



National Federation  
of Republican Women  
Engaging and Empowering Women Since 1938



# December 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***

I cannot believe 2020 is almost over. What a year this has been. Back in January, we were all excited to start a new year but then we were thrown some curveballs. Namely, a global pandemic and the rippling effects it brought, the untimely passing of family and friends, and a change in the political landscape.

Thank you all for staying engaged, checking in on the members who do not venture out often, and praying for those who need prayer.

2021 will be a challenging year for our club, it is a legislative year and we still have so much work to do. We have local elections coming up, and we will still be in a pandemic. Please know that your new Executive Committee is excited and ready to work as we guide the club to further serve our community, state, and country. I look forward to seeing each of you at our January Regular Meeting, more information is provided below.

Have a wonderful and safe December!

***Tiffany L. Miller, RCRW President***

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### ***PROGRAMS***



First, I want to thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to provide you with programs that were not only informative but also engaging these past two years. This has truly

been an honor. Now it is time to pass along the baton to Alma McClintock, as the new VP of Programs. She will do an outstanding job.

Second, just reminding you we do not have Regular Meetings in December. Our next Regular Meeting is on January 11, 2021.

Time: 6:30 P.M.

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

Guest Speaker: We will have representatives from the City of Rockwall's Planning and Zoning and Parks and Rec Departments to discuss our open spaces.

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***

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## ***MEMBERSHIP REPORT***



Our Membership  
Count is as follows:  
Active Members: 161  
Associate Members: 51  
Honorary Members: 3  
Total Members: 215

We finished 2020 with 215 Members!! Thank you very much for all of your support. Over the last two years, I have enjoyed getting to know each of you. I appreciate all of the hugs and conversations. Most importantly I appreciate all that you have done for RCRW by becoming a member, renewing your membership, and encouraging your spouses, family, and friends to join. Because of you, we were able to keep Rockwall a strong RED! I look

forward to seeing each of you at our January regular meeting.

As a reminder, our 2021 enrollment began on November 1, 2020. To renew your membership, you may go to our website [www.rcrw.org](http://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 November 30, 2020:

Balance forward	\$ 19,168.35
Income	\$ 2,305.00
Expenses	\$ 1,574.72
Grand Total	\$ 19,989.63
Scholarship	\$ 797.64
Working total	\$ 19,100.99

*Frances White, Treasurer*



## ***CAMPAIGNS***

For our third quarter we turned in over 3000 hours. Please keep emailing me at [labandxray@gmail.com](mailto:labandxray@gmail.com) your hours. Everything you do except attend our Regular Meetings Counts! Be sure to include what you did and how long you took, even if it was only 15 minutes. Thank you for all that you do.

*Toni Felts, Vice President, Campaigns*

## **RCRW SOCIAL TIME**



Unfortunately, we cannot have our December Happy Hour/Party. I do hope to see you all in January.

January 19, 2021 –  
RCRW Happy Hour: 6:00

P.M. until 8:00 P.M., at The Alumni Sports Bar and Grill, 146 E. Main Street, Royse City, Texas 75189.

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*

## ***LEGISLATION***



There is a lot to do in Georgia. Please see the information below from TFRW.

We must also 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, Legislation*



The days of left-wing stereotyping of the Republican Party as an exclusive domain for old white men are over. The Republican Party is a diverse party, and its impact is growing because of it.

Republican officeholders include more women, more minorities and more veterans than ever before. Thanks to tireless campaigning by Ambassador Nikki Haley, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik and the members of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW), Republicans did not lose a single incumbent in the House of Representatives and flipped several House seats in formerly blue districts or districts the Democrats hoped to flip, leaving Speaker Nancy Pelosi with the smallest House majority since World War II. The Senate majority will be determined by the outcome of two runoffs in Georgia – including Senator Kelly Loeffler's race. Republicans still dominate in state legislatures, which will determine redistricting once the 2020 Census is completed.

