



National Federation
of Republican Women
Engaging and Empowering Women Since 1938



June 2020 NEWSLETTER

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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.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



I am so proud to live in Rockwall County. We are very fortunate to have community leaders who have guided us through COVID 19 and these difficult times. THANK YOU to everyone for keeping us safe!!

I am also proud to know that our new Director of National Intelligence is our former Congressman, John Ratcliffe. Congratulations Director!

Also, on my list of things to be proud of, is our very own Anna Campbell, RCRW's Vice President of Programs. She is our new City Councilwoman! I know Anna will do an amazing job and I am so proud to call her not only a RCRW sister, but a true friend. Congratulations Anna!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Spring Flower Fundraiser, our club made \$706.25.

We are back to having our general meetings and I look forward to seeing each of you on June 8, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. at the Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club.

Tiffany L. Miller, RCRW President

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PROGRAMS



Campaign.

Also joining us this evening is Sid Miller, Texas Agriculture Commissioner, along with a few other elected State Officials.

Our June General Meeting will be amazing and we are so excited! Our guest speaker is Keenan Williams, Entrepreneur, Motivational Speaker and Special Interest Director for the Trump

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 July 13, 2020 General Meeting will be provided soon.

Anna Campbell, Vice President, Programs

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Our Membership Count as of May 31, 2020 is as follows:

Active Members: 113
Associate Members: 33
Honorary Members: 3
Total Members: 149

This month we are able to have a general meeting on June 8, 2020. If you have not renewed your membership you may do so there or at our monthly Happy Hour on June 16, 2020. More details about each of these events are provided herein.

You can also go to our website to renew your membership. Go to www.rcrw.org for

an application and mail it with your payment to: Rockwall County Republican Women, P.O. Box 1354, Rockwall, Texas 75087.

Please encourage your spouses to join. All proceeds from Associate Member's dues stay right here in our club.

Deanna Tucker, Vice President of Membership

TREASURER'S REPORT



As of May 31, 2020
Balance forward \$ 20,084.33
Income \$ 2,181.06
Expenses \$ 1,047.09
Grand Total \$ 21,218.30
Scholarship \$ 6,597.64
Working total \$ 14,620.66

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.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTIONS

Remember you can also be a delegate to the state convention by contacting David Peek at davidpeek91@aol.com, Laverne Kennimer at blkdrk@aol.com, Jerry Fisher at jerry.fishersd2@gmail.com or your precinct chair.

The **Rockwall County Republican Convention is this Saturday, June 6, 2020**, at Liberty Hall, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Rockwall, Texas 75087. If you voted in the Rockwall County Primary Election you may attend. Doors will open at 8:15 A.M. and the convention will begin at 9:00 A.M. Space is limited to 80 people so please arrive early.



The 2020 Texas State Republican Convention will be held July 16 – 18 in Houston at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Registration is now Open!

<https://events.american-tradeshow.com/txgopfederal20>

- To receive your credentials, you will present your confirmation email with the unique barcode, along with a Photo ID at the registration area in the exhibit hall at the convention center. You will be given your credentials, a program, and a souvenir convention bag.

No paper tickets are issued; the barcode on your credentials will serve as your ticket to the event(s).

Please remember to track the hours you spend on supporting Republican Candidates and for our club. You may email me your volunteer hours at labandxray@gmail.com. Thank you to everyone that has already participated. Please contact me with questions or for more information via e-mail or 817-614-7361.

Toni Felts, Vice President, Campaigns

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RCRW SOCIAL TIME

March Events



June 16, 2020 – RCRW
Happy Hour: 6:00 P.M.
until 8:00 P.M. at
Rodeo Goat, 2095
Summer Lee Drive,
Rockwall, Texas 75032.

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

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



I hope that everyone has had a chance to go to Selah Creek's website and learn more about them. Selah Creek is a gospel-centered residential maternity home for women facing an unplanned or unsupported pregnancy. Through the sharing of the Gospel, discipleship and life planning, it is their goal to lead each resident to the Lord in a way that is real to her, resulting in lives changed for generations to come. For more information go to www.selahcreek.org.



