



RCRW NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2023

TFRW Region #5 Senate District #2



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to August!! Can you believe school will be starting soon? I hope each of you have enjoyed your summer so far.

We have several events coming up in the next few months that you will want to mark on your calendar. Our Woman of Influence Fashion Show & Tea, August 26, 2023 is officially SOLD OUT. I look forward to honoring, along with our past winners, this year's very deserving recipient.

Our upcoming September & October General meetings will be very informative on current topics and I encourage you to take a stand and get involved in every aspect possible.

We will be sending out a sign-up sheet for the upcoming Volunteer Deputy Registrar Training to be held September 9, 2023. Please look for an email to come out soon with more details. It is so important that we are all equipped and knowledgeable to help any new resident or fellow community member who may have moved, be prepared for the upcoming elections.

Have you registered for the TFRW Convention? It is to be held October 12-14, 2023 in Irving, TX. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and speak with our Texas Elected officials and learn more about the



plans to keep Texas **RED!** We have 10 alternate positions available and would love to fill each one. We want to show that Rockwall is prepared and able to work hard for what is important to us!

We will be sending you an email this month with all of our local elected officials listed by Precinct. I want to ensure you know who is your specific elected official and how you can reach them with any questions, concerns or words of encouragement.

We were honored to be asked by the Rockwall Meals on Wheels to join with them to write encouraging words to their clients for their Sunshine Program. If you would like to help us in future projects to help those in our community, please contact me for more information.

I look forward to seeing you soon, Alma



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We are so excited! The time has finally come for our Woman of Influence Fashion Show and Tea. You will not want to miss this fun and rewarding event! The clothing showcase will be provided by Divas' and Darlings, Bella's House, and Hansel & Her. Our special guest, Rockwall County Criminal District Attorney Kenda Culpepper will emcee the show. The highlight of the afternoon will be honoring one special member with our Woman of Influence Award. The Fashion Show and Tea will be held on August 26th, 2023, 2:00 p.m. at the Center here in Rockwall. There will be a live and silent auction, with proceeds going towards the Republican Women Scholarship Fund, and the club. We have so much fun in store for those who attend, so grab a friend or friends, and join us for some great local fashion, bubbly, and shopping.

Our next regularly scheduled General Meeting will be held on September 11, 2023. in honor of the 9/11 anniversary, Chris Dorward will be speaking about the Texas Valor Project which is a wonderful organization that helps Veterans and First Responders suffering from Traumatic Brain Injuries. We will also have Eric Bruntmyer, J.D./M.B.A., President of Hardin-Simmons University, speaking on Title IX. October will be yet another exciting event. The club is proud to announce that Teresa Lusk, conservative speaker, author, advocate, and host of the Teresa Lusk Show will be joining us for our October meeting. Ms. Lusk will be speaking to the club about conservative women in politics, and the need for their leadership. We hope to see y'all there!

RCRW Book Club



We will meet once a quarter at 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: Eligible by Curtis Sittenfeld. We will meet on September 24th, 2023, at Rosini's Vineyard from 2:00p.m. - 4:00p.m. God Bless Texas!!!

Liberty Ladies Lunching



Mark your calendars: 4th Monday of each month (August 28, 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.



V.P. Membership

Greetings to all,
Hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Please remember to always stay hydrated during this heat.

We had a great turnout at our last social hour. We always love to interact with our fellow members as well as get to know everyone better.

If you have not picked up your name badge that you ordered, please plan to attend our August meeting to collect.

Would like to welcome our new members:

Donna Burroughs

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Our membership numbers are as follows:

Members: 123

Associates: 31

Honorary: 4

TOTAL: 158

Please email me at 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.

Lisa Seligman-Kearby, Vice President of Membership



Treasurer

General Account

July 1-31, 2023

Balance forward	\$ 12,821.72
Income	\$ 2,962.60
Expenses	\$ <u>1,686.48</u>
Total	\$ 14,097.84

Scholarship Account

Balance forward	\$ 2,539.88
Income	\$ 0.14
Expenses	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,540.02

Submitted by Frances White, Treasurer

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. Political Activities

Thank you to everyone who continues to participate in Political Activities and reports on your hours! In the 2nd Quarter our club worked 6,616 hours toward political activities, bringing our year-to-date hours to 16,818. Congratulations to Sharon Henson, who led the club with 447 calls in the 2nd Quarter and to Aimee Norton led the club with 731 hours in Q2. Remember that all I need to report each month is your total hours spent on any political activity and the 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, monthly meetings, and Out & About events. You should even include the driving time to and from these events. Please get me your hours and calls for July by Friday August 4 so I can report them in the August newsletter. It's important that you also include the number of calls you made and remember every hour counts!

You can either text them to me at 610-360-0300 or email to nasusedwards@icloud.com. No need to submit a form.



