

# Rockwall County Republican Women

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## President's Message

Melba Jeffus



As vacation season ends and school begins, we are all looking forward to cooler weather and getting back to our regular schedules.

The horrible disaster of Hurricane Harvey has devastated our gulf coast with an unbelievable accumulation of water, flooding, wind damage and loss of life. RCRW would like to help the victims by making a donation to one of the organizations involved in the relief effort. The board is researching which group. Dr. Janice Carson will have a donation box on her sign in table for your monetary donations at the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. We hope you can help us with this outreach to our fellow Texans. I am very proud to be a native Texan. One of the things that I love most about our state is how we come together in a crisis to help our fellow Texans. This hurricane has been an incredible example of the brotherhood we all feel for each other. Texans are very resilient and we are survivors. It will take a long time to rebuild, but we will be stronger than ever.

Since our next meeting falls on September 11<sup>th</sup>, the board is planning to honor our local first responders and military. We have invited our local first responders to join us for dinner and the program, if they have time. Our country changed forever on 9/11. I will never forget the many feelings that I experienced, but what I remember the most is the unbelievable dedication and selfless actions of the first responders. During our meeting we plan to thank our local heroes and honor them as well as our military. I hope you can all be with us for this time of remembrance and tribute to these brave men and women.

The 2017 TFRW Convention is here in Dallas October 19-21. This is a good opportunity to attend without traveling to another part of the state and you can drive back and forth to the convention center if you don't want to stay in the convention hotel. This is a fun time to meet other Republican ladies from around our great state and learn more about the TFRW

organization. This will be my 3<sup>rd</sup> convention. The number of voting delegates each club is allotted depends on the number of voting club members. We will have at least 10 voting delegates this time. The number could increase since the final reporting date for new members is Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Several of the officers cannot attend due to their work schedules. We hope that some of our club members will be able to attend so that we can use all of our delegate votes. You can register at TFRW.org. If you need help or have questions, please call me or one of the other officers and we will be happy to help you. Come join us for a fun time of learning and fellowship!



### OUR NEXT MEETING

Date/Time September 11 at 6:30 PM

Location Harry Myers Community Center

Come join us for Hamburgers and Trimmings



Tiffany Miller  
VP of Programs

9/11 is a day that means something to each of us. It is a day to remember, mourn, honor and celebrate. On this September 11, please join us as we honor our current and former military and first responders. Our guest speaker is Col. Jeanette Sterner (Ret.). Col. Sterner is the TFRW Deputy Regional President Region 1, for Senate Districts 1 and 2. Col. Sterner was honorably discharged from the US Army and Texas National Army Guard after 30 years of service. While serving in the Texas Army National Guard, she worked for the Veteran Administration Medical Center in Dallas as a vocational rehabilitation counselor and clinical coordinator for the Veterans Homeless Program. She was appointed in 2015 by Governor from the Army War College, her thesis was on Homeland Defense: The Texas Option Abbot and is still a Board Member of The Sabine River Authority of Texas. Col. Sterner received a Masters Degree in strategic planning for Global Situations.



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Laverne Kennimer, Editor

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### Calendar of Events

- September 11 RCRW Meeting
- September 25 RCRW Board Meeting
- October 19-21 TFRW Convention

### 2017 RCRW Board

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### OUR MISSION

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 nominee

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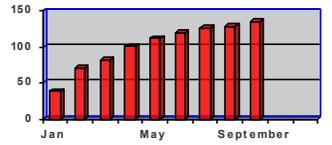
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Dr. Janice Carson

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## ANNOUNCEMENT



### ROCKWALL COUNTY REAGAN DAY



## MARCH 3, 2018

Save the Date



Our Women of Influence Tea, August 12, 2017



Guest Speaker, Faith Johnson, Dallas County District Attorney

Thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve as your 2017 Woman of Influence.

Belonging to The Rockwall County Republican Women's Club has taught me that I always have incredible women to thank. If I find that I have no one to express gratitude to, it is because I just have not gotten around to it yet. It has also taught me that where ever I am, whatever I do, I represent the Rockwall County Republican Party and the Republican women. So I again find myself thanking you remarkable women that I have been so fortunate to have surrounding me. You have no idea what it has meant to me when I was happy, sad, elated, and even devastated that I could look into the eyes of an RCRW member and find a mirror image.

*Laverne Hennimer*

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RCRW HOSPITALITY CHAIR

Pam was born and raised in Dallas, Texas

She has been married to John Benedetto, Constable Precinct 1 in Rockwall, Texas for 43 years. They have 2 sons (Jason and Matt) and 3 wonderful grandchildren (Avery, Jackson and Harrison).

In 1983, Pam and John moved to the "small" community of Rockwall, Texas where they started building homes in The Shores and Buffalo Creek. In 1988 they opened an entertainment place for families called Electric Circus. Children's birthday parties, day care and school activities were some of the services offered. In January of 1995 Pam & John opened Stonebrook Learning Center, the first Child Care Center in Royse City, Texas. In January 2000 they opened their second location in Royse City.

