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*Republican Women*



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## APRIL 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 April!

Can you believe the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the year is already over? Time really does fly by when you are having fun.

Have you been following along with what is going on in the Senate and House? Are you following the bills that you are interested in online at:

<https://house.texas.gov/research/>? We are halfway through the 88<sup>th</sup> Session and numerous bills have been submitted to the various committees for review, discussion, and testimony with more on the way.

I hope you have received the emails that have been sent on various Action Alerts to call or email your representative on the bill that needs your attention and help.

I am so excited about our upcoming Candidate Meet and Greet on April 10<sup>th</sup>. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> time all 4 Republican Clubs have come together to co-host an event like this. Please be sure to join us to meet all the various City and School Board candidates. This will be a great opportunity to meet each of them and have a one-on-one conversation to discuss topics that are important to you.

We are working hard to keep you informed to ensure you are aware of everything that is going on. The more we know, the better we will be at helping make a difference and keeping Texas RED!!!

Be sure to read your monthly newsletter, follow us on all social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram), 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.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

*Alma McClintock, President*



**V.P. PROGRAMS**



We have some exciting programs lined up for our members in April and May. In April, RCRW has teamed up with the Men’s Club, the Hispanic Club, the Young Republicans, and the GOP to host a meet and greet for the candidates in the upcoming local city and school board elections. You won’t want to miss getting to know what these candidates have to offer our communities in order to make an informed decision at the polls in May.

Our May program brings about that exciting time of year where our club gets to award a few special Senior ladies who are about to graduate high school with a scholarship. This is the opportunity to see the money you donated to our scholarship fund at work. Please make sure you join us for these exciting events where we get to be involved with our communities and give back.

**RCRW Book Club**

We had a great time discussing “The Six” and are looking forward to reading our next selection is “Love and Ruin” by Paula McLain.

Join us at Rosini’s Vineyard, even if you don’t read the book, for a fun time together and to discuss 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**

4th Monday of each month (April 24, 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.



*Lea Carlson, Vice President, Programs*



**V.P. MEMBERSHIP**



Happy Springtime to all our RCRW members. We are so excited that our Annual Membership Luncheon was a success. Thank you to all who brought food and donated auction items. I'm pleased to announce that we had a great turnout for new members as well as renewals this month.

Thank you to all who participated in our FREE Bunco event. It was all so amazing. We'd like to say thank you to Giovanna Rebosio Psolka for taking pictures. Congratulations to the following winners: Baby Bunco Winner – Deanne Taggert, Bunco Winner - Sandra Ownby, Overall winner – Jennifer Jeffus.

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

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|-----------------|---------------|
| Emily Cople     | Courtney Loy  |
| Sandy Curtis    | Nancy Starnes |
| Elizabeth Leath | Judy Strong   |
| Virginia Hannan | Sandy Webb    |
| Paula McClendon | Marita Miller |

**YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP  
MATTERS**

Our membership numbers are as follows:

- Members: 107
- Associates: 27
- Honorary: 4
- TOTAL: 138**

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). See you all at our next meeting Monday, April 10, 2023, at 6:30pm located at the Center.

*Lisa Seligman-Kearby, Vice President of Membership*

**TREASURER**



**Treasurer's Report as of March 1-22, 2023 Operating Account**

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|-----------------|-------------|
| Balance Forward | \$11,118.70 |
| Income          | \$ 3,612.89 |
| Expenses        | \$ 549.38   |
| Grand Total     | \$14,182.21 |

**Scholarship Account**

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Opening balance | \$ 3,666.14 |
| Income          | \$ 0.03     |
| Expenses        | \$ 0.00     |
| Total           | \$ 3,666.17 |



*Frances White, Treasurer*



**V.P. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES**



I want to thank everyone for providing January and February Political Activities hours. Moving forward we've simplified the reporting requirements. Effective with your February activities, you only need to provide the following information:

| Month | First Name | Last name | Total Hours | Number of Phone Calls |
|-------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------------|
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I'll collect your total hours and number of calls made during our monthly RCRW meeting. If you're unable to attend the RCRW monthly meeting, please email your total hours and number of calls to [nasusedwards@icloud.com](mailto:nasusedwards@icloud.com) or text to 610-360-0300.

In other news, RCRW invites you to meet the candidates running in the City Council, Mayoral and School Board elections. Here are the details:

Rockwall County Candidate Meet and Greet Co-Hosted with the Rockwall County Republican Men's Club, Rockwall County Hispanic Republican Club, Rockwall County Young Republican Club.

Date: Monday, April 10, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Potluck  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Candidate Meet & Greet

Place: 108 E Washington St  
Rockwall, TX 75087



*Susan Edwards, Vice President of Political Activities*

**SCHOLARSHIP**



Hello fellow Republicans!

As the Scholarship Chair for Rockwall County Republican Women's Club, I wanted to reach out and give everyone an update regarding where we stand with our Scholarship Fund.

As it stands, we are short compared to prior years' donations. We know inflation has affected so many, but we are asking for donations that can be made directly to our Scholarship fund. We have created QR codes that you can scan to help donate and will have it available at all our upcoming April events.

