



**National Federation
of Republican Women**
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November 2020 NEWSLETTER



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.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Texas is still Red! Keeping our House and Senate was so important for the upcoming legislative session. Thank you RCRW members for all your hard work in getting out the vote, supporting candidates, promoting the Republican Party and praying. Our work has not ended, it may even be harder as we move forward, but we will continue to move forward. We still have a lot of work to do.

Even though as I write this article, we do not know who our next President will be and there are a lot of mixed emotions, we must remember what a privilege it is to live in America. We have our liberties because of every person who has fought for and defended our Country. **THANK YOU, VETERANS!**

I look forward to seeing you all this Monday night at our General Meeting. In addition to having a great speaker, we will be voting on our bylaws and our new slate of officers, more information about our meeting is provided herein.

Tiffany L. Miller, RCRW President

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PROGRAMS



Please join me as we welcome Steve Munisteri, Former Texas GOP Chair and current Senior Advisor to US Senator John Cornyn as our November general meeting guest speaker.

Time: 6:30 P.M.

We will be seated in classroom style seating. Water, tea, and coffee will be provided, no food will be served and no food is allowed.

Anna Campbell, Vice President, Programs

Place: Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club
2600 Champions Drive,
Rockwall, Texas 75087.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Our Membership
Count as of October
31, 2020, is as follows:
Active Members: 173
Associate Members: 51
Honorary Members: 3
Total Members: 227

Thank you so much for joining RCRW and helping our membership grow!

Our 2021 enrollment begins on November 1, 2020. To renew your membership, you may go to our website www.rcrw.org for an

application and mail it with your dues payment to:

Rockwall County Republican Women,
P.O. Box 1354,
Rockwall, Texas 75087.

As always, please encourage your spouse and other members of your family to join. Remember, all dues from Associate and Young Affiliate Members stay right here in our club.

Deanna Tucker, Vice President of Membership

TREASURER'S REPORT



As of October 31, 2020:

Balance forward	\$ 19,853.66
Income	\$ 3,142.00
Expenses	\$ 4,424.95
Grand Total	\$ 19,168.35
Scholarship	\$ 797.64
Working total	\$ 18,370.71

Frances White, Treasurer



CAMPAIGNS

Almost everything you have done that Kept Texas Red, for Trump and RCRW is counted towards our campaign hours. Please email me at labandxray@gmail.com to report your hours. Be sure to include what you did and how long you took, even if it was only 15 minutes. It is so important that we report all of our hours.

Toni Felts, Vice President, Campaigns

RCRW SOCIAL TIME

November Events



Rockwall, Texas 75032.

November 17, 2020
– RCRW Happy
Hour:
6:00 P.M. until 8:00
P.M. at The Brass
Tap Craft Beer Bar
located at The
Harbor, 2075
Summer Lee Drive,
Suite R101,

December 15, 2020 – RCRW Happy
Hour/Holiday Party: 6:00 P.M. until 8:00
P.M., Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club,
2600 Champions Drive, Rockwall, Texas
75087, more information provided below.

Don't forget we are now on Instagram!
Make sure to follow us on both Instagram
and Facebook and to like and share our
posts!

Alma McClintock, Social Chair

RCRW HAPPY HOUR HOLIDAY PARTY

DECEMBER 15, 2020 FROM 6:00 P.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M. AT
ROCKWALL GOLF AND ATHLETIC CLUB

APPETIZERS PROVIDED AND CASH BAR
DJ WITH KARAOKE

HOLIDAY CENTERPIECE DECORATING

10 TABLES – PRIZE WILL BE GIVEN OUT TO WINNER

Entry must be worth at least \$25.00 and will be auctioned off. Decorate your Centerpiece with a holiday theme (ex. Winter Wonderland, Candyland, Santa, White Christmas, etc.)



UGLY/SPIRITED SWEATER CONTEST

PRIZE WILL BE GIVEN FOR WINNER - \$5.00 – ENTRY DONATION

Sweater must be ugly and festive (lights, bells, etc.) – the more spirited the better!!!

Contact Alma McClintock to register for the Centerpiece Decorating Contest at almamcc75@hotmail.com or 972-333-4847.



LEGISLATION

Thank you to everyone who came out on a rainy Friday morning to show support for and pray for Amy Coney Barrett.

We have kept the Texas House Red, and now we must begin to plan for the upcoming Texas Legislative Session. We still have a lot to do to make sure our Christian and Republican values are kept within our laws.

