# RCRWNEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023 TFRW Region #5 Senate District #2



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is officially FALL! It is an exciting time of the year. The weather starts to cool off (well at least we are hoping it does), the foliage begins to change colors and it is Election season.

Now that the Impeachment is over, it is time we put our focus on the 14 State Constitutional Amendments that we will be voting on this upcoming November election. One of our Mission Statement points:

"Increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through active political

participation". It is our responsibility to ensure that we are well informed about the subject and get to the polls to vote. Please be sure to join us for our October 9th meeting where we will learn the pros and cons for each amendment. We will want to share this information with our friends and neighbors, so they too are informed of what is taking place in our state. I, along with some of our members, will be attending the Texas Federation Republican Women's Convention and are excited to hear from some of our State elected officials and participate in various workshops to learn as much as we can for the betterment of our club. We look forward to bringing back the knowledge and putting it to good use right away.



Please mark your calendars for November 11, 2023 to attend the Rockwall County Republican Men's club and help us honor our Veterans. We will be cohosting with them, along with the Rockwall County Hispanic Republican club and the Rockwall County Young Republican club in remembering and honoring those who have fought and stood bravely for our country. Major General Gary Bunch, US Army, Retired, will be the guest speaker. You will not want to miss this.

If you would like to get more involved in our many opportunities, please speake with me or anyone of our officers. We highly encourage you to participate in as many committees as you would like. There are so many great opportunities, from Programs to Candidate Meet & Greets, we have a wide range to choose from and have fun doing it. We are planning our December Holiday Party and will have more details about the celebration soon. We are excited about the things to come and look forward to ending this year in a strong way.

Be a blessing to others, Alma McClintock, President







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Aimee Norton 903-340-4034 Believe it or not, September 23rd, marked the first day of Fall. The season where cool breezes will start to bring in much needed relief from what I would call brutal summer heat. Excitement will be in the air for the upcoming holidays, and all the festivities to come.

I'm so excited for our October speakers: County Commissioner Dana Macalik will be giving us an overview of the duties and responsibilities of the office of County Commissioner.

Rockwall County GOP Legislative Chair Bobby Gallana will be providing a detailed explanation of the 14 Amendments that will be on the November ballot.

Teresa Lusk, conservative speaker, author, advocate, and host of the Teresa Lusk Show, will be speaking to the club about conservative women in politics, and the need for their leadership.

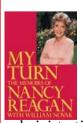
This topic could not come at a better time with the VERY important elections taking place next year. It's time for Republicans, especially Republican women to come together and unite in order to regain control of this country and get it back on the right track.

We've got a great program lined up for you in October, and we hope to see you there!

Date: October 9, 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.



#### RCRW Book Club

Our last book for the year is My Turn: The Memoirs of Nancy Reagan
The former First Lady offers an inside portrait of the Reagan

administration and discusses her family and her bout with cancer.
Meeting: Sunday, Jan 4, 2024

Time: 2:00-4:00

Place: Rosini's Vineyard

#### **Liberty Ladies Lunching**



Mark your calendars: 4th Monday of each month (October 23,

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

Happy Fall ya'll!

Hard to believe the holiday season is approaching us. Thank you all who were able to attend our September meeting and social hour.

I want to remind everyone that our membership renewal starts November 1, 2023.

Please be prepared to renew your membership November 1st or at our November meeting. You can locate the membership application/form on our website www.rcrw.org.

We look forward to seeing you all at the October meeting.

Thank you all-Lisa S. Kearby VP Membership



Important Dates for Early Voting and Election Day:

October 10, 2023 - Last Day to Register to Vote

October 23, 2023 – First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance

October 27, 2023 – Last Day to Submit an Application for a Ballot by Mail (received, not postmarked)

November 3, 2023 – Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance

November 7, 2023 - Last Day to Receive Ballot by Mail

For voting locations, go to RockwallVotes.com

Be sure to follow us on all social media platforms:

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

Facebook - @RCRWTX

Instagram – rockwallcountyrepublicanwomen











### V.P. Political Activities



## **Social Chair**

I want to remind you that hours are due by the 5th of each month for the prior month's work. I'm currently compiling the September hours. Please take the time to document this. You can provide your own documentation of Total Hours and Total Calls for each month.

You can email the new activities reporting form to nasusedwards@icloud.com or text 610-360-0300.

Thank you, Susan Edwards



Our social hour at Dodies was a hit. We are welcoming so many new people and enjoying quality time with all the regulars.

Next month's social hour will be at Pablo's in Heath on October 17, 2023 from 6-8 pm We will have the back patio reserved and the weather should be cooler. Grab a new friend and bring them along.

Our Ladies night was a huge success. We enjoyed creating artistic pendants while enjoying the beautiful surroundings at the Hidden Mosaic Studio. Check out our pictures on our FB page and join us for our next Ladies night.

Thank you all for making my job so much fun.

Deanna Tucker













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Inside look at the historic impeachment trial

The 2023 attempt to impeach Attorney General Warren Kenneth Paxton was doomed from the start for multiple reasons; not the least of which was the failure of the House to follow the well-established and timetested principle of "due process." Specifically;

- 1. Investigation goal: instead of seeking TRUTH and JUSTICE they sought IMPEACHMENT.
  - 2. No testimony was required or allowed to be given under oath.
    - 3. No cross exam was allowed for any witness.
  - 4. Second-, third- and fourth-hand hearsay was accepted without question.
    - 5. No House member was allowed to hear direct testimony.
- 6. Full house required to vote after hearing only hearsay summaries by House Managers.

