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SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

TFRW Region #5

Senate District #2



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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



August was a dreadful month for our country and community because of COVID illnesses, deaths, Afghanistan, wildfires and hurricanes. I know we all prayed a little harder, a little more often and a little longer than usual. However, we all know that with God’s mercy, there is a light at the end of the tunnel and we must continue to move forward.

Fall is upon us, which brings Friday night football games and pumpkin spice, and we are one month closer to Republicans being able to take control of the U.S. House of

Representatives in 2022! We have many events planned in the coming months that will allow us to be out and about in the community registering people to vote, discussing the November 2021 election, and the 2022 election primaries.

September brings back memories for it was 20 years ago that our lives changed forever. We will always remember and honor those who lost their lives that day.

At the Republican Men’s Meeting on September 11, 2021, beginning at 7:45 a.m., at the Center (see the calendar for more information) in addition to the normal coffee, water and donuts, RCRW will be providing breakfast to the attendees and all first responders. If you are able to attend, please come early and bring a breakfast dish or help set up and serve. Please contact Pam Benedetto at pamelabenedetto2@gmail.com.

Lastly, if you are attending the TFRW Convention in October and have not yet told me, please do so before noon on Friday, September 10. God Bless,

Tiffany L. Miller, RCRW President
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PROGRAMS



Welcome to FALL!!!

Our September speaker will be Judge Stephani Woodward. She will be speaking to us about her role as a Judge in Rockwall County, what it's like to be a female judge in the county and how more women can get involved at the county level.

Date: September 13, 2021
Meeting Place: Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club
2600 Champions Drive Rockwall, TX 75087
Time: 6:30 p.m.

"Don't California My Texas!" part 2!!! – Dennis London will be our October speaker. He will be speaking about the new things that California is doing and how to help ensure it doesn't happen to our wonderful Lone Star State.

Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors – they will not want to miss this meeting.

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

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our "Sip & Shop" at Divas & Darlings. We were able to raise \$600.00 for the club. We could not have done it without our wonderful members.



October 2, 2021, 6:00PM – 9:00PM at Rustic Rail Golf Club in Crandall, TX - we are joining the ladies from the Kaufman County Republican Women's Club for their Ladies Bunco Night. You will not want to miss this event. Scan the code for more information and to purchase tickets.



Our 1st RCRW cookbook is on its way to being published. This is a very exciting time. Be sure to reserve your copy today to ensure you have one waiting for you when they arrive!

Be sure to follow us on all social media platforms:

- Website - <http://www.rcrw.org/>
- Facebook - @RCRWTX
- Instagram - rockwallcountyrepublicanwomen



Exciting things are on the horizon, be sure to join us for all the fun!!!

Alma McClintock, Vice President, Programs

MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Hello! It's almost Labor Day and the last holiday before the end of summer. Have a safe and fun long weekend! Also, as we come upon the anniversary of 9/11, keep those that lost their lives, survivors and their families and loved ones in your prayers. May we never forget the sacrifice of all the first responders made on that day!

Once again, we had a great turnout at our last happy hour at Cruzito's. It was my first time to enjoy their really good food. Definitely, will have to go back. We had 5 new members join RCRW and we are so happy to have them as new members and associate members. Please give them a warm welcome when you get a chance meet them.

New members are as follows:

- Jacqueline Burluson
- Susan and Bruce Edwards (Associate)
- Lisa Powers
- Stephanie Sloan



With addition of our new members as of the end of August our total membership numbers are:

- Active members: 176
- Associates: 52
- Honorary: 3
- Total Members 231

Best Regards,

Karen Myers, Vice President of Membership

TREASURER'S REPORT



As of August 30, 2021:

Balance Forward	\$13,288.03
Income	\$ 1,085.00
Membership	\$ 240.00
Nametags	\$ 50.00
T-shirt sales	\$ 45.00
B&B Reimbursement	\$ 750.00
Expenses	\$ 531.55
Bank fees	\$ 3.58
Reimbursement/Printing	\$ 325.57
Reimbursement/TFRW	<u>\$ 202.40</u>
Grand Total	\$13,841.48



Scholarship Account:

Opening balance	\$ 2,204.54
Income	\$ 0.00
Expense Isabella Carlson UNT	\$ <u>2,000.00</u>
Grand Total	\$ 204.54

Frances White, Treasurer

CAMPAIGNS



Hello Friends!

Thanks for all you do and remember to report your August hours as soon as possible. Call or email me if you have questions at 817-614-7361 or labandxray@gmail.com.

Blessings,
Toni Felts, Vice President, Campaigns



LEGISLATION



The summer is coming to an end and school has resumed. The Democrats came back to Austin after almost 6 weeks of hiding in plain sight in the DC Swamp to avoid performing their responsibilities as elected officials.