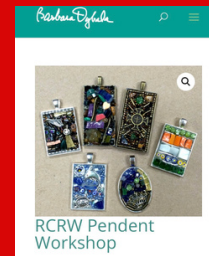
Social Chair

Happy Hour at Rodeo Goat was a blast. Thank you all for coming.

August Social Hour will be at Gianni's Italian Bistro in Heath on Tuesday August 15th, 6-8 pm. Hope to see y'all there!



Don't forget to sign up for Ladies night out at Hidden Mosaic in McLendon-Chisholm. Seats are limited! Link to sign up: <https://barbaradybala.com/workshops/>



Congressman Pat Fallon, TX 04

House Oversight's Biden Investigation Continues

Last week, the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability heard testimony from two IRS whistleblowers, investigative agents Gary Shapely and Joseph Ziegler. Both men testified that the DOJ and FBI had impeded their five-year investigation into Hunter Biden's taxes. Both men testified that Hunter Biden received special treatment, and that they were removed from the case after continuing to question the unusual decisions from higher-ups in the DOJ.

Most importantly, both men are dedicated, career public servants who only want to see justice served. Their decision to blow the whistle and come forward despite intimidation from deep state actors is a testament to their patriotism and sense of duty. In my five minutes of questioning, I got both Shapely and Ziegler on the record making clear that neither are political activists—in fact, Ziegler is a Democrat who voted for Joe Biden. Both men confirmed that higher-ups at the DOJ took unusual actions to obstruct their investigation. Most egregiously, they testified under oath that in December 2020, the DOJ's Leslie Wolf tipped off Hunter Biden's legal team about an impending search warrant. Clearly, higher-ups at the DOJ were out to protect then-incoming President Joe Biden and his son Hunter from scrutiny. These are serious allegations and I take no joy in following the evidence where it leads. It is the duty of the House Oversight Committee to pursue all leads and ensure that our government is subject to the same laws that apply to everyone. We must end the two-tiered justice system in America.



House Passes National Defense Authorization Act

The NDAA establishes policy for the military and authorizes expenses. I helped craft this year's NDAA as a member of the House Armed Services Committee and lead the push for 48 individual provisions in the bill that promote national security and further North Texas interests. Here's a few of highlights from the bill:

- Authorizes the Department of Defense budget at \$886.3 billion, a 3.3 percent increase from last year and raises troop pay by 5.2 percent, the largest ever pay raise.
- Invests in critical technologies necessary to counter the threat to our homeland posed by Communist China.
- Divests from woke priorities in the military and refocuses our armed forces on lethality and readiness.
- \$115 million for essential Humvee safety upgrades, many of which are completed at Red River Army Depot.
- Implements a streamlined hiring process for veterans seeking employment on our many depots and installations.

Also included is my Missions Not Emissions Act that prevents the Department of Defense (DOD) from prioritizing climate-risk and emissions reporting as part of the contract bidding process. When it comes to the DOD, Congress should be focused on how contractors deliver solutions to the warfighter to train, fight, and win. There is no room for politicized, far-left rhetoric in the DOD.

August Town Hall Tour: As part of our town hall tour next week, I'll be making my first stop in Rockwall County at the Fate City Hall on Tuesday, August 1 at 12:00 PM CT. Your feedback is vital for me to ensure that I make the right decisions while representing you in Washington, D.C. It's even better when I can speak to my many constituent bosses, face to face. I look forward to seeing you next week on the tour!

Town Hall Tour Stops:

Rockwall

Tuesday, August 1, 12:00 PM CT

Fate City Hall, 1900 CD Boren Pkwy, Fate, TX 75087

Hopkins

Wednesday, August 2, 3:30 PM CT

Hopkins Courthouse, 118 Church St, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482

Rains

Wednesday, August 2, 5:30 PM CT

Rains Courthouse, 167 Quitman St, Emory, TX 75440

Collin

Monday, August 7, 5:30 PM CT

George Purefoy Municipal Center, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, Frisco, TX 75034

Grayson

Wednesday, August 16, 5:30 PM CT

CWL Auditorium Grayson College, 6101 Grayson Drive (Hwy 691), Denison, TX 75020



CAPITOL HALL — REPORT —



88th Legislative Session - Healthcare freedoms and patient protections update

Having recently wrapped up the 88th regular legislative session, it is time to recap what advancements were made in healthcare freedoms and patient protections.

Many bills were filed to address concerns in patient protection, licensure of physicians, and transparency in healthcare; issues that were brought to light by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Patient Protections

House Bill 1998, a bill I sponsored in the Senate that was authored by Rep. Julie Johnson, made improvements to the Texas Medical Board (TMB) by implementing continuous monitoring of licensed physicians through the National Practitioners Databank and requiring license suspension, and even revocation in certain cases, when a physician commits an act out-of-state that would be grounds for disciplinary action under Texas law. The bill will also prohibit out-of-state physicians from being licensed in Texas if they have committed an act out-of-state that is cause for license revocation in Texas.

