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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



Thank goodness, Texas will soon be open 100%! The great news on Texas Independence Day was a blessing for us all. It is wonderful to have a Governor who will now allow people and businesses to make their own decisions and no longer rule by Executive Order. I know that many of us are still recovering from the aftermath of the snow and ice storm, and while we pray for patience and guidance, we also pray for healing for our friends and family members who have been affected by COVID.

March is here and the Texas legislature is in full swing. I hope you have used the links provided for

you to log-on and watch committee hearings or log-on to track a bill. On the National level, President Biden and Nancy Pelosi are keeping our Congressman Fallon busy.

Your Executive Committee is also busy preparing for our monthly happy hours, upcoming monthly general meetings, our spring flower and silk scarf painting fundraisers, and lastly our Membership Luncheon! This year's Membership Luncheon theme is "Pretty in Pink" so pull out the pearls and hats and join us for a day of celebrating RCRW and the importance of our fellowship, while raising money for our scholarship fund. More information about the luncheon and how to buy tickets is listed herein. I look forward to seeing you soon.

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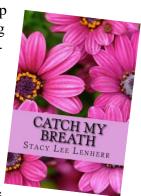
Tiffany L. Miller, RCRW President 972-977-3321 president@rcrw.org



PROGRAMS



Stacy Lee Lenherr is our guest speaker for our Membership Luncheon on March 27, 2021. Mrs. Lenherr's love of writing grew while in college. Mrs. Lenherr began interning for well-known entertainment reporter, George Pennacchio in Los Angeles, California. After graduating from Chapman University in Orange, California with a BFA in Film and Television, she went on to work in the publicity department at Columbia Pictures in Culver City, California. Mrs. Lenherr gives readers a glimpse of life in her shoes with her first novel, "Catch My Breath". It is a story of survival and the choices you make when faced with life's hardest decisions.



For our Membership Luncheon, we are asking Members who are attending to donate a table centerpiece worth a minimum of \$25.00 to be sold at our auction. If you are interested in donating a centerpiece, please contact me at almamcc75@hotmail.com.

For our April General Meeting, we will have the opportunity to meet our local candidates who are running for the various City Council, Mayor and Rockwall ISD Board of Trustees positions. Please join us as we hear from each of the candidates on who they are, why they are running and what they are hoping to accomplish while in office.

Date: April 12, 2021

Meeting Place: Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club 2600 Champions Drive Rockwall, TX 75087

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 or allowed.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Alma McClintock, Vice President, Programs

MEMBERSHIP REPORT



February was an interesting month, huh! We had a new record low temperature of minus 2 degrees on Tuesday morning of last week making it the coldest day in North Texas in 72 years! Then on top of the cold we had major power outages. That certainly didn't help with the cold temperatures. I know a lot of you have sustained damages through burst water pipes or water heaters. I hope everyone has had all their power restored and if you did suffer damages, may you get the repairs done quickly and get your homes back in order.

With that said, let's break another record by getting your 2021 Membership Application Renewal submitted and get someone you know to sign up who is not a member. We need you! Strength is in numbers and now more than ever we need to maintain our strength as an organization. We have had several new members join

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with quite a lot of renewals. However, we have not yet met our goal of renewing past and present members.

Currently as of February, we have added 24 new members and 75 member renewals. We now have 7 new associate members with 29 associate member renewals. Total membership for the 2021 year is at 135.

You may go to our website www.rcrw.org and download a Membership Application for you to complete and return with your payment. Please send it to our P.O. Box or bring it to our March Happy Hour or Membership Luncheon. I would encourage you to have your spouse join as an Associate Member. All dues from associate membership stays right here in our club. Also, remember daughters over 13 years of age may join as Affiliate Members.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Membership Luncheon on March 27, 2021, as well as, a lot of new faces.

