



The RIGHT WRITE-UP

The Republican Club of Comal County

*A political group of conservative Republican men and women.
Our goal is to inform about current issues and conservative candidates.*

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OUR NEXT MEETING

THE REPUBLICAN CLUB OF COMAL COUNTY

will meet on Tuesday, January 23, at 6:30 p.m. (*social mixer at 5:30*)

**at the First Protestant Church of New Braunfels, 172 W. Coll Street.
(Enter the parking lot by the Civic Center from Coll St.)**

The Club will provide light refreshments such as veggie trays, snacks, and desserts. The Club will also provide utensils, water, tea, and coffee. Members and guests can bring salads and desserts to share, if desired.

We encourage members to arrive early. This will allow time to pay dues, greet friends and guests, and partake of refreshments before the meeting starts.

Please share this meeting announcement with friends and family. As we grow in numbers, our influence grows with our elected officials, and they will respond to our calls on legislative priorities.

Questions? Call or email our President, Al Highfield, at 830-255-1367 or at Albert.Highfield@yahoo.com.



Our guest speaker will be

Mr. Cary Cheshire,

the executive director of

Texans for Strong Borders.

**He will talk about the situation at the border
and the challenges facing the state.**

Please join us for this timely and informative talk.

See page 3 for more information about Mr. Cheshire.

A Message from our Club President

Welcome back from Christmas and New Year break!!! We have a long, tough primary election and a general election in 2024. Not to mention a Precinct Convention, County Convention, and a State Convention (in San Antonio this time). My desire this year is for everyone to get their families, friends, and neighbors out to vote. We all must get involved this year.

Our democracy is at stake. Being a Precinct Chair myself, I urge everyone to contact your Precinct Chair and get involved. If you don't know your chairperson, they are listed in this Newsletter. Also, if you don't know your precinct number, contact the County Republican Headquarters at 265 Landa Street in New Braunfels. In addition, you can find it on your Voter Registration Card, mailed to you by the County Elections Office. Thank you, and let's have great RED year!!!!!!

President Albert F. Highfield

“GOD BLESS TEXAS”

OUR PATRON PROGRAM

The Republican Club of Comal County is thankful for those who have contributed to our Club through the Patron Program during 2024.

Patrons donate \$100 per year per person to help us finance our election strategy.

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Contact our Membership Chairman, Maria Seiler, at xxx-xxx-xxxx, to become a Patron member or for more information.

Patrons receive a special personalized Texas flag name tag.

Our guest speaker for January:
Mr. Cary Cheshire,
executive director of Texans for Strong Borders

Texans for Strong Borders is a no-compromise non-profit organization dedicated to restoring security and sovereignty to the citizens of the Lone Star State. It is a 501 (c)(4) non-profit citizens advocacy organization formed in the Spring of 2022 to bridge the gap between grassroots activists and the Texas state policy process.

Despite controlling the governorship and both chambers of the state legislature, the Texas GOP's response to the crisis at the border has been one of inaction.

At Strong Borders we believe in stopping illegal immigration, deporting the illegal migrants already here, and creating a long-lasting legal immigration policy that exclusively serves the interests of American Citizens.

For more information visit StrongBorders.org.

Cary is the Treasurer of the Tarrant County Patriots PAC since 2022, has been the President and CEO of Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, and the Capitol Bureau Chief for Texas Scorecard.

Basic Republican Principles

From its inception in 1854 and from its earliest stands against the oppressive institution of slavery, the Republican Party has defined itself as the protector of individual freedom. Today, 140 years later, we reaffirm our commitment as Republicans in the cause of freedom and liberty. And we redirect our course back to the basic tenets of our common Republican philosophy--a philosophy which includes among its components:

A Belief in Smaller Government: To preserve the sanctity of liberty of the individual, it is our belief that government must necessarily be limited. Otherwise, the paternalism of the few would restrict the freedom of the many to decide what is best for themselves.

Support of the Federalist System of Government: To bring power closer to the people, it is imperative that we restrict the growth of a centralized federal government. States ought to have the power to determine which programs and measures would be most appropriate and fitting for them.

Fiscal Conservatism: In keeping with our desires for the greatest individual liberty, we support policies of limited taxation and government spending.

Strong National Defense: We believe the best way to preserve the peace and protect our national interests abroad comes through a strong national defense.

Individual Liberties and Responsibilities: Along with individual liberties come individual responsibilities and duties. Government must act to preserve freedom, while individuals must exercise their responsibilities to preserve order.

Tolerance, Inclusiveness, and Optimism: We believe in the right of fellow Republicans to disagree on certain matters of principle and policy. We believe in being an open and inclusive party respectful of different points of view. We are indeed a "big-tent" party that offers no "litmus tests" or barriers to entry.

