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Senate District #2



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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 and welcome to 2023!

I could not be more excited about the adventure we are about to embark on together. There are so many things we will be sharing about our amazing 2023 plans that the new Executive Board has planned for you.

You will want to be sure to read your monthly newsletter, follow us on all social media, check the website and ensure you are receiving your RCRW emails to stay abreast of all the upcoming events and find valuable resources and tools from your club officers. We will keep

you posted on all the club, county, and state activities for you to participate in.

To start off the year, I am looking forward to our monthly activities and events that will be listed here in our newsletter and to prepare for the TFRW Legislative Day in February. Whether you are an Executive member, a community leader, or a grassroots leader (which would be all of us), Leadership Day is for you! Please plan on joining us February 2-4, 2023, for this wonderful opportunity to learn, participate and networking with other Republican women from across the state. Please be on the lookout for the registration link so you too can participate.

Our 2023-2024 Executive Board's theme for the new year is "Unity". We feel that together this is a fitting theme for this new year. It is up to our RCRW ladies to help unify the community and county to build a stronger Republican party. By empowering our members, we feel this will help build stronger leaders and ensure our values are well represented in our county, state, and nation.

I would like to say once again how honored and humbled I am to serve as your new President and look forward to working with each of you to build a stronger and active club. Please know that I am always here for you and will do my best to represent our club at both the county and state level.

Here is to a bright and successful 2023.

Alma McClintock
RCRW President
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V.P. PROGRAMS

Happy New Year! I'm excited to begin in my new role as VP of Programs! Discussions are well underway on who the Club would like to hear from the most in this new year. Thank you to all who joined us in honoring our Woman of Influence – Anna Campbell - at Rotary Hall. Anna is a phenomenal woman who is an inspiration to us all. We love and appreciate her so much!

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

* Kit Whitehill is the TFRW 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.

Date: January 9, 2022

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 - the menu is Italian food.

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!!!



Be sure to follow us on all social media platforms:

Website - <http://www.rcrw.org/>

Facebook - @RCRWTX

Instagram – rockwallcountyrepublicanwomen

RCRW Book Club –

We will meet once a quarter 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.

God Bless Texas!!!



Liberty Ladies Lunching –

Mark your calendars:

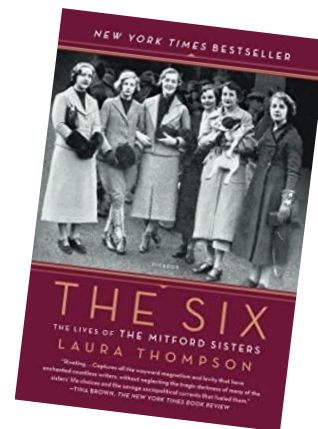
4th Monday of each month (January 23, 2023)

Meeting Place: Mi Cocina

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,

Lea Carlson, Vice President, Programs

V.P. MEMBERSHIP

I pray everyone had a safe Christmas & New Year holiday with their family and friends. I'd like to take this time to introduce myself as your new VP of Membership for 2023-2024. I am excited to be a part of this organization and work side by side with each of you. I look forward to our Quarterly new member meetings as well as all the great things we will be doing throughout the year.

I would like to thank my childhood friend Karen Myers who I respect so much for preparing me to fill the VP Membership position. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve under the leadership of our President, Alma McClintock. I encourage you all to bring a friend to our upcoming 2023 meetings so that they turn into new members. If your husbands are not members, I encourage you to sign them up as an Associate Member at the same membership fee of \$40.00. The membership fee is \$40.00 per person and there is an additional \$10.00 charge per name badge.

If you haven't already, please visit our website at <http://www.rcrw.org> to download the membership application. You may choose to bring your application and payment to our meeting or you are welcome to mail it to: Rockwall County Republican Women, PO Box 1354, Rockwall, TX 75087.

Wishing you all a blessed Happy New Year 2023. Should you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you.

Cordially,

Lisa Seligman-Kearby, Vice President of Membership

TREASURER**Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2022 Operating Account**

Balance Forward	\$12,039.76
Income	\$ 1,790.00
Expenses	\$ 2,765.92
Grand Total	\$11,063.84

Scholarship Account

Opening balance	\$ 3,445.76
Income	\$ 0.00
Expenses	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 3,445.76

Frances White, Treasurer



V.P. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

**Voter Deputy Registrar In-Person Training is Wednesday, February 8, 2023
at 6:00 p.m. at the GOP Office**

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

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.

