



**National Federation
of Republican Women**
Engaging and Empowering Women Since 1938



July 2020 NEWSLETTER

RCRW Mission Statement

Promote an informed electorate through political education. Increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through active political participation. Facilitate cooperation among Republican women of Texas. Foster loyalty to the Republican Party and promote its ideals. Work for the election of the Republican Party nominees.

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America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties Above thy fruited plain
America, America, God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea

O beautiful for pilgrim feet Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness
America, America, God mend thine every flaw
Confirm thy soul in self control
Thy liberty in law

O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife
Who more than self their country loved And mercy more than life
America, America, May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness And every gain divine

O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam Undimmed by human tears
America, America, God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
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FROM THE PRESIDENT



As we celebrate our Country's Independence, let us not forget those who fought and stood their ground so that the Declaration of Independence was able to be signed in 1776. So many people today take for granted the wonderful Country we live in. We are so lucky to have the freedoms that we do. We have the right to protest. We have the right to voice an opinion. We have a right to feel safe in our homes and in our daily lives. We can make our own choices. This is what makes America Great!

June was a trying month for our State and our Country. We will continue to move forward. I know our club serves a purpose. It is important that we meet and come together as like-minded people who support each other, challenge each other to continue to work for the same purpose, 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; and work for the election of the Republican Party's nominees.

We are One Nation Under GOD.

I look forward to seeing each of you on July 13, 2020 at our Monthly General meeting 6:30 P.M. at the Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club, more details about our meeting are stated below.

Tiffany L. Miller, RCRW President

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PROGRAMS



We are excited to continue our motivational programs as we move towards the November election. Our guest speaker for our July General

Meeting will be one of our own. Priscylla Bento – Latina, Woman of Color, Conservative, Professor and not afraid to fight the fight.

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

Time: 6:30 P.M.

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

Information for our August General Meeting will be provided soon.

Anna Campbell, Vice President, Programs

[READ MORE ON FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Our Membership Count as of June 30, 2020 is as follows:

Active Members: 130
Associate Members: 40
Honorary Members: 3
Total Members: 173

If you have not renewed your membership you may do so at our July General Meeting or our July Happy Hour. More details about each of these events are provided herein.

If you are cautious about venturing out in social gatherings, you may go to our website www.rcrw.org for an application and mail it with your payment of \$40.00 to: Rockwall County Republican Women, P.O. Box 1354, Rockwall, Texas 75087.

As always, please encourage your spouse to join, a reminder that all proceeds from Associate Member's dues stay right here in our club.

Deanna Tucker, Vice President of Membership

TREASURER'S REPORT



As of June 30, 2020

Balance forward	\$ 21,218.30
Income	\$ 2,550.00
Expenses	\$ 2,043.79
Grand Total	\$ 21,724.51
Scholarship	\$ 6,597.64
Working total	\$ 15,126.87

Frances White, Treasurer

CAMPAIGNS



Republican Primary Runoff Elections:

Early Voting: June 29, 2020 thru July 10, 2020

Election Day is Tuesday, July 14, 2020

For Early Voting and Election Day locations and times go to www.rockwallvotes.com.

State Convention:

Be advised the TFRW Women of Tribute Luncheon has been postponed.

Congressional District 4 Update

John Ratcliffe was recently confirmed by the Senate and is now the Director of National Intelligence (DNI). Since John Ratcliffe was already slated to appear on the November General Ballot, the district's Republican Party leadership will select a replacement nominee for Congressional District 4 for the November General Election Ballot. The selection of this

replacement nominee will take place on Saturday, August 8, 2020. Below is the contact information for the Rockwall County Precinct Chairs, who will be among the 150 voting members that will select our party's nominee on the November General Ballot.

As a reminder, Precinct Chairs are elected persons who work for you. You are encouraged to contact the Precinct Chair(s) and let them know your opinion of a candidate. You have a voice in the process, let your voice be heard.

You may also contact your Rockwall GOP Chair, Laverne Kennimer at 214-502-1731 or blkdrk@aol.com.

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** Not on primary ballot. According to rules, may not vote.

There are numerous candidates, for the ballot position, those that RCRW is aware of are: David Bridges, Trace Johansson, Floyd McClendon, Jim Pruitt, Jason Ross, TC Manning, Travis Ransom, Robert West, Pat Fallon and Aaron Harris.

For a more updated and more complete list, please contact Rockwall Republican County Chair, Laverne Kennimer.

Toni Felts, Vice President, Campaigns

RCRW SOCIAL TIME

March Events



July 21, 2020 - RCRW Happy Hour: 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at Manny's UpTown Tex Mex Restaurant, 469 Laurence Drive, Heath, Texas 75032.