From the Washington State University Republicans

Our Officers for 2023

President	Al Highfield
Vice President	Marty Hiles
Secretary	Leigh Ann Rowlands
Treasurer	Patrick Seiler
Past President	Mary Wohl
County Chair	Sue Piner

Committee Chairs

Membership	Maria Seiler
Legislative Affairs	Lori Granados
Campaign Activities	Maria Seiler
Hospitality	<i>(Currently vacant)</i>
Parliamentarian	<i>(Currently vacant)</i>
Publicity Chair	Audrey Johnson Scheper
Facebook	<i>(Currently vacant)</i>
Newsletter Editor	Kerry Ledford
Special Events	Donna Lee
Special Projects	Ruth Chambers
Web Master	Audrey Johnson Scheper
Sergeant-at-Arms	Marty Hiles
Chaplain	Steve Ceh

Comal County Precinct Chairs

Why do we publish the Comal County Precinct Chair List in the Republican Club Newsletter each month? Our mission as active Republicans is to support the political process. Each one of us should know what Precinct we live in and who serves as our Precinct Chair.

We should offer our assistance to our Precinct Chair for the elections. We can assist as an Election clerk or Election Judge on Election Day. We can offer to block walk to inform our neighbors of early voting. We can block walk for our chosen candidates. We can offer to take a list of Republicans to call with a reminder of the times and places to vote early. There are a number of ways an individual can help to assure a maximum Republican vote.

Studies show that when people intend to vote, but fail to vote early, a substantial percentage of that vote is lost on Election Day. There is a lot to be done. Please offer your help to your Precinct Chair.

<u>Precinct</u>	<u>Name</u>
County Chair	Sue Piner
Vice Chair	Marty Hiles
Recording Secretary	Judy Walker
Treasurer	Don Johnson
Assistant Treasurer	Vicky Highfield
101	Sharon Hall Monge
102	Kaci Sisk
103	Laura Buske
104	J.B. Williamson
105	Ernie Lee
106	Chris Byrd
107	Anita Valdez
108	Albert Highfield
109	Clint Palpau
110	JoAnne Martin
201	Marty Hiles
202	<i>(vacant)</i>
203	James "Hoss" Boyd
204	Marlin Brown
205	Steve White
206	Kathy Phillips
207	John Brewer
208	Geri Baker
301	Will Moravits
302	Edison Bryant
303	Kenneth Kasper
304	<i>(vacant)</i>
305	Isabel Ibarra
306	Barbara Harrell
307	Timothy Davis
308	Mary Lou Erben
401	Robbie Borchers
402	Melinda Rapp
403	Carolyn Besselman
404	Teri Taylor
405	Molly Vogt
406	Joe Carroll
407	Susan Walker
408	Don Johnson

Our Mission

The mission of the Republican Club of Comal County is to promote “Faith, Family, and Freedom” by providing information and education about critical political issues, by encouraging active participation in the political process, by supporting conservative Republican nominees, and by fostering loyalty to the Republican Party and its conservative ideals.

Texas GOP top eight priorities for the upcoming legislative session

- **Protect our Elections:** Restore felony penalties and enact civil penalties for Election Code violations, which shall be enforceable by any Texas jurisdiction, including the Texas Attorney General. Require citizenship verification of each voter. Restrict the distribution of mail-in ballots to only disabled, military, and citizens that are out of state. Reduce the time allowed for early voting, and eliminate the three-day gap between early voting and election day. Establish closed primaries in Texas. As technology evolves, we encourage the passage of legislation that ensures the security of our elections.
- **Ban Democrat Chairs:** To ensure all legislative Republican priorities are given a fair opportunity to become law, the Republican-controlled Texas legislature shall adopt a rule that would end the practice of awarding committee chairmanships to Democrats.
- **Abolish Abortion in Texas:** Abolish abortion by ensuring the right to life and equal protection of the laws to all preborn children from the moment of fertilization, including adopting effective tools to ensure the enforcement of our laws to protect life when district attorneys fail to do so.
- **Stop Sexualizing Texas Kids:** Repeal Texas Penal Code “Obscenity Exemption” 43.24(c), which allows children access to harmful, explicit, or pornographic materials, and 43.25(f) (2 3), which allows sexual performance by a child. In addition, prohibit teaching, exposure, and/or discussion of sexual matters (mechanics, feelings, orientation, or “gender identity” issues), and prohibit use or provision of related books and other materials using criminal, civil or other enforcement measures.
- **Ban Gender Modification of Children:** Texas must ban chemical castration, puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, genital mutilation, bodily alteration surgery, psychological/social transitioning, and any other methods applied to or performed on children.
- **Secure the Border and Protect Texans:** Texas shall immediately deny all taxpayer-funded services and subsidies to illegal aliens. We call upon the Governor to assert his duty under Article 1, Section 10, Clause 3 of the US Constitution to declare an invasion on our Texas border and do everything in his power to protect Texans from this invasion. The legislature shall direct the Governor to enter into an Interstate Compact with one or more states for Border Security.
- **Parental Rights and Educational Freedom:** Parents are the primary decision-makers for their children in all matters. This authority shall be protected as an inalienable right. This shall include the choice of schooling where the money follows the child without strings attached, and enforcement and penalty mechanisms when parents’ rights are violated. The right to education shall be free from any social theories.
- **Defend Our Gun Rights:** Protect our gun rights against threats, such as red flag laws, federal, state or other restrictions, by strengthening and preserving our inalienable rights under the second amendment to protect our life, liberty and property. The Texas Legislature should eliminate gun-free zones.

