



Texas Federation of  
Republican Women



# ***OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER***

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## **TFRW 2019 Conference**



### **A few highlights - RCRW Representing**

#### **RCRW Mission Statement**

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



Happy Fall!

We are just weeks away from our November 5, 2019 election on Constitutional Amendments and the kick-off to the 2020 elections. This year we have been focused on strengthening our core. As a club, we have grown in membership and attendance at meetings and events, rededicated ourselves to our mission and have become more present in our community. Soon we will all have to do more. From the Presidential election down to our local elections, every Republican is going to need our prayers and support, not just in Rockwall County, but throughout our State and our Country. As we all know if our Country loses Texas, or if we do not keep a majority in our Texas Senate and House we will forever be transformed.

This declaration was echoed at last week’s TFRW Convention by almost all the speakers. However, what I found most interesting was that Ken Starr, Allen West and John Solomon each spoke about not just loving and honoring our Constitution, but knowing our Constitution. Not just loving our country, but knowing our country’s history. We need to ask ourselves how did the Democrats come into our community so easily?

Ladies, get ready, we are going to continue to be present, continue to do more and we will go outside our comfort zone, it is the only way to keep our county, state, and country red.

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**PROGRAMS**



Next RCRW Meeting –  
October 14, 2019  
Location – Harry Myers  
Community Center  
Time – 6:30 P.M.  
Kenda Culpepper, Rockwall  
County Criminal District  
Attorney

Culinary Offerings – Mexica Food  
If you are able to bring a dish please contact  
Pam Benedetto at 214-280-2088. Also, please  
bring a bag of candy.

*Anna Campbell, Vice President, Programs*

[READ MORE ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**



Our Membership Count as  
of September 30, 2019 is  
as follows:

- Active Members: 151
- Associate Members: 64
- Honorary Members: 3

Total Members: 218

*Deanna Tucker, Vice President of  
Membership*

## ***TREASURER'S REPORT***



Ladies, thank you for your patience. I have now received all the payments from Eventbrite, our Square that we use for credit cards, and have applied all the payments and fees to each corresponding month. I will be submitting a revised May, June and July monthly Treasurer's Reports, as well as, August and September Treasurer's reports shortly.

*Frances White, Treasurer*

## ***CAMPAIGNS***



### **PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ON THE NOVEMBER 2019 BALLOT**

*Toni Felts, Vice President, Campaigns*

Early Voting for the upcoming November 5th Election will begin October 21st and end on November 1st. Locations for Early Voting and Election Day are posted on our website - [www.RCRW.org](http://www.RCRW.org)

*Voter's Guides for the Proposed Constitutional Amendments listed below will be provided at our General Meeting on Monday, October 14, 2019.*

#### **Proposition 1 (HJR 72)**

"The constitutional amendment permitting a person to hold more than one office as a municipal judge at the same time."

#### **Proposition 2 (SJR 79)**

"The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$200 million to provide financial assistance for the development of certain projects in economically distressed areas."

#### **Proposition 3 (HJR 34)**

“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of certain property damaged by a disaster.”

**Proposition 4 (HJR 38)**

“The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual income tax, including a tax on an individual’s share of partnership and unincorporated association income.”

**Proposition 5 (SJR 24)**

“The constitutional amendment dedicating the revenue received from the existing state sales and use taxes that are imposed on sporting goods to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission to protect Texas’ natural areas, water quality, and history by acquiring, managing, and improving state and local parks and historic sites while not increasing the rate of the state sales and use taxes.”

**Proposition 6 (HJR 12)**

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase by \$3 billion the maximum bond amount authorized for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas."

**Proposition 7 (HJR 151)**

“The constitutional amendment allowing increased distributions to the available school fund.”

**Proposition 8 (HJR 4)**

“The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of: the flood infrastructure fund to assist in the financing of drainage, flood mitigation, and flood control projects.”

**Proposition 9 (HJR 95)**

“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation precious metal held in a precious metal depository located in this state.”

**Proposition 10 (SJR 32)**

“The constitutional amendment to allow the transfer of a law enforcement animal to a qualified caretaker in certain circumstances.”



# Congratulations

**Our very own Debra Harper was elected as  
TFRW Vice President of Bylaws at the TFRW  
Convention! We are so proud of you!!**

## RCRW SOCIAL TIME



*Alma McClintock, Social Chair*

***October is a busy month; I hope you can join us as we Celebrate and spread Red through our County!***

October 15<sup>th</sup>, Happy Hour at Luigi's Royse City - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Join us for a break from the day and enjoy your time with great friends.