“The stars of 2020 are the Republican women,” said NFRW President Ann Schockett. “We have at least 18 newly elected congresswomen – all of whom come from different walks of life. NFRW is the largest grassroots Republican women’s organization in the country. We have been there every step of the way, through empowerment, campaign training, and support to ensure a Republican victory. You have Nancy Mace from South Carolina, a veteran and the first woman to graduate from the Citadel. There’s Victoria Spartz from Indiana, a Ukrainian immigrant who understands first-hand the horrors of living under socialism. Michelle Fischbach is Minnesota’s former lieutenant governor, while Mary Miller from Illinois is a farmer and a teacher. Beth Van Duyne of Texas is a single mom who was elected mayor of Irving before running for Congress. Young Kim and Michelle Steel from California will be the first Korean-American women to serve in Congress. And there are more inspiring stories. That’s where real diversity and the American dream meet to make success stories.”

As for Republican women in the Senate, Schockett said Democrats underestimated our staying power. “Senator Joni Ernst was a big Democrat target, and the pundits were convinced she’d lose. She won by a comfortable margin. We are proud of Cynthia Lummis, the Senator-elect from Wyoming. And, when Senator Kelly Loeffler is victorious, she will help guarantee that Senator Mitch McConnell will remain majority leader.”

When the new Congress convenes in January, Schockett believes that Republican women will give their Democrat colleagues a run for their money when it comes to making their views heard on important legislation. “Democrat women such as Nancy Pelosi and AOC have received an unbalanced amount attention from the media,” Schockett said. “That is not going to be the case in 2021. Republican women have already proven that we will be a strong and vocal force in the new Congress!”

*Author – NFRW Communications, November 2020*  
Chairman

Republican Party of Texas



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## CALL TO ACTION

### **NFRW ALL IN FOR GEORGIA!**

NFRW President Schockett has issued a Call to Action regarding the upcoming Georgia election for U.S. Senators Kelly Loeffler and David Perdue. This is the most critical election of our lifetimes! We **MUST** have our NFRW members involved and win this election to retain the Senate majority and keep our country! As Georgia goes so will our nation!

#### **Support the U.S. Senate Races in Georgia**

NFRW members sign-up form: [click here to volunteer](#) - *More details below!*

As your State President, I join NFRW President Ann and strongly encourage you and your club to volunteer with the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) "All in for Georgia!" Strike Force to deploy to Georgia and/or make phone calls from home. While this interrupts our holiday, calls to action often do not occur at convenient times. The accompanying Call to Action contains links and details about volunteering and individual donor opportunities. In addition, information about our postcard-writing campaign can be found on page 14 in the December issue of TFRW Today.

**[VIEW CALL TO ACTION HERE!](#)**

Our country is at stake if Republicans do not win. There will be efforts to pack the Supreme Court; to pass legislation granting statehood to Puerto Rico, Samoa, and the District of Columbia

(which would give Democrats an additional six seats in the Senate); enact a rule change in the Senate to eliminate

„the filibuster; open borders and roll back immigration laws; erode private health care, impose greater taxation on the middle class; and roll back trade and peace agreements.

**LET’S MAKE THE DIFFERENCE! JANUARY 5TH IS THE TARGET DATE!** We do not have a second chance! We **MUST** join forces to ensure Georgia voters experience a free and fair election without interference or fraud.

While you may be hearing from a variety of think-tanks and political action committees, we are asking you and your club members to volunteer with your NFRW colleagues. **Now is the time for our Federations to unite to flex our corporate muscle and to show the joint strength of our nationwide network of grassroots volunteers to bring Republican victories in Georgia.**

Our Republic is at stake! Ask yourself and others, what are we prepared to do to save her?

**For Texas and The Country!**

***Glynis Chester***

President

Texas Federation of Republican Women

## **IN MEMORIAM**



Commissioner, Joe David Magness, a longtime resident of Royse City, Texas, passed away on December 3, 2020. He was born March 3, 1952, in Fannin County, Texas, to Royce Glen Magness and Melba Jean (Harris) Magness and was raised in Telephone, Texas.

David was a graduate of Texas A&M University-Commerce with a Bachelor of Science in Business and Agriculture. He farmed and ranched in Rockwall, Hunt, and Collin counties and owned a fertilizer and chemical distribution business prior to becoming the Rockwall County Commissioner representing Precinct 4 in 2003. While Commissioner, David was the Chair of both the Rockwall County Road and Open Space Consortiums. He also served as the County Court representative to the Regional Transportation Council, STAR Transit Board of Directors, and the North Texas Council of Governments. David loved serving and planning for the preservation and future of

his community.

