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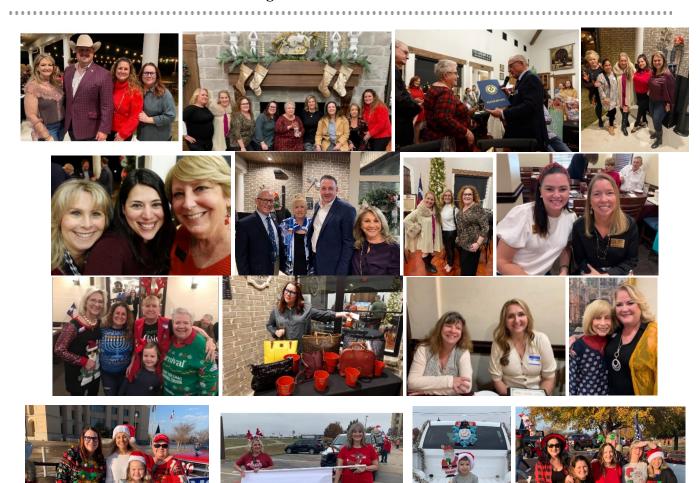
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# JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

TFRW Region #5

Senate District #2



Rockwall County

# RCRW Executive Committee 2021-2022

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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



Happy New Year! Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Woman of Influence Celebration. What a wonderful way to celebrate 2021 and our wonderful, Frances White.

I am so excited about 2022. The year has just begun, and in addition to our normal monthly events, we need to add TFRW Leadership Day, Early Voting, Reagan Day, Primary Election Day, Precinct Convention, RCRW Membership Luncheon and our County Convention - all of which occur between now and the end of March! See the calendar section below for more information.

As you begin making your 2022 list of resolutions and things to do, I know renewing your RCRW membership is at the top! Your Executive Committee is here for you, and we are only as strong as our membership. Thank you for your renewal of membership and support. This year RCRW will be doing a bylaw review and electing new officers in November. Time will go by fast, so if you are interested in serving in a leadership role, please contact me or any other executive committee member.

2022 will be a challenging year for Republicans. After the Primary Elections are over, we must come together and not allow the Democrats to fracture us. We know they are building their coffers and are coming after us. In Rockwall County there are at least 2 key offices that have Democrat opponents in November. Almost all levels offices in our state and country have Democrat opponents in November. All eyes are on Texas and how many seats the Democrats can take from us in the midterm elections. Remember, as a member of RCRW, you are fighting the fight locally, state and nationally.

Together we are stronger and Republican Ladies do not quit or fail! I look forward to working with each of you in 2022 as we fight to make our Senate stronger, take back our House, keep Texas and Rockwall RED!

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

### **PROGRAMS**



Happy New Year!!! I hope this year inspires you to try new things, go to new places and meet new friends!!

Thank you to all who joined us in honoring our Woman of Influence – Frances White - at Rosini Vineyard. Frances is the ideal Godly woman who is inspiration to us all. We love and appreciate her so much!

We have wonderful January speakers:

\* Kit Whitehill is the incoming 2022-2023 President. She was the 2020-2021 TFRW 1st Vice President-Special Events. She previously served as the 2018-2019 TFRW Community Engagement Chair and the 2017 TFRW Convention Chair. She was a presenter at the TFRW 2020 Leadership Day Program, has presented at numerous TFRW Nuts and Bolts Trainings, and at the 2019 NFRW Region III Training held in New Orleans. She will provide a look ahead at what we can expect from TFRW.

\* Melissa Conway, Republican National Committee State Director for Election Integrity, will be speaking to us on Election Integrity and what we can expect in the upcoming elections.

Date: January 10, 2022

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

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

We will be seated in classroom style seating. Water, tea, coffee and cookies will be provided, no other food is allowed. Please join us, invite your friends and neighbors – it will be a great way to start off the New Year!

Be sure to follow us on all social media platforms:

Website - <a href="http://www.rcrw.org/">http://www.rcrw.org/</a>

Facebook - @RCRWTX

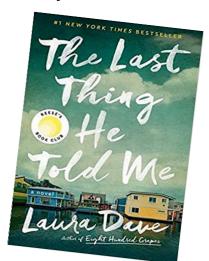
Instagram – rockwallcountyrepublicanwomen



If you are interested in working together to create this year's programs, please reach out to me, I would love to start a committee and get things started. Exciting new things are on the horizon, be sure to join us for all the fun!!!

