



# RCRW NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER 2023

TFRW Region #5 Senate District #2

### FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to Fall (hopefully the weather will get the memo)!

I would like to start off by saying Thank you to those of you who attended our Woman of Influence Fashion Show & Tea. It was an amazing event and a wonderful tribute to our recipient - Sharon Henson!

We were honored to have so many of our past recipients in attendance, including Past President, Brenda Zielke, who came all the way from MO. To all our wonderful Sponsors, thank you for your generous donations to the events. We could not have done it without you. We had a dedicated committee who worked for many hours on this event, and it would not have been a success without them. Thank you to committee members: Lea, Deanna S, Pam, and Heather, I am humbled to have worked with each of you and your great talents. I would like to recognize all the wonderful volunteers, models, boutiques, our Emcee, District Attorney Kenda Culpepper, and the RCRW Executive Board for your help.

I am proud to announce our new upcoming 501c3, Republican Women Scholarship Fund. This is truly a dream come true for me and I could not be happier that this is coming to fruition. Thank you to Aimee Norton, Scholarship Chair, and Lorne Liechty for all your hard work, time and contribution to making this happen. We will have more details about the fund and what you can do to help our future generations.

We have a very busy fall season with numerous guest speakers, including elected members from our county to come and speak at our monthly general meetings, a breakdown of the upcoming Amendments to the State Constitution on the November ballot, the TFRW Convention, October 12-14, 2023, (there is still time to sign up and join us), along with honoring our 1st Responders and Veterans. Please be sure to read the newsletter and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more details.

We have various opportunities to get involved with our community and upcoming elections. If you are not a Volunteer Deputy Registrar (VDR) please sign up today for the training to be held on Saturday, Sep. 9th at the GOP office. We need YOU to take a stand and work to ensure Rockwall County, Texas and our Country are RED! With all of us working together, we can achieve this. Go out and be a blessing, Alma McClintock, President



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What a great time was had at our Fashion Show and Tea was in August! Congratulations to our Woman of Influence award recipient, Sharon Henson. The day was full of fashion and fun!

Our September meeting will be held on September 11, 2023. In honor of 9/11, we will have Chris Dorward speak to the club regarding his Texas Valor Project. In addition to Mr. Dorward, we are also honored to have Eric Bruntmyer and Judge Tony Norton. Mr. Bruntmyer is the President of Hardin-Simmons University, and he will speak to the club about the history, expansion, and complications of Title IX. Judge Norton will speak to the club about the duties and office of a Texas Justice of the Peace.

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 are also excited to have Commissioner Pct 2, Dana Macalik, to discuss the role of the Commissioners and the Court, along with Bobby Gallana to give us an explanation of the proposed Amendments that will be on the November ballot. We look forward to see y'all there!

Date: September 11, 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. Here is the link to sign up to bring something:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944A8A82FA0FB6-rockwall3>

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

### 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 3:00p.m. - 5:00p.m. God Bless Texas!!!

### Liberty Ladies Lunching



Mark your calendars: 4th Monday of each month (September 25, 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

Hi Everyone

Hope everyone is staying cool & hydrated due to this crazy summer heat we are having. I've lived in the Rockwall area for over 40 years, I can't recall it ever being this hot.

As I mentioned in the August newsletter, if you have not picked up your name badges that you have ordered, please plan to attend our September meeting on Monday, September 11th to collect.

We look forward to seeing our new members at our 3rd quarterly welcome orientation to be held on September 24th from 2:00pm-3:00pm at Rosini Vinyard.

Our membership numbers are as follows:

- Members: 124
- Associates: 31
- Honorary: 4
- TOTAL: 159

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).

Lisa Seligman-Kearby  
Vice President of Membership



## SREC

The Resolutions Committee met Aug. 31 to consider the resolution of censure sent by Orange County against Speaker Dade Phelan. To pass a censure, the SREC needs to concur with three separate charges. While the committee members expressed agreement with some of the charges presented, a majority felt that in light of the upcoming special session it was too soon to render final judgment on subjects likely to be revisited by Legislature. The Orange County resolution, or an updated one that includes other charges, can still be considered at a later SREC meeting.  
Jerry Fisher, SREC SD 2

Be sure to follow us on all social media platforms:

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

Facebook - @RCRWTX

Instagram - rockwallcountyrepublicanwomen





## V.P. Political Activities

Thank you to everyone who continues to participate in Political Activities and reports on your hours. Remember all that I need to report each month is 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 for August by Tuesday September 5 so I can report them in the next 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](mailto:nasusedwards@icloud.com).