Texas News:

SB1 regarding Voter Integrity has passed and is being sent to Governor Abbott who stated he will sign the Bill into law: "Senate Bill 1 will solidify trust and confidence in the outcome of our elections by making it easier to vote and harder to cheat. I look forward to signing Senate Bill 1 into law, ensuring election integrity in Texas." This State and the entire U.S.A. needs to continue to provide honest elections and preserve the sanctity of U.S. elections.

SB 3 regarding Critical Race Theory which expands the prohibition for teaching CRT in our public schools for grades K-12 and all subjects has passed out of the Senate committee and is on its way to the House. Kudos to our local folks who continue to fight CRT in Rockwall ISD.

The Texas Heartbeat Act which went into effect on September 1, as signed by Gov. Abbott in May, survived its first challenge in the U.S. Supreme Court. The Court voted 5-4 to deny an emergency appeal from abortion providers and others that sought to block enforcement of the law. The law prohibits abortions once medical professionals can detect cardiac activity, usually around six weeks. This is the strictest law against abortion

rights since Roe v. Wade went into effect in 1973. Do expect more challenges later this year as the high Court will hear another challenge from a 15-week abortion ban out of Mississippi.

National News:

As everyone is aware, Joe Biden has made a disaster out of the Afghanistan situation and “ended” the 20-year war by allowing American soldiers to die unnecessarily and leaving Americans and our Allies behind enemy lines, despite his promises of protection. Additionally, Congress has continued to pass monumentally high spending bills in the trillions of dollars. Does anyone remember Obama’s shovel ready spending bills? No results there but wasted taxpayer dollars. Pray for our country and those leaders to wise up and save the U.S.A.

Pamela Miley, Vice President, Legislation

RCRW SOCIAL TIME



Our upcoming Happy Hours are:

September 21, 2021

Gianni’s Italian Bistro
465 Lawrence Drive, Heath, Texas 75032
6:00-8:00

October 19, 2021

Rodeo Goat
2095 Summer Lee Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75032
6:00-8:00



September is National Honey Month

Let’s celebrate with this super easy Honey muffins recipe.

- 2 cups all - purpose flour
- ½ cup white sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 large egg room temperature
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup 2 % milk
- ¼ cup of butter melted
- ¼ cup honey



Directions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. In a small bowl, combine egg, milk, butter, and honey. Stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fill greased or paper- lined muffin cups three- fourths full. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 15-18 minutes Cool 5 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack. Serve warm.

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

ROCKWALL COUNTY UPDATE

Rockwall County is opening a pop-up monoclonal antibody infusion center Monday to treat area residents who have contracted COVID.

Those in Rockwall County and beyond with a COVID-positive test will be able to receive the antibody infusion treatment free of charge at the center set up outside the Rockwall County Courthouse at 1111 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. You do not have to have health insurance to receive treatment.

According to Rockwall County Health Authority Dr. Dirk Perritt, **the infusions are only for those with COVID who are within the first 10 days of showing symptoms.** He said specifically the name of the drug is Regeneron, and that Regeneron conducted a study that showed your risk of hospitalization is reduced by 70 percent if you take the drug.

“How it works is you are actually getting an injection of antibodies,” Perritt said. “Antibodies are what your immune system typically produces on its own in response to an illness you’ve had in the past. If your body recognizes the illness, it will produce antibodies to neutralize that bacteria or virus so that it cannot infect your cells. If you haven’t been vaccinated against COVID, your body is not producing any antibodies to attack the virus. If you’ve had the vaccine, you are producing some antibodies and this infusion treatment injects additional antibodies to assist in neutralizing the virus.”

Perritt said multiple studies by Regeneron and other health systems showed significant success in terms of the effectiveness of the monoclonal antibody infusions.

“What we have found is that those who receive the treatment, typically within a 48 to 72-hour time frame are nearly cleared of the virus,” Perritt said. “There are some who continue to develop symptoms and need to be admitted to the hospital, but it is reduced significantly by 70 percent. So we are seeing a lot of success with this. In addition to the drug company’s study, three large health systems conducted multi-thousand-patient studies that had the same result of nearly 70 percent reduction of those patients needing to be admitted to the hospital.”

Those interested in receiving antibody infusion treatment can register for an appointment at mclabtx.com. Walk-ins are also welcome. Although the treatment is open to everyone, Rockwall County residents will get priority if slots are limited.

