



National Federation  
of Republican Women

Engaging and Empowering Women Since 1938

# FEBRUARY 2021 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***



2021 has already brought new challenges and opportunities to show our community what it means to be a Republican Woman. We are intelligent, passionate, and fair-minded, but we also are compassionate, God Loving, and respectful women. We respect our newly elected officials, and we respect our neighbors. As we navigate through 2021, we will still be the women who lead by example and we will continue to fight to keep our conservative principles at the forefront of this wonderful county and country. That is why we must support our Republican elected officials and hold them accountable.

We want all our members to be able to participate in our General Meetings; therefore, our meetings are now being hosted live and on Zoom. The Zoom link will be e-mailed out to you prior to each meeting.

We are excited about our first wine and chocolate tasting fundraiser benefiting our scholarship fund. This is a great way to have a date night, without the Valentine's Day crowds! More details are listed below. Also, in this newsletter you will find information about our March Membership Luncheon, the new date for the GOP Gatsby Gala and so much more. Mark your calendars and I look forward to seeing each of you soon.

God Bless,

*Tiffany L. Miller, RCRW President*

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## ***PROGRAMS***



Our February General Meeting will be:

Date: February 8, 2021.

Time: 6:30 P.M.

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

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Nicholas Cooper Macpherson, MD, who is a non-invasive cardiologist with special expertise in echo-cardiography and nuclear cardiology. He enjoys caring for patients with a full range of cardiovascular conditions, from preventative counseling to advanced coronary, valvular, and vascular disease; heart failure; and arrhythmias.

With February being Heart Health month, Dr. Macpherson will be discussing women's heart health.

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.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and our website for more information.

*Alma McClintock, Vice President, Programs*

## ***MEMBERSHIP REPORT***



Now more than ever, we need your support for our club and our Republican candidates to continue to be a success and to grow our organization! Republicans in the Texas House and Texas Senate held onto the 20-year majority and are now positioned to further entrench their power until the next redistricting rolls around in 2031.

Our 2021 renewal campaign for membership is starting and will continue until March 31, 2021. We must stay committed to our party and club and are counting on you and your continued membership. There are so many opportunities, social events and information we send you through our monthly newsletter, which we will continue to send you through March 31, 2021, unless you renew your membership.

If you have not already received the 2021 Membership Application, you may go to our website [www.rcrw.org](http://www.rcrw.org) and download a Membership Application to complete and return with your payment. Please send it to our P.O. Box or bring it to our General Meeting, Happy Hour or Membership Luncheon. The Membership Luncheon information is listed below. I would encourage you to have your spouse join as an Associate Member. All dues from associate membership stay right here in our club. Also, remember daughters/granddaughters over 13 years of age may join as Affiliate Members.

Best Regards,

*Karen Myers, Vice President of Membership*

## TREASURER'S REPORT



As of January 31, 2021:

Balance forward	\$ 20,149.63
Income	\$ 1,255.00
Expenses	<u>\$ 845.19</u>
Grand Total	\$ 20,559.44
Scholarship	<u>\$ 797.64</u>
Working total	\$ 19,761.80

*Frances White, Treasurer*

## CAMPAIGNS



I would like to talk about the value of reporting campaign hours. Why take the time to document and report them? Of course, it's because we want TFRW and others to take notice of all our hard work to promote conservative values, but I like this reason also:

"Because it is a tangible demonstration of the value of the work our members do. It's great to translate hours to dollars' worth of campaign work that a candidate did not have to raise or spend" -Theresa Kosmoski, TFRW Past President

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! I will be announcing our 4th quarter and 2020 top contributor at our February meeting and will discuss ways I'm going to make it easier for you to report!

Additionally, we have local elections this May with early voting starting in April. If you are interested in working the polls, please see the following links for more information and training. We will be providing you more information on when and where to sign up to work.

Most importantly we need to make sure everyone is registered to vote. If you need to be re-deputized or deputized for the first time in order to register people to vote, RCRW will be hosting a training session on February 10, 2021. For more information or to register for the training, please contact Alma McClintock at [almamcc75@hotmail.com](mailto:almamcc75@hotmail.com) or myself at [labandxray@gmail.com](mailto:labandxray@gmail.com).