October 26, 2019 Scare on the Square-3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

October 28, 2019 - Painting with a Purpose - Painting with a Twist in Rockwall - 7:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. We are raising money to donate to Patriot Paws and will present the check at our November General Meeting. Sign up today - there are a few spaces available.

October 30, 2019 - Trick-or-Treat - Downtown Royse City - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Save the Date:

November Happy Hour, November 19, 2019 at The Roundabout (formerly The Londoner) - 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and like and share our posts!

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## TRFW 2019 Convention



## TFRW UPDATE

# Congratulations to our new board!



The new TFRW Board:

Glynis Chester, President  
Kit Whitehill, First Vice President  
Debra Harper, VP Bylaws  
Corrine Miklosh, VP Campaign Activities  
Jill Tate, VP Finance  
Robbi Hull, VP Legislation  
Zenia Warren, VP Membership  
Alice Melancon, VP Programs  
Marie Maggio, Secretary  
Susan Friedrich, Treasurer

## NFRW News

### 2020-2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTED AT CONVENTION



Posted: Sep 29, 2019

Delegates to the 40th Biennial Convention made pivotal decisions as they elected the women who will lead the National Federation of Republican Women during the 2020-2021 biennium. The slated candidates drew no opposition and were elected by acclamation on Saturday, September 28.

They are:

- PRESIDENT: Ann Schockett, New York
- 1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Eileen Sobjack, Washington
- 2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Julie Harris, Arkansas
- 3RD VICE PRESIDENT: Frances Taylor, Alabama
- 4TH VICE PRESIDENT: Martha Jenkins, North Carolina
- SECRETARY: Vanessa LaFranco, New Jersey
- TREASURER: Michelle Buckwalter-Schurman, Illinois

Following the convention, the Board of Directors elected Members-at-Large to the Executive Committee. They are Suzanne Heinzmann, Indiana; Linda Lee Tarver, Michigan; and, Beverly Owensby, South Carolina.

Rounding out the 2020-2021 Executive Committee is Jody Rushton of Texas, who will serve as immediate past president.

The incoming Executive Committee takes office on January 1, 2020.

PHOTO: The NFRW Executive Committee for 2020-2021 is (l to r) Linda Lee Tarver, member-at-large, Michigan; Vanessa LaFranco, secretary, New Jersey; Martha Jenkins, 4th VP, North Carolina; Eileen Sobjack, 1st VP, Washington; Ann Schockett, president, New York; Jody Rushton, immediate past president, Texas; Julie Harris, 2nd VP, Arkansas; Frances Taylor, 3rd VP, Alabama; Suzanne Heinzmann, member-at-large, Indiana; Michelle Buckwalter-Schurman, treasurer, Illinois; and Beverly Owensby, member-at-large, South Carolina.

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## **SREC UPDATE!**

### **SREC Passes Second Amendment Resolutions**

**AUSTIN, TX** - The State Republican Executive Committee meeting of the Republican Party of Texas passed three resolutions which underscore the Constitutional right of individuals to keep and bear arms - Urging Texans to Use Caution Concerning TAPS, Second and Fourth Amendment Resolution Against Red Flag and Enhanced Background Checks, Resolutions Urging Support of the Republican Party of Texas Platform Planks Related to the Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

**Republican Party of Texas Chairman James Dickey** commented:

“The Republican Party of Texas stands firmly on the Planks of our Platform addressing the Second Amendment as duly voted upon by our grassroots - our convention delegates. These planks and RPT’s support was underscored at the recent State Republican Executive Committee meeting with three resolutions passed to that effect. The Democrats will stop at nothing to encroach on our freedoms and we will stand for our Constitution every step of the way.”

The resolutions passed read as follows:

#### [Urging Texans to Use Caution Concerning TAPS:](#)

“THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas urges our state lawmakers to apply proportionate scrutiny to all criminal-related deaths; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas directs lawmakers to hold fast to the inalienable rights guaranteed by the United States and Texas Constitutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Patrick, Attorney General Paxton, all Texas legislators, and the Texas Congressional delegation.”

#### [Second and Fourth Amendment Resolution Against Red Flag and Enhanced Background Checks:](#)



“THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas calls upon members of the Texas Congressional Delegation and members of the Texas Legislature to firmly reject Enhanced Background Checks and Extreme Risk Protective Orders as nothing but cleverly devised infringements of the God-given and Constitutionally protected right to keep and bear arms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas strongly rejects any implementation of Red Flag laws or Enhanced Background Checks should there be a Special Session of the Texas Legislature; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to all Republican members of the Texas House of Representatives and Senate, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, all Republican members representing the State of Texas in the United States House of Representatives and Senate.”