## Social Chair

August Social Hour was a big hit. We had over 45 people and what a great time of fellowship we had. Come out to our September Social Hour on the 19th from 6:00PM - 8:00PM at Dodie's on the Harbor. If weather permits, we will be able to sit on their patio.

Last chance to sign up for our RCRW Ladies Night Out-Mosaic Pendant Workshop on September 20, 2023 from 6:00PM-8:00PM. You need to sign up today, spots are limited. Go on RCRW Ladies Night Out Facebook page for more information and tickets. Stay cool my friends,

Deanna



Welcome Back To School and Bring on Fall!!

With schools back in session I want to take this opportunity once again to thank all the dedicated volunteers of the RCRW Scholarship Committee and it's donors. We appreciate you ALL! We hope and pray our 2023 scholarship recipients have a successful year. We will keep in touch and provide updates on these fantastic young ladies.

We want to take this opportunity to announce that Republican Women Scholarship Fund has been formed and filed all the legal documents necessary to become a 501c3. This is an exciting time for us and we are so proud of the work put into making this possible. With a 501c3 status, not only will donations be tax deductible, but it opens so many more doors for fundraising capabilities to allow for a larger impact in our community through our scholarships. Please note this new (but old) endeavor will now be a separate entity from RCRW.

As we move into this fall season we will begin working on raising funds for our scholarships. Our first fundraiser of the season is scheduled for October 15, 2023, 2pm-4pm (address to follow), with Park Lane Jewelry and a percentage of proceeds will go to our fund. Follow us on Facebook, as we get closer to this date, as an event will be advertised through this FB page. A link will be provided for those who may not be able to attend in person for online shopping. What a great way to start your Christmas shopping early and support an organization who supports our conservative, female high school seniors and the future of Rockwall County. And for all of our football enthusiasts no the Cowboys do NOT play on this day, we verified their schedule.

We have a lot of great things we will be announcing for our Scholarship Fund in the future, so stay tuned.

As always donations for our scholarship fund are welcome any time of the year. You can make a direct donation, you do not need to wait for a fundraiser!

If you have any questions, please reach out to me at [amnorton1@att.net](mailto:amnorton1@att.net). Aimee Norton, Scholarship Chair



# CAPITOL HILL REPORT

*Serving the counties of District 2:*

*Kaufman, Navarro, Rockwall, Van Zandt and parts of Dallas, Ellis and Collin County*

## **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 lifesustaining 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.



On September 11th, Representative Holland’s office will have the distinct privilege to honor Officer Michael Baley of the Royse City Police Department for his service at Governor Greg Abbott’s 2023 Star of Texas Award Ceremony.

The Star of Texas Awards Ceremony was created in 2003 to recognize the sacrifice and service of our brave first responders. The award honors the service of peace officers, firefighters, and emergency medical first responders who have sustained serious injury or were killed in the line of duty.

Officer Baley has been on the Royse City police force since 2007, where he has wholeheartedly served and protected his community. In addition to putting his life on the line as a police officer, Baley is also a volunteer firefighter of the city’s fire department and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

On April 10, 2021, Baley was assisting a stranded driver on the side of I-30 when he was seriously injured in the line of duty. Since the accident, Officer Baley has been cleared to return to full duty. Representative Holland and his office are honored to recognize Officer Baley, and his family, for their sacrifices and his bravery as a first responder in House District 33.

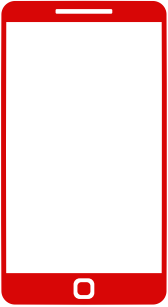
For Texas,  
State Representative Justin Holland







# RCRW UPDATES



**STAY UPDATED WITH THE LATEST INFORMATION FROM RCRW**  
To receive e-mail and text reminders, follow the instructions below. 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.

Please check out our Facebook page for updated event information



## Republican Events:

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

Sept. 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.

Sept. 19, 2023 - RCRW Social Hour: 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M., at Dodies on the Harbor

Sept. 24, 2023 - RCRW New Member Welcome: 2:00P.M. - 3:00P.M. at Rosini's Vineyard, 411 Texas Highway 205, Rockwall, Texas.

Sept. 24, 2023 - RCRW Quarterly Book club: 3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M., at Rosini's Vineyard, 411 Texas Highway 205, Rockwall, Texas.

Sept. 25th, 2023 - Liberty Ladies Lunch - 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., at La Madeleine, 987 East 1-30, Rockwall, TX 75087

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. The potluck meal to be shared, water and tea are provided.

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





## 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.



## 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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