RCRW SCHOLARSHIPS

Our Scholarship winners for 2020 were Desiree DeHart and Leslie Silva, each received \$3,000.00. If you haven't already, please watch their video where they spoke about "from the young voter's perspective....What is the biggest challenge facing our country today?"

[Desiree DeHart - Rockwall High School](#)

[Leslie Silva - Rockwall Heath High School](#)

In 2019, Anna Voth was one of RCRW's scholarship winners. Below is an update from Anna Voth:

Hello Republican Women,

Thank you so much for your generous scholarship which has allowed me to grow and blossom at Abilene Christian University this year! My first year in college was a blast!

Not only did I love my classes: like New Testament Studies, Figure drawing and Media Maker, but I also got the chance to become involved in leadership and organizations on campus. I have become involved in the organization ACU for Life, which I have now become the Communications Director of. I worked with this group to plan and organize a panel composed of students and professionals to discuss the issue of abortion from both sides of the argument (unfortunately this event was not able to take place due to COVID, but we hope to pick it up next spring).

I have also enjoyed joining ACU's College Republicans each week, which has allowed me to meet political representatives from Abilene as well as stay up-to-date on political issues. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the ACU Freshmen Honors Council, where I and a small group of freshmen honors students planned all honors college parties and events. One of my favorite organizations that I have had the privilege of being a part of is a program called Palm House Kids, which allows children and teenagers a safe place to enjoy fellowship and hear the gospel which contrasts the difficult upbringing and school scene many of these children are accustomed to regularly.

Having the opportunity to meet and bond with these teenagers has truly opened my eyes to blessings I take for granted as well as a hope and optimism that these teenagers share with me each week.

Your generous scholarship gave me the opportunity to not only learn and grow at this exceptional university, but also give me the opportunity to reach others in this community whether its sharing the pro-life message, or loving on underprivileged teenagers, I know that God has called me here to Abilene and I could have never realized this calling without your help. Thank you so much for all you have done for me to further my education.

Blessings,

Anna Voth





NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

'NFRW supports President Donald J. Trump to designate Antifa as a domestic terrorist organization.'

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 1, 2020

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Ann Schockett, President of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW), issued a video statement today regarding the killing of George Floyd and the resulting nationwide civil unrest, and voiced support for President Donald Trump to designate Antifa as a domestic terrorist organization.

"On the heels of our entire country being severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, a crisis of epic proportions from loss of loved ones to economic hardships, our nation was witness to a horrible, grave tragedy last week in Minnesota, the killing of George Floyd by a law enforcement officer. We mourn for this senseless loss. Justice will be served," Schockett said in the video statement. "Yet, instead of being able to come together at a delicate time when our nation is reopening and rebuilding, as well as mourning for the loss of George Floyd and others, we're being torn apart, purposefully and with an agenda by the far Left and the real fascists, which is Antifa, " she continued. "They are using the distress of our country to cause chaos and devastation through rioting and violence to prevent our country from coming together. Destruction at any cost is their goal. And joining them in mob mentality, setting our country ablaze, are more agitators and criminals."

Schockett voiced the NFRW's support of President Donald J. Trump to designate Antifa as a domestic terrorist organization.

Watch President Schockett's full statement here <https://youtu.be/RA4IaLnjKvI>

Founded in 1938, the National Federation of Republican Women is the largest grassroots Republican women's organization in the nation. NFRW provides a forum for women to serve as leaders in the political, government, and civic arenas. NFRW objectives are to recruit, train and elect Republican candidates, promote the principles of the Republican Party, educate the public and protect the integrity of our electoral process.



TEXAS FEDERATION of *Republican Women*

As we continue to search for what our new “normal” will be post COVID-19 pandemic, it is clear that the pandemic response has taken its toll on our individual rights and freedoms. One of our dearest rights is the right to vote in free and fair elections. While we have been “stay[ing] at home, work[ing] safe,” the Texas Democrat Party, League of Women Voters, MOVE Texas and others (TDP Plaintiffs) have filed numerous lawsuits in selected Texas state and federal courts seeking to expand the definition of who can request an absentee ballot in the upcoming election. Although this litigation is playing out in our court system, at its core is the interpretation of Texas state legislation.