Click here for Online Poll Worker training and information: [Texas Online Poll Worker Training](#).

Blessings,

*Toni Felts, Vice President, Campaigns*

## **LEGISLATION**



The Texas Legislative session has begun, and the Texas GOP has established its Legislative Priorities upon which to focus and they are as follows: Election Integrity, Religious Freedom, Children and Gender Modification, Abolition of Abortion, Constitutional Carry, Monument Protection, School Choice for All, and Banning Taxpayer Funded Lobbying.

The officers of the Texas GOP are as follows: Ret. Lt. Col. Allen West, State Chairman, Cat Parks, State Vice Chair, Vergel Cruz, Secretary, Dr. Robin Armstrong, National Committeeman, Toni Anne Dashiell, National Committeewoman, Susana Dokupil, General Counsel, Richard Hayes, Parliamentarian, Tim O'Hare, Treasurer, Cmdr. (ret) Rich Stoglin, Chaplain, Ed Trevis, Finance Chairman, and Dr. Tim Wheatley, RPT Historian.

Dade Phelan has been elected as Speaker of the House. 1395 Bills have been introduced in the House. Lt. Governor Dan Patrick serves as leader of the Senate. 400 Bills have been introduced in the Senate. 7 Bills have already been passed by the House and Senate.

Representative Holland has introduced HB 893 regarding alcohol consumption and HR 24 regarding Commissioner Magness.

State Senator Bob Hall is on the following committees: Veteran Affairs and Border Security, Education, Health and Human Services, Local Government and State Affairs. Please email me at [pmileylaw@yahoo.com](mailto:pmileylaw@yahoo.com) with the topics of interest for us to follow as the session continues and if you would like to assist in keeping an eye on this year's legislation.

*Pamela Miley, Vice President, Legislation*

## **RCRW SOCIAL TIME**



Valentine's Day is perhaps what our souls need. Hot chocolate, flowers, maybe a splash of color on a white canvas, or a self-love pep talk. The day reminds us all to reaffirm our love of oneself and more so our Country. With the recent events in the world love is something we can all lead with to encourage not only our own Republican Party but those of like-minded ideas. Wishing you all lots of love!

I would like to extend a special thank you to RCRW Member, Stacy Massar, with Massar Realty Group for sponsoring this month's meeting. 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](mailto:clancyindallas@yahoo.com). Thank you again for showing your love for RCRW.



## Upcoming Social Events:



### LET'S WINE AND CHOCOLATE

***Scout and Cellar Wine and Chocolate Tasting: February 11, 2021*** – benefiting the RCRW Scholarship Fund: 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., at Rotary Hall, 408 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, free event but there are limited seats so you must register at:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showRSVPSignUp/20F044AABA92DA4FD0-wine>

***Our February Happy Hour:*** February 16, 2021, 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., at Primo's Tex-Mex Grille, 4861 Bass Pro, Garland, Texas 75043.

*Jessica Metts, Social Chair*

### ***RCRW SCHOLARSHIP***



As your Scholarship Chair, I cannot express how proud I am of the generous women (and men) of this organization that have previously contributed to the academic future of young conservative ladies in our community. Starting February 1st, young ladies all over our county will be filling out and sending in scholarship applications. If you know of a conservative young lady in Rockwall ISD, Royse City ISD, Home School Program, Private School, please email their name and contact information to [rockwallcampbells@gmail.com](mailto:rockwallcampbells@gmail.com). Once the application is published, I will send it to the student. We will select our scholarship recipients in April and introduce them to the club in May.

Again, thank you to those that have contributed in the past. God Bless! To all, please consider donating to the 2021 Scholarship Fund. Monetary donations appreciated. You can also show your support at our upcoming fundraisers. Please stay tuned for more information on how you can help the 2021 RCRW Scholarship Recipients.

