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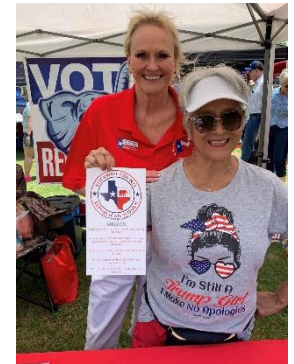
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JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

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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



Welcome to June! I can't believe half of 2023 is passing us by. So much has happened this past month, it has been an eye-opening learning experience and proves to be to even more of a reason why it is so important for us to get involved in our legislative process. We must speak to our local representatives, become more active in the bill process, and ensure our voices are heard.

Thank you for stepping up when each Call to Action was shared. It is so important that we understand, discuss, and contact the committee members along with our representatives to express our thoughts regarding the bills that are being brought up for

review.

I hope you had a chance to go to the Rockwall Founders Day and enjoy the comradery, music, and fun. It is always a great time to get out and meet new members of the Rockwall community and surrounding areas. Thank you to members of RCRW for helping and volunteering with the booth.

I would like to remind you that we will not be having a July meeting this year. We look forward to seeing at our July Social Hour and Liberty Ladies Lunch. Be sure to check the calendar at the end of the newsletter for dates and times. We will also post the information on our Instagram and Facebook pages.

Have you purchased your Woman of Influence Fashion Show and Tea ticket yet? If not, be sure to do so soon, space is limited, and we want to ensure you are able to join us. We are so excited to see the latest fashion trends from 3 of our local boutiques along with unveiling this year's "Woman of Influence". More information and the QR/link are available at the end of the newsletter.

Have you registered for the 2023 TFRW Convention held October 12-14, 2023, in Irving, Texas? We are allowed 11 delegates and 11 alternates; I would love to have a full delegation in attendance. We want TFRW and State elected officials in attendance to know our Rockwall County ladies are dedicated to the GOP and helping keep Rockwall and Texas **RED**. If you should have any questions on registration or hotels, please don't hesitate to contact me or any member of the board. We will be hosting a "What To Expect" Convention 101 training in August, to help guide you through the convention process, so be sure to keep an eye out for more details to come.

I look forward to seeing you at our next event,

Alma McClintock, President

V.P. PROGRAMS



You won't want to miss our General Meeting in June. We have three guest speakers set to give us all updates and information about what's happening in our County, and the recent legislative session. First up, we will hear from Rockwall County Judge Frank New. Judge New will speak to the members about what's currently happening within our County and the Commissioner's Court. Up next, we'll hear from State Representative Justin Holland and State Senator Bob Hall. Representative Holland and Senator Hall will give us an update on the recent legislative session; passed bills and the work left to be done. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to hear from your local elected officials that serve as your voice to our communities.

Date: June 12, 2023

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. Please sign up to bring your favorite dish to share. You can use the link below to sign up for a dish to share: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944A8A82FA0FB6-rockwall2>

REMINDER – NO JULY REGULAR GENERAL MEETING

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 Love and Ruin by Paula McClain.

The story of the twenty-eight-year-old Martha Gellhorn who travels alone to Madrid to report on the atrocities of the Spanish Civil War and becomes drawn to the stories of ordinary people caught in the devastating conflict. It's her chance to prove herself a worthy journalist in a field dominated by men. There she also finds herself unexpectedly—and unwillingly—falling in love with Ernest Hemingway, a man on his way to becoming a legend.



We will meet on June 25th, 2023, at Rosini's Vineyard from 2:00p.m. – 4:00p.m.

Liberty Ladies Lunching



Mark your calendars:

4th Monday of each month (June 26, 2023)

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, catch up on life and have a relaxing time together.

Be sure to follow us on all social media platforms:

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

Facebook - @RCRWTX

Instagram – rockwallcountyrepublicanwomen



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

V.P. MEMBERSHIP



Hello everyone -

We've had a great turnout during our social hours and Liberty Ladies luncheons. Thank you to each of you who have joined us. Be sure to bring a friend and neighbor along to our next event. We would love to meet them.

