



## February Newsletter

*An in-depth look at the growing Republican movement in Cameron County.*

### **CCRP Chairwoman's Corner**



### **February Recap**

The Cameron County Republican Party held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 25th at 6:00PM at Mi Torito Restaurant in Brownsville.



*We had over 45 people in attendance!*

Inauguration Day has come and gone; however, I believe the enthusiasm and momentum that we all felt leading up to that momentous day is still just as palpable now as it was then! President Trump is hard at work and it is truly inspiring. The work he has done to not only expose but to also correct the waste and corruption at the federal level has set a whole new precedent. Nonetheless, we cannot let our guard down nor can we become complacent. Any progress we make today could easily be gone tomorrow if we don't fight to protect it.

We must continue with the same fervor here at the local level. There are still races to be won and work to be done. Yes, Cameron County "flipped red" for the presidential seat but many down ballot (local races) did not. While I am beyond thrilled to have President Trump back in the White House, I cannot deny the fact that there is much work still to be done right here in our own community.

The Cameron County Republican Party hasn't slowed down. We're capitalizing on the momentum President Trump has created nationally and working to ensure it trickles down to Cameron County! We are focused on growing the Republican Party by increasing our presence in Cameron County through a variety of outreach efforts. I want to encourage you to get involved if you haven't already done so. Cameron County is a big county and we could certainly use volunteers to help ensure we are reaching as many constituents as possible.

There are a variety of ways you can help! If you have social media you can follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram as well as "share" our posts to help spread the word. You could also forward this newsletter on to other folks in Cameron County. Both of those options are relatively effortless but help us expand our outreach efforts tremendously! Want to do more? You can attend one of our monthly meetings, donate, volunteer at our events, or even run for office. To put it simply, we must all do our part to ensure we continually make progress towards restoring our country. The only way to keep the momentum going is to keep working. I look forward to working with you to flip Cameron County RED up and down the ballot!

See you on the frontlines,



Constable Norman Esquivel (PCT. 1) provided a post-election update. Constable Esquivel is currently serving his second term in office.



Judge Alejandro "Alex" Torres (Justice of the Peace, PCT 5-3) also gave an update on what he's been working on since he began his term in January.



The Cameron County Republican Party voted to "Adopt-A-Highway". Thank you to Precinct 67 Chair, Carolyn Dunkin, for her work on this endeavor. All paperwork has been submitted and we are currently awaiting a highway assignment!

Donald L. Bell

## State Republican Executive Committee (SREC) Update

A few updates from Jeneria Lewis, our SREC Senate District 27 Committeewoman:

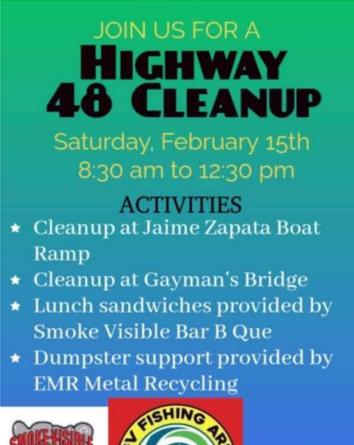
- The next meeting for the SREC is March 21-22, 2025 in Austin, TX
- Legislative Priorities Day is March 20, 2025 from 10:00AM-3:00PM at the State Capitol. Come work with the Legislative Priorities Committee to help advocate for the legislative priorities that the delegates of the 2024 GOP State Convention selected
- To view the 8 Legislative Priorities click the link below

### Legislative Priorities for the 89th Session

For more information you can reach SREC SD27 Committeewoman, Jeneria Lewis, by e-mail or phone.

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JOIN US FOR A  
**Highway 46 Cleanup**  
Saturday, February 15th  
8:30 am to 12:30 pm

**ACTIVITIES**

- ★ Cleanup at Jaime Zapata Boat Ramp
- ★ Cleanup at Gayman's Bridge
- ★ Lunch sandwiches provided by Smoke Visible Bar B Que
- ★ Dumpster support provided by EMR Metal Recycling



The Cameron County Republican Party was proud to sponsor and volunteer at the RGV Fishing Area and Waterway Cleanups event on Saturday, February 15th. Volunteers from all over helped clean the area around Gayman's Bridge and the Jaime J. Zapata Memorial Boat Ramp. Fun fact, 2,240 pounds of trash was collected by 64 volunteers in a 3-hour time frame!