David was appointed in 2003 to the Board of Directors of Farmers Electric Cooperative, a rural electricity provider for over 60,000 meters in Rockwall, Collin, Hunt, and other counties,

serving as the Board President since 2010 and a member of the Farmers Electric Charitable Foundation Board since 2008.

David was a Realtor for the past 14 years with Upchurch Real Estate and United Country Real Estate. He was a founding investor and Chairman of the Board of Texas Leadership Bank, now Guaranty Bank of Royse City. He also served for 12 years as a member of the Royse City ISD Board of Trustees and was a founding member and the first President of the Royse City Rotary Club. David was active within the community, serving as a member on the Rockwall County Youth Fair Board, Texas Farm Bureau, the Royse City Chamber of Commerce Board, and the Rockwall County Republican Men's Club. He was also an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Royse City.

David had a warm welcome and smile for every person he met and enjoyed sharing a laugh after telling a tall tale or a harmless prank. Known as Papa to his grandkids, David's family was his pride and joy. His presence will be deeply missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

David is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Shirley Magness; daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Michael Gilmer; grandchildren, Reid, Jude, and Sloane Gilmer; sister, Marilyn Ackmann; brother, Jerry Magness and wife Shonda; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

In order to maintain the safety of family and friends at this time, a public memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church, General Fund, 305 N. Josephine, Royse City, Texas 75189.



On December 1, 2020, County Clerk Shelli Member resigned effective December 31, 2020.

In her letter Shelli stated in part:

“It has been a long and difficult decision and has come with mixed emotions..., but I feel it is time for me to pass the torch.”

“It has been an honor and great privilege to serve Rockwall County as their County Clerk for the past ten years. I have gained so much, both professionally and personally on this incredible journey. The experience has been priceless”

“I am truly grateful for everyone’s support over the years and wish all of you the very best. I will surely miss you all, but, I have exceeded my “use by” date and it is time for me to explore new adventures. Because of you, and all that you do each and every day for our citizens, I leave knowing that Rockwall County is in good hands and has a bright future ahead.”

Shelli, we thank you for your service and wish you the best in your future endeavors.

## **CALENDAR**

*Please see our website for updated holiday events*

### ***Republican Events:***

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>.

January 6, 2021 - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:45 A.M., at Luigi’s Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 cost is \$12.00.

January 9, 2021 - 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>.

January 11, 2021 – RCRW General Meeting: 6:30 P.M., at Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club, 2600 Champions Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75087, guest speakers will be representatives from the City of Rockwall’s Planning and Zoning and Parks and Rec Departments to discuss our open spaces.

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February 27, 2021 – Rockwall GOP Reagan Day/Great Gatsby Gala: 4:00 P.M., VIP activities begin, 5:30 P.M. registration, at Hilton Dallas/Rockwall Lakefront, 2055 Summer Lee Drive, Rockwall, TX 75032, for more information go to <http://bidpal.net/repgatsbygala>.

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

December 12, 2020 – MC5K and Fun Run: McLendon-Chisolm Fire Rescue run, for more information go to <https://run2wintimingservices.com/mclendon-chilsom-5k>.

December 12, 2020 – Santa and Movie: 3:30 P.M. at Tate Farms, 12992 South Farm to Market 548, Rockwall, Texas 75032, family photos and at 5:30 P.M. the movie It's A Wonderful Life for tickets and more information go to <https://prekindle.com/vent/45255-santa-and-movie-rockwall>.

December 12, 2020 – Royse City Parade of Lights: 6:30 P.M. downtown Royse City.

December 13, 2020 – Hanukah at the Harbor: 5:00 P.M. a public menorah lighting, light refreshments, and children's crafts and activities.

December 19, 2020 - Santa Cops 4 Kids: 8:00 A.M., at Wilkerson Sanders Stadium, join the Rockwall Police Officers Association for the 5K and 1 mile run plus a Santa dash, benefiting Children's Advocacy Center for Rockwall County, for more information, go to <https://santacops4kids.org>.

***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 Wednesday 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.

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