Pam enjoys working alongside the Republican men and women of Rockwall. Since getting involved in RCRW 5 years ago, Pam said it has been so rewarding to see where we have come as a party in Rockwall Texas.

Pam is at her happiest when she is in her kitchen baking cakes and desserts for her family and friends and her plan is to soon have a bakery in her home.

*Editors note: Pam has helped with Rockwall County Republican Party Reagan Day auction for several years and has been in charge of the auction for the past 3 years. She was the Sparks Award recipient at the 2017 Reagan Day. This special honor is awarded each year by the Rockwall Republican Precinct Chairs to a volunteer who has contributed substantially toward developing the GOP in Rockwall County.*

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AGAINST	Obamacare	FOR
FOR	Protection of the Unborn	AGAINST
FOR	School Prayer	AGAINST
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FOR	Extending Tax Cuts	AGAINST
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## Congressional Affairs Advisory

### How to Help Disaster Survivors in Texas

The compassion and generosity of the American people is never more evident than during and after a disaster. It is individuals, non-profits, faith- and community-based organizations, private sector partners, and governmental agencies working together that will most effectively and efficiently help survivors cope with the impacts of Tropical Storm Harvey. Please follow a few important guidelines below to ensure your support can be the most helpful for Tropical Storm Harvey disaster survivors.

#### TO DONATE TO RELIEF EFFORTS

The most effective way to support disaster survivors in their recovery is to donate money and time to trusted, reputable, voluntary or charitable organizations.

Cash donations offer voluntary agencies and faith-based organizations the most flexibility to address urgently developing needs. With cash in hand, these organizations can obtain needed resources nearer to the disaster location. This inflow of cash also pumps money back into the local economy and helps local businesses recover faster.

Please do not donate unsolicited goods such as used clothing, miscellaneous household items, medicine, or perishable foodstuffs at this time. When used personal items are donated, the helping agencies must redirect their staff away from providing direct services to survivors in order to sort, package, transport, warehouse, and distribute items that may not meet the needs of disaster survivors.

Donate through a trusted organization. At the national level, many voluntary-, faith- and community-based organizations are active in disasters, and are trusted ways to donate to disaster survivors. Individuals, corporations, and volunteers, can learn more about how to help on the [National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster](#) (NVOAD) website.

In addition to the national members, The Texas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (Texas VOAD) has a list of [vetted disaster relief organizations](#) providing services to survivors. Texas VOAD represents more than three dozen faith-based, community, nonprofit and non-governmental organizations.

#### TO PERSONALLY VOLUNTEER IN THE DISASTER AREAS

The State of Texas is asking volunteers to not self-deploy, as unexpectedly showing up to any of the communities that have been impacted by Hurricane Harvey will create an additional burden for first responders.

The National VOAD has also noted the situation may not be conducive to volunteers entering the impacted zone and individuals may find themselves turned away by law enforcement.

To ensure volunteer safety, as well as the safety of disaster survivors, volunteers should only go into affected areas with a specific volunteer assignment, proper safety gear, and valid identification.

At this time, potential volunteers are asked to register with a voluntary or charitable organization of their choice, many of which are already in Texas and supporting survivors on the ground.

The [National](#) and [Texas VOAD](#) websites are offering links to those who wish to register to volunteer with community- and faith-based organizations working in the field.

Most importantly, please be patient. Although the need is great, and desire to help strong, it is important to avoid donating material goods or self-deploying to help until communities are safe and public officials and disaster relief organizations have had an opportunity to assess the damage and identify what the specific unmet needs are.

Volunteer generosity helps impacted communities heal from the tragic consequences of disasters, but recovery lasts much longer than today. There will be volunteer needs for many months, and years, after the disaster, so sign up now.

Tropical Storm Harvey is still dangerous, with the potential to impact additional areas of Texas and Louisiana. As the situation changes, needs may also change in these areas. Continue monitoring traditional and social media channels to learn more.



## COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM @ Harry Myers	RCRW Membership Meeting
October 9 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM @ Harry Myers	RCRW Membership Meeting
October 19-21 @ Omni Hotel, Dallas	TFRW State Convention
Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM @ Harry Myers	RCRW Membership Meeting
<b>No Membership Mtg. in December</b>	
Kiwanis Christmas Parade (TBA)	Decorate and Ride Float
December (TBA)	GOP Christmas Party

**Lunch Bunch** – 1st Wednesday of each month at Luigi's Restaurant at 11:30. All Rockwall County Republicans are invited to share lunch and visit in the private meeting room. Please join us to meet other Republicans and become better acquainted.

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## ELECTION INFORMATION



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## GOP LINKS

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## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

[White House](#)

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[Republican National Committee](#)

[Congressional Bills](#)

[Federal Election Commission](#)

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[National Conference of State Legislatures](#)

[The House Policy Committee](#)

### Becoming a Precinct Chair:

If you are a loyal Republican, contact your County Chair and ask where the Rockwall County Executive meetings are held. Attend those meetings and ask how you can become a Precinct Chairman. If you live in voting precinct 4B then it is possible, at this time, that you can be appointed to that position by a majority vote of the County Executive Committee.

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