Best Regards,

Karen Myers, Vice President of Membership

TREASURER'S REPORT



As of February 28, 2021:

| Balance forward | \$ 20,559.44 |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Income | \$ 1,765.00 |
| Expenses | \$ 2,901.79 |
| Grand Total | \$ 19,422.65 |
| Scholarship | \$ 837.64 |
| Working total | \$ 18,585.01 |

Frances White, Treasurer



CAMPAIGNS



Our local elections are extremely important and we need to make sure everyone is registered to vote. If you need to be re-deputized or deputized for the first time to register people to vote, RCRW will be hosting a training session on Monday March 15, 2021 at the Law Offices of David E. Rohlf, 102 E. Ross, Rockwall, Texas 75087. Whether you are being re-deputized or being deputized for the first time, you must take the Volunteer Deputy Registrar Examination from the Secretary of State. If you would like to take the examination ahead of time, please arrive at 5:30 P.M. and bring your completed examination with you to be graded. If you would like to attend the training and take the examination live, please arrive at 6:00 P.M. You must register with Alma McClintock to attend this training. Please contact Alma McClintock at almamcc75@hotmail.com to register or if you have any questions.

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If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Deputy Registrar but unable to attend the training, or would like to review the training guide and take the examination prior to attending on March 15, 2021, please see the links below:

The website that has all of the VDR information:

https://www.rockwallvotes.com/volunteer-deputy-registrar-training

Volunteer Deputy Registrar training guide that is available online through the Secretary of State:

https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/volunteer-deputy-registrar-training.pdf

Volunteer Deputy Registrar Examination from the Secretary of State:

https://www.sos.texas.gov/elections/forms/exam-volunteer-deputy-registrars.pdf#search=volunteer%20deputy%20registrar

Here are the steps to get certified without attending the March 15, 2021 training class:

- 1. Study the VDR training guide at the above link;
- 2. Print the VDR Examination from SOS and complete the test;
- 3. Call the Elections Office to set up an appointment; then,
- 4. Bring an ID and completed test to the Elections Office so that we can check the answers and discuss areas that need more clarification.

A quick reminder that every hour we spend promoting the GOP has value! Thank you to everyone that has taken the time to document and submit hours. And if you have not gotten in the habit, it is not too late! You may send your January and February hours to me at labandxray@gmail.com.

Blessings,

Toni Felts, Vice President, Campaigns

LEGISLATION



Hi everyone. I hope you are warm, safe and dry and that you are on your way to normalcy, whatever that may be at this time. As you may be aware, the Hot Ticket in the Texas Legislature is the power outage and crisis that the entire state experienced last week. The lucky ones were on the Protected Grids and the rest of us suffered and are suffering financially. The hearings are being held this week and ERCOT is on the hot seat. If you have heard any of the testimony, you will shake your head at their "rationale". ERCOT stands for Electric Reliability Council of Texas and they are in charge of running our power grid for the entire state. Did you know that the members of the ERCOT board are paid as follows: chief executive - \$883,000 with a staff of 20, 7 earn over \$300k, 2 earn over \$400k and 2 makes \$500k (according to their nonprofit 2018 federal tax filing).

It is difficult to focus on anything else however, other topics being considered at this time include the various appropriations bills, firearms and ammunition,

whether Texas should leave the USA, the manufacture and sale of cannabis, the use of deadly force in protecting one's home or property, and so many others. There have been 3553 bills introduced into this year's legislative session. As conservatives, we have several interests to keep an eye on. One in particular is banning the use of public funds for lobbying expenses and placing more restrictions on former legislators with regard to their ability to lobby. It is time our tax dollars had greater protection. We are also following bills pertaining to religious freedom and election integrity. If you have been following a particular topic, feel free to email me and I will include your comments in our newsletter.

Take care and pray for strength and good sense for our "leaders".

Pamela Miley, Vice President, Legislation

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RCRW SOCIAL TIME



Despite the weather and having to reschedule we had a full house at our wine & chocolate tasting fundraiser. Thank you to all who participated, it was a great success. Our next event will be themed for St. Patrick's Day. The Roundabout will be decorated for the Irish Holiday so come in your favorite green attire and enjoy! One of my favorite Irish Blessings ~ "May the sunshine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may the wind be always at your back."