I want to take this opportunity to let you know I will be compiling Political Activities hours monthly. You can email nasusedwards@icloud.com or text 610-360-0300. I will have monthly Political Activities reporting forms available at our happy hours, general meetings, book clubs and lunches. Please take the time to log your Political Activities. Another way to log your calls and activities is to use your Notes section on your iPhone and email it to me monthly. Lastly, I want to let you know what constitutes Political Activities that count as hours. There are basically 2 categories; 1.) Phone Calls and 2.) Other Activities as outlined below.

Phone Calls

- a. Making phone calls on behalf of a candidate or organization
- b. Calls are Political Activities but are broken out into their own category

Other Activities

- a. Drive time to and from events and prep
- b. Forums
- c. Educational Events such as election training and campaign school
- d. Speaking engagements
- e. Club and executive meetings
- f. Working a community event on behalf of the GOP or a club
- g. Planning and attending a political fundraiser
- h. Emailing and Social Media
- i. Working polls (if you are not a full-time employee of the County or State) *
- j. Elected Officials can count hours spent serving your constituents (if you are not a full-time employee of the County or State) *

* New activities in 2023

Thank you,
Susan Edwards, Vice President Political Activities
nasusedwards@icloud.com
 610-360-0300



SOCIAL



2023 is starting off with a blast. Here are some of our Socials for January

January Happy Hour/Dinner

Fish N Tails Oyster Bar
Tuesday January 17, 2023
6:00 P.M. -8:00 P.M.
6310 Dalrock Rd, Suite 100
Rowlett, TX (Rockwall County)



Divas and Darlings Sip & Shop

Shop for your perfect Reagan Day outfit
(Don't forget to buy your tickets)
Thursday January 19, 2023
6:00 P.M. -8:00 P.M.
2455 Ridge Rd, Suite 129
Rockwall, TX

Save the Date: Ladies Day Out

All Woman A R Workshop

February 12, 2023

2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

3003 N President GB Hwy, Suite 600

Garland, TX

Keep your eyes open for email signups. Only 30 spots available so don't delay! This will be a scholarship fundraiser

Excited for everyone to get to know each other better and have fun.

Deanna Tucker, Social Chair



TEXAS STATE SENATE DISTRICT 2



Dear Senate District 2:

The 88th Legislature is about to meet for our regularly scheduled session from January through the end of May, 2023. During a time when other states are facing unprecedented fiscal deficits and the need to increase taxes, Texas lawmakers have the task of deciding how to allocate a record surplus of \$27 billion. In some ways, that can be as difficult as dealing with a shortfall. Though the money may be available, the Legislature is restrained by multiple constitutional spending caps. And, since the money is not guaranteed to be available in future sessions, the Legislature must be prudent not to raise spending in a way that will be unsustainable ongoing.

If you are interested in following the Texas Legislature, you may do so at <http://capitol.texas.gov>. In addition to tracking specific legislation, this is the website to follow to watch committee meetings or floor sessions for both the House and Senate.

Please keep in mind that over 7,000 bills are filed and about a 1,000 bills pass through the full process to the Governors desk. My staff and I will be happy to assist you in finding deeper details you may seek.

Senate District 2 continues to have some of the most involved citizens in the State and you can be proud of your active voting record. I am proud to represent this district and I thank you for your continued participation in issues that are so important to our community and state.

After the re-districting process of last session, Senate District 2 welcomes some new constituents from Collin, Ellis and Navarro Counties, while bidding a found farewell to some former constituents in Delta, Fannin, Hopkins, Hunt, and Rains Counties. We look forward to serving all of you.

I continue to have an open door policy. If there are any issues with which I can assist you with, please do not hesitate to call my Capitol Office at 512.463.0102.

Thank you for your ongoing support and friendship and may God richly bless your family. God Bless,

Bob Hall

STATE REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISTRICT 2



“It’s OK to say Merry Christmas”. I hope you all enjoyed a Merry Christmas and a holiday season full of family and fun.

The State Republican Executive Committee met on December 9, 10 for its fourth quarterly meeting. State Chairman Matt Rinaldi gave a recap of the midterm elections. Texas did get more red, but we were disappointed in many areas. Election integrity was again a huge item of discussion. Our state chair formed a special committee to work on election integrity.

Several resolutions were passed. A resolution regarding Texas House Leadership – Be it resolved that all members of the Texas House Republican Caucus should unify in support of all sections of Plank 233.

A resolution asking for new leadership at the Republican National Committee.

A resolution opposing voter suppression in Harris County- Be it resolved that the SREC find that the Ellis 3 redistricting plan adopted by Harris County is voter suppression and violates the Constitution.

A resolution encouraging amity in the Montgomery County Republican Party-Be it resolved that the SREC encourages both factions in the Montgomery County Executive Committee to work together to conduct Party business in that county and to avoid simultaneously called meetings.

