



# RCRW NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 2024

TFRW Region #5 Senate District #2



### FROM THE PRESIDENT



It's an exciting time of the year! We are heading into the Primary Elections (early voting starts Feb. 20 - March 1) on March 5, 2024, then to the General Elections in November. Can you feel the thrill in the air? Several of our RCRW Board members attended the TFRW Leadership Training and had the opportunity to hear from our former Gov. Rick Perry, former RPT Vice President Cat Parks, our current NFRW Exec Board and many more. The one message that they all conveyed was, Get Involved!!! We must get involved by educating ourselves and those around us, help register people to vote and then get out to vote. We need to ensure we are staying true to the Republican platform: smaller government, protecting our borders, and educating our children, just to name a few. By getting involved in all aspects, we help to preserve the county, the state and hopefully take back the nation. I want to encourage you to do just that - Get Involved!!!

Are you asking yourself - "well, what can I do?" I am so glad you asked. You can start by signing up to be on one of our many club committees. There is so much to do within the club, that you can do as much or as little, given your time. You can become a Volunteer Deputy Registrar and help register people to vote within Rockwall County. You can invite your family and friends to our meetings and events and encourage them to get

involved. The more like-minded people we have, the bigger our impact and reach will be. There is so much going on in the nation and in the world today, that we each need to be vigilant to help where we can. I implore you to take a good look at what is going on and take a stand and say "No More," we will not stand for this. This encompasses everything from our borders, our election process, all the way to helping our allies in Israel. I can't express the gratitude that I have for TFRW and taking a stand with Israel and the terrible atrocities that occurred on October 7, 2023. This is a time in history that we will never forget. Please continue to say a prayer for Israel and her people as we all know that Gd hears our prayers and in His time they will be answered.

I look forward to working with you this year in our many endeavors and accomplishing so much!

May you continue to be blessed -  
Alma McClintock, President





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## V.P. Programs

It's election season!

On February 12, 2024, RCRW is teaming up with the other local clubs to host a candidate meet and greet. Make sure you join us, so that you have a chance to hear from the local Republican candidates running in our Primary. You'll also get the chance to talk with candidates one on one. This could be your last opportunity before the election on March 5, 2024 to make an informed vote. Please make note that our meeting location for February will be at Rotary Hall, not Harry Myers. We hope to see you there!

Date: February 12, 2024

Meeting Place: Rotary Hall- 408 S. Goliad Rockwall, Texas 75087

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Be sure to follow us on all social media platforms:

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

Facebook - @RCRWTX

Instagram – rockwallcountyrepublicanwomen

God Bless Texas!!!

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting,  
Lea Carlson, Vice President, Programs

## Liberty Ladies Lunching

Mark your calendars: 4th Monday of each  
month (February 26th, 2024)



Meeting Place: La Madeleine 987 E Interstate  
30, Rockwall, TX 75087

Time: 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

It's a great time to meet with friends, like-minded women, to catch up on life and have a relaxing time together.



## V.P. Membership

Happy February to you all! In addition to February being the month of Valentine’s Day (14th), it’s also American Heart Health month. The number 1 killer for women is cardiac arrest. Please make sure to be aware of your heart condition.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Membership Luncheon scheduled for Saturday, February 17, 2024, 11:30am – 1:30pm. Please make sure you register for this exciting event which will also include lunch. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. There is a link to register: Eventbrite. If you can’t locate, type rcrw membership luncheon and it will list. Don’t forget to use Password: RCRW2024. Men are welcome to. We are hoping that our spouses join as well.

Per TFRW rules, RCRW membership calendar begins November 1st and goes through to the end of October of each year. I would like to encourage everyone who has not renewed their membership to date, please do so in person, by mail or online using our QR code option. We encourage the men to join as well as Associates. [www.rcrw.org](http://www.rcrw.org)

We would like to thank all our new members and members who have renewed thus far. 2024 is a big Presidential election year. Please bring your family and friends to our next meeting.

We would like to welcome all our New members:

Tanya Brewer	Joan Starkweather	Christina Bristow	Tina Valencia	Sheila Edwards	Lee Wickland
Lisa Frazier	Jean Wilkerson	Joyce Harper	Beverly Wilson	Jennie Healy	Janette Wold
Nancy Harvath	Kathy Howe	Sandy Martin	Lidia Manning		

Our membership (renewals & new members) numbers are as follows:

Members: 81  
 Associates: 27  
 Honorary: 4  
 TOTAL: 112

Please email me at [rcrwmembership@rcrw.org](mailto:rcrwmembership@rcrw.org) with any questions or concerns and if you have any friends/family who would like to become a RCRW member please ask them to fill out the membership application at [rcrw.org](http://rcrw.org).

Lisa S. Kearby, Vice President of Membership

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## V.P. Political Activities

Thank you to everyone who continues to participate in Political Activities and reports on your hours.

In December, our club worked 3,279 hours toward political activities, and completed 505 phone calls. For the 4th quarter we worked 8,927 hours and made 1,604 phone calls. For the full year 2023 we worked 31,174 hours and made 4,455 phone calls. Congratulations Sharon Henson who led the club with 365 hours and 220 phone calls in December. Remember, all that I need to report each month is your total hours spent on any political activity and the total number of phone calls made. You should include the time spent at any of our social functions such as the Liberty Ladies Luncheon, Candidate Meet & Greet, our monthly meeting, and our Out & About events. You should even include the driving time to and from these events.

