

Rockwall County Republican Women

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Melba Jeffus

President's Message

I hope everyone is well and recovered from the hustle and bustle of the holidays. I caught an upper respiratory infection the end of Dec. that morphed into bronchitis and then pneumonia so most of January has been occupied with healing. I am finally feeling like myself again.

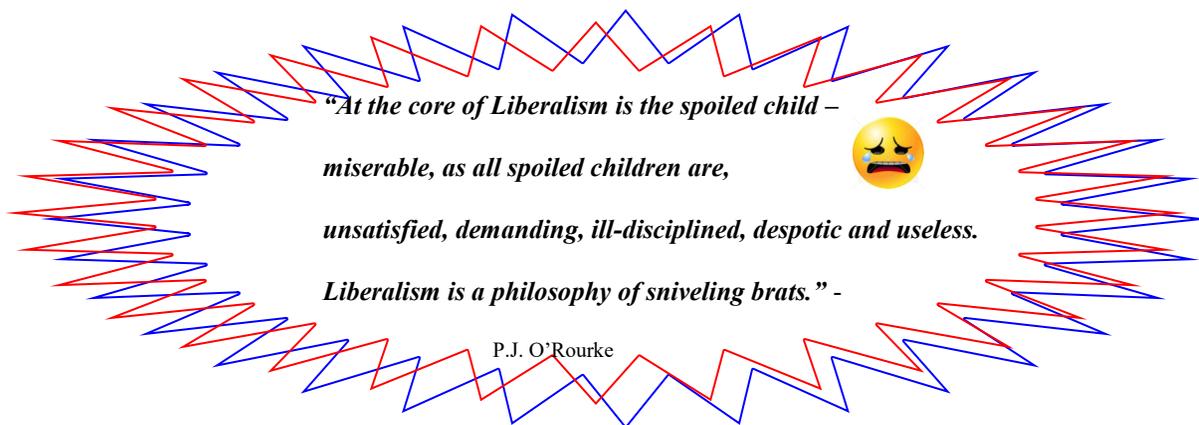
Bill Broderick finished his committed time at the GOP office the end of January. RCRW is now officially in charge. Please, please check your calendar to see if you can give a few hours each month to help us keep a presence in the office. The office hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 AM – 2 PM. These have been our office hours for many years and we would like to keep

them the same. I have a few people who have said they can volunteer a day or two each month. If you have even 1 day a month when you can help us, please call me or text me. My home # is 972-772-0496 and my cell # is 214-802-3225. We really need your help! We will be starting another important election cycle later this year and we need to keep our momentum and visibility working for us in the community.

Have you purchased your tickets for the Reagan Day Gala? This is my favorite Republican event of the year and it's always such a fantastic evening for everyone. You do not want to miss this. There is an article in this

newsletter with registration and other additional information.

Your board is planning to attend TFRW Legislative Day April 6th in Austin. We would love to take many of our members with us. It would be fantastic to have RCRW show up with a big turnout. You can register at tfrw.org. Click on events in the toolbar and you will get a link in the drop down box. Be sure you state on your registration that you want to sit with our club. Some of us are going down on Wednesday to attend the Belles and Boots event. We would love to have you with us for that too. Please contact me or Laverne after you register to let us know you are going.



OUR NEXT MEETING

Tiffany Miller, VP of Programs

Join us Monday, February 13 at the Harry Myers Community Center for our monthly meeting, Greg Bray from Senator Hall's office will be our guest speaker and will provide a legislative update. A Mexican dinner will be served at 6:30pm, program begins at 7:00pm. Please contact Pam Benedetto, Hospitality Chair, at pamelabenedetto2@gmail.com or 214-280-2088 concerning your culinary offering.

REAGAN DAY WINE PULL

If you would like to donate a bottle of wine with a purchase price of at least \$20.00 to the Reagan Day Wine Pull, please bring your bottle to the RCRW meeting on February 13, or contact Tiffany Miller at tlm_atty@aol.com.

February, 2017

Laverne Kennimer, Editor

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Calendar of Events

February 13 RCRW Meeting
February 25 REAGAN DAY,
February 28 RCRW Board Meeting

2017 RCRW Board

• PRESIDENT	Melba Jeffus
• VP PROGRAMS	Tiffany Miller
• VP MEMBERSHIP	Janice Carson
• VP LEGISLATION	Ann Hettinger
• VP CAMPAIGNS	Frances White
• VP MULTICULTURAL OUTREACH	Anna Campbell
• SECRETARY	Angie Selman
• TREASURER	Donna Rolater
• PAST PRESIDENT	Laverne Kennimer
• HOSPITALITY CHAIR	Pam Benedetto

OUR MISSION

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 nominee

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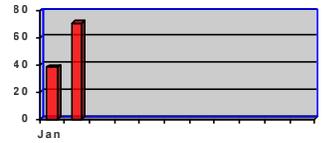
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VP OF MEMBERSHIP

Dr. Janice Carson

WATCH US GROW



Don't forget your dues for 2017
We want you as a RCRW member.



Order your Rockwall County Republican Women Badge. The price is a reasonable \$6.00. Contact me at (972)772-2808 or dripc2003@yahoo.com

Reagan Day!