Don't forget we are now on Instagram! Make sure to follow us on both Instagram and Facebook and to like and share our posts!

Alma McClintock, Social Chair

LEGISLATION



Even though the Texas State Legislature is not in session, there are many things going on that affect our lives, State, Country and freedom.

I encourage each of you to check your Spam and Trash emails. It's not just Trump! Many of the e-mail providers are sending ANYTHING that says Trump, GOP, RNC, any GOP politician, etc. to Trash and Spam.

YouTube banned this recent Trump AD.

[Trump's Latest AD Banned](#)

CONTACT TRACING IN TEXAS

As Vice-President for Legislation for RCRW, I recommend that you be informed about CONTACT TRACING in Texas. Sen. Bob Hall has written in his "Capitol Hall Report" a brief about the issue. One paragraph describes the practice:

“Now the state (and nation) are proposing egregious contact tracing schemes to track and control your movements. In what is being advertised as an “entirely voluntary” system, a positive COVID-19 test will trigger an investigation of you to reveal everywhere you have been and everyone you have been in contact with within a window of time prior to your testing. If you went to a restaurant, government officials have said they will look at restaurant seating logs to determine who you may have been in close proximity. The government may even review credit card receipts to determine who else was in the restaurant at the same time? If you happen to be one of the persons in the restaurant, will you be asked to self-isolate just because you have been in the same restaurant as someone who tested positive?”

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Texas, \$395 Million was given by Governor Greg Abbott to MTX, a Plano based company, to devise and carry out contact tracing in Texas.

The ramifications of that will mean an invasion of any citizen's privacy, rights, and personal choices. By contacting Sen. Hall's office, you may read his report here and you may receive a sample resolution which municipalities and counties may choose to enact which opposes this procedure.

The contract is signed, this is going to happen. Now it is up to us NOT to comply with the infringement to our constitutional rights and liberties.

You may contact Governor Abbott to tell him how you feel about contact tracing. As always, you may contact Senator Hall's office.



For Senator Hall's full report go to: [Post COVID Texas Liberty Lost Senator Hall Capital Report.pdf](#)

SEX EDUCATION IN TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Every ten years the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) are rewritten in an education discipline. The State Board of Education (SBOE) is responsible for administering these for Texas. These determine what content is in textbooks and educational materials. The public is invited to comment on the revisions, and this happened on Monday, June 29, by “virtual testimony.” Fifteen and a half hours of testimonies were presented, finishing at 1:10 in the morning, the vast majority of which were from the liberal ideology. It was available by computer and a former schoolteacher and conservative commentator, Donna Garner, watched the majority of the presentation. Her comments are available at:

[Texas SBOE & Sex Education](#)

She addressed the Reproductive and Sexual Health Strand in her comments. You can view the complete SBOE document here: [Health Education TEKS Review Work Group E Recommendations](#).

Those testifying for the liberal side focused on asking for “medically accurate” information in the TEKS on “comprehensive sex-education,” which ideology includes “sexual risk reduction” –meaning the use of contraceptives as opposed to “sexual risk avoidance” which centers on abstinence until marriage. Abstinence has been established in Texas statutes by our legislature as the only viable educational position.

This is an edited portion of Garner's comments:

“Okay...this is what that medically accurate information looks like, ... MEDICALLY ACCURATE INFORMATION WHICH THE TEXAS SBOE SHOULD INCLUDE IN THE REVISED HEALTH EDUCATION TEKS:

“Here is the way Texas ranks nationally in STD's/STI's out of 50 states (nationally notifiable) --

(<https://www.cdc.gov/std/stats18/2018-Surveillance-Report-EMBARGOED-FINAL-Stat-e-Ranking-Tables.pdf>):

Chlamydia – 25

As much as 10% of untreated chlamydial infections can progress to pelvic inflammatory disease (PID) which can damage the fallopian tubes, making women infertile for life and elevating the risk of ectopic pregnancy.

([STDs in Women and Infants - 2017 Sexually Transmitted Diseases Surveillance](#))

Gonorrhea – 27

Primary & Secondary Syphilis – 20

Congenital Syphilis – 1

Texas (2020) ranked by HIV death rate – 15 ([States ranked by HIV death rates](#)) Texas is in second highest category for HIV.

([Geographic Distribution](#) | [Statistics Overview](#) | [Statistics Center](#) | [HIV/AIDS](#))

HPV (STI – not nationally notifiable) can cause genital warts, anal lesions, and cervical cancer – 42.5% in ages 18-59 (2013-14 nationally). “HPV is so common that nearly all sexually active men and women get the virus at some point in their lives.”

