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# MARCH 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 March!

February was a very busy month with TFRW Legislative Day, the Republican Party of Rockwall County Reagan Day, all our RCRW gatherings - March is looking to be just as exciting.

Some of us attended the TFRW Legislative Day on February 2-4, 2023, held in Austin, Texas. It was a great opportunity to meet with some our State's highest elected officials, participate in various sessions and network with Republican women from across the state.

Legislative Day materials are available to all TFRW members and can be found on the TFRW website, [tfrw.org](http://tfrw.org), behind the MEMBERS tab under 2023 Legislative Day Material. The Legislative Day Booklet has links to research organizations and to publications that help you better understand the legislative process, so be sure to explore the resources they provided.

As other emerging training and learning opportunities become available, we will be sure to share them with you. I want to ensure you have all the tools you need to go out and speak with members of our community in an educated manner. The more we know, the better we will be at helping make a difference and keeping Texas RED!!!

With the upcoming May 6th municipal elections, we want to encourage you to become a Volunteer Deputy Registrar (VDR) to help register any new community members or those who may have moved within the county. If you haven't completed the course, VDR appointments are being accepted Tuesday through Thursday: 9am-12pm or 2pm-4pm. You will want to review the training guide and the examination on the [Rockwallvotes.com](http://Rockwallvotes.com) website. Once completed, you can call (972) 204-6200 to make an appointment to take the exam.

Here is the link to the VDR training material -

<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/volunteer-deputy-registrar-training.pdf>

Be sure to read your monthly newsletter, follow us on all social media (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.

Here is to a bright and successful 2023.

*Alma McClintock, President*



# **RCRW Membership Luncheon**

**Who's ready to play?**

**Bring a friend and please join us for the  
RCRW Annual Membership Luncheon**

**March 18, 2023**

**The Center Building at 408 E. Washington St.  
Rockwall, Texas 75087**

**Doors open at 10:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**FREE EVENT**

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rcrw-membership-luncheon-tickets-557510929497>**

**Potluck Lunch**

**To sign up to bring a dish, contact Pam Benedetto at  
214-280-2088**

God Bless Texas!!!



We look forward to seeing each of you at our Rockwall County Republican Women's March Membership Luncheon. Our guest speaker will be Dana Macalik, Rockwall County Commissioner Precinct 2.

Date: March 18, 2023

Meeting Place: The Center Building, 108 E. Washington St. Rockwall, TX 75087

Time: Doors open at 10:45a.m. – 2:00p.m.

Potluck dinner will be provided. Please be sure to sign up to share your favorite dish.

Below is the link to sign up for the potluck and share your favorite dish

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944A8A82FA0FB6-rockwall>

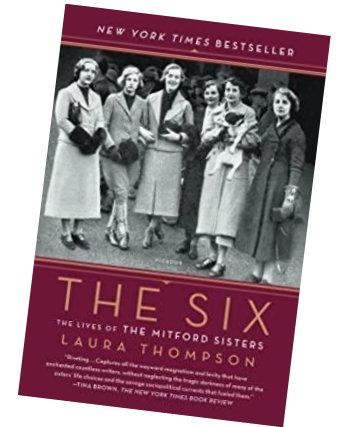
### RCRW Book Club

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:

The Six by Laura Thompson

We will meet on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at Rosini's Vineyard from 2:00p.m. – 4:00p.m.



### Liberty Ladies Lunching

4th Monday of each month (March 27, 2023)

Meeting Place: TBD

Time: 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

It's a great time to come have lunch with your friends, like-minded women, and to catch up on life.

*Lea Carlson, Vice President, Programs*

### V.P. MEMBERSHIP



Greetings!

Can you believe Spring is right around the corner? Spring is probably one of my favorite seasons of the year. Are you aware that March is National Kidney awareness month (chronic kidney disease). This is very dear to my heart. Did you know that on February 26, 1987 President Ronald Reagan officially declared Proclamation 5613 making March National Disabilities Awareness Month.

