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JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

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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.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Summertime is here and even though we are planning summer vacations, there is still so much more to do.

Our state legislative session is over, and we are grateful for what our Republican state legislators accomplished. We must continue to support our Republicans in Congress and thank them for all that they do. Additionally, we must support our local Republican leaders, some of whom will be running for re-election this year. If you have never listened to Commissioner's Court or attended a City Council Meeting or read the minutes from each, please do so, and be involved. How are your leaders voting?

Are they accessible to you? Now is the time to pay attention because election season is just around the corner.

The City of Rockwall and City of Heath Independence Day Parades are on July 3, and we need your help with the floats. See below for more information.

Now is the time to register for the TFRW Convention in October in Roundrock, Texas. Early bird registration ends on June 30, 2021. See below for more information.

I would like to congratulate Lea Carlson, not only is she our fabulous Secretary, but she is now our Parliamentarian!

I am so excited that at our June 14, general meeting, we hear from our fourth and final scholarship recipient, Isabella Carlson. I hope you will join us live; however, we will still be streaming live on Zoom, the link will be sent out on Sunday.

God Bless,

Tiffany L. Miller, RCRW President
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PROGRAMS



Welcome to June!!! Who is ready for summer?!?! We are so excited for our June 14th General Meeting. We will have the opportunity to hear from our very own Senator Bob Hall about what has been going on in Austin; the bills that have been submitted and those that have been passed, the other various issues that Texas is dealing with and what the future looks like for SD2.

Date: June 14, 2021

Meeting Place: Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club

2600 Champions Drive Rockwall, TX 75087

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Be sure to join us for our July General Meeting, our very own Debra Harper will be our guest speaker. She will be speaking to us about the roles of the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW); the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) and how you can get involved and help make a difference.

Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors – we want to ensure that everyone is aware of our club and all that we are doing for our community.

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



** Stay tuned – we are planning a Ladies Bunco Night with our lovely friends from the Kaufman County Republican Women's Club. More details to follow!!!

I want to say "Thank you" to those of you who have sent in your fabulous recipes so far. We are so excited to have the opportunity to do this and can't wait to try out all the great dishes! Please keep sending them in – our cutoff date is July 31st!

Be sure to follow us on all social media platforms.

Website - <http://www.rcrw.org/>

Facebook - @RCRWTX

Instagram - rockwallcountyrepublicanwomen

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Alma McClintock, Vice President, Programs



MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Hello Everyone! I hope all our Moms had a phenomenal Mother's Day! We had a wonderful turnout for our May general meeting honoring our scholarship recipients. A huge Congratulations to these ladies for all of their hard work! During this meeting, we had the pleasure of signing up a few new members.

Also, Founder's Day event was phenomenal! It was fantastic to see so many come out with their friends and family. After this last year, it was a much needed and welcome event. We were pleased to have new members sign up during this time along with some renewals. We had a lot of visitors visit our booth and we even signed up a few new voters.

Finally, our May happy hour at Primo's was another qualified success with an excellent turnout. Thank you to all who came out. Collectively, between all three events in May, we have signed up quite a few new members and additional renewals. They are as follows:

Crystal Alford	Cara Freedman
April Garcia	Barbara Hoene
Kellie Hoverman	Barbara Ilaoa
Denise Johnson	Stephanie Lerner
Clarissa Lewis	Dennis Lewis (Assoc)
Lori Randolph	Deborah Ridenour
Amy Sanderson	Jennifer Scott
Vida Valk	Kristen Verbos
Gale Anderson	Lucille Bell
Cindy Braley	Gary Freedman (Assoc.)



As we continue to grow our membership, we strengthen our force as well as our voices within our community. It's refreshing to see so many new members coming on board. We are so happy to have you as a member of the Rockwall County Republican Women! We look forward to getting to know all of you in the coming months ahead.

Membership as of May 31, 2021 are as follows:

Active members:	153
Associates:	50
Honorary:	<u>3</u>
Total Members;	206

Best Regards,

Karen Myers, Vice President of Membership

TREASURER'S REPORT



As of May 31, 2021:

Operating Account:

Balance forward:	\$14,364.74
Income:	\$ 3,830.12
<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>\$ 1,845.14</u>
Total:	\$16,349.72

Scholarship Account:

Balance forward:	\$13,254.64
Income:	\$ 650.00
<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>\$11,800.00</u>
Total:	\$ 2,104.54



Frances White, Treasurer

CAMPAIGNS



Happy Summer!