[Resolution Urging Support of the Republican Party of Texas Platform Planks Related to the Right to Keep and Bear Arms:](#)

“THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas calls upon our elected leaders to protect and defend the inalienable right of Texans to keep and bear arms for the defense of themselves and of the State by supporting policies consistent with the aforementioned planks of the 2018 Republican Party of Texas Platform; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas calls upon our elected officials to protect community safety without infringing upon the ability of law-abiding Texans to freely exercise their Constitutional rights and defend themselves, their families, or their property; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to all Republican members of the Texas House of Representatives and Senate, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, all Republican members representing the State of Texas in the United States House of Representatives and Senate.”

**SREC Q3 2019 Meeting**

**September 13-14, 2019 Austin, TX**

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**Report for SD2 from SD2 Reps Jason Ross & Jerry Fisher**

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The SREC approved new persons to fill vacancies in the following positions: Secretary, SD3 Committeeman, and SD12 Committeewoman.

**Report from Steve Munisteri, RPT Political Director:** \$1M+ raised for joint victory project already and 10 staff hired, including Karl Rove (who is working for free). There are 19,900,980 eligible voters in Texas. Of this: 8.4M voted in 2018, 7.4M registered voters did not vote, leaving 4.1M unregistered voters. Estimate nearly 11M will vote in 2020. 1.5M Texans have been identified as being very conservative but not registered to vote. We are targeting that 1.5M to get them registered. We have already registered 800,000 new voters since November 2018! Many are new to state or have moved within the state. While that is great progress, know that the Dems are pledging to hire 1,000 field reps to register potential left voters.

**Report from National Committeewoman:** GOP National Convention is Aug 24-27, 2020. For information, or if anyone wants to be a volunteer at the National Convention, go to [www.Charlottein2020.com](http://www.Charlottein2020.com). RNC needs thousands of volunteers. Good opportunity if you want to be part but aren't a delegate.

**Report from RPT Vice Chairwoman:** [www.promiseskept.com](http://www.promiseskept.com) is a link that contains a good summary of Trump's accomplishments so far while in office.

**Report from RPT Chairman:** Chairman Dickey gave an update on efforts towards 2020. We have \$1.25M in cash on hand at RPT, which is the *highest ever* in RPT history. Also, we have another \$1M in cash in other accounts, primarily 2020 related. A new tool is available on TexasGOP.org where local clubs can add their club events to the GOP calendar: <https://www.texasgop.org/event-submission/> This enables visitors to the RPT website to find local clubs and events.

**Report from RPT General Counsel:** No litigation at the present time. Important note: If any local parties or clubs have a firearm auction or raffle, please contact the RPT General Counsel team for specific guidance to make sure the local party or club is not inadvertently violating campaign finance or federal firearms laws. We wanted to note this item specifically, given that many of our local parties / clubs are planning their big annual fundraising events and sometimes there is a firearm auction item. Please be cognizant of this if you are potentially including a firearm item.

**Remembering Debbie Terry, SREC SD12:** A resolution honoring the life of Debbie Terry was read. Debbie was a beloved SREC member who passed away from breast cancer while serving on the SREC.

**2021 Redistricting:** Rep. Phil King gave an overview of the 2021 Redistricting process. The democrats are targeting the Texas House races in 2020 in order to gain control of Texas House to be able to then control the Redistricting in 2021. If they are successful, they will be able to redraw district maps and have control of both state and federal seats for decades. It is critical to keep the Texas House in Republican hands in 2021-2022. There are hearings taking place all around Texas and it is essential that local Republicans attend these hearings and testify. This is important for building a legal record to defend inevitable lawsuits over the new maps. NOTE: October 9-10 will be the DFW area hearings. Please encourage your CEC and clubs to attend!!! More detail here: <https://www.house.texas.gov/schedules/committee-schedules/advanced-search/?startDate=today&endDate=week&chamber=h&committeeCode=C080>

**Resolutions Committee:** Both Jason and Jerry are on this Committee. 12 Resolutions were submitted to the Committee, and 3 were consolidated into 1 due to similarity (concerning Speaker Bonnen), making 10 Resolutions considered over the course of a 6 hour meeting. 9 passed (7 unanimously) out of Committee and 1 was postponed to December. On Saturday, the following actions were taken by the SREC:

- **Financial Support for Right to Life Candidates** – affirmed that only those candidates (in non-judicial races) who support and act consistent with right to life planks will be eligible for financial assistance from RPT.