March is our Annual RCRW Membership luncheon. Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 18, 2023, for the BUNCO - Roll the dice event. Doors will open 10:45am-2:00pm. This FREE event will be held at The Center Building on Washington Street. Please bring your friends. To register for a seat, sign up through with Eventbrite link to ensure your spot is reserved:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rcrw-membership-luncheon-tickets-557510929197>

I would like to encourage everyone who has not renewed their membership to date, please do so in person, by mail or on-line using our new QR code option. We encourage the men to join as Associates. [www.rcrw.org](http://www.rcrw.org).

We are so excited; we will start holding quarterly **NEW MEMBER** meetings. Our first one will be held on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00p.m.-2:00p.m. at Rossini Vineyard located at 411 State Hwy 205, Rockwall. If you have not renewed your membership as of this newsletter you will no longer receive emails from us, TFRW nor NFRW until your membership has been paid and submitted.

**We need to keep Texas RED!**

We would like to thank all our new members who have joined.

Stephanie Adams  
 Lisa Knight-Windahl  
 Tom Briggs

Kevin Hadawi  
 Stephen Kearney



Our membership numbers are as follows:

Members 87  
 Associates 27  
 Honorary 4  
**TOTAL 118**

*Lisa Seligman-Kearby, Vice President of Membership*

**TREASURER**



**Treasurer's Report as of February 1-23, 2023 Operating Account**

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Balance Forward    | \$10,563.83        |
| Income             | \$ 1,220.00        |
| Expenses           | \$ 92.98           |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>\$11,690.84</b> |

**Scholarship Account**

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Opening balance | \$ 3,666.11        |
| Income          | \$ 0.00            |
| Expenses        | \$ 0.00            |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>\$ 3,666.11</b> |



*Frances White, Treasurer*

**V.P. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES**



I want to thank everyone for providing the January 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, then 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

**SOCIAL CHAIR**



Happy Hour at Community BBQ was a success. What a great time of food and fellowship. Be sure to go and check it out when you are in the mood for great BBQ.

March Happy Hour

Date: Tuesday, March 21, 2023

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

Place: Pablo’s in Fate

131 E Fate Main Pl #106

Fate, TX 75189

Don’t miss the fun.



Deanna Tucker, Social Chair

**TEXAS SENATOR DISTRICT 2 BOB HALL**



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**The multi-approach to ending the gender reassignment of children.**

Social pressure is the number one driver of gender dysphoria, and the way it is currently being treated is not working. We don’t let young children get tattoos, smoke cigarettes, or drink alcohol, indicating that society believes they are not mature enough to make responsible decisions about these things. We also don’t tell a child who thinks they are too tall to cut off a portion of their legs, so what person in their right mind thinks it’ ok to cut off healthy body parts or give irreversible drugs to children to treat gender dysphoria?

Texas must ban cross-sex hormones, puberty blockers, chemical castration, genital or body altering surgeries, psychological, and social transitioning, or any other gender transitioning methods applied to or performed on children.

Transgender mutilating surgeries were initiated by perverted medical professionals as a new opportunity for hospitals to offer a very profitable surgical service, not just with the initial surgery, but because these procedures create a patient for life.

We could lament the fact that this topic is even up for discussion or bemoan the horrors children who have these treatments face for the rest of their lives, or we could rage against the institutions that have elevated their greed or ideological values at the expense of truly compassionate health care for these children, but instead, let's discuss how we stop it. Full stop.

It is time to end this madness. It is time for a full force, all-sides attack to put an end to the gender reassignment treatments of minors. To do so, we must address the issue on three fronts: revoking of licenses of doctors, setting criminal penalties for the facilitators, and prohibiting coverage by health insurance companies.

The doctors. There is no excuse for intentionally mutilating the non-diseased, healthy genitalia or breasts of a minor. Nor is there any legitimate reason to give a gender confused minor body-altering, sterilizing, life-wreaking hormone blockers and cross-sex hormone treatments. None. Doctors or other healthcare workers who do this should be guilty of malpractice and lose their license and other qualifications to practice medicine.

