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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



2023 is off to a great start!!!

I would like to thank Kit Whitehill, TFRW President, and Keaton Steen, Turning Point USA – Rockwall Heath High School Chapter President, for joining us at our January meeting and paving the way to a bright year.

With “Unity” as our theme for this year, we want to make sure we are doing everything we can to unify our community by supporting our local elected officials and doing all we can to work together for the good of the Republican party. It is important that we help register new residents, educate our fellow neighbors, and show up to

the polls so we can keep our community thriving.

A few of our ladies are looking forward to attending the upcoming TFRW Leadership Day in Austin. We are excited for this opportunity to learn, participate and network with other Republican women from across the state and exchange information on how to grow and enhance our club.

I want to brag a bit about our lovely ladies at Liberty Ladies Lunch. The ladies spent time writing Valentine’s Day cards to Texas Veterans residents at two of the Texas State Veterans Homes. Our veterans sacrificed so much for each of us, we wanted to do something special for them. If you are interested in doing something special for them as well, please let me know and I will be happy to share their information with you.

Are you enjoying your monthly newsletter? I hope so. Our Executive Committee works very hard to provide you with our upcoming events and important information to keep you in the know. Follow us on all social media platforms and make sure you are receiving the RCRW emails. We want to keep you posted on all club, county, and state activities to participate in.

Have a wonderful February and Happy Valentine’s Day!

Alma McClintock
RCRW President
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V.P. PROGRAMS



We have a great speaker lined up for our February meeting.

In addition to her role as VP of Legislation for RCRW, Sharon Henson has served as County Chair for the Republican Party of Rockwall County since June of 2021. Although a lifelong Republican, she was not involved with the Party until she began volunteering with Rockwall County Republicans through the RCRW in 2016 after a personal invitation from then RCRW President Melba Jeffus. Participating in RCRW activities including serving on the Scholarship Committee sparked her desire to be involved with GOP political efforts. She worked elections, served as GOP Publicity Director, Precinct Chair, and Reagan Day Co-Chair until becoming County Chair in 2021.

Sharon was raised in Longview Texas in a big family, attended Kilgore College, and finished her bachelor’s degree in journalism-public relations from University of North Texas. She worked in the Dallas corporate world for 17 years before she and husband Richard bought a marina and opened a new boat dealership on Lake Ray Hubbard which they sold in 2005. Sharon currently owns Our Joyful Life Estate Sales & Services, LLC, that helps families in life transitions by conducting onsite estate sales. But, the business has taken a far back seat in her schedule since becoming County Chair in 2021!

Sharon is happily married to her awesome husband Richard for 27 years. Together, they are blessed with two wonderful sons and one beautiful baby granddaughter! Sharon and Richard contribute much time, energy and effort to strengthening conservative principles and the Republican Party in Rockwall County. They have served their church in many activities and are currently starting a cancer ministry at Lakeshore Church in Rockwall.

Date: February 13, 2023

Meeting Place: Harry Myers Park Community Center - 815 Washington Street Rockwall, Texas 75087

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Potluck dinner will be provided.

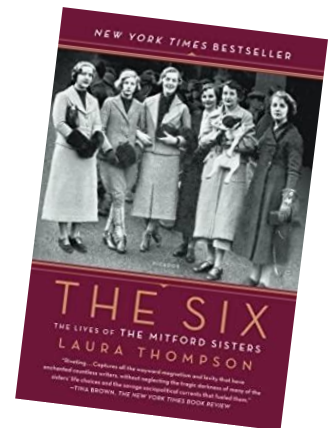
RCRW Book Club

We will meet once a quarter at Rosini’s Vineyard to discuss the book selection. Please plan to join us, even if you can’t read the book, for a fun time together and to compare ideas.

This quarter’s selection is:

The Six by Laura Thompson

We will meet on March 26th, 2023, at Rosini’s.



Liberty Ladies Lunching

4th Monday of each month (February 27, 2023)

Meeting Place: Mi Cocina

Meet in the back room

Time: 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

It’s a great time to come have lunch with your friends, like-minded women, and to catch up on life.



Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting,

Lea Carlson, Vice President, Programs



V.P. MEMBERSHIP



Happy February to you all!

February is the month for Valentine's Day and it's also the month for Heart Health month. The number 1 killer for women is cardiac arrest. Please make sure to beware of your heart condition.

RCRW membership calendar begins November 1st and goes through end of October of every year. I would like to encourage everyone who has not renewed their membership to date, please do so in person, by mail or on line using our new QR code option. We encourage the men to join as well as Associates.

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We would like to thank all our new members who have joined.

Francine Collins
Sheila Frannery
L. Kaye Hill-Birkholz
Andrea Kelley
Aimee Norton
Gail Copus Spann

Judy Dickson
Donna Gillespie
Cindy Horne
DL Mailloux
Karen Prodahl
Deanna Stinebaugh

Kay Dutta
LaSena Hadawi
Brenda Hughes
Diane McClure-Colwell
Debbie Roan
Rhonda Walker

Kathleen Evans
Violet Harrington
Patricia Kearney
Fern Mitchell
Heather Sargent
Erica Whatley

Our membership numbers are as follows:

Active members: 79
Associates: 20
Honorary: 4
Total: 103



Lisa Seligman-Kearby, Vice President of Membership

TREASURER

Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2023



Operating Account

Balance Forward	\$11,068.34
Income	\$ 793.00
Expenses	<u>\$ 1,337.52</u>
Grand Total	\$10,523.82

Scholarship Account

Opening balance	\$ 3,445.76
Income	\$ 220.03
Expenses	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,665.79



Frances White, Treasurer



V.P. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES



We should all be ready to engage with people to update their Voter Registration. Here's how to get started to be an active participant in our club.

In-Person training to become a Volunteer Deputy Registrar (VDR) is Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the GOP Office

Alternatively, you can study the information online through the SOS website at: <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/volunteer-deputy-registrar-training.pdf>

You can Print and take the test from SOS as well at: <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, 915 Whitmore Dr. Suite D Rockwall, TX 75087.

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

I want to remind you that hours are due at the end of each month. I'm currently compiling the January hours. Please take the time to document this. You can provide your own documentation of Total Hours and Total Calls for each month, or if you prefer, I've created a new form to make it easier to track and document your hours. I've recently made some modifications to the form based on member feedback and reporting requirements. I've added a checkbox for Other, changed the reporting from Minutes to Hours, and have included a column where you should enter the number of phone calls. Below is a screenshot so you have any idea what it looks like. This form is in the email to which this Newsletter is attached. You can email the new activities reporting form to nasusedwards@icloud.com or text 610-360-0300.

ROCKWALL COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN MONTHLY POLITICAL ACTIVITIES REPORTING FORM

Please enter the hours you spent on any of these activities during the month (use other side if needed)

[Making Phone Calls on Behalf of a Candidate](#) [Drive time to & from Events & Prep](#) [Forums](#) [Educational Events](#)
[Speaking Engagements](#) [Club & Executive Meetings](#) [Emailing & Social Media](#) [Planning & Attending a Political Fundraiser](#)
[Working a Community Event on Behalf of the GOP or Club](#)
[Working Polls \(As long as you are not a full-time employee of the County or State\)](#)
[Hours spent on serving your constituents \(Elected officials that are not full-time employees of the County or State\)](#)

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date	Activity	Nمبر of Hours	Total Phone Calls
	<input type="checkbox"/> Drive time <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Calls <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Events <input type="checkbox"/> Forums <input type="checkbox"/> Working Polls <input type="checkbox"/> Events <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Emailing & Social Media <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Speaking Engagements <input type="checkbox"/> Political Fundraiser <input type="checkbox"/> Serving constituents		
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The club is looking forward to showing an increase in our hours this year.

Susan Edwards, Vice President of Political Activities



SOCIAL



February Happy Hour
Community BBQ
Tuesday – February 21, 2023
6:00P.M. – 8:00P.M.
112 E. Rusk St.
Rockwall, TX



January started off with a bang. Our Happy Hour at Fish and Tails Oyster Bar was a success. Thank you to everyone who came out. We enjoyed new friends and always our favorite regulars.