*Anna Campbell, Scholarship*

## ***SREC REPORT***



“What are we going to do?” “We need a third party.” “I will never vote Republican again.” “My vote won’t count so why vote.” These are statements I have heard since the inauguration. I am stressed too, but we must remain focused on our country. As SREC Resolutions Chair I have presented eleven resolutions since the convention. The main one was to open Texas. The SREC also presented eight legislative priorities. I am asking you to choose a legislative priority that you are passionate about and contact your Texas Legislator to accomplish the priorities. We do not need a third party. We need conservative Republicans to represent us. We need to hold our Republicans accountable to their stated conservative values. We need to be ready for 2022, but now we have local elections. We need to vet our candidates and keep them on task to what they promised. We can keep Texas red and we will. Another major issue is redistricting. The attached links will give you information on what is happening with the Texas Legislature. Thank you for staying informed. [TLO \(texas.gov\)](https://tlo.texas.gov), [www.TXLegiscapital.texas.gov](http://www.TXLegiscapital.texas.gov) and [Texas Legislature | 2021-2022 | 87th Legislature | LegiScan](https://www.texaslegislature.com/2021-2022/87th) and [www.legiscan.com/TX](http://www.legiscan.com/TX).

### ***TEXAS GOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES***

#### **Election Integrity**

Require citizenship verification of each voter, and felony penalties for Election Code violations that threaten election integrity.

#### **Religious Freedom**

Restore the rights of individuals, organizations and businesses, to exercise their sincerely held religious beliefs by prohibiting local ordinances, state laws, or executive orders that violate those rights.

#### **Children and Gender Modification**

Abolish the following practices for minors: intervention to prevent natural progression of puberty; administration of opposite sex hormones; and performance of any type of gender reassignment surgery.

#### **Abolition of Abortion**

Abolish abortion by ensuring the right to life and equal protection of the laws to all preborn children from the moment of fertilization.

#### **Constitutional Carry**

Restore legal Texas firearms owners’ rights to carry them openly or concealed without a permit, while maintaining the option of a permit for reciprocity purposes.

#### **Monument Protection**

All monuments or markers in our state shall be protected by law from being removed, defaced, destroyed, or otherwise dishonored. In particular, specific protection shall be given to the Alamo Cenotaph which shall not be removed from its current location off the Alamo Battlefield footprint.

#### **School Choice for All**

Empower parents and guardians to choose from public, private, charter, or homeschool options for their children’s education using tax credits or exemptions without government restraint or intrusion.

#### **Ban Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying**

Abolish all forms of taxpayer-funded lobbying.

#### **Legislative Priorities Working Group: Sub-Committee Chairs:**

**Election Integrity:** Tanya Robertson - [tanya@tanya4tx.com](mailto:tanya@tanya4tx.com)

**Religious Freedom:** Abraham George - [contact@abrahamgeorge.com](mailto:contact@abrahamgeorge.com)

**Children and Gender Modification:** Jill Glover - [j.glover6@verizon.net](mailto:j.glover6@verizon.net)

**Abolition of Abortion:** Jon Kerr - [sd22col.ker@gmail.com](mailto:sd22col.ker@gmail.com)

**Constitutional Carry:** Stephen Stanely - [sd02srecman@gmail.com](mailto:sd02srecman@gmail.com)

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**School Choice for All:** Mark Dorazio - [mdorazio@dorazioenterprises.com](mailto:mdorazio@dorazioenterprises.com)

**Ban Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying:** Terry Harper - [gop.terryharper@gmail.com](mailto:gop.terryharper@gmail.com)

*Jerry Fisher, SREC Representative SD2*



## Do We Need a “Fairness in Women’s Sports” Bill?

Several bills will be filed in the current session of the Texas legislature to support the restriction of biological gender to determine the eligibility for competitors in sporting events and competitions. Idaho leads the nation in passing this kind of legislation. That bill, known as the “Fairness In Women’s sports Act,” is now under challenge.

Title IX reads: “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance...” Because of this legal description, women’s sports have flourished. If, however, biologically born males, with their inherent physical strength, are given the right to compete in women’s sports competitions as “transgenders”, with biologically born females, female sports will no longer exist, and thousands of female athletes will be relegated to “also rans.”

Texas needs to pass this legislation to protect the integrity of women’s sports and support the tens of thousands of female runners, swimmers, tennis players, soccer players, and a myriad of other sports competitions now being compromised by transgender males.