I want to give a big Thank You to everyone that answered the quick request for Campaign Hours.

We can't wait to represent our little County with a Big Club at the TFRW Convention in October. Remember you can always reach me at labandxray@gmail.com or 817.614.7361 if you have questions or suggestions.

Blessings,

Toni Felts, Vice President, Campaigns



LEGISLATION

Thank Legislature June 2021!!

The end of the Legislative Session has been pretty exciting, more than usual. The Democrats made their melodramatic Walk Out to prohibit the passing of SB7 with 30 to 35 of their members leaving the chamber before a vote could be held. SB 7 is the omnibus elections bill, that was intended to improve our election procedures to ensure more protection of our valuable voting power and to prohibit the fraud that seems to occur too often even in our Texas elections.

Governor Abbott responded with "I will veto Article 10 of the budget passed by the legislature. Article 10 funds the legislative branch. No pay for those who abandon their responsibilities. Stay Tunes." Lt Governor Dan Patrick stated that the House

Leadership is to blame for the workflow of the House and says that he cannot blame the Democrats for using a procedural move available to them because of a looming deadline.

Thus, legislation, bail reform and the major electricity reforms were in limbo on the final day of the legislative session. Lt. Gov. Patrick and Speaker Phelan remained at odds. Gov. Abbott encouraged everyone to maintain patience as he is planning to open a Special Session of the legislature later this year. The question is, will this special session still maintain the passion and enthusiasm that the members have had this spring or will we lose important momentum.

And we would like to thank Senator Bob Hall for his dedication and hard work during this session. Among other accomplishments, he sponsored the following:

Signed/enacted - HB 567 - Relating to the procedures and grounds for terminating the parent-child relationship, for taking possession of a child, and for certain hearings in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship involving the Department of Family and Protective Services.

Signed/enacted HB-1763 – Relating to reporting of early voting rosters.

Signed/enacted HB 1763 – Relating to the contractual relationship between a pharmacist or pharmacy and a health benefit plan issuer or pharmacy benefit manager.

Signed/enacted – SB8 - Relating to abortion, including abortions after detection of an unborn child's heartbeat; authorizing a private civil right of action.

Signed/enacted - SB 730- Relating to the designation of the portion of SH 66 in Rockwall County as the Commissioner David Magness Memorial Highway.

Signed/enacted – SJR 35 - Proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit this state or a political subdivision of this state from prohibiting or limiting a religious service conducted by a religious organization.

Pamela Miley, Vice President, Legislation

RCRW SOCIAL TIME



Our upcoming Happy Hours are:

June 15, 2021
 Snuffer's Restaurant & Bar:
 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M
 2901 Village Drive,
 Rockwall, Texas 75087



July 20, 2021
 Gianni's Italian Bistro:
 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M
 465 Laurence Drive, Heath, Texas 75032

We appreciate like - minded women and want to support them in our community. If you would like to sponsor a meeting in the future, please contact me at clancyindallas@yahoo.com. Thank you again for showing your love for RCRW.

Jessica Metts, Social Chair

RCRW SCHOLARSHIP



A sincere THANK YOU to everyone's support of the
2021 Scholarship Program!

If you were not able to attend the May meeting, you missed out on hearing from the conservative young women finalists responding to the question: ***From the perspective of a young conservative woman... What's the biggest challenge facing our country today?*** What an impressive group of young women. Our 2021 Scholarship recipients are:

- 1st - Mary Claire Weible - \$5,000
- 2nd - Mary Stevens - \$4,000
- 3rd - Madison Millek - \$2,800
- 4th - Isabella Carlson - \$2,000



We would like to begin a mentorship program where one of our members is matched up with one of the scholarship recipients. Our mentor will keep in touch and periodically update the club on how their young lady is doing in school and life. Please let me know if you are interested in mentoring one of the these young women. rockwallcampbells@gmail.com

Anna Campbell, Scholarship Chair



SREC REPORT

The quarterly meeting of the State Republican Executive Committee was held on June 4 and 5 in Tyler, Texas. The big news of the meeting was the resignation of retired Col. Allen West as our State Chair. The SREC will have a special meeting on July 11, 2021 to elect a new State Chair. Former State Representative Matt Rinaldi and Texas Republican County Chair Association President and SREC Committeeman David Covey have announced their intentions to run. If you have any questions about the selection of the new State Chair running, please email me at jerry.fishersd2@gmail.com. Remember there may be others running, but I will let you know of the. Thank you for staying informed.