### RCRW Book Club -

We are so excited to announce our new fun activity!!! We will meet once a quarter (location – TBD) to discuss the book selection. Please plan to join us even if you can't read the book, for a fun time to get together and compare ideas. The first selection is: **The Last Thing He Told Me** by Laura Dave.



# **Liberty Ladies Lunching –**



### Mark your calendars:

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month (January 24, 2022) Meeting Place: The Bagel Lady – 316 S Goliad Street, Suite 201, Rockwall, Texas 75087

Meet in the back room

Time: 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

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

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting,

Alma McClintock, Vice President, Programs

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**



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I hope everyone had a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and may your New Year be Happy, Prosperous and a Healthy one! Additionally, I hope that you were able get together with your family and friends for some much-needed fellowship.

We had a fabulous turnout for The Women of Influence event and thank you to all who came out to make it a huge success. Congratulations to Frances White for being the recipient of the Women of Influence honor this year as you definitely earned it.

We do have any current new members or renewals at this time. Don't forget, if you have not renewed for 2022, please do so or see me at the next general meeting on January 10, 2022.

SENATE DISTRICT #2

JANUARY 2022

Our membership numbers are as follows:

Active Members: 188
Associates: 56
Honorary: 3
Total Members 247

**TFRW REGION #5** 

Best regards, Karen Myers, Vice President, Membership

### TREASURER'S REPORT



 Operating

 Balance Forward
 \$16,163.22

 Income
 \$11,855.09

 Expenses
 \$3,961.03

 Grand Total
 \$24,057.28

**Scholarship** 

 Opening balance
 \$ 93.14

 Income
 \$ 2,050.00

 Expenses
 \$ 11.50

 Grand Total
 \$ 2,131.64



### **CAMPAIGNS**



Happy New Year!

We have a busy start to the year. First, it's time to turn in Campaign hours for Q4, so any hours spent promoting conservative values in October, November or December need to be turned in by January 13th. If you have questions about what qualifies, please email, at <a href="mailto:labandxray@gmail.com">labandxray@gmail.com</a>, call or text me at 817-614-7361. We also have the Primary election on March 1<sup>st</sup>, and we are so thankful for every conservative candidate that has made the sacrifice to run for office.

We will offer the opportunity to get to know the candidates in February. More info to come.

Toni Felts, Vice President, Campaigns

### **LEGISLATION**



I hope each of you had a Merry Christmas and that Santa was good to you. Happy New Year and may it be a blessing to your families.

Covid has returned to the front page of any news service with the Omicron variant. The good news is that it is said to be less dangerous that the Delta variant. Unfortunately, the current administration continues to bobble their handling of the pandemic. Inflation continues to rise and if anyone has simply shopped at Tom Thumb, they can see that groceries have spiked in cost. We are lucky to live in Texas in so many ways, including having a more reasonable price of gasoline than other states. The current price of a gallon of gasoline in Los Angeles, CA is \$4.67. VP Harris, as the "border czar" continues to ignore the US and Mexican border and the flow of illegal immigrants continues along with the covid, drugs and potential terrorists. Good riddance to 2021.

The impact that this reality and the news headlines have is that we may see a Wave of Red in the midterm elections. It is up to all of us to work hard and support our Republican candidates in our local elections. We know that the national governmental scene matters but our greatest impact is right here at home. Let's keep our Rockwall County government strong with good conservative candidates returning to or being elected as mayors, councilmen, county judge and commissioners, Justice of the Peace, Judges, and the list goes on. Our Texas state representative and senator need to remain our guys who know Rockwall County and keep us

at the forefront of their concerns. And that holds true for our Representatives and Senators who stand strong for Texas in D.C.

The future is bright, and we will turn this country around! We remain strong and reasonable people. Thank you to all of the leaders of our organizations as well., including the women who represent this organization who have built RCRW into a group that makes an impact. God Bless Texas and the United States of America.

Merry Christmas to all.

Pamela Miley, Vice President, Legislation

### RCRW SOCIAL TIME



Happy New Year!

The next 12 months are going to be filled with lots of opportunities to fellowship with like - minded women in our community. This year we will also be doing different Out-And-Abouts throughout the year to help further engage our Club and community. I am excited to continue to work alongside you as we continue to support the Republican Party. I look forward to seeing you at our monthly Happy Hours.