Please be sure to get me your January 2024 hours as soon as possible after the end of the month. You can either text them to me at 610-360-0300 or email to [nasusedwards@icloud.com](mailto:nasusedwards@icloud.com). No need to submit a form.



## Social Chair

Burrrrrrr it's cold out there but we still had a wonderful Happy Hour at Pablo's in Fate. I appreciate all of you that came out. We had a great time.

Our next Happy Hour will be at Gianni's Italian Bistro in Heath. February 20, 2024 from 6-8 pm This has always been a club favorite place to have dinner. We hope to see you there.

Put on your calendar for Ladies night out hopefully April 24, 2024 at Lakeside Florist. We will be doing our own floral arrangement (this also includes Pizza and Wine) Details to follow soon.

Remember, during this election time please pray for all the candidates. This is a stressful time for them and their families. No matter who wins I feel they are all winners. Thank you for stepping up and serving your communities.

Thank you,  
Deanna Tucker, Social Chair





# CAPITOL HALL REPORT

*Serving the counties of District 2:*

*Kaufman, Navarro, Rockwall, Van Zandt and parts of Dallas, Ellis and Collin County*

Electrical grid growth without protection is a fool's errand.

As one of the fastest-growing states in the nation, Texas is rapidly outgrowing its capacity to provide the electricity needed

to support this growth. The forced retirement of old dispatchable generators and an influx of wind and solar have

compounded this problem. The increased demand has placed the electric grid in a precarious situation, made evident by the

reoccurring calls for conservation that were issued over the past year, and has grid regulators scrambling to find solutions.

Thankfully, due to similar situations with grids across the country, the added volatility to the grid caused by wind and solar

is now a national discussion. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) recently directed NERC to draft a

reliability standard that would better balance the different sources of electricity.

In Texas, legislators sought to address this issue during the 88th legislative session and passed Senate Bill 2627, which

included the Texas Energy Fund. This ten-billion-dollar special fund was constitutionally adopted in November 2023 and

incentivizes new dispatchable generation construction and plant upgrades in Texas through low-cost, state-funded loans.

The push lately has been to create and maintain regulatory certainty in the state so that investors will have the assurances

that the electric market is stable, and they feel secure that building new plants will be fiscally sound. Nuclear energy provides an energy-dense solution to the increased demand for energy in the state.

However, until recently,

federal red tape has held up much of the progress in this space.

After many calls to conserve energy, Texas Governor Greg Abbott called for the incentivization of nuclear and other

dispatchable energy sources. State regulators quickly stood up the Texas Advanced Nuclear Reactor working group to study

how Texas could work towards developing more nuclear energy in the state and what regulatory changes needed to be

made.



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Electrical grid growth without protection is a fool's errand. (continued)

On the federal level, the NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission) has been working to modify and create regulations to allow for more flexibility with nuclear energy, using smaller nuclear plants and small modular reactors which can be used as microgrids.

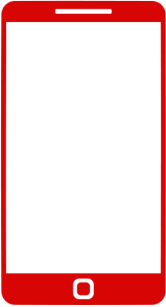
Change in this arena moves slowly, but it is promising that both the federal and state regulators acknowledge the importance that nuclear can play in the future and presently seem apt to make nuclear energy a viable solution soon to meet increased energy demands.

What is missing from this effort to increase electric generation capacity is any recognition of the lack of resilience to both man-made and natural threats. These threats are real and known to industry and government officials, who, unfortunately, continue to refuse to take any action to protect the Texas electric grid from these threats. Electricity is the second most important thing for sustaining life. Only air is more important, because without electricity, most people will not have food or water.

Meeting the needs of the population growth is important and should be done. Refusing to put an equal emphasis of the protection of the Texas electric grid is a gross failure of the electric industry and the Texas legislature.



# RCRW UPDATES



**STAY UPDATED WITH THE LATEST INFORMATION FROM RCRW**  
To receive e-mail and text reminders, follow the instructions below. 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](http://www.rmd.at/2474cb) on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

## Republican Events:

Feb. 7, 2024 - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:30 A.M., at Luigi's Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 cost is \$13.00.

Feb. 12, 2024- RCRW General Meeting: 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M., Candidate Meet and Greet (in place of the General Meeting) at Rotary Hall Rockwall, Texas 75087. Light snacks provided.

Feb. 17, 2024 - RCRW Membership Luncheon, 11:30A.M. - 1:00P.M., Gail Spann's home. Link to registration is listed on RCRW Facebook Event page.

Feb. 20, 2024 - Social Hour at Gianni's 465 Laurence Dr. Heath, TX. 75032- 6-8pm

Feb. 26, 2024 - Liberty Ladies Lunch - 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., at La Madeleine, 987 East 1-30, Rockwall, TX 75087

Mar. 6, 2024 - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:30 A.M., at Luigi's Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 cost is \$13.00

Please check out our Facebook page 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.**



**PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG**  
"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

### 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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Executive Board meetings held the last Tuesday of the month at 5:30PM

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