

# **Ann Peden**

## **Republican County Chair**



Ann has served the Republican Party at almost every level. She has served as a Precinct Chair, Secretary and Vice-Chair of the local party and for the past 24 years as the County Chairman, County Convention Chair and delegate to every State Convention. She served as the Secretary of the State Convention in 1998, has attended four National Conventions and served as a member of the Electoral College. The party has gone from zero Precinct Chairs and zero officials to 18 active, hard working chairs that function together as a close knit team and 13 office holders. Winners in the 2008 Primary will increase this number to 16, and great Candidates in the Fall give us a chance to increase to 20! She and her chairs have expanded our Get-Out-the-Vote and educational projects every year: 12,000 voter guides in 5 newspapers for the past 10 years, Get-Out-the-Vote mail outs, booth and float at the County Fair and other events throughout the county, financially assisting candidates in the General Election, hosting Candidate Forums and well attended County Conventions. This year, we launched our own website. Ann has held Primary Elections, taught Organization, Get-Out-the-Vote, Primary Administration Seminars and Election Schools in Medina County, at the Secretary of State School and throughout the State over the past 20 years. In 1996 she was the State Primary Administrator and was responsible for holding primaries in all 254 counties for the first time in history. She wrote the Primary Administration Manual and the Ballot Security Handbook that are currently being used in almost every county in Texas. Leadership and education roles outside of the county have increased Ann's ability to organize, lead and train local party workers. Under Peden's leadership, the Medina County Republican Party's mission is to continue to Grow-the-Party by attracting voters and candidates through innovative ideas, integrity, education, hard work, active inclusion of others, and a positive attitude.