

# ROCKWALL COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

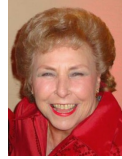


Rockwall County Republican Women



## President's Message

The year is 2012 and the time is ours. We will take our country back. Our next two meetings are very important to our organization as we plan our takeover. On October 20<sup>th</sup> we will be voting on our nominating committee. This committee is in charge of coming up with a slate of officers to be voted on in November. The committee has a form for all members to complete. There is a place for everyone who is interested in helping lead our organization. Besides officers we are also looking for members to serve on several committees. The form will be available at our October meeting. Please consider where you can help RCRW. On November 17<sup>th</sup> we will be voting on our new officers for 2012. We need all members to be present at these two meetings. The GOP Christmas party will be held on December 2 at Occasions at Stone River in Royse City. Tickets are \$45.00 each and will be available for purchase at our October 20 meeting.



## A.C.T.I.V.E. Chair

I have listed all of the Texas amendments below that will be on the November ballot. Please, remember to take a "cheat sheet" with you into the voting booth, either in the form of listing 1 thru 10 and marking yes or no or taking a print-out of the amendments that you have marked. This will save time and confusion. The two websites that I have listed will provide all of the information that you need to make an informed vote.

You will find voting locations, times, and sample ballots at:

<http://www.rockwallcountytexas.com/index.aspx?NID=628>

Preparation is the most important thing you can do, if you want to feel that your vote counts. You will be speaking in a **louder** voice.

There is more information on page 2.

### **Proposition 1 Allowing surviving spouse of disabled veteran to receive homestead tax exemption:**

The ballot proposal reads: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."

### **Proposition 2 Renewing authority for Texas Water Development Board bonds:**

The ballot proposal reads: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding."

### **Proposition 3 Renewing state bond authority to finance low-interest student loans:**

The ballot proposal reads: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students."

### **Proposition 4 Allowing counties to participate in certain tax financing zones:**

The ballot proposal reads: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates."

### **Proposition 5 Allowing city and county interlocal contracts without tax sinking fund:**

The ballot proposal reads: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund."

### **Proposition 6 Distribution from Permanent School Fund to Available School Fund**

The ballot proposal reads: "The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund."

### **Proposition 7 Authorizing districts in El Paso County to issue bonds for parks and recreational facilities**

The ballot proposal reads: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

### **Proposition 8 Appraising open-space land for water stewardship**

The ballot proposal reads: "The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity."

### **Proposition 9 Allowing pardon by the governor after successful deferred adjudication**

The ballot proposal reads: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision."

### **Proposition 10 Lengthening period before county officials must resign to run for another office**

The ballot proposal reads: "The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office."

Please go to : <http://www.rockwallcountytexas.com/DocumentView.aspx?DID=1239> for more detailed information.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**



October 20 Nancy Beaty, J.P.  
Precinct 1  
Cheryl Weaver, Women  
In Need  
November 17 State Senator Bob  
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Rockwall County Republican Women  
P.O. Box 1354  
Rockwall, Texas 75087



**2011 Constitutional Amendments, 11/8/2011**

10/11 Last day to register to vote  
10/24 1st day of early voting  
11/1 Last day to apply for ballot by mail  
11/4 Last day of early voting  
11/8 ELECTION DAY

**EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS**

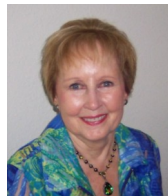
**HEATH** Heath City Hall  
200 Laurence St.  
Heath, Texas

**ROCKWALL** Elections Office  
107 E. Kaufman  
Rockwall, Texas

**ROYSE CITY** Royse City Hall  
305 N, Arch St.  
Royse City, Texas

**SEE YOU AT THE POLLS**

Someone must stand up to those who say, "Here's the key, there's the Treasury, just take as many of those hard-earned tax dollars as you want." - Ronald Reagan



Members Strong

Beginning in November, all dues paid will include 2012. Current members may renew at that time.

**OUR MISSION**

Promote an informed electorate through political education  
Increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through active political participation  
Facilitate cooperation among Republican women of Texas  
Foster loyalty to the Republican Party and promote its ideals  
Work for the election of the Republican Party nominees

**2011 Rockwall County Republican Women's Board**

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Left to right: Vicki Jolley, Debra Freedman, Jerry Fisher, Jane Buie, Ann Easterwood, Socorro Hettinger, Brenda Zielke, Teresa Sevier, Not pictured, Ann Hettinger