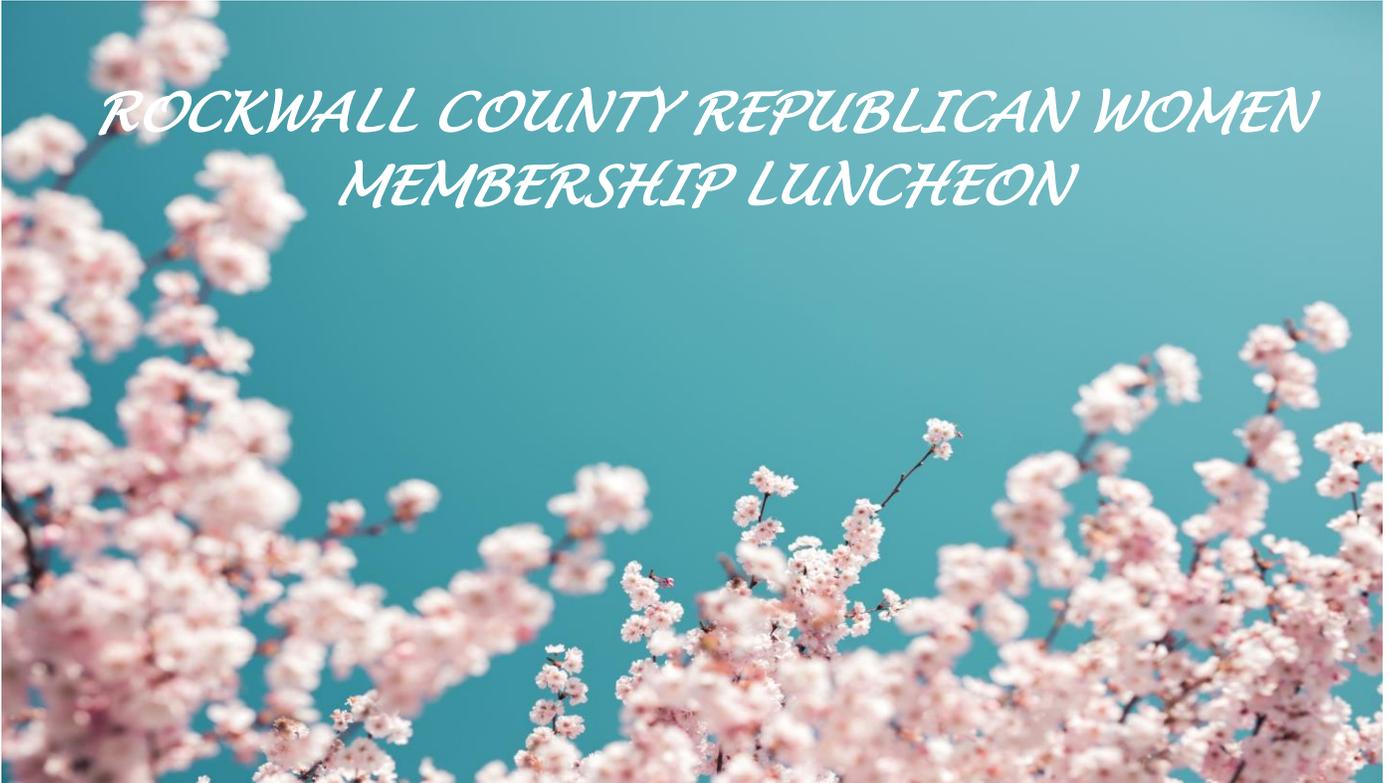
Sen. Charles Perry has filed SB 373, “Relating to requiring public school students to participate in interscholastic athletic activities based on biological sex.” Other similar bills will be filed. Please urge your Senator and Representative to support this protection for female athletics.

*Ann Hettinger, Concerned Women for America*

On January 26, 2021, the Rockwall County Republican Women's Executive Committee voted and passed the revised Standing Rules.