The Heartbeat Bill (SB8) has been signed by the Governor. Constitutional Carry (HB1927) is on its way to the Governor to be signed. Multiple Religious Freedom bills have been sent to the Governor, including: Protect religious organizations; Prohibit suspension of laws protecting religious freedom and closure of places of worship; Allow prayer in schools and other gatherings; Allow display of National Motto in schools and encouraging patriotism; Religious displays and home owner associations; and Constitutional amendment to prohibit limiting a religious service. The one resolution that passed at our meeting was to ask Governor Greg Abbott to hold a special Legislative session to complete the remaining Legislative Priorities.

It was voted on to change the name Auxiliaries to Partnerships. The Texas Federation of Republican Women and the Texas Republican County Chair Association are Partners with the SREC. This change allows the TFRW to remain very active with the Republican Party.

Jerry Fisher, SREC Representative for SD2

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE JUSTIN HOLLAND



Hello Rockwall County Republican Women!

The 87th Session of the Texas Legislature was one with unique challenges. Between an unpredictable global pandemic and the unexpected winter storm in February, we had a host of pressing issues that demanded solutions. While no session is ever perfect and no two are alike, I am proud of the swift work that my colleagues in the legislature did to collaborate for solutions to our electric grid and reforming both ERCOT and the PUC. As a member serving on the Committee on Appropriations, my top priorities were to uphold our obligations to the students and teachers of Texas by fully funding public education in Texas and taking care of those fine men and women at the Texas Department of Public Safety who defend our highways, communities and southern border.

As a conservative, we experienced monumental victories for the pro-life movement, the strongest second amendment legislation since 1871, and the protection of religious liberties. I look forward to coming back to finish the job on the most conservative session in Texas history when Governor Abbott calls us back for a special session. Below are some detailed highlights on legislation that I received feedback from the District on and supported:

❑ The General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill 1 - \$248.5 Billion Total for 2022-23

- ❑ \$13.5 billion less than the previous budget (about a 5.2% decrease)
- ❑ \$11.6 billion dollars projected balance in the state's *'Rainy Day Fund'*, also known as the Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF).
- ❑ \$46.5 billion for **Public Education**: Texas is increasing its commitment to education, following up on significant gains from the 86th legislative session.
- ❑ \$664 million for targeted programs to help students and schools affected by the pandemic.
- ❑ \$464 million for increases to the Foundation School Program (FSP) formula funds and various student allotments.
- ❑ \$11 billion in federal funding delivered directly to schools.
- ❑ More than \$1 billion for the **Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)** including an increase in funding for border security, DPS operations on the border, surge in operations when additional personnel are needed for border protection efforts and 700 Texas National Guard members deployed.
- ❑ \$34.2 billion for **Healthcare**: Texas is committed to improving women's health programs and mental health, while expanding access to care.
- ❑ \$352 million to women's health programs, including funding alternatives to abortion and the *Healthy Texas Women* program.
- ❑ \$164 million to lower CPS workloads and expand community-based foster care.
- ❑ \$8 billion in behavioral health funding across 25 state agencies
- ❑ \$77 million to serve individuals with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities.

❑ The Supplemental Appropriations Act, House Bill 2

- ❑ \$1.0 billion to the Comptroller for the Property Tax Relief Fund
- ❑ Coronavirus relief reimbursements for public health and public safety employees.
- ❑ Law enforcement, public safety and vehicle needs.
- ❑ Capital needs for state hospitals.
- ❑ Courthouse preservation grants.
- ❑ Maintenance of The Alamo.
- ❑ Capitol Complex projects.
- ❑ Responding to natural disasters.