Happy Hour: March 16, 2020 The Roundabout: 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. 308 N. Fannin Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087

Upcoming Fundraiser:

April 23, 2021 - Silk Scarf Painting & Complimentary Tea Tasting: 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., at Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, think "Mother's Day" gift ideas. Cost of the event is \$40.00 and additional scarves are \$10.00 each. Larger scarves can be provided upon request for an additional \$5.00. This will be a great Mother-Daughter or Ladies Night Out event!

Please rsvp via sign up genius - <u>RCRW: Silk scarf Painting (signupgenius.com)</u> and payment may be mailed to our P.O. Box or given at our March Happy Hour or Membership Luncheon. Deadline to register and payment to be received is April 9, 2021. A portion of the proceed sales will go to the RCRW scholarship fund.

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 <u>clancyindallas@yahoo.com</u>. Thank you again for showing your love for RCRW.

Jessica Metts, Social Chair











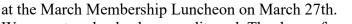


RCRW SCHOLARSHIP



Scholarship time is here!

We will select our scholarship recipient(s) in April and introduce them at our May General Meeting. Thank you to those that have already contributed to our 2021 RCRW Scholarship Fund. If you feel led to give, we will be available to receive your donations at both the RCRW Happy Hour on the 16th or at the March Membership Luncheon on March



We accept cash, check, or credit card. Thank you for your support!

Anna Campbell, Scholarship Chair

CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA



WHERE WILL ROCKWALL COUNTY LAND IN REDISTRICTING? It's time to pay attention!

Following the census each decade, all governmental districts are redrawn. That simply means that your home is located in a county precinct and that precinct is assigned representation in local, state, and national elections. Who will represent you in the U.S. Congress, who will represent you in the Texas Senate and who will represent you in the Texas House as well as what court hears your criminal and civil case will be determined; because the population of Texas has significantly increased since 2010, new congressional districts will be created, and urban districts will shrink in geographical size.

The 2020 census is complete, and Rockwall County will be assigned representation in this Legislative session (January 12-May 31). That is referred to as "redistricting." (Local County precincts are redrawn by our County Commissioners.) What district your county is assigned will determine in many cases the strength of your influence.

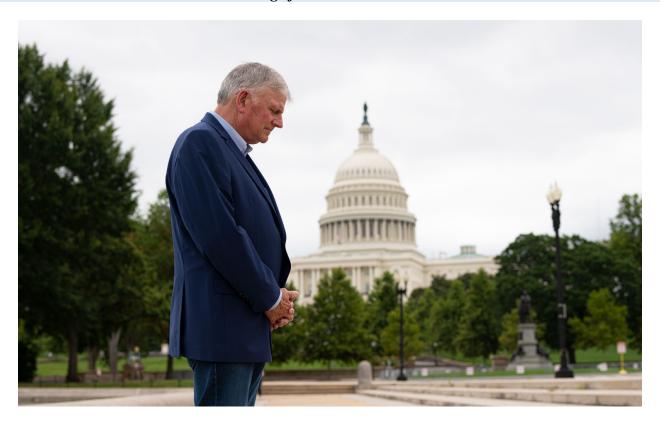
Every citizen is afforded the opportunity to voice their opinion. You are welcome to testify in the committee hearings. To find the time your area will be discussed go to: <u>2020s (texas.gov)</u> Because of the winter storm the hearings scheduled for last week have been rescheduled.

To find helpful information about testifying, go to: <u>Microsoft Word - REDISTRICTING HEARINGS</u> (constantcontact.com)

Robbi Hull, VP Legislation for Texas Federation of Republican Women is available to answer your questions. You may contact her at: vplegislation@tfrw.org,

TFRW – *February Update*

Ann Hettinger, Concerned Women for America



We Cannot Remain Silent!

The Equality Act is a dangerous threat to our nation.