Senate Bill 250 will address this issue by prohibiting gender reassignment surgeries and other treatments of minors by physicians (except in limited, medically necessary instances), prohibiting liability insurance coverage for these treatments, and requiring the license revocation of any physician who performs these prohibited treatments.

The facilitators. Children have limited ability to travel to doctors' appointments or determine treatment options. They rely on the adults in their lives to advocate for them, care for them, and, ultimately, make healthcare decisions for them. That is why it is important to hold the people who are facilitating the gender reassignment treatments of minors responsible. Gender dysphoria is not a new issue, but the way it is being addressed is new. Instead of helping a child figure out why they are experiencing these feelings and helping them work through them, the treatment options have moved towards harmful hormone treatments and mutilating surgeries.

Anyone who facilitates a child's access to gender reassignment surgeries should be held accountable. It is currently illegal in Texas to mutilate the genitalia of a female minor. Senate Bill 249 amends this statute by applying the prohibition to both genders. The penalty for assisting a minor in obtaining a gender reassignment surgery is a state jail felony.

The health insurance companies. One of the reasons that gender reassignment treatments for minors, either through hormones or surgery, are becoming more prevalent is because health insurance companies offer coverage for these treatments. Unfortunately, many times, the coverage does not extend to the myriad of lifelong health complications that accompany these treatments.

That is why I have filed Senate Bill 1029 which would prohibit any public funds from being used for the purpose of transgender treatment or surgeries, would make health insurance companies that perform transgender treatments strictly liable for the care of a patient for their lifetime, and would prohibit state-funded health plans, including Medicaid and CHIP, from covering these treatments.

Together, these three bills offer a comprehensive approach to fully terminate the practice of hormone blockers, cross-sex hormone therapy, and transgender surgeries of minors in Texas. This is the best way to protect children from facing a life of regret because those that should have protected them failed to do so.



**STATE REPRESENTATIVE JUSTIN HOLLAND**

**Rockwall ISD Administrators and Trustees**



This week, I met with members of the Rockwall Independent School District during their visit to the Capitol. The group of members included Rockwall ISD Superintendent, Dr. John Villarreal, Chief Academic Officer of Elementary Schools, Dr. Mary Johnston, Executive Director of Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA), Mark Terry and Rockwall ISD Board members Linda Mitchell Duran, Amy Hilton, and Jim White. It was great to discuss important issues that impact education in Rockwall and the State of Texas. I am fully supportive of public education in Texas.

*State Representative Justin Holland*

**STATE REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISTRICT 2**



On Monday night, February 27, I attended Parent Empowerment Night at Park Meadows Academy in Corsicana, Texas. The speaker for the event was Texas Governor Greg Abbott. He spoke on the importance of parent involvement in their child's education. He also expressed his opinion about school choice. Next, parents spoke about their reasons for choosing private school. At our upcoming SREC meeting we will be discussing the merits of school choice along with other legislative priorities.



*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.

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**CALENDAR**

*Please see our website for updated event information.*

**Republican Events:**

March 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>.

March 11, 2023 - Rockwall County Hispanic Republican Club Meeting: 10:00 A.M., at The Center, 108 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087

March 18, 2023 - RCRW Membership Bunco Event: 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M., at The Center, 108 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087. Potluck, water and tea are provided.

March 21, 2023 - RCRW Happy Hour: 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M., Pablo's 131 E Fate Main Pl #106, Fate, TX 75189

March 26, 2023 - RCRW New Member Meeting: 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M., at Rosini's Vineyard, 411 Texas Highway 205, Rockwall, Texas

March 26, 2023 - RCRW Quarterly Book club: 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M., at Rosini's Vineyard, 411 Texas Highway 205, Rockwall, Texas

March 27, 2023 - Liberty Ladies Lunch - 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. - TBD

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 Happy 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. - TBD

**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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