* February Happy Hour will be on the 21st from 6:00P.M.-8:00P.M. at the new Community BBQ restaurant on the square. Andy, the owner is a conservative and he is so excited to host us. He said " I'll be smoking some great meats for the group". Please bring your sweetie and invite friends to join us. Let's make a mark and let Rockwall know we care about our community.

* Women only, there are still spots open for our first Out and About at AR Workshop in Garland. Sunday February 12th from 2-4 pm. Sign up today. Link is on our FB page RCRW (see featured area). Password is REAGAN. Hope to see you there. Remember, this is also a fundraiser for the club, so it is a party and fundraiser.

* Save the date: Thursday May 4 from 6:00-8:00PM - Ladies Night Out at Lakeside Florist. We will be learning how to make flower arrangements; they will provide flowers, vase, pizza and wine. This will be a favorite one so mark it on your calendar.

God bless Texas and Texas Women,

Love ya,
Deanna

SOCIAL MEDIA CHAIR



PHOTOS WANTED: We would love to post your photos taken at our events! Please send any photos you take during our events to us via Facebook Messenger or Email us. Be sure to tag us in your social media posts as well!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED: Do you have a knack for social media? Do you have a little time to volunteer? We are looking for motivated, creative and enthusiastic volunteers to help us build our Social Media Ambassador team. Come and join a bold and dedicated team! No time to volunteer? You can still be an ambassador by sending us your photos and tagging us in your social media posts! Follow us online at Facebook and on Instagram!



Ty Phelps, Social Media



SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR



Happy New Year!!

I hope each one of you had a wonderful holiday season with your loved ones and celebrated the reason for the Season in your own special way. I am excited about this year’s activities, opportunities for involvement, and growth we will continue to have for our club; especially with our Scholarship Committee. We are still looking for 1 more member volunteer to be a part of our committee during the Scholarship Application and interview process. Please reach out to me if you would be interested in being a part of this wonderful opportunity to recognize our youth.

The Scholarship Committee will begin meeting in early February in preparation for completion of the application process at RISD. We will continue to have fundraisers

this year to help build our Scholarship fund. I continue to be honored to be a part of RCRW and to serving our community.

Kindest Regards,

Aimee Norton, Scholarship Chair



CONGRESSMAN PAT FALLON - DISTRICT 4



1. Congressman Fallon Introduced Articles of Impeachment for Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas.

- In his conduct while Secretary of Homeland Security of the United States, Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, in violation of his constitutional oath, engaged in a pattern of conduct that is incompatible with his duties as an Officer of the United States.

- Statement from Congressman Fallon: “Since day one, Secretary Mayorkas’s policies have undermined law enforcement activities at our southern border; from perjuring himself before Congress about maintaining operational control of the border to the infamous “whip-gate” slander against our border patrol agents, Secretary Mayorkas has proven time and time again that he is unfit to lead the Department of Homeland Security. His willful actions have eroded our immigration system, undermined border patrol morale, and jeopardized American national security. He has violated the law and it is time for him to go.”

2. Congressman Fallon was appointed to serve on the House Oversight & Accountability and House Armed Services Committee for the 118th Congress.

3. Congressman Fallon introduces the FIRE Act

- This legislation would address this problem by:

* Prohibiting any campaign funds from going to the candidate’s immediate family and holding the candidate directly responsible for knowingly violating this provision.

* Clarifying the definition of immediate family in the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

* Punishing violators with a \$100,000 fine or two times the amount paid to the family member — whichever is greater. Violators may face up to 2 years in prison in addition to fines.

Congressman Pat Fallon

STATE REPRESENTATIVE JUSTIN HOLLAND



Last week marked a very productive and exciting start to the 88th legislative session. As we head into the second week of session, I'd like to share with you a few highlights of our first week back in Austin.