We want to continue to have a positive effect on the young women in our community. During a time that can be very intimidating for conservatives going into higher education, we are supporting conservative female students in the next chapter of their education. Helping our daughters, granddaughters, nieces, and sisters nurture and grow their conservative beliefs is just part of what RCRW does through our Scholarship Fund. Feel free to bring donations to any of our general meetings, Happy Hours, Liberty Ladies Luncheon or you can send a check directly to our PO Box 1354, Rockwall, Texas 75087.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. I thank you for taking the time to consider donating.

*Aimee Norton, Scholarship Chair*

**SOCIAL CHAIR**



Thank you all who came out to Pablo's for our March Social Hour. It was raining but the tacos, chips and salsa were delicious.

Our next Happy Hour will be at Fable and Fire.

Date: April 18, 2023

Time: 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.

Location: 104 S. San Jacinto St.,  
Rockwall, TX 75087



**FABLE & FIRE**  
A BOOKSHOP BISTRO

Our next Ladies Day Out will be May 4, 2023, at Lakeside Florist from 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. at 506 N Goliad, Rockwall, TX. Please sign up on the link provided in our RCRW Facebook post. There are only 15 available slots left so be sure to sign up today. They will provide dinner, wine, the materials to make the flower arrangement and then teach us to do it. This will be a fun time for our RCRW ladies.

Thank you,

*Deanna Tucker, Social Chair*

**TEXAS SENATOR DISTRICT 2 BOB HALL**



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

The Senate Tax Relief Plan, composed of Senate Bills 3, 4, and 5, will put more money back in the pockets of all taxpayers. These property tax bills will provide an astounding \$16.5 billion in tax relief for Texans. With this package, 5.72 million homesteads will save nearly \$800 a year.

SB 3 was signed by all 31 senators as Joint Authors and will raise the Homestead Exemption 75% to \$70,000 for 5.72 million homeowners. SB 3 will also implement the voter-approved Homestead Exemption increase from \$25,000 to \$40,000 for all over-65 and disabled homesteads from Propositions 1 and 2 in May of 2022. This \$100,000 exemption in total, for seniors that have paid a lifetime of taxes, saves them over \$1,000 per year.

SB 4 will provide \$5.38 billion to compress ISD tax rates an additional 7.03 pennies. This bill also reduces recapture by expanding the finance equity band to 20%. The reduction in the Maximum Compression Rate (MCR) limitation will allow more school districts that are clustered at the MCR floor to reduce their tax rates further, thereby reducing the amount of recapture they pay.

SB 5 will create an Inventory Tax Credit totaling \$1.05 billion. This bill will raise the Business Personal Property Exemption to \$25,000 from \$2,500, saving \$450 million. It will also cut business compliance costs, therefore saving businesses more money - the final element in the Senate plan.

SJR 3, SJR 4, and SJR 5 were rolled into one Constitutional Amendment that voters will vote on during the November 2023 General Election. If approved by voters, the Senate's unprecedented Property Tax Relief Plan consisting of SB 3, SB 4, and SB 5 will go into effect.

The Senate Tax Plan has received support from all over the state and from tax professionals such as the Texas Taxpayers Research Association, Texas Public Policy Foundation, and the Texas Association of Property Tax Professionals.

Texas Senate Republicans have been working diligently to pass legislation that will provide unprecedented tax relief worth \$15 Billion to homeowners and ALL taxpayers.

**STATE REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISTRICT 2**



The 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session is in full force. There are hundreds of Patriots walking the halls and testifying on bills, but they need our support. When you receive Call to Action, please respond with a phone call or comment. If you have any questions about the bills, please text me 214-478-6100 or email me at [jerry.fishersd2@gmail.com](mailto:jerry.fishersd2@gmail.com). Your calls and comments are working.

Please get involved in the local elections. Know your candidates and let them know what you expect from them. Never give up. Continue to stay informed. We have resources available; your Republican Party of Texas website, your Texas Legislators State Representative Justin Holland and State Senator Bob Hall, your County Chair Sharon Henson, your Precinct Chair and me. Continue to fight for our county, state, and country. God Bless Texas and God Bless You.

*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](http://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:**

April 5, 2023 - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:45 A.M., at Luigi's Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 cost is \$13.00.

April 10, 2023 – Rockwall County Candidate Meet and Greet: 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M., at The Center, 108 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087. Potluck, water and tea are provided.

April 18, 2023 – RCRW Social Hour: 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. – Fable & Fire, 104 S San Jacinto St, Rockwall, TX 75087

April 24, 2023 - Liberty Ladies Lunch – 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. – La Madeleine, 987 East 1-30, Rockwall, TX 75087

May 3, 2023 - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:45 A.M., at Luigi's Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 cost is \$13.00.

May 4, 2023 – Ladies Day Out: 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M., at 506 N Goliad, Rockwall, Texas 75087. Be sure to check out the Facebook event page for more information.

May 6, 2023 – TFRW Nuts & Bolts: Cost is \$20.00 per person – more info to come.

May 8, 2023 - RCRW General Meeting: 6:30 P.M., at the Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087, Scholarship Speeches and Awards Ceremony. The meal is potluck, water and tea are provided.

May 16, 2023 - RCRW Social Hour: 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M., post Cinco de Mayo celebration location TBD.

May 22, 2023 - Liberty Ladies Lunch – 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. – La Madeleine, La Madeleine, 987 East 1-30, Rockwall, TX 75087

***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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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