- **Voter Roll Integrity** – called upon Gov Abbott to utilize a Dept of Homeland Security database of non-citizens residing in Texas to identify and remove non-citizens from voter rolls in Texas.
- **Legislative Priorities** – two resolutions urging the Texas Legislature to stick to the 5 legislative priorities identified by RPT and to hold a special session to advance legislation on the 5 priorities.
- **Gun Rights** – two resolutions urging lawmakers to resist efforts to erode constitutional rights related to gun ownership.
- **Speaker Bonnen** – a heavily amended and refined resolution regarding Speaker Bonnen passed out of committee on Friday. It called for ethical behavior by elected officials and specifically called upon the House GOP Caucus to meet and discuss selecting a new Speaker. On Saturday, the SREC debated this resolution extensively and ultimately passed a resolution that was significantly diluted and did not contain the call for selection of a new Speaker. The prevailing wisdom was that a statement was better than silence. While few were really pleased with the final language for differing reasons from too strong to too weak, the resolution passed by very wide margin with over 50 votes I believe.

The full text of the final resolutions is available at [TexasGOP.org](http://TexasGOP.org).

**Rules Committee:** As you know, there were proposed changes to Rules 8A and Rule 8k that received considerable attention ahead of the SREC meeting. The proposed change to Rule 8A added a provision that allows most counties in Texas the ability to opt-out of 8A (counties with population of less than 300,000). This amendment passed favorably out of the committee and was adopted by the full SREC on Saturday.

The proposed change to Rule 8k would have expanded Rule 8k to make it applicable to all County Executive Committee members (instead of just County Chairs). The proposed change failed in Committee, thankfully. Finally, there was a rules amendment that expands the number of potential legislative priorities from 5 to 8.

## CALENDAR

### *Republican Events:*

October 12, 2019 - Men's Club Meeting: 8:00 A.M., at Harry Myers Community Building, guest speaker is Senator Bob Hall, cost is \$9.00 if you eat breakfast.

October 14, 2019 – RCRW General Meeting: 6:30 P.M. at Harry Myers Community Building, speaker will be Kenda Culpepper, Rockwall County Criminal District Attorney.

October 15, 2019 – RCRW October Happy Hour: 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., at Luigi's Italian Cafe, 220 E Main St, Royse City, TX 75189, lite appetizers provided, cash bar, all Republicans are welcome.

October 17, 2019 – TRUMP Rally, 7:00 P.M. American Airlines Center, 2500 Victory Avenue, Dallas, TX 75219, tickets are free.

October 24, 2019 – Rockwall Young Republicans: Block Walk, everyone will meet at GOP headquarters at 5:30 P.M. and then afterwards meet at Snuffers for food and fellowship at 6:30 P.M.

October 28, 2019 – Paint With A Purpose with RCRW: 7:00 P.M. benefiting Patriot Paws, Painting With A Twist, 513 E Interstate 30, Rockwall, Texas 75087, to purchase tickets go to [www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/rockwall/](http://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/rockwall/).

November 6, 2019 – GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:45 A.M., at Luigi's Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 cost is \$12.00.

*Community Events:*

Now – November 30, 2019 – Farmer's Market: 2:00 – 6:00 P.M., every Saturday, Town Center Park, Heath, after every Market, Free Concerts at 6:00 P.M.

October 17, 2019 – Celebrating Life, Pregnancy Resource Center's Annual Fundraising Dinner: 7:00 P.M. at Southfork Ranch, 3700 Hogge Drive, Parker, Texas 75002, for more information go to, [www.yourpregnancycenter.org](http://www.yourpregnancycenter.org).

October 19, 2019 – Royse City Fun Fest: 12:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M., on Main Street, Royse City, Texas, free event.

October 24, 2019 – Trauma to Triumph Dinner benefiting the Poiema Foundation, supporting victims of human trafficking: 7:00 P.M. at Hidden Creek, 215 Chris Cuny Parkway, Heath, Texas 75032, for tickets go to [www.poiemafoundation.org](http://www.poiemafoundation.org).

October 26, 2019 – Scare on the Square: 3:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M., downtown Rockwall, Texas.

October 30, 2019 – Trick or Treat: 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. on Main Street, Royse City, Texas.

*Our Government Meetings:*

Rockwall City Council – Meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M.

Heath City Council – Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M.

McClendon-Chisholm City Council – Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M.

Fate City Council - Meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M.

Royse City City Council – Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

Rockwall Commissioners Court – Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 9:00 A.M.