❑ In response to Winter Storm Uri the Texas Legislature passed a critical package of electric grid bills including Senate Bill 2, Senate Bill 3, and Senate Bill 415. These bills include:

- ❑ **Senate Bill 2** addresses the operation of the *Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC)* and the *Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT)*, bringing about sweeping changes which:
 - ❑ Expand the boards of both entities and ensures that every member of each board is a resident of Texas.
 - ❑ Improves communication in times of disaster or emergency response.
 - ❑ Streamlines emergency response inside the PUC.
- ❑ **Senate Bill 3** provides for the prevention and preparation inside the PUC and ERCOT for responses to extreme weather emergencies and extended power outages. Senate Bill 3 establishes requirements for the PUC, ERCOT, the *Texas Railroad Commission (RRC)*, the *Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)*, and the *Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)*. Specifically, Senate Bill 3 provides for:
 - ❑ The mapping of Texas' electricity supply chain;
 - ❑ Require weather emergency preparedness for natural gas, electric, and water service entities;

- ☐ The establishment of the *Texas Energy Disaster Reliability Council* and the *State Energy Plan Advisory Committee*;
- ☐ Creates a state wide power outage alert system; and,
- ☐ Implements certain administrative and civil penalties for members in the utility industry who fail to meet certain reliability standards.
- ☐ **Senate Bill 415**, which I sponsored and passed, allows transmission and distribution utilities, like Oncor, to enter into agreements with electric power generation companies to lease energy storage facilities, most commonly “batteries”. The energy storage facilities will increase service reliability where traditional distribution facilities are not cost effective and in times of emergency response to meet reliability needs. SB 415 is a critical tool for Transmission Distribution Companies to keep reliable control of the power grid during times of crisis and rotate power reliably, which will prevent multiple days of no power for residential customers like our community experienced during the winter storm in February.
- ☐ **A critical package of pandemic related legislation in response to COVID-19**
 - ☐ The Texas House took the necessary steps to give Texans more options to access healthcare and reduce the cost of prescription drugs.
 - ☐ **House Bill 4** expands telehealth options across the state allowing for a virtual access network that can better serve Texans in their own homes, which will expedite access to health care professionals without burdening patients.
 - ☐ **House Bill 18** creates a new self-sustaining fund that will give Texans access to low-cost prescription medications. The fund will be replenished annually by the rebates received from companies that provide those prescriptions to local pharmacies. Unlike most health programs, HB 18 will not add any additional cost to taxpayers and will be available to underinsured Texans.
- ☐ **Pro-Small Business legislation**
 - ☐ **Alcohol-to-Go, House Bill 1024** – A win for all Texans, helping small businesses across the state.
 - ☐ **HB 1195** - Protecting small businesses from extraneous tax bills.
 - ☐ **HB 7** - A solution for protecting unemployment benefits.
- ☐ **Slashing Standardized Testing and Limiting STAAR, House Bill 764**
 - ☐ **House Bill 764** – which I was a Co-Author of, rebuilds the education assessment framework in Texas by removing all non-federally mandated STAAR tests, repealing the high-stakes nature of the end of course exams in high school. House Bill 764 would have allowed districts to replace End of Course exams with new-norm referenced tests (like the ACT/SAT) to meet federal testing requirements in high school.
 - ☐ Regrettably, after this bill was passed in the Texas House by a vote of 136 - 6, it died in the Senate, never receiving a hearing in the Senate Education Committee.
- ☐ **The Texas Heartbeat Act, Senate Bill 8** – which I was proud to Co-Sponsor, protects the lives of our most vulnerable Texans starting at the moment their heartbeat begins. SB 8 protects the lives of unborn children by prohibiting abortions after a fetal heartbeat has been detected.
- ☐ **Second Amendment Rights** – Historic gun rights legislation passed during the 87th Legislative Session including:
 - ☐ **Firearm Carry Act of 2021, House Bill 1927** – ensuring the right of the people to keep and bear arms. This is the strongest legislation victory for gun advocates in Texas since 1871, arguably in Texas history.
 - ☐ **Second Amendment Sanctuary State Act, House Bill 2622** – A legislative priority outlined by Governor Abbott in his State of the State Address and I authored, HB 2622 prohibits state

agencies and subdivisions of the state from enforcing any new federal firearm regulations that are not expressly permitted under state code.

❑ **Religious Liberty Protections**

- ❑ Throughout 2020, Texans saw how quickly the right to worship could be infringed upon by elected officials overstepping their constitutional authority. During the 87th Legislative Session, the Texas House fought to ensure the right to worship is not prohibited again. The House passed the following bills to protect Texans freedom to worship:
- ❑ **House Bill 1239** which prohibits any elected official from having the authority to close a house of worship.
- ❑ **Senate Joint Resolution 27**, which is the companion to Representative Leach's House Joint Resolution 72, will give Texas voters the opportunity to strengthen religious freedom in the state by amending the state Constitution to include a ban on local officials closing houses of worship.
- ❑ **House Bill 525** establishes religious organizations as "essential" in state law, adding further protections for the right to worship in an emergency or disaster declaration.