“This infusion center is being hosted by Rockwall County, just like the vaccinations clinics were. While the county continues to work with the state, this is very much a local effort brought about through the recommendations and support from our local Health Authority, Dr. Perritt,” said Rockwall County Judge David Sweet. “I can’t tell you how much I appreciate our Emergency Management team, Dr. Perritt, our local hospitals, State Representative Justin Holland’s office, and the Texas Department of Emergency Management for staying proactive since day one of going through this in securing what we’ve needed to get done.”

Perritt said the idea for an infusion center came about as a response to the rising number of active COVID cases in the county brought about by the Delta variant, which were beginning to overwhelm local hospitals. Another factor was the fact that there are currently only five state-funded infusion treatment sites, the closest to Rockwall being a site in Fort Worth. He said while that site hopes to expand rapidly, it currently is only able to treat 100 people per day.

“As Health Authority, in conjunction with Judge Sweet and the county, we wanted to figure out a way how we could continue to care well for our community, reduce COVID in our community and properly treat those who do have COVID when we’re having a lack of availability in ICU beds,” Perritt said. “We looked at a lot of different options, but the option we felt was the most viable was monoclonal antibody infusions.”

Jarod Rosson, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator with Rockwall County, said the county received a lot of support through the Texas Department of Emergency Management in securing a tent and supplies for the infusion center.

“I feel like we are very fortunate to have the state backing for the tent and supplies so that we can get this off the ground sooner rather than later,” Rosson said.

Currently the county receives the antibody infusion treatment drug through the state, and has 100 doses on hand at the time of this writing. They are requesting 250 doses to administer at the pop-up infusion center this week.

The center will operate daily, and Perritt hopes the county will be able to take in as much as 50 patients per day, depending on the supply of the drug the county receives from the state.

“To put it simply, this was a need within our community,” County Judge David Sweet said. “This is something we could do to help COVID-positive people in the community recover sufficiently without having to be admitted to the hospital, and be able to go about their daily lives.”

Story by Austin Wells of the Blue Ribbon News

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time at 972-204-6001 or dsweet@rockwallcountytexas.com.

SREC REPORT



The quarterly meeting of the State Republican Executive Committee met in Lubbock on August 27-28th. The addition of a new standing rule to the SREC bylaws – All regular meetings of the SREC shall be held at the same location in Travis County or in an adjacent county, with the exception of one annual meeting at the discretion of the Chairman.

State Chairman Matt Rinaldi also formed a Special Committee for Strategic Long Term Planning.

- Rule No. 27A – County and Senatorial District Conventions shall be held on the fourth Saturday in March.
- Rule No. 19 – Precinct conventions shall be held on the first Tuesday in March.
- Rule 1C was removed – Any amendments made to these Rules and contained herein-which govern or affect the Republican Party of Texas’ general or runoff primary elections, conventions, or nominees, are effective January 1 on the odd numbered year following adoption.

Five resolutions were passed:

1. Resolution honoring our SREC SD11 Committeeman Scott Apley who recently passed away from COVID
2. Resolution calling for the removal of derelict Democrat legislators of committee chairmanships
3. Resolution defending medical freedom and personal responsibility; no mandates for vaccines or masks
4. Resolution opposing Proposition 2- amendment to the Texas Constitution, which authorizes a county to finance the development of transportation or infrastructure in unproductive, undeveloped or blighted areas
5. Resolution encouraging the passage of HB19 and/or SB82, which addresses election integrity

The resolution recommending a legislative change to election code 174.063 was passed by the resolution committee but postponed by SREC. Ballot propositions list has been started.

Three of our Legislative Priorities became law on September 1st:

1. Constitutional Carry - legalize the carrying of a handgun without a license
2. Heartbeat Bill - abortions illegal after heartbeat detected
3. Religious Freedom - the church, the congregation, and their activities are essential under all circumstances (Don't close our churches)

We are still asking Governor Abbott to include "Banning Gender Modification" to the Special Session. We are continuing to fight for removal of Critical Race Theory in our schools. We have to start now to take back the House and Senate in 2022. We are all in this together.

Jerry Fisher, SREC Representative for SD2
214-478-6100

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STATE SENATOR BOB HALL - SD 2



Constitutional Amendment Propositions - November 2021 Proposed constitutional amendments are voted on in the November election after each legislative session. This year the election date will be November 2, 2021. There are eight proposed constitutional amendments. The ballot language and a short explanation of each are below.

Proposition No. 1 (H.J.R. 143)

What will be on the ballot: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to conduct charitable raffles at rodeo venues."

What it means: This would allow charitable raffles to be conducted at rodeo events hosted or sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

Proposition No. 2 (H.J.R. 99)

What will be on the ballot: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a county to finance the development or redevelopment of transportation or infrastructure in unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted areas in the county."

What it means: This would allow a county to issue debt to finance transportation infrastructure, excluding toll roads, in underserved parts of the county.