WHEN: Saturday, February 25, 2017
TIME: Doors open 6PM, Program starts 7PM
LOCATION: Hidden Creek
215 Chris Cury Pkwy, Heath, TX

New Beginnings



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Sgt. Jason Morgan
<http://ssgtjasonmorgan.com>



Arrive early to see and bid on all the silent auction items. Tickets are \$100 each if purchased prior to February 15, 2017. After that date ticket price will be \$125. If you are interested in purchasing a table or prefer to not pay by credit card, please contact Tiffany Miller directly at tjm_atty@aol.com. Sponsors should contact Jerry Fisher at jff_fisher@hotmail.com

SPONSOR LEVELS

	DIAMOND \$3500	SAPPHIRE \$2500	RUBY \$1200
◆ Exclusive table location	X		
◆ Premier table location		X	
◆ Priority table location			X
◆ Seating for 10 guests	X	X	X
◆ Complimentary champagne and wine during event	X		
◆ 2 Complimentary bottles of champagne		X	
◆ Complimentary US and Texas flags flown over capitals	X		
◆ Commemorative Reagan glass for each table guest	X	X	X
◆ Framed photo with Guest Speaker	X	X	X
◆ Prominent visibility in video loop	X		
◆ High Visibility in video loop		X	
◆ Visibility in video loop			X
◆ Program, press release and GOP website recognition	X		
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MELBA JEFFUS



RCRW PRESIDENT

I was born and raised in Paris, TX. I love that I grew up in a small town. I am very proud to be a native Texan! I grew up with a “stay at home” Republican mom and a Democrat daddy! Election cycles were “spirited” in our home. I can remember many of those discussions ending with the statement, “well, at least I know I’ll cancel your vote!” The first time I voted was the Lyndon Johnson/Barry Goldwater election. Daddy took me to the polls and told me to vote for LBJ and I did. That was the one and ONLY time I ever voted Democrat! Daddy was a lifelong Democrat, but I think it would break his heart to see what they have become.

On March 8, 1964 I had a blind date with a cute, young college student who would become the love of my life. I had never met anyone who had so much self confidence and had his entire life mapped out. He was going to school in Dallas and his roommate was engaged to my roommate. They were the ones who arranged the blind date. When that picnic was over I never intended to see him again. God had another plan. Not long after that picnic we ended up at the same party. When I talked to him again I thought he was nice and very funny. The next weekend he came back to Paris. Not long after that I was hopelessly in love. On Sunday afternoon Feb. 14th, 1965 we were married in the chapel of Paris Jr. College. This year we will celebrate our 52nd anniversary! Thank you, Lord, for this incredible blessing!

That spring he finished his computer degree and went to work for Braniff Airlines. We loved that “non-rev” traveling, but the Viet Nam war was escalating and in 1966 Stan was drafted. Because of his ROTC and college he was sent to OCS. The next 4 years were very uncertain, scary and involved a lot of moving around. By 1970 Stan was back at Braniff, we bought our first home and life was good again.

In 1974 God blessed us with the cutest baby girl ever - Jennifer Elizabeth Jeffus! Over the years we had talked a lot about the vision for our family. We both felt very strongly about me being a full time mom. I loved being able to be involved in everything that was part of being a mom.

At our church I volunteered with a friend to coordinate all of the social activities such as luncheons, dinners, teas, organize decorating the church for Christmas, and working with brides to coordinate their big day. One day we decided to start a wedding coordinating business. It was very rewarding to be a part of the happiest day in their life.

When Jennifer graduated from high school and started college, I began another career with the Dallas County Community College District. It started as a way to supplement her college funds. I started in Financial Aid helping students organize their paperwork and complete their applications. Later I was promoted to a position in the Marketing Department. I finished my 18 years with the district as the senior administrative assistant to the assistant director of the Information Technology Department. I retired in 2013.

We moved to Rockwall in 2004. As soon as we moved to Rockwall I began attending City Council and Planning and Zoning meetings. As a result, I was asked to serve for 6 years on the Architectural Review Board. This was a great opportunity to learn about my new city and meet people. I joined RCRW in 2010. Jerry Fisher and Laverne Kennimer quickly made sure that I became involved in club activities. As we all know, the more you invest your time in an organization the more you get back. RCRW has become part of my family and I love the work that we do.

God puts us on this earth for 2 purposes - to worship Him and love/care for each other. He has everything else planned. All we have to do is get out of bed; get dressed; and put one foot in front of the other, doing the work that He has for us to accomplish. I am very blessed and I am very grateful for all He has done in my life.

HOSPITALITY CHAIR	3 YEARS	(editor's note)
VP OF PROGRAMS	2 YEARS	RECIPIENT OF TFRW 2016
PRESIDENT	NOW SERVING 3RD YEAR	TRIBUTE TO WOMEN AWARD



Smiles



Our very own, Sheriff Harold Eavenson (see arrow), meets with our very own, President Donald Trump, on February 7, 2017. Sheriff Eavenson is President of the National Sheriff's Association. Congratulations to all the Deplorables!!!!

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ELECTION INFORMATION



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Becoming a Precinct Chair:

Contact your county chair and ask where the Rockwall County Executive meetings are held. Attend those meetings and ask how you can become a Precinct Chairman. If you live in voting precincts 2B, 3, or 4B then it is possible, at this time, that you can be appointed to that position by a majority vote of the County Executive Committee.

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