What is the 'Proportionate' Response to Terrorism? Only Israel is expected to meet this fake standard of warfare!

Mark Tapson, The Culture Warrior Newsletter

On October 7th, 2023 – a date that will live in infamy – an army of bloodthirsty Hamas jihadists swarmed into Israel and laid waste to a reported 1400 innocent, unarmed civilians including women, children, the disabled, and old people, committing war crimes of a sickening nature that historian Victor Davis Hanson has labeled "pre-civilizational."

In response to the terror assault, the Jewish state justifiably declared war on Hamas, with Israeli leader Bibi Netanyahu vowing that every single member of the terror organization is now a dead man walking. And right on cue, the mainstream (read: left-wing) media, left-wing politicians, and globalist institutions like the farcical United Nations Security Council that are packed with enemies of the Western world, demanded that Israel exhibit "restraint" in its response and refrain from "disproportionate violence."

This curious notion of "proportionate response" comes up every single time Israel is hit with a terror attack. Has a single one of the aforementioned talking heads or politicians or global entities ever called for Hamas terrorists to show "restraint"?

What retaliation is "proportionate" to the burning alive of families, the gang rape of female prisoners, the beheading of babies and toddlers, the torture of old people, and the kidnapping of hundreds more who live in terror that their beheading will be live-streamed on the internet? What would the anti-Israel Left consider an acceptably "proportionate" response to those atrocities? Would they be satisfied if the Israeli Defense Force limited itself to a surprise invasion of Gaza, burning Palestinian families alive, raping Palestinian women, beheading Palestinian infants, torturing Palestinian grandmothers, and kidnapping hundreds of Palestinians? Because technically, that would be proportionate.

Of course not. The same Western leftists who celebrated the atrocities committed by Hamas on October 7th would have apoplectic fits of outrage if Israel ever perpetrated a single one of these war crimes. The revulsion and shock these hypocrites should have felt over Israel's victims are reserved only for the "oppressed" so-called Palestinians. Let's be real: the only response to Hamas terrorism which the Left considers appropriate for Israel is for the Jewish state to sit on its hands and submit to its own extermination.

Wednesday on MSNBC's *The Last Word*, to name the most up-to-date example, host propagandist Lawrence O'Donnell stated that the Israeli government in the 21st century "seems to have deliberately and publicly abandoned the notion of proportionate response" and is using a response that is "in effect, disproportionate," by taking an approach towards Hamas that "we will hit you even harder than you'd ever expect."

During an interview with New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof who criticized Israel's military response to the October 7th attack, O'Donnell stated, "Nick, the phrase that used to frame these events in the 20th century was proportionate response. Whether it be the United States, whether it would be Israel responding to some kind of attack, the response was supposed to be, in theory, proportionate."

According to whom? Since when is a response to sneak attacks or terrorism "supposed to be" proportionate? According to what "theory"? "Proportionate response" has never been an international wartime agreement or standard, 20th century or otherwise. No one during WWII ever cautioned the Allies to limit their response to Pearl Harbor or to other Axis aggression "proportionately."

In wartime, just as in sports, the only reasonable expectation is that each combatant is fighting to win, to batter the enemy so hard that they stop fighting and surrender, or die. Did anyone ever suggest to Mike Tyson that he pull his punches in a "proportionate response" to his opponent? Why on earth would a combatant hit back only hard enough to allow his opponent or enemy to keep fighting?

This notion of "proportionate response" is entirely bogus. It is nothing more than a fake moral demand from Israel's left-wing enemies to prevent her from defending herself. Only Israel is expected to respond "proportionately" to ongoing terror attacks from an organization whose commitment to eradicating the Jewish state is enshrined in its own charter.

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"The 21st-century Israeli government seems to have deliberately and publicly abandoned the notion of proportionate response, into, in effect, disproportionate, saying we will hit you even harder than you'd ever expect," O'Donnell continued. "This seems to be the deliberate framing that they want."