❑ **Election Integrity** – Texans in House District 33 and across the state voiced concerns over the security of our elections and the Texas House responded with a legislative portfolio to restore the confidence and integrity in the process.

- ❑ **House Bill 574** which I Coauthored, increases the penalties for conducting fraudulent activity in elections.
- ❑ **House Bill 1128** specifies which individuals may be lawfully present in a polling location where election activities are taking place.
- ❑ **House Bill 1264** by Representative Keith Bell, and which I was a Coauthor on, reforms the process of removing persons from the voter rolls to be more efficient.
- ❑ **Senate Bill 155** ensures that the appropriate election authorities are notified when a person is excused from jury duty due to their no longer being a citizen or a resident of the United States.
- ❑ **Senate Bill 7** the omnibus election integrity bill was regrettably killed in the House when Democrats forsaked their Constitutional Duty and abandoned the Texas House Chamber breaking quorum, ending the ability to pass the bill during the regular session. Governor Abbott has already indicated that Election Integrity will be added to the call in the special session when members come back for redistricting, and I look forward to delivering on additional important election integrity reforms my constituents have requested.

❑ **Broadband Expansion, House Bill 5** – Aims to make measurable progress towards closing the gap; this plan included preparing the state broadband plan, participating in proceedings at the Federal Communications Commission, producing the broadband development map, and administering the broadband development program.

- ❑ **Senate Bill 632** - Relating to provision of broadband infrastructure and connectivity by the Lower Colorado River Authority.

Mask Update: Governor Abbott ended his Mask Mandate across the state of Texas allowing all businesses to reopen at 100% capacity with no restrictions by the state on wearing a mask.

Redistricting Update: Every 10 years, a U.S. census is conducted to count every resident in the country. After that, state and local governments use the new population data to draw new congressional and state legislative maps. The legislature will reconvene in a special session to specifically address redistricting when the Federal Census Bureau gives the Census data to Texas. State officials anticipate receiving this data in the Fall. Following final adoption by both houses, each redistricting bill is presented to the governor for approval. The governor may sign the bill into law, allow it to take effect without a signature, or veto it.

This session, I authored, sponsored and passed a diverse legislative package through the legislature and onto the Governor for signature:

- ☐ **House Bill 1677:** Creates the Police Service Animal Memorial on the Capitol Complex (Public Safety).
- ☐ **House Bill 2622:** Makes Texas a Second Amendment Sanctuary State (Second Amendment Rights).
- ☐ **House Bill 3069:** Drastically reduces the statute of repose for construction and design defect litigation in Texas (Pro-Business and Lawsuit Reform).
- ☐ **House Bill 3786:** Streamlines the process of electronic tax payments to the comptroller's office and improves efficiency (Reduction of Costs and Fees).
- ☐ **House Bill 3788:** Allows training of appraisal review boards members to conduct continuing education online (Distance Learning and Saving Taxpayer Dollars).
- ☐ **House Bill 4568:** Makes adjustments to the Rockwall County Juvenile Board to expand utilization and experience of all County Court Judges. (Juvenile Justice Reform).
- ☐ **Senate Bill 730:** Designates portions of State Highway 66 as Commissioner David Magness Highway (Local Transportation).
- ☐ **Senate Bill 415:** Relating to use of electric energy storage facilities (ERCOT Reform)
- ☐ **Senate Bill 938:** Extension of the Veteran franchise tax and business fee exemption (Veterans Affairs and Pro-Small Business).
- ☐ **Senate Bill 1122:** Relating to participation in the comptroller's contracts for travel services (Reduction of Costs, Fees and Saving Taxpayer Dollars).
- ☐ **Senate Bill 1827:** Creates the Texas Opioid Abatement Account, Trust and Council (Opioid Crisis Response and Abatement Appropriation)
- ☐ **House Bill 1993*:** Regrettably, this legislation failed to finally pass the Texas Senate due to last minute tensions between the two chambers and ultimately the Texas Senate killing approximately 100 house bills for political purposes. One of those victim bills, House Bill 1993, would have required sellers of real property in Texas to disclose the type of fuel gas piping in their homes. The bill has been a work-in-progress for the last 3 sessions and is part of a fuel gas piping awareness project started by Becky Teel and her late husband Ken to create public knowledge about the differences in fuel gas piping products. In 2012, their son was killed in a house backdraft fire explosion fed by punctures in natural gas lines that followed a direct lighting strike to the home's chimney and attic.
 - ☐ ***I plan to file a comprehensive Omnibus Seller's Disclosure Notice Bill in the 88th legislative session and will be working with the public and real estate industry on more ideas on how to improve upon the transparency process in purchasing real property in Texas.***