I am proud to say that our membership has grown. Thank you to all who either renewed their membership or joined. I would like to welcome our new members:

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| Norma Bell | Michelle Rogers |
| Mary Liechty | John Vick |
| Lorne Liechty | Beverly Wright |
| Rick Richards | |
| Douglas Roan | |

Our membership numbers are as follows:

Members:	118
Associates:	31
Honorary:	<u>4</u>
Total:	153



Please email me at rcrwmembership@rcrw.org with any questions or concerns and if you have any friends/family who would like to become an RCRW member please ask them to fill out the membership application located on our website at rcrw.org. See you all at our next meeting!

Lisa Seligman-Kearby, Vice President of Membership

TREASURER



Treasurer's Report as of May 1-28, 2023 Operating Account

Balance Forward	\$10,615.98
Income	\$ 1,596.00
Expenses	\$ <u>211.65</u>
Grand Total	\$12,000.33

Scholarship Account

Opening balance	\$ 6,539.88
Income	\$ 100.00
Expenses	\$ <u>6,600.00</u>
Total	\$ 39.88

Frances White, Treasurer



V.P. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES



Thank you to everyone who continues to participate in Political Activities and report your hours. As a reminder, our total hours for Q1 were 8,628! Thank you everyone for giving your hours to me each month.

Remember all that I need to report each month are 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 meetings or 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 get me your hours and calls by the 5th of the month for the previous month. So, you should send in your May Hours and Phone Calls by June 5. You can either text them to me at 610-360-0300 or email to nasusedwards@icloud.com. No need to submit a form.

Susan Edwards, Vice President of Political Activities

SOCIAL CHAIR



We had a wonderful time at our last Social Hour. Many of you came out to Manny's for fun and food. It's always good to see our patriots come together. June 20th will be our next Social Hour, and we will be at Community BBQ.

Date: June 20, 2023
Time: 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.
Location: 112 E. Rusk St.
Rockwall, TX



Save the date, invite your friends, and come out to join us. Looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Deanna Tucker, Social Chair

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR



I would like to take this opportunity and thank all our members, donors, and those who attended our events throughout the past year, in which donations or funds raised went directly to the RCRW Scholarship Fund. Without you all we would not be able to give these scholarships to very deserving young women from our community. It is my honor to announce after 92 applications, our 2023 RCRW Scholarship recipients are Ainsley Seaman from Rockwall Heath High School and Cecilia Smithey from Rockwall High School. Each of these young ladies were awarded \$3300.00 at our May 8, 2023, general meeting. I would like to thank our scholarship committee members; Alma McClintock, Heather Sargent, Joann Yott, and Jerry Fisher for their hard work through this process, I am humbled by each one of you and your commitment to our community.

If you have any questions or would like to join our committee, please feel free to reach out to me.

Aimee Norton, Scholarship Chair

SENATOR BOB HALL, SENATE DISTRICT 2



Serving the counties of District 2: Kaufman, Navarro, Rockwall, Van Zandt, and parts of Dallas, Ellis, and Collin County

There are many wounds suffered through service in our military. Most of these are invisible and lead to hardships, both for the service member and their family. These invisible wounds are silent killers of our men and women in uniform. The Department of Veteran Affairs and the Department of Defense estimate that 20 former or current service members die by suicide a day. This is simply unacceptable.

It was my honor to sponsor and pass to the Governor’s desk Representative Lopez’s HCR 12, recognizing September 22 as Texas Veterans Suicide Prevention Day. This is a positive step in bringing more awareness to the hardships our men and women in uniform face on a daily basis.

Senator Bob Hall – Senate District 2

HOTEXAS USE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 33



IT PASSED!

As a girl dad, I love supporting my daughters. I want them, and all girls, to have a fair playing field. This legislation upholds the integrity of women’s sports and stops the unconstitutional precedent being set by other states that allow biological men to compete in women’s collegiate sports.

SB 3, SJR 3, and SB 15 will head back to the Senate for final approval, then on to the Governor’s desk.



This week, I also passed two companion Senate bills out of the House and two bills out of the Senate that are headed to the Governor’s desk to receive his signature!