Proposition No. 3 (S.J.R. 27)

What will be on the ballot: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit this state or a political subdivision of this state from prohibiting or limiting religious services of religious organizations."

What it means: This would mean a governmental entity could not limit or prohibit religious services.

Proposition No. 4 (S.J.R. 47)

What will be on the ballot: "The constitutional amendment changing the eligibility requirements for a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of criminal appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge."

What it means: This would require 10 years of experience as a practicing lawyer in the State of Texas or a practicing lawyer and judge of a state court or county court for a combined total of at least 10 years to be eligible to serve as Chief Justice or Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas.

Proposition No. 5 (H.J.R. 165)

What will be on the ballot: "The constitutional amendment providing additional powers to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct with respect to candidates for judicial office."

What it means: Currently, the State Commission on Judicial Conduct may only handle complaints against existing judges. This amendment would extend the Commission's authority to impose the same standards on all judicial candidates as it does for those who are already judges, therefore leveling the playing field and ensuring all candidates for judicial positions are treated equally.

Proposition No. 6 (S.J.R. 19)

What will be on the ballot: "The constitutional amendment establishing a right for residents of certain facilities to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation."

What it means: This amendment would guarantee residents of long-term care facilities (such as nursing homes) the right to designate someone as an essential caregiver. Though they may put certain guidelines in place, these facilities would not be allowed to prohibit residents from visiting with their designated caregivers, even in situations similar to Covid-19.

Proposition No. 7 (H.J.R. 125)

What will be on the ballot: "The constitutional amendment to allow the surviving spouse of a person who is disabled to receive a limitation on the school district ad valorem taxes on the spouse's residence homestead if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of the person's death."

What it means: This would allow the surviving spouse of a disabled person to retain the tax ceiling benefit.
Proposition

No. 8 (S.J.R. 35)

What will be on the ballot: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."

What it means: This would allow the surviving spouse of a service member who is killed or fatally injured (rather than killed in action) to receive a property tax exemption.

Senator Bob Hall, SD 2



STATE REPRESENTATIVE JUSTIN HOLLAND – HD 33

The following are just a few of the (over 600) new laws of the land in Texas.

- Two laws related to the devastating winter storm from February 2021 and the power grid go into effect. Annual audit of each independent organization certified for the ERCOT power region. Auditors will look at board members, salaries, budgets and expenses of each organization. A biennial assessment of the reliability of the ERCOT power grid under extreme weather scenarios will be performed by a certified independent organization.
 - A new law requires Texas power plants to weatherize in an attempt to protect them against failures like those experienced during the state's winter storms and power grid failure earlier this year.
 - More info on electric grid: <https://bit.ly/3t61YC0>
 - No business can require customers to provide proof of vaccination or they will be in violation of the law. Businesses that violate this ban will be barred from state contracts and from receiving state grants.
- My bill, HB 2622 makes Texas a Second Amendment Sanctuary State by protecting Texans from new federal gun control regulations.
 - Permitless Carry is now in effect (sometimes referred to as “Constitutional Carry”), which protects the rights of gun owners. Starting today, Texans at least 21 years old can now openly carry a handgun without receiving a license to carry, as long as they don’t have a criminal record. I strongly recommend that you still obtain your LTC for several reasons; however it is not required.
 - FAQ: <https://bit.ly/3kMdDSP>
 - Abortion restrictions (also referred to as the “Heartbeat Bill”) bans abortions as early as six weeks or when a heartbeat is detected. This bill is a victory for life and demonstrates our commitment to protecting Texas’ most vulnerable - the unborn.
 - A new law that explicitly states that places of worship cannot be ordered to close for any reason by any government agency or public official - including during a disaster.
 - Punishing cities who cut police budgets: If municipalities with a population of more than 250,000 reduce their police budget and allows the state to financially punish the cities by reducing sales tax revenues and preventing increases in property taxes.
 - Online ballot tracking system: an online tracking system for mail-in ballots and applications for mail-in ballots. The system will be run by the Texas Secretary of State.
 - Criminalizing homeless camping: makes camping in unapproved public places a misdemeanor crime that carries a fine of up to \$500. Cities cannot opt out of the ban.
 - Banning unnecessary police chokeholds: Police officers are now prohibited from using chokeholds or excessive force during arrests unless necessary to prevent officer or bystander injury. Officers who witness violations are required to report the incident.
 - Police body cameras: requires police officers to keep body cameras on during the entirety of active investigations.
 - Medical marijuana expansion: People with any form of cancer or post-traumatic stress disorder now have access to low-THC cannabis for medical purposes; an expansion of the Texas Compassionate Use Program, which allows people with conditions such as epilepsy and autism to access medical marijuana.

God Bless Texas!!!