Thank you for allowing me to serve you at your Texas Capitol. It is one of the highest honors of my life to be our community's voice in Austin. If I can ever be of assistance on a piece of legislation or helping to connect you to a state agency, please do not hesitate to contact me.

God Bless Texas!

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A NOTE FROM OUR NEW ROCKWALL COUNTY GOP CHAIR



As you all know, Laverne Kennimer retired from her position as Rockwall Republican Party County Chair effective June 1. Laverne is an amazing woman of strength and integrity, and unwavering support of the Republican Party.

Laverne was County Chair for 5 years and heavily involved with the Rockwall Republican Party for over 16 years. She has served in just about every local Party position for which she was eligible, from Rockwall County Republican Women to the GOP. After being elected to County Chair, her strong leadership skills were quickly recognized. She was subsequently elected to lead the Regional County Chairs and was recognized last year as the Republican Party of Texas Best County Chair. Having served this party under Laverne's leadership over the last 5 years, I have been blessed to be able to watch and learn from her professional, graceful leadership as the County Chair. I am honored and humbled to have been elected by the GOP Executive Board to fill the very big shoes she leaves behind upon her retirement.

I have been serving on the GOP County Executive Council in different aspects since 2017. Laverne first asked me to join the Board as Publicity and Communications Chair. After a year as Publicity Chair, my Precinct Chair moved out of my precinct, and Laverne asked me to apply to fill that opening, to which I was then elected by the Precinct Chairs. Over the last 4 years, I've also worked in various roles with the annual Reagan Day fundraiser event including ticketing, registration, the auction, and the last two years as Co-Chair.

I am excited to continue the great work of Laverne, to bring new plans and strategies to our local Party and to invite everyone in who wants to help fight for the cause of the Republican Party - conservative, Judeo-Christian, traditional American values and American exceptionalism. For those who wonder how I will lead, know that I will be lead by the words of Matthew 6:33, "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

I welcome those who want to join the effort for positive impact through the Rockwall County GOP, and look forward to hearing from you. I'll be happy to share with you my plans for moving forward. Together, we'll build a great team to achieve our goals and accomplish the mission at hand!

Sharon Henson, Rockwall County GOP Chair

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TEXAS FEDERATION of *Republican Women*



Today is the day! Texas's 87th regular legislative session is over and I am so proud of the involvement of TFRW members across the state. If you watched much of the session, you saw firsthand how often policy and politics collide and realize how important our involvement at the grassroots level truly is. We did not achieve everything we wanted but we were instrumental in getting some really important legislation passed. Our participation did not go unnoticed, and we will never again be seen as merely the "worker bees" of the party. When we are unified, there is no more powerful voice than TFRW's.

Please remember that we will continue to support Camino Real RW's mission to serve our Border Patrol agents through our statewide service project. Please send donations directly to Deb Wall or to the July Board of Directors meeting in Georgetown.

Needed items include:

- Disposable plastic gloves
- Wound wash
- Hand wipes (preferably individually packaged)
- Insect Spray
- Sun Screen

We have been training our members to speak to people's hearts and minds so they have the ability to change both. If you missed Amy Clark's 3-part Zoom series on Effective Communication, you can view it by clicking this link: [Training Videos - TFRW](#)

As we push full throttle into the 2022 election cycle, it is imperative that we remember what being a real leader looks like. We mustn't adopt leftist tactics like "canceling" other conservatives we don't agree with. To be successful, Republicans must focus on defeating the true opponents of American greatness, not each other. There is more than one way forward—different organizations can utilize different strategies, but we need to be united. We may play different positions on the team, but we're all wearing the same color jerseys. #TeamRed!

I thank you again for the honor of serving you. We are empowered women empowering others, and together we will continue to make Texas the leader of principled, conservative governance.

For Texas and the Country!

