrals to community services.

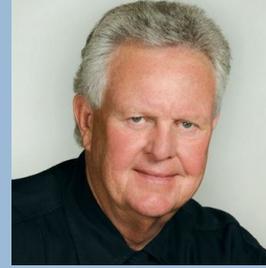
SAPRC does not accept any public funding from local, state or federal entities. Instead the center is supported entirely through donations. Clients are never charged for any of the services or baby supplies received.

Items which can be used in the center's "Boutique" are: diapers, sizes 4 and 5, baby wipes, gently used children's clothing sizes 18 - 24 months for spring or summer, and large items such as strollers and high chairs. There is currently a need for a twin stroller.

Please bring any supplies you may want to donate to our meeting.

Our March Speaker

Gerald Daugherty



Gerald Daugherty is the District 3 representative on the Travis County Commissioners Court in [Texas](#). First elected in 2012, Daugherty won a new term in the general election on [November 8, 2016](#).

Gerald Daugherty is a 1975 graduate of the University of Texas. He has been an Austin businessman for more than 28 years; owning and operating several successful ventures, his most recent being Jack Allen's Kitchen...a very popular restaurant located in Oak Hill and the newest Jack Allen's Kitchen at 2500 Hoppe Trail in Round Rock.

Gerald was elected to the Travis County Commissioners Court in November of 2002 where he served as commissioner of Precinct 3 until 2008. He is a true fiscal conservative. His main concern then was to keep county taxes at bay and he backed up his words when he took a 10% cut in his salary each of the six years he served. He still believes there are ways to curb the county's spending and will continue to be the lone voice of conservatism on the court.

A long-time advocate of a comprehensive transportation plan for Austin and Travis County, Gerald is committed to getting SH 45 SW built and to working toward a solution to all our traffic problems.

Commissioner Daugherty is considered by many on both sides of the political spectrum as a listener and problem solver.

TFRW Legislative Brief (1/24/17)

The 85th Texas Legislature is underway, and there is already a lot for us to be paying attention to!

You can follow the Legislature at: <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>. This website allows you to follow legislation, look up contact information, search for House and Senate journals, and lots more. You should have it bookmarked and use it frequently!

The day before session began, Comptroller Glenn Hegar released the Biennial Revenue Estimate (BRE), a report that tells the legislature how much money they can expect for the budget. The Texas Constitution requires this action. You can review the BRE yourself [here](#).

The 85th Legislature was gaveled in on Tuesday, January 10. Senators and representatives were duly sworn in, and the House of Representatives took their first vote, electing a speaker for the session. Rep. Joe Straus (R-San Antonio) was elected speaker by a vote of 150-0. This will be Speaker Straus' fifth session in that role. If you missed the festivities in Austin, you can watch video from the House [here](#) and the Senate [here](#).

State Senator Jane Nelson has filed SB1, also known as the General Appropriations Bill, or the state budget bill. You can view it [here](#). The House and Senate have different proposals; the Austin American-Statesman published a [detailed article](#) about the differences, which I recommend as a starting point for understanding the budget debate in Austin.

Remember to sign up for Legislative Day - April 6 is going to be a great day in Austin with all of our red jackets flooding the Capitol!

Find more info on Legislative Day events at: <http://www.tfrw.org/2017-legislative-day/>

See you all in Austin soon!

Michele Samuelson
TFRW VP of Legislation

HOT TOPICS

HCRW will provide a brief summary on proposed legislation that's making headlines or impacts our community directly. If there is a specific topic of interest that you want to know more about, let us know!

(*Denotes Emergency Item)

State of the State Highlights

On January 31, 2017, Governor Greg Abbott, in his State of the State Address, declared four emergency items for the 85th Legislative Session to begin working on immediately including:
banning sanctuary cities,
overhauling the state's broken child welfare system
implementing ethics reform, and
approving a resolution to support a convention of states to amend the U.S. Constitution.

Additionally, the Governor called for a state hiring freeze through the end of August in order to cut spending and free up about \$200 million in the current budget.

The Governor's Legislative priorities are highlighted in a video released by the Office of the Governor.

Bills Filed

Immigration/Law Enforcement*

SB 4 - After passing on a 7-2 party-line vote in the Senate Committee early last Friday morning, Senate Bill 4 aims at cracking down on sanctuary cities in Texas. SB 4 is now headed to the full Senate for consideration. Under the bill, local governments, law enforcement entities, and institutions of higher learning are required to cooperate with Immigration and Custom Enforcement and other federal law enforcement agencies or risk losing state funding.

HB 328 - Rep. Paul Workman authored a bill relating to state and federal laws regarding immigrants or immigration, including the enforcement of those laws by certain governmental entities and the use of consular identity documents for certain purposes.

Child Protective Services (CPS)*

SB 11 - Addresses the statewide foster care capacity crisis; improves accountability throughout the Texas Child Protective Services system; ensures all children and youth have timely access to appropriate and necessary support and services to improve child safety, permanency and well-being; and enhances foster care redesign, which has produced positive outcomes for children and families. In addition, Senate Bill 11 strengthens and streamlines standards of abuse and neglect investigations regardless of setting, strategically focuses prevention and early intervention resources to the highest needs areas of the state, and encourages more efficient use of data to prevent recurrence of abuse and neglect. Committee hearings began on February 2 and additional actions are pending in committee.

Ethics Reform*

SB 14 - Senator Van Taylor authored a bill banning registered lobbyists from serving as public officials, it would also add a full session moratorium on lawmakers exiting the Legislature and stepping into lobbying roles, and would remove any official convicted of corruption and cancel any state-funded pension they were due. That bill passed the committee unanimously and will now go to the full Senate.

Convention of States*

SJR 2 - Applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution for the limited purpose of proposing one or more amendments to the constitution to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, to limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and to limit the terms of office of federal officials and members of Congress.

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