# January 18, 2022 Yogi's Sports Bar and Grill 6:00-8:00 P.M. 2861 Ridge Road, Suite 101, Rockwall, Texas 75032

## February 15, 2022

A fabulous Mardi Gras theme and Republican Candidate Meet and greet: Dodie's Cajun Restaurant at The Harbor 6:00-8:00 P.M.
2067 Summer Lee Drive. Suite 115, Rockwall, Texas 75032

Jessica Metts, Social Chair

# **SCHOLARSHIP**



Happy New 2022 to all of you.

Wishing you God's blessings this new year. My hope is that you also consider passing on some of your blessings to the RCRW 2022 Scholarship Fund.

The RCRW Scholarship Committee is starting the process of selecting new committee members and a committee chair. If you are interested, please reach out to me at <a href="mailto:rockwallcampbells@gmail.com">rockwallcampbells@gmail.com</a>.

God Bless!

Anna Campbell, Scholarship Chair

# You're invited to sparkle & participate in our scholarship fundraiser!



Currently open – closes on February 3, 2022, to ensure shipping before Valentine's Day

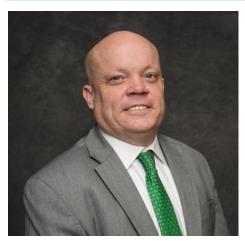
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RCRW member Giovanna Psolka has graciously offered to donate directly to the RCRW Scholarship Fund the following:

- Donating all of her profit (30% of sales commission)
- Donate a host reward to RCRW
- Donate 50% off Host items

### ROCKWALL COUNTY UPDATE



I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year! As we start the new year, I know that everyone wishes we could leave Covid 19 behind us.

It seems as though there is a new strand of the virus every time we turn around. Rockwall County, through our Health Authority and Emergency Management have coordinated the Infusion Center at the Rockwall County Courthouse for anyone who is covid positive. The success of the Infusion Center as a result of the efforts of Rockwall County Health Authority, Dr. Perritt and his team with MD Labs have led to this being a state identified and supported Infusion Center. With the spread of the Omicron variant, the need for access to Covid testing has increased tremendously. Rockwall County is offering public testing at Wilkerson Stadium in Rockwall, Royse

City High School, and Robert Smith Family Park in Fate. First, second, and Booster vaccinations are available every Wednesday at the Infusion Center at the Rockwall County Courthouse. For more information on all of the above go to the Rockwall County Website at rockwallcountytexas.com and follow the Covid-19 information link.

As you are aware, 2022 is an election year. Texas starts the year off with the primary elections that will be held on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Early voting will start on Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> and end on Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. As I mentioned a couple of months ago, Rockwall County is a voting center county meaning registered voters can vote at any of the polling locations. For all election information please visit rockwallvotes.com.

It truly is an honor serving as the Rockwall County Judge. You are always more than welcome to call or email me or simply stop by my office. My office number is 972-204-6001, my cell number is 972-639-6530 and my email address is <a href="mailto:dsweet@rockwallcountytexas.com">dsweet@rockwallcountytexas.com</a>. My office is located in the Historic Courthouse in Downtown Rockwall. God bless all of you!

David Sweet Rockwall County Judge

# **SENATE DISTRICT 2**



### LESSONS WE CAN LEARN FROM ROUND ROCK ISD

Ask most people who their state representative or senator are, and you are likely to get a correct answer. Ask them who represents them on their school board, and you will probably get a blank stare. This is because, historically, parents have sent their children to school expecting that what happens in a modern-day school building somehow resembles the experience they had as a child.

Recent headlines indicate that parents across the nation are waking up to the fact that many school districts have begun to think of parents as adversaries, rather than partners in educating students. Open animosity toward parents who show up to petition their elected officials over conditions in schools or content of curriculum resulted in the National Association of School Boards (NASB) sending a letter requesting the Department of Justice to investigate parents as potential domestic terrorists. The NASB quickly walked back the characterization when the

fallout from that letter began, but the truth remains: the NASB consider parents domestic terrorists.

Texas is not immune from the controversy. One case in point is Round Rock ISD, found just north of Austin. While liberal policies are expected in Austin ISD, Round Rock ISD has been making headlines in recent days for some controversial issues.