Ann Hettinger, Vice President, Legislature

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT



The Nominating Committee met on September 23, 2020. The committee was composed of Jennifer Fogg and Frances White as Co-Chairs, Lea Carlson, Sandra Ownby, and Jessica Metts. The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of Officers for the RCRW 2021 and 2022 Term:

President: Tiffany Miller
V.P. Programs: Alma McClintock
V.P. Membership: Karen Myers
V.P. Campaigns: Toni Felts
V.P. Legislature: Pamela Miley
Treasurer: Frances White
PAC Treasurer: Jennifer Fogg
Secretary: Lea Carlson

We will vote on the slate on November 9, 2020.

Jennifer Fogg, PAC Treasurer and Co-Chair of the 2020 Nominating Committee.



The Relevance of Mrs. Powell's Question



Good Monday morning everyone!

Well, I think we all know the criticality of this week. But, I would assert that the real importance of this week was articulated some 233 years ago. I am sure there are those of you who will immediately recognize the meaning of the title of this missive. For those of you who do not know the relevance, let's have a chat.

It was September 17, 1787, in Philadelphia — a city currently being destroyed by the rule of the mob — that a simple question was posed. We now know this day as Constitution Day. It was the day that the longest-running Constitutional Republic was established. July 4th, 1776, was the day America declared its independence, two totally different occurrences. It was on that day in 1787 when our rule of law, the Constitution, was created.

As one of our Founding Fathers, Benjamin Franklin, exited Independence Hall, he was approached by a well known Philadelphia socialite, Mrs. Powell. Folklore says that she asked Franklin, "Well, Doctor, what is it that we have, a Republic or a monarchy?" Benjamin Franklin responded, "A Republic, if you can keep it."

To this day, many mistakenly refer to America as a democracy. America is a Constitutional Republic. Yes, we do elect our representatives in this Republic through a democratic process of elections. But, what is a Republic?

There are two basic fundamentals of a Republic: individual liberty and the rule of law. The question posed by Mrs. Powell is critical, and Franklin's response is vital.

Tomorrow, Tuesday, we all have the opportunity to decide whether we still want to be a Republic. In Texas, some 9.7 million already have, by casting their votes. This is that moment in history which will define America as to whether or not we did make a stand to keep this Republic.

The choices are clear, and quite divergent if you take the time to realize them.

Look, let's put aside the hatred of a person's personality, or social media practices, and truly conduct an analysis of policy. Am I to believe that there are actually people — citizens — in the state of Texas who really want to see our oil and gas industry decimated? Let me pose this question: what does that mean for the state of Texas, which has the 10th largest economy in the world? What happens to America's energy independence? Should we go back and find ourselves dependent upon the OPEC countries, mostly comprised of countries that are not Republics, but led by despots and dictators?

What happens to the rugged, individual, indomitable, entrepreneurial spirit that creates the businesses supporting our oil and gas industry?

Of course, we can articulate many divergent issues of the economy, but what happens to individual liberty if America takes a turn towards progressive socialism? That's not a hard question to ask as history has shown us exactly what happens. National Socialist Germany, the Soviet Union, Communist China, Cuba, and Venezuela are all proof that the respect of individual liberties is subjugated to the collective will.

We would no longer be seen as individuals, just part of a greater demographic in which we will be classified. We hear all the rhetoric about "social justice," but fail to delve deeper and comprehend that social justice is just the forcible, mandated equality of outcomes . . . and, the equal sharing of misery.

In a Republic, under the rule of law, individuals have equality of opportunity. It is an equality of opportunity that takes a fella like myself, born in 1961, in a Blacks-only hospital, raised in a lower-middle-income household . . . but, someone who could grow up to be a Lieutenant Colonel in our Army, command a battalion in combat, be a member of the US House of Representatives, and now serve as the Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas. That is what happens in a Constitutional Republic, not under a socialist nightmare, where only *some* are allowed to rise above.

Mrs. Powell's question, and Franklin's answer, will be what we shall be discussing later this week. Will we have kept this Republic, or shall we have lost it?

How interesting that we here in Texas could be double losers. Why do I say that? Well, think about it: there is only one state in these United States of America that has fought by itself for its own independence, established on March 2, 1836, and won it on April 21, 1836 . . . and, that is the state — now — once known as the Republic of Texas.

And, it is here that we, Texas citizens, must make a double stand to uphold the founding principles of values not just of the Constitutional Republic known as America, but those of the Lone Star State which began as its very own Republic. When we gaze upon the names and figures of those men on the Cenotaph who sacrificed their lives for this moment. When we remember those who stormed the field of San Jacinto. When we remember that aura, swagger, that defines Texas, we must dedicate ourselves to keeping this Republic

Let me share the sage wisdom of a Scottish political philosopher, Alexander Fraser Tytler, that sums up this moment:

"A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largesse from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, always followed by a dictatorship. The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years. These nations have progressed through this sequence: From bondage to spiritual faith; From spiritual faith to great courage; From courage to liberty; From liberty to abundance; From abundance to selfishness; From selfishness to apathy; From apathy to dependence; From dependence back into bondage."