- The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code was amended to allow beer and wine to be sold after 10 a.m. on Sundays. Prior to today, beer and wine could not be sold before noon on Sundays. Liquor is still not allowed to be sold on Sundays at any time.
- A pandemic pivot for many restaurants and businesses across the state (allowed by a temporary order from Gov. Greg Abbott), Texans now have the lasting option to order alcohol to-go. Beer, wine and cocktails can all legally be included in delivery and pickup orders moving forward.

A full list of bills here: <https://bit.ly/3zyVZIt>

State Representative Justin Holland, HD 2

TFRW REPORT



TEXAS FEDERATION of *Republican Women*



My friends, August was an especially prayerful month for me, as it may have been for you. Some days I had to force myself away from the news before I was swallowed up in feelings of helplessness and hopelessness. As women, we sometimes feel empathy so strongly that we lose ourselves in grief and sadness. It's completely understandable, after all, there's a lot to be sad about; rising inflation, the escalating crisis on our border, the Afghanistan tragedy, and the devastation of Hurricane Ida. So, I do what many of us do—I pray.

I don't know about you, but I typically don't have a "burning bush experience" when I pray, but on occasion... BAM! It's like being hit with a 2x4. I absolutely hear God telling me to stand up and LEAD. So today, I'm asking you to be a leader too. Instead of fixating on things that we are powerless to control, I challenge you to choose to be positive and control the things we can.

First, control the narrative. When you hear people (especially Republicans) complaining about how bad things are, look them straight in the eye and say, "What are you talking about? It's a GREAT day to be a Republican!"

- The TEXAS economy is booming—job growth up 30%
- The Heartbeat bill—passed and signed by Governor Abbott
- The Trigger bill—also passed and signed by the Governor
- Election Integrity—passed and on its way to Governor Abbott
- The Dems have done such a terrible job these first eight months, that there is virtually nothing for them to run on.

Dear TFRW Convention Delegates and Alternates,

It's almost "Dazzle" Time!" Our 33rd Biennial Convention is less than two months away! We are delighted to be your Official 2022-23 TFRW Slate of Officers, selected by the TFRW Nominating Committee. We want to meet you in person, and we invite you to come by our table at the Welcome Reception Thursday evening. One of the

most important responsibilities of voting delegates is to elect the officers to lead TFRW for the next two years. We are honored to be nominated to serve you, and we ask for your vote!

CRITICAL TIMES

We are dedicated to ensuring a smooth transition in leadership and to elevating expectations for our great organization. We will continue our remarkable trajectory of growth, raising membership numbers to new levels and empowering more women to deploy their talents to positively impact our state and our nation. There are thousands of conservative women across Texas who aren't members of TFRW. Our organization must respond with fervor, intelligence and professionalism. We must expand our outreach, unite more women, and take the lead in defending our Republican values in Texas.

CREATIVE VISION

Achieving goals requires proven leaders with creative vision, business acumen and proven skill sets. We will introduce cost-effective and innovative initiatives to address the financial needs of our network and our infrastructure. We are committed to increasing our legislative impact as an organization, and to educating Texans on our Republic's Historic Conservative Principles. And above all, we are committed to supporting our Republican candidates in 2022 so we will keep Texas RED!

CRUCIAL EXPERIENCE

We are extremely honored to have been chosen as your 2022-23 Slate of Officers. TFRW is one of the largest and most influential women's political organizations in the nation. Each of us applied for consideration, and your Nominating Committee selected us as a team based on our diverse qualifications and expertise. We are experienced TFRW leaders who are committed to devoting our time, talent and treasure to our organization in the upcoming term. Together, we will continue the course of our predecessors' proven strategic planning and lead our federation to new heights! Vote for success! Vote the slate! For Texas and the Country!

Glynis Chester, TFRW President

Vote for success! Vote the slate!

TEXAS FEDERATION of *Republican Women*

Please join us in congratulating the 2022-2023 TFRW Slate of Officers, and sincere thanks to the Nominating Committee and the wonderful women who submitted applications!

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TFRW Special Events

Kit Whitehill, First Vice President
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The Faith and Courage of Esther



Convention season is upon us and I look forward to gathering at the NFRW Convention with conservative women from around the country and at our TFRW Convention with women from around Texas. 2021 has been a record year in regard to the number of clubs and members and both conventions are experiencing record breaking registration numbers.

This is all wonderful news but why is it happening? Could it be that women are waking up to the fact that the disastrous policies of the Biden administration are killing the American dream for our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews?

With the rule of law hanging by a thread, the crisis in Afghanistan, the crisis on our southern border, continuous erosion of our freedoms, and a massive debt of over \$28 trillion, women who

have never had an interest in politics are now motivated and getting involved. It is our responsibility to ensure these new members are welcomed into our clubs and placed on committees where they can make a difference.