I am writing to you about a very dangerous piece of legislation—the Equality Act. The Biden Administration has said they want to pass this within their first 100 days. I cannot say this more emphatically—for people, for businesses, and for ministries of faith, the Equality Act is a threat to life as we know it in our nation today. **It's a real game-changer.**

The Equality Act will:

- Designate schools, churches, and healthcare organizations as "public accommodations." With this, schools, churches, and hospitals could be forced to accept the government's beliefs and mandates about sexual orientation and gender identity. That would be highly intrusive and incredibly far-reaching. It will threaten everyday speech where people can be fined or lose their jobs for using the wrong name or pronouns.
- Legislate that we allow boys in girls' sports, boys in girls' locker rooms, men in women's shelters, and men in women's prisons. It will force teachers and students to publicly pretend that a biological male is a female. Schools will be encouraged or mandated to instruct first, second, and third

graders that they can choose to be a boy or a girl, or neither, or both, making biological sex (and science) a relic of the past.

- Use the force of law across all 50 states to strip Christian and other religious ministries of their right to hire people of shared faith to pursue a shared mission. Can you imagine a Christian organization being forced to hire people hostile to its deeply held beliefs who have no passion for its beliefs, teachings, and mission? That doesn't work.
- Strip health professionals of their rights of conscience. It will force doctors and medical professionals who long to do no harm to engage in gender transition treatments such as hormone-blocking, cross-sex hormones or surgery. It is obvious that a Catholic or faith-based hospital should not have to perform gender transition surgeries that go entirely against all they believe.
- Be a tool used by the government to deny or threaten accreditation to religious colleges and universities if they do not satisfy the demands of the secular Left to apply sexual orientation and gender identity to dorms, sports, places of privacy and even teachings. The Act could be used as a weapon to threaten the availability of federal student loans and grants to students at certain disfavored religious schools.

These are just a few examples. Friends, this is a pivotal time for our nation. This impact of this legislation is immense. We must not remain silent and accept what we know is wrong.

The House has already passed this legislation one time previously, so it will likely pass in the House again. But then it has to come to the Senate, and **we need you to contact your U.S. Senators to vote NO**. The progressive Left are zealous about this issue and will pull out all the stops to try to make it the law of the land.

People of faith need to PRAY. Churches need to recognize the significance of this and pray corporately, asking for God's intervention and mercy to extend the religious freedoms we have been blessed with for so long.

In these fleeting hours before the Equality Act comes up for a vote again, we must act now! **Please contact your** <u>congressmember</u> **and** <u>U.S. senators</u> **and ask them to vote NO.** I also encourage you to <u>let</u> <u>the White House know</u> about your strong opposition to this bill.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham President, Samaritan's Purse

SREC REPORT



Our Legislative Priorities: Election Integrity, Religious Freedom, Monument Protection, Children and Gender Modification, Constitutional Carry, Abolition of Abortion, School Choice for All, Ban Taxpayer Funded Lobbying, and The Chairman's Priority Executive Overreach.

We need your voice to get some action on our priorities. You may sign up for our weekly Legislative priority report at https://secure.texasgop.org/srec.priority-signup. Stay informed. Contact our Texas Legislators and tell them how you feel. Another sign-up for our Strategic Texas Activist Team (STAT) which gives you specific information regarding priorities you wish to support is https://www.texasgop.org/strategic-texas-activist-team/

If you have any questions or need talking points please contact me at 214-478-6100 or jerry.fishersd2@gmail.com. Together as Texas Republicans, we can accomplish much.

Jerry Fisher, SREC SD2 Committeewoman

TFRW REPORT



Update: Redistricting Hearing Information

New hearing dates are next week!! CLICK HERE to download your Redistricting Hearing Guide!

ON THE NATIONAL STAGE

Keep an eye on H.R.8 and H.R.1446, let Congressman Fallon know how you feel!

H.R. 8:

Requiring background checks for EVERY "transfer" (NOT just sale) of a firearm, thereby criminalizing private transfers of firearms that take place even inside your own home with limited "exceptions"

H.R. 1446: VERY LENGTHY delays for the sale of a firearm



ROCKWALL COUNTY
REPUBLICAN WOMEN
PRESENT THE

Pretty in Pink Memberships Luncheon

March 27, 2021 10:00-2:00

Guest Speaker Stacy Lee Lenherr

Tickets \$30.00 per person

Hats and Pearls are encouraged

You can purchase your tickets on our Facebook page or with this link: https://rcrw.simpletix.com/e/64340

> The Yacht Club 501 Yacht Club Dr, Rockwall, TX 75032

> > Cash Bar Silent and Live Auction

CALENDAR

Please see our website for updated information.