On Tuesday, my fellow members and I were sworn in to begin our upcoming terms and we elected Speaker Dade Phelan to a second term. The following day, the House convened and passed the Housekeeping and Rules Resolutions which established the House Rules for the session. This includes a penalty for "walk-outs" to prevent an intentional break in quorum to impede the business of the House.

Additionally, we adjourned our final meeting of the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission and will now start to work on the base legislation for the state agencies up for review. As Vice Chair of the Texas Sunset Commission, I'd like to extend thanks to my colleagues in the House and Senate for their outstanding work on this cycle.

We concluded the week by canvassing votes for Governor Greg Abbott and Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick in anticipation of their inauguration.

The weekend started off with my appointment as Chair of the 2023 Texas House Inaugural Committee. Along with my appointment, Speaker Dade Phelan appointed Representatives Brad Buckley, Ken King, J.M. Lozano, and Angelia Orr to serve as members of the committee. It was an honor working with my fellow members to ensure a successful inauguration of the Texas Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Neely and I were honored to be seated with Governor Abbott onstage as he took his Oath of Office for a third term as Governor of Texas.

While in District 33 over the weekend, I had the pleasure of swearing in the newly elected officers of the Rockwall County Historical Foundation and Museum at the Bailey House in Rockwall. Congratulations to all of the elected officers and their new President, Evan Tate.

Additionally, I participated in the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo Parade with the Rockwall County Sheriff's Posse.

State Representative Justin Holland

RCRW UPDATES

STAY UPDATED WITH THE LATEST INFORMATION FROM RCRW



It is finally here!!

Rockwall County Republican Women now has the ability to text by using Remind. Many of you may be familiar with this program.

To receive e-mail and text reminders, follow the instructions below to send a request to be allowed in the RCRW texting. Once accepted, you will begin to receive text messages from RCRW.

Text the message @2474cb to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @2474cb to (205) 703-2109.

* Standard text message rates apply.

Don't have a mobile phone? Go to www.rmd.at/2474cb on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

CALENDAR

Please see our website for updated event information.

Republican Events:

February 1, 2023 - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:45 A.M., at Luigi’s Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 cost is \$13.00.

February 8, 2023 - Voter Deputy Registrar In-Person Training, 6:00 p.m. at the GOP Office, 112 Kenway, Rockwall, Texas 75087. Please email Susan Edwards at rcrw@rcrw.org your name, address, phone, Date of birth, and email address before February 5, 2023.

February 11, 2023 - Republican Men’s Club Meeting: 8:00 A.M., at The Center, 108 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, for more information go to <https://www.facebook.com/rockwallgopmen>.

February 11, 2023 - Rockwall County Hispanic Republican Club Meeting: 10:00 A.M., at The Center, 108 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087

February 12, 2023 – RCRW Ladies Day Out – 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M., All Woman A R Workshop, 3003 N President GB Hwy, Suite 600, Garland, Texas 75040. Keep your eyes open for email signups. Only 30 spots so don't delay, this is one of our scholarship fundraisers. You won't want to miss this!

February 13, 2023 – RCRW General Meeting: 6:30 P.M., at the Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, guest speaker will be Sharon Henson, Rockwall County Republican Chair. Meal is potluck, water and tea are provided.

February 19, 2023 – GOP 16th Annual Reagan Day Triumph 2023 – 4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. VIP Reception, 5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. Registration, Live Music, Silent Auction, Fun Activities, 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. Program begins. For more information checkout website - <https://one.bidpal.net/rd2023triumph/welcome>

February 21, 2023 – RCRW Happy Hour – 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M., Community BBQ, 112 E. Rusk St. Rockwall, Texas

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March 18, 2023 – RCRW Membership Bunco Event: 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M., at The Center, 108 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087. Potluck, water and tea are provided.

March 21, 2023 – RCRW Happy Hour: 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.,

March 26, 2023 – RCRW Quarterly Book club: 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M., at Rosini’s Vineyard, 411 Texas Highway 205, Rockwall, Texas

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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 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.

Rockwall County Independent School District – Meets 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M.

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