—Alexander Fraser Tytler

Ask yourselves: where do you think America, Texas, is in this progression? When we have a political philosophy that promises everything for “free,” it only leads to economic dependence and enslavement, not independence and empowerment. I must stress, free does not equal freedom, but it is very enticing and has been the downfall of so many nations.

This week, we must commit to keeping this Republic. This week we must reaffirm the greatest endeavor of individual liberty the world has ever known and needs. This week, we are not just voting for Donald J. Trump or Joe Biden . . . only the simple-minded embrace that folly.

This week, we are voting to extend the life cycle of the world’s longest-running Constitutional Republic. We are answering the question posed by Mrs. Powell. it is a Republic, Ma’am, and we shall, indeed, keep it.

God bless Texas, God bless America!



LTC Allen B. West (Ret.)

Chairman

Republican Party of Texas



TEXAS FEDERATION
of
Republican Women



For the record...

No matter what happens with this election in the next day or two, I am so proud to be associated with the Texas Federation of Republican Women. This organization is known for its “boots on the ground” work during campaign seasons, but this year you have stepped up in a way that is truly awe-inspiring. Not only have you increased our reach by working with other conservative groups across the state and nation, but the sheer number of members who have been actively engaged in motivating and registering new voters and now encouraging the ever-important Get-Out-The-Vote effort is outstanding. I can’t remember ever seeing so

many women working so hard.

I am often asked how I think the election is going, and to be honest, I have been laser-focused on Texas alone, but I honestly answer that I am optimistic. I am optimistic because President

Trump needs Texas to win, and Texas has TFRW! It doesn't matter what the polls say or that our candidates are being out-spent because ultimately the only thing that matters is who shows up to vote. We fully understand that the stakes have changed in this election. We are working for more than a president, a legislator, or a judge; we are working for the American way of life for future generations. Liberty is on the line and Texas women will fight to their last breath for it. I would rather have an army of women fighting for their families on my side than any number of paid workers and expensive television ads.

President Trump has accomplished many extraordinary things in the last four years—things that cannot be overturned or undone with the flourish of a different presidential pen. Three fantastic Supreme Court appointments will leave a lasting legacy and put a stop to the trend of overruling the legislative process. President Trump has demonstrated that some semblance of peace in the Middle East IS possible and opened our eyes to the fact that China is most definitely NOT a friend to us. Most notably, he has restored faith in the greatness of the United States. People from all walks of life who had completely given up on government have engaged the political system with renewed hope. These are all things that cannot be taken away and for which we should all be thankful. If the 2016 election had gone differently, we would be looking at a very different world today.

So in these final hours, I ask you to finish strong. We need EVERY Republican to vote on Tuesday or all that we have done in the last year will be for naught, and all of the progress our president has made will come to a screeching halt. Walk one more block; call one more list of Republicans to make certain they have voted. TFRW's work will NOT end on November 4th regardless of the outcome of this election, but I vastly prefer the prospect of working under a Trump/Pence administration than the alternative. We can do this! We've seen what this president is capable of and I am excited to see what he can do with four more years. The best is yet to come!

For Texas and the Country!



Glynis Chester, President





National Federation of Republican Women

*Building Leaders, Energizing Communities,
Keeping America Strong*



Ann Schockett, President of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW), sent congratulations and praise to Amy Coney Barrett who has been confirmed and sworn in to become the newest associate justice of the United States Supreme Court.

“Justice Amy Coney Barrett is an invaluable addition to our nation’s highest court. Throughout her illustrious career, she has faithfully upheld the U.S. Constitution as written. She made it clear during the arduous hearings through to her acceptance remarks that she will decide cases based on written law and not allow personal preference and politics to interfere,” Stockett said. “Justice Barrett is eminently respected across the legal profession as a brilliant jurist, a notable scholar, and remarkable intellect. Greatly admired as a role model and as a modern-day feminist to women across the nation and the globe, she has shown the greatest devotion to her family demonstrating how women can have a successful career while being fully engaged as a wife and mother.”

“From Day 1 of Amy Coney Barrett’s nomination, I was proud to lead the successful efforts of dedicated NFRW volunteers from across the country to actively support this remarkable Justice. Our NFRWarriors’ ‘Amy Army’ Rapid Response Team spearheaded multiple campaigns including on the ground in D.C., in the media and social media, and through a petition to our U.S. Senators signed by thousands of our members. I thank Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and the Republican Senators who persisted in fulfilling their constitutional duties to advise and consent on judicial nominations as laid out in the Constitution,” Schockett continued. “The Democrats did their best to derail this outstanding nominee. Their attacks did not stick on either Justice Barrett’s qualifications or her character.”