Republican Events:

March 13, 2021 - Republican Men's Club Meeting: 8:00 A.M., at The Center, 108 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, guest speaker is Texas Senator Bob Hall, for more information go to https://www.facebook.com/rockwallgopmen.

March 16, 2021 – RCRW Happy Hour: 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., at The Roundabout at 308 N Fannin Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087.

March 20, 2021 – Rockwall County Young Republicans' Family Day: 11:00 A.M. at Harry Myers Park, 901 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, this is a free event.

March 27, 2021 – RCRW Membership Luncheon: Doors open at 10:00 A.M., the event begins at 11:00 A.M. at The Yacht Club at Chandler's Landing; 501 Yacht Club Dr., Rockwall, TX 75032, guest speaker is author, Stacy Lee Lenherr, cost is \$30.00 per person for tickets go to: https://rcrw.simpletix.com/e/64340 or go to https://www.rcrw.org.

April 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 for lunch.

April 8, 2021 – GOP Candidate Forum: 6:30 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. at Liberty Hall, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Rockwall, Texas 75087.

April 10, 2021 - Republican Men's Club Meeting: 8:00 A.M., at The Center, 108 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, guest speaker is Texas House Representative, Justin Holland, for more information go to https://www.facebook.com/rockwallgopmen.

April 12, 2021 – RCRW General Meeting: 6:30 P.M., at Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club, 2600 Champions Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75087, this will be a meet and greet and introduction for the May 1, 2021 candidates.

April 14, 2021 – Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club Meeting: 6:30 P.M. at Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, guest speaker are Dr. Michael Ross and Raven Henson, for more information go to https://www.facebook.com/rockwallcountyhispanicrebulicanclub.

April 17, 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.

April 20, 2021 – RCRW Happy Hour: 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., at Good Eats, Buffalo Bills, located at 6310 Dalrock Rd, Suite 100, Rowlett, Tx 75088.

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

March 18, 2021 – First Responder Recognition Night, sponsored by Terry Fisher American Legion Post 117: 6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M., at 408 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, this is a free event.

March 20, 2021 – CASA Bunco & Bubbles: 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. at The Yacht Club at Chandler's Landing; 501 Yacht Club Dr., Rockwall, TX 75032, for tickets go to https://www.lonestarcasa.kindful.com/e/casa-bunco-bubbles.

April 1, 2021, Selah Creek 2021 Dessert Banquet/Fundraiser: 6:30 P.M. Cornerstone Rockwall Church, 1565 Airport Road, Rockwall, Texas 75087, keynote speaker is Amy Ford, Embrace Grace, for tickets go to https://www.sc2021.eventbrite.com.

April 10, 2021 – Rockwall Women's League Charity Ball "A Million Dreams": 6:00 P.M. at the Star, 1 Cowboys Way, Frisco, Texas 75034, for tickets text rwlmeow to 243725 or https://one.bidpal.net/dreams2021/welcome.

April 16, 2021 – Rockwall Rotary Clay Shoot: 10:30 A.M., at Texas Gun Ranch, 15950 State Highway 205, Terrell, Texas 75160, lunch is included, for more information go to https://www.rockwallclayshoot.com.

April 24, 2021 – 5th Annual Go Blue For Kids Gala – A Blue Ribbon A – Fair, benefiting Children's Advocacy Center for Rockwall County: 6:30 P.M. at <u>Hilton Dallas/Rockwall Lakefront</u>, <u>2055 Summer Lee Drive, Rockwall</u>, <u>TX 75032</u>, for tickets go to https://bidpal.net/goblueforkids.

May 7, 2021 – Meal on Wheels Golf Tournament: 1:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M., at Buffalo Creek Golf Club, 624 Country Club Drive, Heath, Texas 75032, for more information and tickets go to https://www.rockwallmealsonwheels.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 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.