Had the House simple required all testimony be given under oath as required by law and witnesses allowed to be cross examined by the defense the House would most likely have reached the same conclusion as the Senate because they would have seen that there was insufficient evidence to convict on "probable cause" much less "beyond a reasonable doubt".

Clearly, the House goal was IMPEACHMENT. Their goal should have been TRUTH and JUSTICE. Thus, the House failed. In their job of requiring EVIDENCE to guide them to the right goal. After reviewing thousands of pages of documents and over 40 hours of testimony, it is clear that the prosecution could not produce any meaningful evident worthy of an impeachment conviction.

The failure to cross examine under oath, led the House to rely on half truths, misleading information, and hearsay, even if the House had been interested in seeking TRUTH and JUSTICE, they would not have been able to do so.

As in the words of Representative John Smithee when he spoke in opposition to the impeachment motion in the House, "You've heard this compared to a grand jury proceeding, and in some ways it's like a grand jury proceeding, and in other ways it is not. But I can tell you this, no grand jury can legitimately indict any individual or any potential criminal defendant without evidence. You can't indict without evidence, PERIOD. What you're being asked to do today is to impeach without evidence. It is all rumor, it is all innuendo, it is all speculation, and is all things we may speculate to be true, but we don't have what is defined or what qualifies as evidence in any court at law, not only in Texas, not only in the United States, but in most developed countries in the world. I would just say this—if I'm ever going to be part of any impeachment proceeding those results in the impeachment of an officer, I don't want it to look like a Saturday mob out for an afternoon lynching. I want it to look like a clear, deliberative, somber, and sober exercise in the quasi-judicial function that the Constitution gives us the right to engage in."





#### Inside look at the historic impeachment trial (continued)

The trial in the Senate proved Representatives John Smithee, Brian Harrison, Matt Schaffer, Tony Tenderholt and the others who spoke against the motion in the House to be absolutely right in what they said and did by voting against the motion.

The House sent the Senate what was later stipulated in closing, as a "personal" proceeding, drawing distinction from one being either civil or criminal. This was one of the obvious reasons why the House time and time again was unable to present any meaningful evidence on any single article that was beyond a reasonable doubt.

The "impeachment" by the House Managers was thrust upon the House body with only a 48-hour notice and without statutorily required hearing or evidentiary support, sworn statements, for example. Additionally, the impeachment articles were advanced to the House members with emphasis that did not honor the presumption of innocence nor fundamental constitutional protections.

The ensuing trial unraveled for the House because the prosecution relied upon a standard: "what else could it be, nothing else makes sense", instead of dutifully following Texas jurisprudence, statutes and the Constitution. In the end, the trial illuminated Proverbs 18:17, "He who speaks first seems right until another comes to examine him."

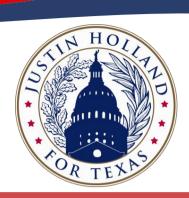
Texans deserve better. As our Lt Governor, Dan Patrick said, we must have legislation to prevent the continuation of the perversion of DUE PROCESS when behavior by an elected official is THOUGHT or SUSPECTED to be a cause for removal from office. Hearsay is not meaningful evidence.

The shortcut the House took by bypassing due process led them down the wrong path to a trial where the scarcity of evidence left the Senate unable to get "beyond a reasonable doubt." THIS must never happen again.









State Representative Justin Holland Receives "Texas Public Education Champion Award"

This month, I was honored for standing with public education in the State of Texas and was named a Raise Your Hand Texas Public Education Champion. During the past Legislative Session, I was proud to stand with parents, students, teachers, and administrators, making decisions that were in the best interest of their communities and schools. I prioritize constituents in their public education choices, supporting the wishes of local families, educators, and future workforces.

Throughout the 88th Regular Session, I advocated for the needs of Texas' 5.4 million public school students.

Championing legislation that addresses increased school safety, teacher salaries, public school financing, and rising inflation-related costs is always my goal. I look forward to further empowering our state's families, public schools, and communities as the Legislature continues to determine public education interests in an upcoming special session.

For Texas,
State Representative Justin Holland













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## **Republican Events:**

Oct. 4, 2023 - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:30 A.M., at Luigi's Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 cost is \$13.00.

Oct. 9, 2023 - RCRW General Meeting: 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M., Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087. A potluck meal will be shared with water and tea provided.

Oct. 17, 2023 - RCRW Social Hour: 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M., at Pablo's, 213 Hubbard Dr., Heath, TX. 75032

Oct. 23, 2023 - Liberty Ladies Lunch – 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., at La Madeleine, 987 East 1-30, Rockwall, TX 75087

Nov. 1, 2023 - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:30 A.M., at Luigi's Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 cost is \$13.00

Nov. 13, 2023 - RCRW General Meeting: 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M., Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087. A potluck meal will be shared with water and tea provided.

Nov. 23, 2023 Liberty Ladies Lunch - 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., at La Madeline, 987 East I-30, Rockwall, TX 75087

<u>Dec 6, 2023</u> - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:30 A.M., at Luigi's Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 cost is \$13.00.

<u>Dec 11, 2023</u> - RCRW Holiday Party - 6:00P.M. - 8:00P.M., at Rockwall Rotary Hall, 408 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087 - More details to come!!

Dec 15, 2023 - GOP Holiday Party - More details to come!!





## 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 Council –

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.



Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 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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