Among the things the school board has done to evoke parents' indignation include:

- 1. Acting in a dubious manner and voting to increase property tax rates after arbitrarily blocking citizens from attending, thus preventing the opportunity of community input;
- 2. Severely limiting the "allowed" seating capacity at open school board meetings, dwindling at one point to only 18 approved seats;
- 3. Refusing to allow parents to bring up their concerns of the board's response to the superintendent being under TEA investigation for assaulting his alleged mistress and pressuring her to abort their child;
- 4. Having two parents arrested for not immediately leaving a board meeting because they were not sitting in approved seats;
- 5. Allowing students to use school restrooms based on their gender identity, rather than their biological sex; creating distressing and awkward situations for young females during the school day;
- 6. Letting male and female students share hotel rooms on school trips;
- 7. Allowing pornographic material in school libraries; and
- 8. Five of the seven board members censuring the other two members, to the point of not allowing them to be on school property without the presence of another board member. This was allegedly done in retaliation because the two board members disagreed with the actions of the other five members and openly questioned them and challenged their supposed "rules" during board meetings.

Many don't want to believe that the left is actively working to infiltrate school districts with liberal policies such as Critical Race Theory, which teaches that Caucasians are oppressors simply by virtue of their skin color; Social/Emotional Learning, which places teachers in a position of psychologist often without parental consent; and deviant sexual content in books in school libraries that portray pedophilia (Lolita), illustrations of sex acts (Gender Queer), and rape (Out of Darkness). Whether or not we want to believe it, the reality is that these progressive leftist policies may very well be alive and well at your local school district and will continue to spread unless someone stops it. *That someone is you*.

### Four lessons to learn from Round Rock ISD:

- 1. SHOW UP. Attend your local school board meetings. By law, school districts must hold public, open meetings and allow for public comment.
- 2. SPEAK UP. Research board candidate's policy positions and vote. Explore questionable board actions or policies and provide comments during board meetings. If your concerns aren't addressed, take your concerns to your state representatives, senator, or the Texas Education Agency.
- 3. ACT UP. The only way to have a "good" school board is by electing "good" people. Get actively involved in ensuring our children are "educated" in our public schools by getting elected to the school board.
- 4. DON'T GIVE UP. Bad policies don't happen overnight and won't be fixed quickly. But it takes just a few courageous, tenacious individuals to stand up and speak up to shine a light on the issue and evoke positive change.

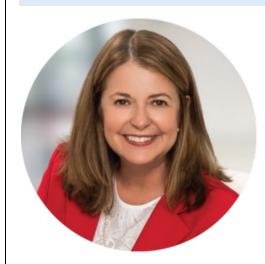
Not all school boards are probably as bad as that at Round Rock ISD, but until more bright lights are focused on our school boards we will not know for sure. We have been blessed with a great country. Many lives have been sacrificed for the liberties we enjoy. We must not allow the liberal WOKE left to destroy our country.

School Board Trustee is the single most important elected position in government. The philosophy that controls the school board controls what our children are taught, and what our children learn in school will

determine the degree to which the American principles of liberty and our Judeo-Christian values will survive for future generations.

Do you care enough about the Texas we will leave to our children and grandchildren to make a small sacrifice and run for a School Board Trustee Position?

### TFRW REPORT





Happy New Year and welcome to 2022!

I could not be more excited about the adventure we are embarking upon together. There are so many things I want to share about our 2022 plans, but it is impossible to cover everything in one article. This newsletter is a fabulous resource. I encourage you to read the entire newsletter each month and discover ways to get involved, learn of upcoming events, and find valuable resources and tools for your club officers.

While writing this article, I have learned that Leadership Day is rapidly selling out. Our construction team has worked hard making this a day not to be missed. Whether you are a club leader, a community leader, or a grassroots leader (that would be all of us), Leadership Day is for you! There will be a Friday night Welcome Reception, workshops, a Candidate Meet & Greet, and an Attorney General Candidate forum. And best of all, there will be networking with Republican women from across our great state. Register today HERE. You and your club will be glad you did. Please remember, that the 1st Quarter Board Meeting and Leadership Day are separate events. You must register separately for each event and there is a separate registration fee for each event. I loved reading each newsletter article as they came across my desk and couldn't help but smile when I read Dana Myers article. I loved her spunk when she referred to the fact that socialism is knocking at our door and said, "It is time to shut that nonsense down!" Dana could not be more right and it is up to TFRW women to spread the truth about what the Democrats truly stand for and shut them down. I am up to that challenge, are you?

The facts show that Republican women know what is on the line in 2022 and how we will lead the way to victory. TFRW has ninety-plus TFRW women running for office (more than ever before); many of you are already working on candidate campaigns, preparing to work as election judges or poll watchers, and registering new voters. Our office is being flooded with new and renewing membership applications and I expect our 2022 membership numbers to exceed 13,000. Again, I could not be more excited about the possibilities for 2022.