Glynis Chester, TFRW President



Register for Convention!

Members may register by mail or online via Eventbrite with these current options:

You can register by Mail by clicking the link presented below to do so. Print and review the registration form. Complete it and return by mail with a check for the amount of your registration fee, add-ons and more. The mailing address for Registration By Mail is: TFRW Convention 2021 PAC, Attn: 2021 Registration, PO Box 171146, Austin, TX 78717-0041.

The Register Online option for Convention is available by clicking the link presented below to do so. With this online

option you can purchase your Convention ticket using PayPal or a credit card. You also have the option to purchase add-on ticket items of a convention pin, and a soon to be “add on item” for Convention apparel. Each item purchased counts as ‘a ticket’ purchase item. You will receive a confirmation email from Eventbrite once you have purchased and completed the Registration form process. Please complete the questions in the Registration form so we can properly manage your meal reservations, and so much more.

For Early Bird Registration now through June 30, 2021, you may register as a Member or Guest of a Member or an At-Large Delegate. A Guest registered must be a guest of a TFRW Club. (Example: spouse, significant other, etc.)

Please specify the events you plan on going to and **consider this your rsvp** for each event. Our planning committees will assign seating for meals based on your feedback on the registration form.

Most important, the Name you register under should be the same name you list if you are designated by your Club as a Delegate or an Alternate. Your club will vote on this later in the summer, but this will make it easier for us to update your registration to reflect you are a Voting delegate for Convention. Again, all members are welcome, and we are thrilled to see you will join other TFRW membership at the 33rd Biennial Convention.

The mailing address for Registration By Mail is: TFRW Convention 2021 PAC, Attn: 2021 Registration, PO Box 171146, Austin, TX 78717-0041.

For more Information, schedule of events or to register online go to: TFRW.ORG

We are so excited to announce the first....



Rockwall County Republican Women's Cookbook



We are starting our first cookbook and want you to join in on the fun. We are asking for every member to provide at least 3 recipes for the cookbook (in various categories), along with a picture for at least 1. The deadline to submit is July 31s. We will compile all the recipes together and create our 1st Rockwall County Republican Women's Cookbook.

Entering your recipe has never been so easy!

Copy the link below to reserve your copies and enter your recipes.

<https://createmycookbook.com/groups/GE93nuHNg>



The Cookbook will be ready by September, be sure to pre-order yours now! They will be sold at **\$20.00 each**.

The Cookbook will make a great holiday gift, Welcome to the Neighborhood gift, birthday gift, child moving into 1st apartment gift, husband needing help cooking gift, and so much more.

CALENDAR

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADES!

The Rockwall Independence Day Parade will be on SATURDAY, JULY 3, 2021! If you would like to help decorate the RCRW or GOP floats please be at the Rockwall County Courthouse located at 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Rockwall, Texas 75087 by 8:30 a.m. The parade will begin at 11:00 am from Wilkinson-Sanders stadium. If you are unable to help decorate but are able to walk or ride in the floats, please be at the Rockwall County Courthouse by 10:00 a.m.



The City of Heath's Independence Day Parade will be on SATURDAY, JULY 3, 2021! The Heath parade starts at 9:00 a.m., all floats must be decorated and in line by 8:00 a.m. If you would like to help decorate the RCRW/GOP float or walk with the float, please contact Karen Myers at 214-893-2635.

PRECINCT CHAIR OPENINGS!

If you would like more information or if you are interested in being a Rockwall County GOP Precinct Chair and you live in Precinct 3, 3a, 3b or 4 please contact Sharon Henson at 972-772-9195 or txsharon1@yahoo.com.

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – TEXAS CAMPAIGN WORKSHOP

July 31, 2021 – 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M., at the Springhill Suites, 2601 Lakefront Trail, Rockwall, Texas 75032, cost is \$25.00. For more information or to register, go to www.LeadershipInstitute.org/Texas.

If you have ever thought about helping campaigns, but don't know where to start, the Texas Campaign Workshop Tour is the perfect opportunity for you to find out. The Texas Campaign Workshop Tour helps current and prospective candidates, as well their teams and volunteers identify the steps required to run a successful campaign.

The Campaign Workshop teaches you how to manage or contribute to a winning campaign. You will learn to create campaign, finance, and communications plans necessary to run successful campaigns at every level. Ideal attendees for the Campaign Workshop are individuals who are looking to become more politically active. Candidates, spouses, campaign staff, activists, and volunteers should attend.