## **STANDING RULES**

1. The Membership dues will be \$40.00 per year, including Associate and Affiliate Members.
2. Our General Meetings will be held on the second Monday of January, February, April, May, June, July, August, September, October and November, when possible.
3. General Meetings may be held or simultaneously broadcasted via Zoom or any other online meeting sharing program.
4. In March we have our membership meeting, and in the Fall, we have our Woman of Influence Happy Hour, when possible.
5. The RCRW Executive Committee reserves the right to verify any new member by reviewing social media, their primary voting history and references by other members prior to being accepted into the club.
6. The RCRW Executive Committee reserves the right to refuse membership to anyone without giving them a reason.
7. The RCRW Executive Committee may revoke anyone's membership for conduct unbecoming of a Club member, i.e., not supporting the club, the Executive Committee, voting in a Democrat primary, or other acts deemed unbecoming by the Executive Committee. This vote must be a unanimous vote by the entire Executive Committee.
8. Voting Executive Committee members are: The President, Vice President of Programs, Vice President of Campaigns, Vice President of Legislation, Secretary, Treasurer, PAC Treasurer, Vice President of Membership, and all Committee Chairs, provided they do not have a Vice President counterpart. Proxy votes are not allowed.
9. The President must have been a member of the Executive Committee for 2 consecutive years immediately prior to being elected President.
10. RCRW Executive Committee will meet on the last Tuesday of the month as needed. RCRW Executive Board may meet via Zoom, or any other online/telephone meeting sharing program, teleconference, e-mail or by any other means available.
11. RCRW Executive Committee may vote via Zoom, or any other online/telephone meeting sharing program, teleconference, e-mail, or by text. Voting results shall be kept by the Secretary.



*ROCKWALL COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON*

**Date: Saturday, March 27, 2021**

**Time: Doors open at 10:00 a.m. and Event begins at 11:00 a.m.**

**Place: The Yacht Club at Chandler's, 501 Yacht Club Dr., Rockwall, TX 75032**

**Guest Speaker: Author, Stacy Lee Lenherr**

*Lunch*

*Cash Bar*

*Silent and Live Auction*

**Tickets are \$30.00 per person and will go on sale soon.**



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OR Sharon 214-674-5374 or Toni 817-614-7361.

## CALENDAR

*Please see our website for updated events:*

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

February 3, 2021 - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:45 A.M., at Luigi's Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 cost is \$12.00.

February 3 – 5, 2021 – TFRW Legislative Day, at the AT&T Hotel and Conference Center 1900 University Ave, Austin, TX 78705, for more information go to <https://www.tfrw.org>.

February 8, 2021 – RCRW General Meeting: 6:30 P.M., at Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club, 2600 Champions Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75087, guest speaker is Dr. Nicholas Cooper Macpherson, M.D.

February 11, 2021 – Scout and Cellar Wine and Chocolate Tasting benefiting the RCRW Scholarship Fund: 6:00 until 8:00 P.M., at Rotary Hall, 408 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, free event but there are limited seats so you must register at:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showRSVPSignUp/20F044AABA92DA4FD0-wine>

February 13, 2021 - Republican Men's Club Meeting: 8:30 A.M., at The Center, 108 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, guest speaker is Texas GOP Chair, Allen West, for more information go to <https://www.facebook.com/rockwallgopmen>.

February 16, 2021 – RCRW Happy Hour: 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., at Primo's Tex-Mex Grille, 4861 Bass Pro, Garland, Texas 75043.

February 18, 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 is Betsy Gallagher.

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March 24, 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; 501 Yacht Club Dr., Rockwall, TX 75032, guest speaker is author, Stacy Lee Lenherr, cost is \$30.00 per person and tickets will go on sale soon.

April 17, 2021 – GOP Annual Reagan Day Fundraiser – The Great Gatsby Gala 2021: VIP Activities begin at 4:00 P.M., Registration and Silent Auction begin at 5:30 P.M., Dinner/Program/Games start at 7:00 P.M. at the Hilton Dallas/Rockwall Lakefront. 1920's attire encouraged, but not required. For more information go to <http://bidpal.net/repgatsbygala>

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

February 13, 2021 – Virtual Chocolate Indulgence benefiting Women In Need: 6:00 P.M. until Midnight, for more information go to <https://wintexas.org>.

February 18, 2021 – First Responder Recognition Night: 6:00 P.M., sponsored by Terry Fisher American Legion Post 117, at 408 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087.

February 21, 2021 – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Baskets of Hope, benefiting Royse City Paws: 11:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. at Sweetwater Grill, 4884 State Highway 276, Union Valley, Texas 75189, free event, open to the public.

March 8-12, 2021 – Spring Break, Rockwall Independent School District.

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 go to <https://one.bidpal.net/dreams2021/welcome>.

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

***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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