Could it also be that women are waking up to the fact that their local elected officials are also pushing liberal agendas. School Boards across the country are allowing CRT to creep into their school districts. Please see the Daily Wire article [HERE](#) about teachers who say they are willing to violate law to keep pushing CRT in Texas. It is our responsibility to hold elected officials, at all levels, accountable for their actions and decisions. I have written to our Superintendent about the teacher in our district listed in the article and have shared this information with other concerned parents.

Ladies, it is no accident that we are where we are, doing what we are doing and that our numbers are growing. We are in the midst of a battle, a war between good and evil over our country and state and it is our responsibility to protect both for future generations. As TFRW women, it is our responsibility to set the example, be the difference makers, and never stray from our mission as Republican women. In order to accomplish our mission, we must be positive in our approach, work together with other conservative groups, and rise above the divisiveness and vitriol that is prevalent today. When we behave in this manner, our numbers will surely continue to grow.

We must also remember that we are not alone in this battle and that no matter what happens, God is in control. As in the story of Esther in the Old Testament, I believe God has a plan for each of us and has uniquely prepared us to accomplish specific tasks for His Kingdom. Will you have the faith and courage of Esther and be obedient to God’s calling?

“Who knows but that you have come to this place for such a time as this?” - Esther 4:14

It has been my great pleasure to serve as your First Vice President-Special Events during this term, and I am humbled and honored to have been slated by the nominating committee for your 2022-23 TFRW President. Please contact me at firstvp@tfrw.org with any suggestions or questions you may have.

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ROCKWALL ISD UPDATE

Rockwall Independent School District – Upcoming Bond Election

To prepare for the increasing student population, the RISD Board of Trustees took a community-driven approach to prioritizing the District’s future needs and commissioned a Facilities Bond Committee. The Facilities Bond Committee of parents, grandparents, teachers and students, along with community and business leaders, developed a \$475.8 million bond proposal that impacts every student and every school in Rockwall ISD.

Proposition A - would provide \$458,926,000 million dollars for new schools and renovations and additions to current schools in response to our growth.

Proposition B - would allocate \$16,919,000 million to update technology infrastructure, purchase new computers and chromebooks, provide classroom interactive multimedia displays and enhance wifi connectivity for classrooms.

Click this link to learn more about the upcoming Rockwall ISD 2021 Bond Proposal
www.rockwallisd.com/2021bondproposal

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



Rockwall County Republican Women's Cookbook



The Cookbook is off at the printer, 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.

In Loving Memory ~



Sharon Kay McDaniel, 78, a Rockwall County resident of 54 years, passed from this life to eternal life on September 2, 2021. Kay was born on November 20, 1942, in Long Beach, California, to William Thomas Cox and Lorraine D. (McCallum) Cox.

Kay married Willard McDaniel on February 17, 1967. She was independent, caring, honest and treated everyone the same, from the janitor to the President of the company. Kay served as Rockwall County District Clerk from 1996-2016 and served her county with honor.

She was the life of the party and a shining light for Jesus. Kay had a generous heart and would help others unconditionally, and stood by her family, friends, and employees. She was a loving mother and a devoted “MeeKay” to her grandson. Kay was deeply loved by her family and friends and will be greatly missed. Kay never met a stranger and was loved by all who met her.

Kay is survived by her daughters: Treska McDaniel Puckett and husband Randy, Shakira Todd; grandson: Rylan Todd; sister: Delores Beth Baker and husband Geren; two sisters-in-law, and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins who will all miss her dearly.

A special thank you to her beloved friend, Tommy Gentry. Kay is preceded in death by her loving husband, Willard McDaniel; parents: William and Lorraine Cox; and siblings: Gwen Robertson and Lynn Cox.

God Bless Texas!!!

A funeral service to celebrate Kay is to be held on Friday, September 10, 2021, beginning at 1:00 PM, at First Baptist Church in Rockwall, with burial to follow in Rockwall Memorial Cemetery. The family will receive friends and loved ones on Thursday evening, September 9, 2021, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Rest Haven Funeral Home- Rockwall Location.



Ken Dickson, proud Texan, passed away in a Fort Worth Hospital August 19, 2021, after losing a hard-fought battle against COVID. Ken was born December 29, 1938, to Kenneth Taylor Dickson and Trixie Duncan Dickson. He grew up in Dallas, TX, was part of the final class to attend Pleasant Grove High School, and graduated from W. W. Samuell High School in 1957. He received his B.S. degree from East Texas State University in Commerce, TX, majoring in Business/Agriculture, and was proud to have served in the U. S. Army and the 49th Armored Division, Army National Guard.