The Partnerships and Coalitions committee accepted letters asking for renewal of partnerships from Texas Federation of Republican Women, Texas Republican County Chair Association, Pachyderm, and Juan Sequin Society.

Our next SREC Quarterly meeting will be on March 3,4, 2022. Happy New Year and may 2023 bring your family many blessings.

Jerry Fisher, SREC Committeewoman for SD2

Jerry.fishersd2@gmail.com

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V.P. Legislation

The 88th legislative session will begin on January 10th, and TFRW members will hit the Capitol halls soon after. With hundreds of bills already filed, it promises to be a very exciting, lively session. To prepare TFRW members for the session, our biennial Legislative Day will be held on Friday, February 3rd, at the AT&T Conference Center. The day will be full of exceptional training on how to follow a bill, how to testify, and how to contact your elected officials. Elected officials will join us and you'll have an opportunity to visit with them. (*TFRW December newsletter*)

To follow along with legislative progress yourself, set up an account at www.tfrw.org and find online resources to learn how to get involved and how to follow your legislators or bills.

Most importantly, contact your legislators with your comments or questions.

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(202) 225-6673. Washington DC office
repfallon@mail8.housecommunications.gov

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972-722-3131 Rockwall office
(512) 463-0102 Austin office
Senatorbobhalldistrict2@gmail.com

Texas State Representative Justin Holland
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(512) 463-0484 Austin office
justin@justinholland.org

Sharon Henson, Vice President Legislation

TFRW - Legislative Day Update

I hope that this update finds you all feeling blessed. We have so much to be thankful for following the November election!

Legislative Day is on Friday, February 3rd, and it will be a day of training and presentations by an amazing cast of Republicans with extensive experience in Texas government. We recognize that Biden's inflation has impacted us all, so we are holding our registration cost at 2021 levels – Early Bird registration for Legislative Day and Luncheon will be \$85. Hotel rates at the AT&T Conference Center are \$219 per night excluding taxes and parking. This is the lowest price available in the immediate area, so you'll want to book your hotel room as soon as possible. We sent out the registration and hotel reservation links for Legislative Day. Please check your emails.

For those who can schedule to arrive early on Thursday, February 2nd, we'd love for you to meet us at the Capitol for recognition in one of the Legislative Chambers and to get a group picture. You'll also have time to visit your local representatives. More specific details will be coming soon regarding Thursday's activities.

The 2023 Legislative Session will be fast and furious. The Regular Session begins on January 10th and runs for 140 days through May 29th. The last day to file a bill (the 60th day) is March 10th, but thousands of bills will be filed prior to the beginning of the session. Returning incumbents began filing bills on November 14th, so hundreds of bills have been filed. See [Filed House Bills](#) and [Filed Senate Bills](#).

As an organization, TFRW primarily will follow bills relating to Education and Election Integrity. These two legislative priorities may encompass dozens of bills, so we will keep you posted about the ones we are following that are moving (to committee hearing and beyond). And, Legislative Day training will prepare you to follow these bills and as well as those in which you have a personal interest and show you how to share your opinions and feedback to committees and representatives handling those bills. So register early and join us in Austin in February 2023!

I'm excited to share my knowledge and the knowledge of our speakers with you as we continue to build strong leaders for Texas.

Robbi Hull, VP Legislation - vp legislation@tfrw.org

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



*Divas
and
Darlings*

*Sip
&
Shop*



Join us at Diva's and Darlings for a fun time sipping your favorite beverage and shopping the latest styles and creating a new wonderful hat by Makhatter.

January 19, 2023

From 6:00-8:00 P.M.

2455 Ridge Rd #129

Rockwall, TX 75087

A portion of the proceeds will go to our scholarship fund.

Republican Events:

January 4, 2023 - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:45 A.M., at Luigi's Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 cost is \$13.00.

January 9, 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 Kit Whitehill, TFRW President, and Keaton Steen with Turning Point USA, Rockwall/Heath High School, meal is potluck, water and tea are provided.

January 14, 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>.

January 17, 2023 - RCRW Happy Hour: 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., at Fish and Tails 6310 Dalrock Road, Rowlett, Texas 75088.

January 19, 2023 - RCRW "Sip and Shop": 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., Divas and Darlings, 2455 Ridge Road, Suite 129, Rockwall, Texas 75087, shop all the latest fashions while you taste the latest wines, 20% of the proceeds will go back to our club.

January 23, 2023 - RCRW Liberty Ladies Lunch: 11:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M., at Mi Cocina, 971 E Interstate 30, Rockwall, TX 75087

January 25, 2023 - Rockwall County Young Republicans: 6:30 P.M., at Luigi's Italian Restaurant, guest speaker Jill Glover speaking on Legislative Priorities.

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 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 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 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, TX 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 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>

Please see our website for updated event information.

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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