Attendees will learn how to:

- Organize campaign staff and structure
- Raise funds
- Develop their message
- Communicate with voters

Please see our website for updated event information.

Republican Events:

June 2, 2021 - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:45 A.M., at Luigi's Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 cost is \$12.00.

June 12, 2021 - Republican Men's Club Meeting: 8:00 A.M., at the Center At Rockwall City Place, 108 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, guest speaker is Steve Munisteri.

June 14, 2021 – RCRW General Meeting: 6:30 P.M., at Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club, 2600 Champions Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75087, guest speaker is Senator Bob Hall.

June 15, 2021 – RCRW Happy Hour: 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., at Snuffer's Restaurant & Bar, 2901 Village Dr, Rockwall, TX 75087.

June 29, 2022 – Rockwall Young Republicans Meeting: 6:00 P.M. for dinner, meeting begins at 7:00 P.M at Luigi's Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087.

July 7, 2021 - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:45 A.M., at Luigi's Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 cost is \$12.00.

July 10, 2021 - Republican Men's Club Meeting: 8:00 A.M., at the Center At Rockwall City Place, 108 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, for more information go to <https://www.facebook.com/rockwallgopmen>.

July 12, 2021 – RCRW General Meeting: 6:30 P.M., at Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club, 2600 Champions Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75087, guest speaker is Debra Harper.

July 17, 2021 – Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club Meeting: 1:00 P.M. at the Center At Rockwall City Place, 108 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, guest speaker is Alma Perez-Jackson.

July 20, 2021 – RCRW Happy Hour: 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., at Gianni's Italian Bistro, 465 Laurence Drive, Heath, Texas 75032.

July 31, 2021 – 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M., at the Springhill Suites, 2601 Lakefront Trail, Rockwall, Texas 75032, cost is \$25.00. For more information or to register, go to www.LeadershipInstitute.org/Texas

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

Rockwall Farmer's Market: 8:00 A.M. until Noon downtown Rockwall.

May 13, 2021 – July 29, 2021 – Concert by the Lake: 7:30 P.M. until 9:00 P.M., free concert series, every Thursday night at the Harbor.

June 22, 2021 – Walk the Bridge: 6:00 P.M., at the Rowlett/Rockwall 66 Bridge, purpose is to draw attention to the approximately 22 Veterans and First Responders who take their own lives each and every day.

June 26, 2021 – Empower7 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run: 7:30 A.M. at Wilkerson-Sanders memorial Stadium, 1215 T L Townsend, Rockwall, Texas 75087, for more information and tickets go to <https://www.empower7.org/5krun>.

June 26, 2021 – Royse City's Celebrating Freedom: 6:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M., Royse City ISD Stadium, 700 FM 2642, Royse City, Texas, admission is free, with a variety of food available for purchase.

July 3, 2021 – Rockwall Independence Day Parade and Firework Show: Parade begins at 11:00 A.M. and evening festivities begin at 7:00 P.M., price is free.

July 3, 2021 – Heath Independence Day Parade: Parade begins at 9:00 A.M.

July 10, 2021 – Soroptimist International of Rockwall's 2nd Annual Brunch and Bunco: 10:00 A.M. at the Yacht Club, 501 Yacht Club Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75032, cost is \$60.00. For tickets go to www.eventbrite.com/e/94077633735.

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.

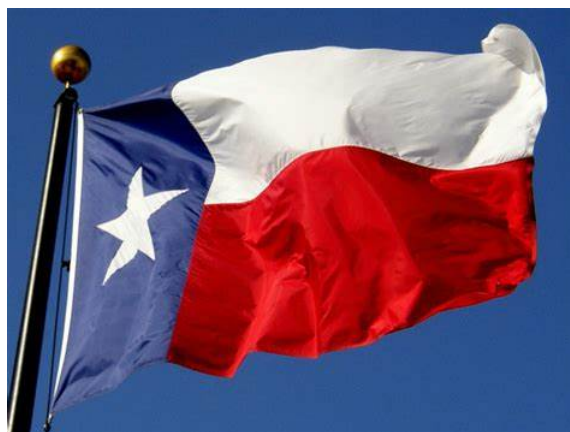
Fate City Council - Meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M.

Royse City 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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Website: <http://www.rcrw.org> - Facebook and Instagram: Rockwall County Republican Women