Yes, it is the deliberate framing Israel wants, and why shouldn't it be? Especially in the wake of the 9/11-level October 7th attack on Israel, Israel is justified in destroying Hamas to the last man, for the good not only of the civilized world but of the Palestinians themselves, whom Hamas exploits as cannon fodder. It is a terror organization that deliberately shields itself behind Palestinian non-combatants and embeds its headquarters and weapons caches in hospitals and schools precisely for the purpose of drawing Israel into the narrative trap of attacking civilian targets.

The IDF, for its part, makes a greater effort than any fighting force in history to avoid civilian casualties. This is never acknowledged or appreciated by the pompous antisemites of the media or the United Nations, who shrug off any number of Israeli casualties but who treat a single Palestinian death as a tragedy of epic proportions.

There is no negotiating with or appeasing Hamas. Ghazi Hamad of the Hamas political bureau said on October 24 on Lebanese TV that Hamas is prepared to repeat the October 7th "Al-Aqsa Flood" Operation over and over again until Israel is destroyed. He added that Palestinians are willing to pay any price because they are "proud to sacrifice martyrs," and "everything we do is justified." What is the proportionate response to such relentless evil, to an entity so devoted to your annihilation that they will sacrifice any number of their own people to carry it out?

If you are Israel, the only proportionate response the world finds acceptable is to sit back and welcome your own slaughter. For her sake and for the sake of the civilized world, Israel must ignore these subversive demands and exterminate her jihadist enemies once and for all.



105-year-old woman's remedies for her health:

"For better digestion, I drink beer. In case of appetite loss, I drink white wine. In case of low blood pressure, I drink red wine. In case of high blood pressure, I drink scotch. And when I have a cold, I drink Schnapps."

"When do you drink water?"

"I've never been that sick!"



A friend suggested putting horse manure on my strawberries... I'm never doing that again, I'm going back to whipped cream.



RCOCC Community Outreach for 2024

New Braunfels Food Bank Partnership:

- ◆ Every dollar donated = 7 meals
- ◆ Need Food donated
- ◆ Volunteer opportunities (Packing Food & Garden)

Army Fischer House Partnership:

- ◆ Provides housing to Veterans whose families are getting medical attention at Brooke Army Medical Center
- ◆ Need monetary donations (tax deductible)
- ◆ Donations of supplies (toothbrushes, batteries, etc.)
- ◆ Volunteer opportunities as a team

Fourth of July Parade: New Braunfels:

- ◆ RCOCC Float
- ◆ Option to place Flags at one of the local bases
- ◆ We could partner with other Republican Clubs for the Flags

Freedom Walk: 9-11:

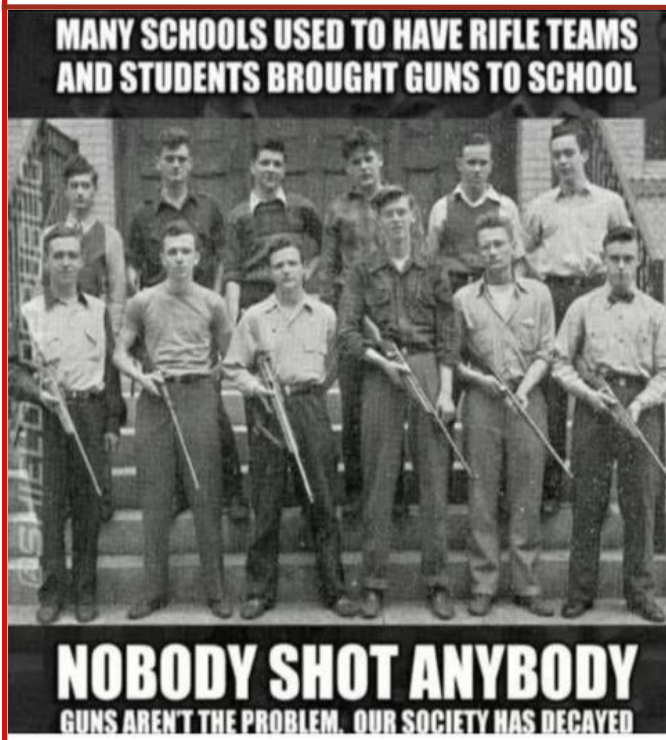
- ◆ Have RCOCC Members attend wearing RCOCC T-Shirts

Halloween: October 31:

- ◆ Have RCOCC Volunteers pass out Candy
- ◆ Collect Candy in September from volunteers

Christmas:

- ◆ RCOCC Parade
- ◆ Wreaths at Fort Sam or another military base
- ◆ We could partner with other Republican Clubs for the wreaths



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Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Occupation: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Spouse Occupation: _____ Spouse Phone: _____

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Annual Membership Dues*

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