These measures are meant to address the less-than-thorough review of applications from physicians coming to Texas from another state which has led to numerous doctors practicing in Texas when they have a record of harming patients in other states, and to also improve the ability of the TMB to act to safeguard patients from doctors that could cause them harm.

HB 1998 also expands which criminal offenses would allow for the temporary suspension or restriction of a medical license to include the offenses of criminal homicide, trafficking of persons, sexual or assaultive offenses if it is sexual or lewd in nature and committed against a patient of the license holder, a child, or an elderly or disabled person. The bill also closes a loophole by tightening the requirement for criminal history checks of license applicants.

These steps provide measurable progress in improving patient safety for Texans.

Health Care Transparency

To increase transparency, House Bill 49 will give people more access to hospital investigation and inspection results by requiring Health and Human Services to make publicly available on their website the name and location of each hospital with an alleged violation, the date and final outcome of the investigation as well as any investigative reports.

Senate Bill 490 requires that before a health care provider requests payment for a service or medical supplies, they must first provide the patient with an itemized bill with the cost of each item. Together, these bills will add transparency to patient care and enable individuals to make informed decisions about where they choose to receive care and know exactly what they are being charged for medical services and supplies.

Health Care Freedom

House Bill 3162 addresses a controversial and contentious practice in Texas commonly referred to as the 10-day rule. This rule states that when a hospital believes a patient will not benefit from continued treatment, they may discontinue life-sustaining treatment against the families wishes, even when an advanced directive is in place if the hospital provides a 10-day notice to the family.

This bill, while not perfect, makes significant improvements to this practice. During the 10-day notice period, the family is allowed to request a transfer of their loved-one to a different facility. However, currently there is no requirement that a hospital facilitate this request. This bill requires a hospital to perform a procedure necessary to transport a patient to a new facility at the family's request, extends the 10-day notice to a 25-day notice, giving the family more time to arrange for a transfer, makes changes to the ethics committee review,



prohibits a patient’s wishes regarding do-not-resuscitate orders from being overridden by medical decision-makers, and prohibits disabilities from being considered by the ethics committee when making decisions about ending life-saving treatment.

I was honored to co-sponsor this legislation and believe it will reform a process that has been too-long in the hospitals’ favor. With the ever-increasing shift to profits over patient care, this change is needed to ensure that families’ wishes regarding their loved-one’s care is honored and that a patient’s life is not ended prematurely.

While there will always be more work to do to improve patient protection, increase transparency in healthcare, and ensure Texans can access the highest quality healthcare, it is important to acknowledge the steps taken that bring us closer to these goals as we work to continue to make these additional improvements.



Today is a monumental day for Texas taxpayers. The Texas Legislature has passed the largest property tax cut in Texas history!

The Texas House is delivering meaningful property and business tax relief to the people of Texas and I am proud to have voted FOR it. Learn more below about how we will be returning money back to your pockets.

Senate Bill 2 and House Joint Resolution 2 include:

- Over \$12 billion spent to reduce the school property tax rate for ALL homeowners and business properties,
- \$100,000 homestead exemption,
- Non-homestead properties, valued at \$5 million and under, including residential and commercial properties, will receive a 20% circuit breaker on appraised values as a 3-year pilot project,
- Homestead properties will continue to receive their 10% appraisal cap,
- As well as savings on the franchise tax for small businesses and create newly elected positions on local appraisal boards.

I want to extend a sincere thank you to my House and Senate colleagues for their diligent work to secure adequate property tax relief for all Texans.

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

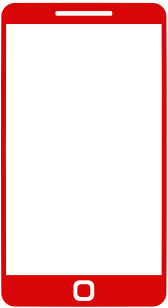
Stay tuned for more information and updates and follow me on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

For Texas,
State Rep. Justin Holland





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.

**Please see website
for updated event
information**

Republican Events:

August 2, 2023 - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:30 A.M., at Luigi's Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 cost is \$13.00.

August 22, 2023 - RCRW Social Hour: 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M., at Gianni's Italian Bistro, 465 Laurence Dr, Heath, TX 75032.

August 26, 2023 - RCRW Woman of Influence Fashion Show and Tea: 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. at The Center of Rockwall, 108 E Washington St, Rockwall, TX 75087.

August 28, 2023 - Liberty Ladies Lunch – 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., at La Madeleine, 987 East 1-30, Rockwall, TX 75087

September 2, 2023 - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:30 A.M., at Luigi's Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 cost is \$13.00

September 11, 2023 - RCRW General Meeting: 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M., Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087. The potluck meal to be shared, water and tea are provided.

September 19, 2023 - RCRW Social House: 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M., at Dodie's Cajun Restaurant at The Harbor, 2067 Summer Lee Dr Suite 115, Rockwall, TX 75032.

September 24, 2023 - RCRW Quarterly Book club: 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M., at Rosini's Vineyard, 411 Texas Highway 205, Rockwall, Texas.

September 25, 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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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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