Approximately 30 states across the country allow voters to vote by mail for any reason. However, Texas has long maintained a limited definition of who can apply for an absentee ballot. Chapter 82 of the Texas Election Code provides that to be eligible to vote by mail (absentee) in Texas, you must (1) be 65 years or older; (2) be disabled; (3) be out of the county on election day and during the period for early voting by personal appearance; or (4) be confined in jail, but otherwise eligible. The specific provision at issue is section 82.002(a) which defines what constitutes a “disability” and provides “[a] qualified voter is eligible for early voting by mail if the voter has a sickness or physical condition that prevents the voter from appearing at the polling place on election day without a likelihood of needing personal assistance or of injuring the voter’s health.”

The TDP Plaintiffs and numerous county clerks around the state (i.e., Harris, Dallas, Travis, El Paso, and Cameron counties) argue that any registered voter’s lack of immunity to COVID-19 is a physical condition that qualifies as a disability for purposes of obtaining an absentee ballot. They have asked the courts to interpret the statute in this manner, and thus far, the lower state and federal district courts have done so.

During the May 20 oral argument in the Supreme Court of Texas that was broadcast on the court’s YouTube channel, the TDP Plaintiffs’ counsel revealed that the TDP Plaintiffs desired to inform voters via websites, mail, and phone that they could apply for an absentee ballot if they lacked immunity to COVID-19. Counsel conceded that the county clerks had a constitutional obligation to follow the law in the state of Texas and presumably would do so. The State (represented by the Attorney General’s office) argues that interpreting the definition of disability as the TDP Plaintiffs put forward would mean that almost every Texas citizen who is registered to vote could request an absentee ballot. Moreover, if “lack of immunity” is interpreted to mean a “physical condition,” then the “lack of immunity” won’t be limited to just COVID-19: it could include lack of immunity to the flu or a whole host of diseases. Such an interpretation would essentially allow the exception (disability) to swallow the rule that you have to appear in person to vote. During the Supreme Court oral argument, the State conceded that county clerks are not required to go beyond what is represented on the face of the application for an absentee ballot,

and therefore, if an otherwise qualified voter checks that they have a “disability” then an absentee ballot would be provided.

This litigation clearly shows that this is a thorny issue. Ultimately, it appears that the courts will decide who is eligible for an absentee ballot in the upcoming runoff and general elections. However, this issue is likely to come up in the next legislative session. It is important for us to fully vet this issue and communicate to our state representatives our opinions on whether Texas should expand its definition of who is entitled to vote by mail or better define who is entitled to vote by mail to maintain the limited scope of absentee voting. We will continue to follow the litigation and update you in coming editions.



VP LEGISLATION
Robbi Hull

CALENDAR

Republican Events:

June 6, 2020 – Rockwall County Republican Convention: doors open at 8:15 A.M., convention begins at 9:00 A.M. at Liberty Hall, Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Rockwall, Texas 75087, for more information www.rockwallgop.org.

June 8, 2020 – RCRW General Meeting: 6:30 P.M., at Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club, 2600 Champions Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75087, guest speaker is Keenan Williams.

June 13, 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.

June 16, 2020 – RCRW Happy Hour: 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., at Rodeo Goat 2095 Summer Lee Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75032.

June 25, 2020 – Rockwall Young Republicans: 7:00 P.M., at 112 Kenway Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, follow on Facebook for more information.

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

July 1, 2020 - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:45 A.M., at Luigi’s Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, cost is \$12.00.

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., speaker and location information will be announced.

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 Up Town Tex Mex Restaurant, 469 Laurence Drive, Heath, Texas 75032.

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

June 6, 2020 - September 26, 2020 - Rockwall Farmer's Market: 8:00 A.M. until Noon, in downtown Rockwall.

June 9, 2020 – National Women's Veterans Day: 9:00 A.M. until 9:30 A.M., at the Rockwall County Historic Courthouse, downtown Rockwall.

July 18, 2020 – 2nd Annual Texas Pie Fest: 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M., at Summerfiled 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 20, 2020 – 5th Annual Bikes for Tykes benefiting Rockwall CAC: Registration begins at 11:00 A.M., the ride starts 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.bentree.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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