Thank you to Chairwoman Deborah Bell, Parliamentarian Brad Robinson, Precinct 14 Chair Bonnie Elbert, Precinct 67 Chair Carolyn Dunkin, and Community Engagement Committee volunteer Andy Hotchkiss for their volunteer efforts at this event!



[View Cameron County Precinct Map](#)

## Meet Your CCRP Precinct Chairs

Hello! I'm Carolyn Dunkin. If you live in Laguna Vista or the surrounding area, I am your Cameron County Republican Party Precinct 67 Chair. I am a retired federal employee of 35 years - retiring as a Human Resource Manager with the Air Force. Although born in the Arkansas Ozarks, I was raised in San Antonio after the Army transferred my father to Fort Sam Houston after WWII ended. I was blessed to work with the Air Force in Germany from 1962-1965 and that sparked a traveling bug in me that still lives on. I have visited 49 states, half the 63 National Parks, at least 10 countries, and several Caribbean islands- and my bucket list is not empty! In my spare time I enjoy hunting and deep-sea fishing. I moved to Cameron County in 2017 to be near my son and family after my husband of 51 years passed. Soon after getting settled, I found the Republican Women of Cameron County and became active with them which evolved into me volunteering to become a precinct chair with the local Republican party.

It is a continuing education and most interesting to learn local, county, state, and federal election processes and structures. I am also a Volunteer

Deputy Registrar and can register you to vote. I have a Facebook page: Cameron County Precinct 67 which I created to provide election and candidate information as well as events you can support around Cameron County. Look it up and follow the page by clicking the link below!

## Precinct 67 Facebook Page

## March Calendar of Republican Events in Cameron County:

- **03/04/25** The Republican Women of Cameron County will meet at 6:30PM at Rooster's Country Cafe in Harlingen
- **03/11/25** The Cameron County Republican Party will be hosting a FREE Story Hour for kids in honor of Texas History Month at 3:00PM at the Harlingen Public Library
- **03/11/25** True Texas Project will meet from 6:30-8:00PM at Reyna's BBQ in Harlingen
- **03/15/25** The Cameron County Conservatives will meet from 1:00-3:00PM at Gigi's Wing Shack in San Benito
- **03/17/25** The North Cameron County Republican Club will meet at 6:30PM at the Harlingen Public Library
- **03/25/25** The Cameron County Republican Party will meet at 6:00PM at Revive Church in Harlingen



## CCRP SPOTLIGHT

The future of Cameron County is promising! Alexis Uscanga, Chair of CCRP's Website and Graphic Design Committee, was recently featured in The New York Times. As a Senior at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Alexis was able to offer his perspective regarding the future of Hispanic voters as well as tell his "walkaway" story. Way to go, Alexis!



To read the full article click the link below!

[New York Times Article](#)

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**Small Business of  
the Month**

From the 2020 Primary Election to the 2024 Primary Election Cameron County saw a 44% increase in Republican voter turnout. The enthusiasm that this past presidential cycle brought about is no doubt monumental for our county. With so much enthusiasm in what has long been deemed a Democratic stronghold in Texas, we (the local Republican Party) feel it is our mission to continue to help propel the movement forward. We are up against the "swamp" as President Trump would say. In 2023, George Soros donated \$100,000 to the Cameron County Democratic Party and they are hard at work trying to ensure that Cameron County remains blue. We are diligently fighting to counter their efforts and your donation will enable us to do exactly that. On behalf of the Cameron County Republican Party, we thank you for your support.

**Donate  
Now**

This month's small business feature is **Texican BBQ Company** located in Olmito, Tx! They offer "a different take on BBQ" and serve some of the tastiest smoked beef dino ribs around! They make their own seasonings and coffee for purchase as well. Their hours of operation are Tuesday-Saturday from 11:00AM-10:00PM. To view their full menu click the link below!



## Texican BBQ Company

*We are looking for small business owners in Cameron County that are aligned with our values. We would love to feature your small business in our monthly newsletter! If interested, please click the link below to complete the submission form.*

***Small Business Submission Form***



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