The nomination of Justice Barrett was a controversial one, which President Schockett and Federation women witnessed first-hand in D.C. by being present during heated and sometimes violent protests by those in opposition to her. Meanwhile, throughout the nation, Republicans and conservative activists continued to praise her sterling legal credentials and originalist interpretation of the Constitution as Democrats and their liberal allies decried the nomination by questioning her religious beliefs, her adoption of two Haitian children, and whether or not the process should take place during an election year. There are also calls from Democrats to pursue legislation to expand the Supreme Court from 9 to 15 seats, a concept known as “court-packing.”

“Court-packing is not a new concept. Former U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt tried court-packing back in the 1930s when he had difficulties getting his New Deal legislation passed,” Schockett explained. “He wanted to create new policies through the courts that couldn’t get passed through the legislature, but that maneuver failed. The confirmation of Amy Coney Barrett will hopefully put a stop to the practice of using the judiciary as a means for partisans to

tilt policy decisions in their favor. If the Democrats are so concerned about legislation being overturned, maybe they should consider writing better laws.”

Barrett was confirmed by the full Senate by a vote of 52-48. Before her nomination, Justice Barrett served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit.

Founded in 1938, the National Federation of Republican Women is the largest grassroots Republican women’s organization in the country. Building leaders, energizing communities, and keeping America strong, NFRW empowers women from all backgrounds in the political process and provides a forum for women to serve as leaders in the political, government and civic arenas.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Selah Creek is the organization that RCRW chose to highlight. As you have read and heard Selah Creek is a gospel-centered residential maternity home for women facing an unplanned or unsupported pregnancy. Through the sharing of the Gospel, discipleship, and life planning, they lead each resident to the Lord in a way that is real to her, resulting in lives changed for generations to come. At our meeting on Monday night, we are asking everyone to help support these ladies.

Here is a link to their Amazon wish list! It is always changing and adapting but it will automatically update when someone clicks on it. Please put your name and address on the receipt that you can fill out on Amazon. The mamas LOVE to send thank you cards!

https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist?requiresSignIn=1&ref_=nav_AccountFlyout_wl

If anyone is interested in donating gift cards, they would love to accept Walmart, Target, Aldi, and Kohl’s. They also would like Sonic and Starbucks gift cards to use for positive incentives.

You will also be able to make a cash/check donation at the meeting. Thank you for your support.

CALENDAR

[Please see our website for updated holiday events](#)

Republican Events:

November 9, 2020 – RCRW General Meeting: 6:30 P.M., at Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club, 2600 Champions Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75087, more information to be provided soon.

November 14, 2020 - Republican Men's Club Meeting: 8:00 A.M., at The Center, 108 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, for more information go to <https://www.facebook.com/rockwallgopmen>.

November 17, 2020 – RCRW Happy Hour: 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at The Brass Tap Craft Beer Bar located at The Harbor, 2075 Summer Lee Drive, Suite R101, Rockwall, Texas 75032.

December 2, 2020 - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:45 A.M., at Luigi's Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, the cost for lunch is \$12.00.

December 12, 2020 - Republican Men's Club Meeting: 8:00 A.M., at The Center, 108 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, for more information go to <https://www.facebook.com/rockwallgopmen>.

December 15, 2020 – RCRW Happy Hour/Christmas Party: 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club, 2600 Champions Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75087, more information provided herein.

Community Events: - Please see each website below for updated information.

November 10, 2020 – Bent Tree Bible Fellowship Golf Tournament benefiting the Poiema Foundation: 11:30 A.M. at the Canyon Creek Golf Club, located at 625 West Lookout Drive, Richardson, Texas 75080, help support the fight against sex trafficking by playing, sponsoring, or serving in the golf tournament. For more information go to www.benttree.org/golf-tournament-2020.

November 13, 2020 – Black & White Casino Night benefiting Soroptimist International of Rockwall: 6:00 P.M. at Hidden Creek, 215 Chris Cuny, Heath, Texas 75032.

November 13 and 14, 2020 – Rockwall Helping Hands Festival of Trees: Hilton Dallas/Rockwall Lakefront, luncheon, and dinner, more information go to <https://rockwallhelpinghands.com/festival/>.

December 5, 2020 - the 51st annual Kiwanis Christmas Parade: downtown Rockwall, starts at 9:00 A.M., more information to be provided soon.

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 the 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.

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