Ken was larger than life in stature as well as personality and was very much a people person, but most importantly, he was a dedicated Christian who loved God and family deeply and unconditionally, and expressed that love at every opportunity. He was a passionate story teller and loved sharing his memories—and convictions—with family and friends. He was proud of his heritage, and he was proud of the 20 years he spent in the Connection Center

at his church, praying with people about accepting Jesus Christ into their hearts.

He was very active in Rockwall area politics for over 40 years, including serving 4 years on City Council, and was honored to have a street named after him. Other boards and committees included Tax Equalization; Industrial Revenue; Housing Finance; New Horizon Steering Committee; Master Plan Study Committee; Airport Study Committee; Library Advisory Board President; Animal Shelter Advisory Committee; and Open Space Alliance. Ken was a founding member of the Rockwall County Republican Men's Club, serving two separate terms as president, and continuing to serve on the Executive Committee until his passing. He served the Republican Party for many years as Precinct Chair and Election Judge, and regularly served as a delegate to biennial Republican State Conventions. He was involved in, and chaired, numerous election campaigns over the years, but his proudest, most memorable political years were spent working with Congressman Ralph Hall on his election campaigns and driving the Congressman throughout his district. He received the Ralph M. Hall Chairman's Award from the Rockwall County Republican Party for a lifetime of service and achievement in support of the Republican Party.

He loved caring for his cattle, and he missed them greatly after having to liquidate following a lengthy drought. He was a founding member and president of the North American Tuli Association and co-owner of the official Tuli cattle breed magazine.

His early career included various positions in the insurance industry, apparel manufacturing in Mount Vernon, TX, and owning several showrooms at the Dallas Apparel Mart. However, when he was introduced to the Oil & Gas Industry in the 1980's, he fell in love with it, and there was no turning back. At age 82, he was still working hard in that field, with no plans to retire. Since 2005, he had been a member of the Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission, appointed by the Governor of Texas.

Ken is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Judith Dion Dickson; sons Kenneth Craig Dickson (wife Lynne) and Jason Keith Dickson (wife Lauren); and grandchildren Abigail Peavey (husband Rafe), Macy Dickson, Cohen Dickson and Savannah Dickson; and many other family members and friends who were very special to him.

Ken will be laid to rest at Rest Haven Cemetery in Rockwall. A Celebration of Life memorial service for family and friends will be held at a future date due to the current COVID surge. If desired, donations in Ken's memory may be made to the Pregnancy Resource Center in Rockwall or to a charity of your choice.

To send a flower arrangement or to plant trees in memory of Kenneth Duncan Dickson go to the sympathy store at <http://www.williamsfuneraldirectors.com>.

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CALENDAR

VOTER REGISTRATION DEPUTY TRAINING

We will be offering an In-person class September 15th at 6:00pm at the Rockwall County GOP office.

National Voter Registration Day – September 28, 2021

Anyone wanting to become a VDR can study the information online through the SOS website at: <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/volunteer-deputy-registrar-training.pdf>

Print and take the test from SOS as well:

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

(If you do not have a printer, you can take the exam at the Election's Office)

Once you complete the exam, call the Elections office to set up an appointment to bring in the test and complete the required paperwork.

This Saturday, September 11, 2021, Drive-through voter registration at First Baptist Church 9-1.

Please see our website for updated event information.

Republican Events:

September 11, 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 speakers is County Judge, David Sweet. RCRW will be hosting the breakfast at the Men's club for Rockwall County First Responders.

September 13, 2021 – RCRW General Meeting: 6:30 P.M., at Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club, 2600 Champions Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75087, guest speaker is Judge Stephanie Woodward.

September 16, 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 Dr. John Villarreal, RISD Superintendent of Schools.

September 21, 2021 – RCRW Happy Hour: 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., Gianni's Italian Bistro, 465 Laurence Drive, Heath, Texas 75032.

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

October 9, 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>.

October 11, 2021 – RCRW General Meeting: 6:30 P.M., at Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club, 2600 Champions Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75087, guest speaker is Dennis London, “Don’t California My Texas, Part 2”.

October 13-16 2021- TFRW Convention: at Kalahari Resort, 3001 Kalahari Blvd, Round Rock, Texas 78665, for more information go to <https://www.trfw.org>.

October 19, 2021 – RCRW Happy Hour: 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., at Rodeo Goat, 2095 Summer Lee Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75032.

SAVE THE DATE – Republican Party of Rockwall County Reagan On The Ranch – **February 26, 2022.**

Community:

September 11, 2021 – 9/11 Remembrance: Assemble at 7:30 A.M. at Heroes Bridge, SH 66, Public Boat Launch, Willow Bend, Rockwall, Texas 75087, to honor fallen heroes with a reading of names, for more information go to www.walkthebridge.org.