I also had my first bill of the session signed by the Governor this week! Senate Bill 1322 is a companion to House Bill 3350 which creates a process to allow Texas to sell these vintage distilled spirits to a package store and then allows the package store to market and sell vintage distilled spirits. This bill cuts through unnecessary regulatory red tape and ensures Texans can enjoy vintage distilled spirits in a free market. Thank you to Governor Abbott for signing this bill into Texas law.

I look forward to continuing to see the House Bills I filed make their way through the Senate and sponsor Senate bills for passage through the House floor over the last week of the legislative session.

Below are some highlights of some of the legislation I passed this week:

HB 697 -

House Bill 697, which requires certain fuel gas piping to be listed on a Seller’s Disclosure Form in the home buying process, was passed through the Senate and is on its way to the Governor’s desk.

My office has worked on this critical piece of legislation over multiple sessions. I am grateful to my House colleagues for ensuring this legislation received early committee hearings and calendar referrals to increase its chance of becoming law. Thank you to Ms. Becky Teel for working with me on this legislation which personally impacted her and in memory of her son, Brennan Teel.

HB 1195 -

House Bill 1195, which grants counties the authority to require photo identification to property documents with the county clerk, was passed through the Senate and is on its way to the Governor’s desk.

HB 1195 combats criminal deed fraud and ensures that our vulnerable populations are safeguarded from deed fraudsters. Thank you once again to Rockwall County Clerk Jennifer Fogg for bringing this matter to our attention and helping us pass this important legislation.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity and honor to represent you in Austin. Please do not hesitate to contact me during this session with any questions, concerns, or opinions.

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State Representative Justin Holland – District 33

STATE REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Update on the 88th Legislative session. The GOP Legislative Priorities voted on by our delegates to the 2022 state convention were what we were most interested in. We were determined to protect our children. We were successful with many bills headed to Governor Abbott’s desk for his signature include SB14 -Banning gender modification on minors, HB900 - Restricting sexually explicit and adult-designated educational resources from school libraries, SB12 – Prohibiting drag queen story events in municipal libraries, on public property, on the premises of a commercial enterprise, or in the presence of a child. Other passed bills include: SB29 - Prohibiting implementation or enforcement of a vaccine mandate, mask requirement to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Senate bill 1070 passed; Allowing Texas to withdraw from the Electronic Registration Information Center, also known as ERIC, a multistate program used for checking voter registrations and cleaning voter rolls (a George Soros program).

The bills to secure the border were passed; increasing the powers of arrest, search and seizure for Border Patrol Agents, Directing the Governor to enter an interstate compact with one or more states for Border Security. It appears that no bills were passed defending our gun rights. There were many more that went through hours of debate, amendments, and readings.

Jerry Fisher, SREC Committeewoman for SD2

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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

Please see our website for updated event information.

Republican Events:

- June 7, 2023 - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:30 A.M., at Luigi's Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 cost is \$13.00.
June 12, 2023 - RCRW General Meeting: 6:30 P.M., at the Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087. The meal is potluck, water and tea are provided.
June 20, 2023 - RCRW Social Hour: 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M., Community BBQ & Grill, 112 E. Rusk St. Rockwall, TX.
June 25, 2023 - RCRW New Membership Meeting - 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M., at Rosini Vineyard, 411 State Hwy 205, Rockwall, TX 75032.
June 25, 2023 - RCRW Book Club - 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M., at Rosini Vineyard, 411 State Hwy 205, Rockwall, TX 75032.
June 26, 2023 - Liberty Ladies Lunch - 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., at La Madeleine, 987 East 1-30, Rockwall, TX 75087.
July 4, 2023 - Rockwall July 4th Parade - Wilkerson - Sanders Memorial Football Stadium, 1201 T L Townsend Dr, Rockwall, TX 75087. More information to come.
July 5, 2023 - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:30 A.M., at Luigi's Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 cost is \$13.00.
July 18, 2023 - RCRW Social Hour: 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M., location TBD.
July 24, 2023 - Liberty Ladies Lunch - 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., at La Madeleine, 987 East 1-30, Rockwall, TX 75087.



SAVE THE DATE
TFRW Convention Oct 12-14, 2023 - Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas Irving, Texas



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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"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."



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Fashion Show &
Tea

Saturday | August 26, 2023 | 2-4pm

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ROCKWALL, TX

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