([HPV Statistics](#))

CONDOMS: Condoms when used correctly and consistently are most effective against those STD’s transmitted through genital fluids. *However, condoms cannot offer protection against skin-to-skin STD’s such as cancer-producing HPV, genital warts, oral herpes, syphilis, molluscum contagiosum, and pubic lice/crabs because these STD’s are spread outside the condom-covered areas.*

TRANSGENDER ISSUES: Sex is an easily identifiable binary reality, determined at conception, and unalterable. ¹

Administering puberty blockers and opposite sex hormones to a minor will cause unalterable changes to the body that may include bone density loss, severe joint pain, osteoporosis, memory loss, compromised immune systems, and mental health issues (i.e., severe depression, suicidal ideation).”

We are urging parents and citizens to address these issues with local school officials and to participate in the Student’s Health Advisory Council (SHAC) which is a committee in every local Independent School District.

RCRW STANDING RULES

Pursuant to the Bylaws of Rockwall County Republican Women, Article III, Section 11, “The Executive Board may adopt “Standing Rules” specific for this club. Any “Standing Rule” may be adopted, revised, or removed by a plurality vote of the RCRW Executive Committee.

STANDING RULES

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

as of June 1, 2020



COMMUNITY OUTREACH
CITY OF ROCKWALL 4TH OF JULY PARADE!
9AM - THIS SATURDAY, JULY 4TH!

Please join Rockwall County Republicans as we parade through Rockwall and celebrate the greatness of America! **Come out to be part of the parade - decorate, ride and/or walk this fun event! We need you!**

We have a big presence in the parade this year with two floats, and multiple vehicles, so Republican riders and walkers of all ages are needed to join our procession!

Meet at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium at 7:30A.M. to help decorate the float or 8:30 A.M. if you are riding in or walking with the float.

Please contact Patti Muggeo for information, redd738@aol.com, 214-334-2992.

From Rockwall GOP Chair, Laverne Kennimer



I hope that everyone who attended our June General Meeting enjoyed hearing about Selah Creek. If you missed the meeting, please go to their website, www.selahcreek.org.



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The Republican Party pioneered the right of women to vote and was consistent in its support throughout the long campaign for acceptance. It was the first major party to advocate equal rights for women and the principle of equal pay for equal work.

The Women's Rights Convention held in Seneca Falls, N.Y., in 1848 marked the beginning of the women's suffrage movement in the United States. Two years later there was a nationwide meeting in Worcester, Mass.

By 1870, the Massachusetts Republican State Convention had already seated two suffragists, Lucy Stone and Mary A. Livermore, as delegates. In addition, the National Republican Convention of 1872 approved a resolution favoring the admission of women to "wider fields of usefulness" and added that "the honest demand of this class of citizens for additional rights ... should be treated with respectful consideration."

Wyoming, the state that pioneered women's suffrage, sent two women, Therese A. Jenkins and Cora G. Carleton, to the 1892 Republican Convention in Minneapolis as alternate delegates. This was the first time women were seated at a Republican National Convention.

This convention was also the first to be addressed by a woman, J. Ellen Foster, chairman of the Women's Republican Association of the United States. A strong believer in organization, Foster said her association had prepared work plans for women's involvement in national politics. Copies were given to each delegate and alternate. "We are here to help you," she declared, "and we are here to stay."

At the request of Susan B. Anthony, Sen. A.A. Sargent, a Republican from California, introduced the 19th Amendment in 1878. Sargent's amendment (also known as the Susan B. Anthony Amendment) was defeated four times by a Democrat-controlled Senate. When the Republican Party regained control of Congress in 1919, the Equal Suffrage Amendment finally passed the House in May of that year and in the Senate in June.

When the Amendment was submitted to the states, 26 of the 36 states that ratified it had Republican legislatures. Of the nine states that voted against ratification, eight were Democratic. Twelve states, all Republican, had given women full suffrage before the federal amendment was ratified.

On August 18, 1920, Tennessee became the 36th and final state needed to ratify the amendment. The U.S. Secretary of State certified the amendment on Aug. 26, 1920.

Source: Office of the Co-Chairman, [Republican National Committee](#)



ART AND BEAUTY MATTER

“He has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood and to engage in all kinds of artistic crafts... He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as engravers, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers — all of them skilled workers and designers.”

- Exodus 35: 31-33, 35

The cashier at Trader Joe's could not get over how many fresh flowers customers have been purchasing during the pandemic. “People load up their carts with pasta and frozen foods and then they buy at least two bouquets of flowers,” she told me. “It doesn't really make sense.” Art and beauty persists, especially in times of uncertainty or hardship. “I'm singing for them,” said Tony Award winning Broadway star Brian Stokes Mitchell, recovering from coronavirus in his NY apartment. Every night from his apartment window, he has been filling the streets with beautiful music dedicated to the front line workers battling the virus. Onlooker Sari Rubin described the singing as “three minutes of me remembering that there's good in the world.” (Classic FM)

Poets, painters, philosophers, and theologians have historically championed the conviction that beauty is even more essential during our darkest periods. In our new age of face masks, Facebook is loaded with entrepreneurs selling beautiful face masks featuring college mascots to Bible verses.