Our 2022-2023 TFRW theme, "Building Strong Leaders for Texas," is fitting for such a time as this. It is up to TFRW women to lead the charge in defending Texas and our country from the destructive agenda of socialist democrats. By empowering women through our focus on building leaders, I am confident we will be successful in "shutting that nonsense down!"

Thank you for the honor of serving you.

### Kit Whitehill

### **TFRW President**

"Great leaders don't set out to be a leader. They set out to make the difference. It is never about the role - always about the goal." - Lisa Haisha

#### **VDR TRAINING**

### VOTER REGISTRATION DEPUTY TRAINING

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

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.

### CALENDAR

# Please see our website for updated event information.

## Republican Events:

January 5, 2022 - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:45 A.M., at Luigi's Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 cost is \$12.00.

January 8, 2022 - Republican Men's Club Meeting: 8:00 A.M., at The Center, 108 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, for more information go to <a href="https://www.facebook.com/rockwallgopmen">https://www.facebook.com/rockwallgopmen</a>.

January 10, 2021 – RCRW General Meeting: 6:30 P.M., at Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club, 2600 Champions Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75087, guest speaker will be Melissa Conway, Republican National Committee State Director for Election Integrity and Kit Whitehill, TFRW President.

January 15, 2022 – Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club Meeting: 8:30 A.M. at The Center, 108 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, guest speakers are Eva Guzman, Attorney General Candidate, and Congressman Louie Gohmert.

January 18, 2022 – RCRW Happy Hour: 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M., at Yogi's Sports Bar and Grill, 2861 Ridge Road, Suite 101, Rockwall, Texas 75032.

January 24, 2022 – RCRW Liberty Ladies Lunching: 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. at The Bagel Lady, 316 S. Goliad Street Suite 201, Rockwall, Texas 75087 meeting in the back room.

January 29, 2021 – TFRW Leadership Day, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton San Marcos Hotel Conference Center 1001 E. McCarty Lane, San Marcos, Texas 78666, for more information go to <a href="https://www.tfrw.org">https://www.tfrw.org</a>.

February 2, 2022 - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:45 A.M., at Luigi's Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 cost is \$12.00.

February 12, 2022 - Republican Men's Club Meeting: 8:00 A.M., at The Center, 108 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, for more information go to <a href="https://www.facebook.com/rockwallgopmen">https://www.facebook.com/rockwallgopmen</a>.

February 14 – 25, 2022: Early voting, for locations and times go to <u>www.rockwallvotes.com</u>.

February 15, 2022 – RCRW Happy Hour: 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M., at Dodie's Cajun Diner at the Harbor, 2067 Summer Lee Drive, Ste 115, Rockwall, Texas 75032.

God Bless Texas!!!

February 26, 2022 – Rockwall County Republican Party Regan Day Dinner "Reagan On The Ranch": 4:30 P.M. VIP activities begin, 5:00 P.M., registration, silent auction and cash bar open, 7:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M., program, dinner and live music at Boyd Farm, 10350 State Highway 205, Lavon, Texas 75166. For tickets, go to http://bidpal.net/reagan2022

March 1, 2022 – Rockwall County Republican Precinct Convention, more information will be provided soon.

March 1, 2022 – Primary Election Day.

### **Community**

January 22, 2022 – Daddy Daughter Dance: there are two times, 5:00 P.M. until 6:30 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. until 9:00 P.M., at the Hilton Dallas/Rockwall Lakefront, 2055 Summer Lee Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75087, tickets may be purchased at the Center in person.

February 12, 2022 – Chocolate Indulgence benefiting Women In Need: for more information go to https://wintexas.org.

March 7-11, 2022 – Spring Break, Rockwall Independent School District.

April 2, 2022 – Rockwall Women's League Charity Ball "East Meets West": 6:00 P.M. at The Renaissance Dallas at Plano Legacy West Hotel, for tickets text eastwest2022 to 243725 or https://one.bidpal.net/eastwest2022.

April 30, 2022 – 6th Annual Go Blue For Kids Gala – A Blue Ribbon A – Fair, benefiting Children's Advocacy Center for Rockwall County: 6:30 P.M. at Boyd Farm, 10350 State Highway 205, Lavon, Texas 75166, 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 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.





"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

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