September 18, 2021 – Bubbles & Bags, benefiting Rockwall CAC: 5:00 P.M., Southfork Ranch, 3700 Hogge Drive, Parker Texas, 75002 this event is sold out, attendees may go to www.bubblesandbags.com or rockwallcac.org for logistics information.

September 18, 2021 – 8th Annual Celebrate Fate: 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., Fate City Hall located at 1900 CD Boren Parkway, live event will feature entertainment, free t-shirts, and free In-N-Out Burgers.

September 19, 2021 – 6th Annual Bikes for Tykes benefiting Rockwall CAC: Registration begins at 11:00 A.M., the ride starts at 1:00 P.M. it is \$20.00 per bike plus, a new, unwrapped soft toy, for more information go to www.rockwallbikesfortykes.org

September 24, 2021 – The Dallas Assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew Golf Tournament benefiting Patriot PAWS Service Dogs: Registration and lunch begin at 11:30 a.m., Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. at Firewheel Golf Park, 600 W. Campbell Road, Garland, Texas 75044, \$150.00 per player, includes cart, driving and putting ranges, lunch and dinner. To join or become a sponsor go to www.brotherandrewsdallas.org.

September 24- 2021 – October 17, 2021 – State Fair of Texas.

September 25, 2021 – Heroes Day: All day event beginning at 8:00 A.M., at Harry Myers Park, 815 Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, a 5K race at 8:00 A.M., a Kid’s Marathon as well as an officially sanctioned Corn Hole Tournament, a Kid’s Field Day, and a Heroes’ Day Fitness Challenge, live music, food trucks, and bounce houses, with the day commencing with an outdoor sundown movie event. All Police, Fire, EMT and County Sheriffs and Deputies are specially invited to join the community to help us honor and celebrate these brave men and women for their service. For more information go to www.theheroesday.com.

October 2, 2021 – 13th Annual Rib Run & Roll: 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M., Downtown Rockwall, to register go to www.playrockwall.com.

October 2, 2021 – Kaufman County Republican Women’s Bunco Night: 6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. at Rustic Rail Golf Club in Crandall, Texas, 1602 E US Highway 175, Crandall, Texas 75114. To purchase tickets scan the QR code listed under VP Programs reports.

October 9, 2021 – Empower 7’s “Deep In The Heart” Inaugural Fundraiser: 5:30 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. at Summerfield at Tate Farms, 12992 FM 548, Rockwall, Texas 75087, for more information and tickets go to www.empower7.org/deepintheheart

October 16, 2021 – 2021 Patriot PAWS Service Dogs, Beatle Bash. For more information or to become a sponsor contact Patriot PAWS at sarahm@patriotpaws.org or Marissa@patriotpaws.org.

October 16, 2021 – Royse City Chamber FunFest: 12:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. downtown Royse City, Texas on Main Street.

October 16, 2021 – Amica Gala: 6:00 P.M. until 12:00 A.M., at Culpepper Steak House, 309 E. Interstate 30, Rockwall, Texas 75087, for tickets go to <https://one.bidpal.net/rockwallamica>.

October 22, 2021 – Meals On Wheels Gala: 5:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. Hilton Dallas Rockwall Lakefront, 2055 Summer Lee Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75032, for more information contact Maureen Cook at, 972.771.9514 or email mcook@rockwallmealsonwheels.org.

October 23, 2021 – Aspasians Marketplace: 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium Parking Lot, 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive, Rockwall, Texas, this is a free event.

October 28, 2021 – Rockwall’s Pregnancy Resource Center’s Celebrate Life Fundraising Event: at Southfork Ranch, 3700 Hogge Drive, Parker Texas, 75002, featuring Jim Caviezel.

October 29, 2021 – One Man’s Treasure “Make a Difference Gala”: 5:30 P.M., Hall of State Building on Fair Park Fairgrounds, 3939 Grand Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75210. Tickets go on sale on August 15, 2021 at www.onemanstr.org.

October 30, 2021 – Boys and Girls Club Masquerade Gala: 6:00 P.M., at Hilton Dallas/Rockwall Lakefront, 2055 Summer Lee Drive, Rockwall, TX 75032, for tickets go to www.begrestnext.org.

November 5, 2021 – Black and White Casino Night, Soroptimist International of Rockwall: 6:00 P.M. until 10:30 P.M., at Hidden Creed, 215 Chris Cuny Parkway, Heath, Texas 75032, ticket information will be provided soon.

November 6, 2021 – Rockwall County Sheriff’s Posse Roundup: 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M., Downtown Rockwall.

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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