In times of uncertainty, sickness, despair and death, beauty is more than a mere distraction, beauty is a human connection point which becomes a catalyst of connection to the transcendent.

God is the great creator of all. He created every form of beauty available to humankind. Natural beauty surrounds us each day. The Spirit of God, with wisdom, understanding, and knowledge has given each of us all kinds of skills to make artistic designs.

- Adapted from Christianity Today April 2020

“Failures will be forgiven, it is acquiescence that is fatal, the permitted, regularized presence of an area in ourselves which we still claim for our own.” - C.S. Lewis



TFRW Chaplain, Kathy Morgan

TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN: **A WINNING TEAM!**

Bring Your Friends and Join Team TFRW at Home Plate for Appetizers and Beverages!

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3:30pm - 5:30pm

Home Plate Bar & Grill

1800 Texas Avenue
Houston, TX 77003



Before Event



At the Door

*Tickets include light appetizers and two beer, wine or soda tickets.

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CALENDAR

Republican Events:

June 29, thru Friday, July 10, 2020 – Early voting for the Primary Runoff.

July 11, 2020 - Republican Men's Club Meeting: 8:00 A.M., at Harry Myers Community Building, guest speaker is to be announced, cost is \$9.00 if you eat breakfast.

July 13, 2020 – RCRW General Meeting: 6:30 P.M., Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club, 2600 Champions Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75087, guest speaker is Pricylla Benetto.

July 14, 2020 – Runoff Election Day.

July 16-18, 2020 - Republican Party of Texas State Convention: begins at 9:00 A.M., at the George R. Brown Convention Center, at 1001 Avenida de las Americas, Houston, Texas 77010. For more information go to <https://www.texasgop.org>.

July 21, 2020 - RCRW Happy Hour: 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., at Manny's UpTown Tex Mex Restaurant, 469 Laurence Drive, Heath, Texas 75032.

August 5, 2020 - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:45 A.M., at Luigi's Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 cost is \$12.00.

August 8, 2020 - Republican Men's Club Meeting: 8:00 A.M., at Harry Myers Community Building, guest speaker is to be announced, cost is \$9.00 if you eat breakfast

August 10, 2020 – RCRW General Meeting: 6:30 P.M., at Liberty Hall, Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Rockwall, Texas 75087, guest speaker to be announced.

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

July 4, 2020 – July 4th Parade: 9:30 A.M. beginning at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium and ending at Dobbs Elementary School. Please see the information above.

July 18, 2020 – 2nd Annual Texas Pie Fest: 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M., at Summerfield at Tate Farms,

August 22, 2020 – CASA Clay Shoot: 8:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M., at The Rockwall Gun Club, 15950 State Highway 205, Terrell, Texas 75160, for more information go to www.lonestarcasa.org.

September 12, 2020 – Bubbles & Bags, benefiting Rockwall CAC: 6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M., at Southfork Ranch at 3700 Hogge Road, Murphy, Texas 75002, tickets go on sale Friday, June 5, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

September 16, 2020 – 5th Annual First Responder's Appreciation Luncheon: 11:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M., at Thomas N. Nalls Fire Station #2, located at 920 Rockwall Parkway, Rockwall, Texas 75032, for more information and tickets go to www.rockwallchamber.org.

September 19, 2020 – 7th Annual Celebrate Fate: 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., Fate City Hall located at 1900 CD Boren Parkway, live entertainment, kid activities food vendors, and fireworks, this is a free event.

September 20, 2020 – 5th Annual Bikes for Tykes benefiting Rockwall CAC: Registration begins at 11:00 A.M., the ride stats at 1:00 P.M.

October 1, 2020 – 8th Annual Pink Party Social: 6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M., Willis Fine Jewelry, at 2845 Ridge Road, Suite 201, Rockwall, Texas 75032.

October 17, 2020 – Royse City Chamber FunFest: 12:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M., downtown Royse City, Texas on Main Street.

November 10, 2020 – Bent Tree Bible Fellowship Golf Tournament benefiting the Poiema Foundation: 11:30 A.M., at the Canyon Creek Golf Club, 625 West Lookout Drive, Richardson, Texas 75080, help support the fight against sex trafficking by playing, sponsoring, or serving in the golf tournament. For more information go to www.benttree.org/golf-tournament-2020.

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 Tuesday 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.

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