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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



May has arrived and along with it so many things have occurred and many more to come.

May is Military Appreciation Month. It is so important that we show our gratitude and respect for those who have served and to those who are currently providing our safety and fighting for our freedoms. You can honor them by participating in various ways such as Carry the Load; Loyalty Day, May 1; Armed Forces Day, May 8; and Military Spouse Appreciation Day, on May 12. Remember to always thank a veteran!

Early voting began on April 24 and goes through May 2^{nd} . If you haven't gone in to vote yet, you should do so now to avoid the long lines on Election

Day of May 6, 2023. There are 4 polling sites you can choose from to help make it more convenient for you. Be sure to invite someone to join you, a friend, neighbor, family member - as they say, those that vote together, stay together! The Scholarship Committee has completed the very important task of reviewing scholarship applications, selecting the top applicants, interviewing them and choosing 2 very deserving ladies. We are so excited to present them to the club at our May 8th meeting. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet these extraordinary ladies and help celebrate their achievements.

Mark your calendars now for our Woman of Influence Fashion Show and Tea on August 26th, to be held at The Center. The Woman of Influence Award is a very special honor we present to a member of our club who has gone above and beyond by dedicating her time and energy to the club, community, and the GOP. We have so many wonderful ladies who do so much; it is very hard to choose just one. You will find more information about this event coming soon.

With just a few more weeks left in the 88th Legislative Session, there is still so much work to be done. I hope you are following along with the committee meetings, bills being discussed, and participating in the Calls to Action that are being shared. It is up to each of us to make our voices heard to our legislators by our calls, emails and appearing in person to testify. Your participation will ensure that our Conservative values will continue to be protected and preserved.

I look forward to seeing you at our next event,

Alma McClintock, President

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PAULA MCLAIN

V.P. PROGRAMS



Our May program brings about that exciting time of year where our Club gets to award a couple of special young 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 this exciting event where we get to be involved with our communities, give back, and help talented young Republican women achieve their educational goals.

Date: May 08, 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. Please sign up to bring your favorite dish to share. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944A8A82FA0FB6-rockwall1

RCRW Book Club

Join us at Rosini's Vineyard, even if you haven't read the book, for a fun time together and to compare ideas.

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

Mark your calendars: 4th Monday of each month (May 22, 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.

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



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V.P. MEMBERSHIP

please make sure they get help. This is a serious disease.

applies to both our mental- and physical well-being.

to invite them.

Hello everyone. We've had a great turn out to our social hour as well as our Liberty Ladies luncheon. Thank you all. If you know of anyone interested, please make sure

MAY is Mental Health awareness. If you are suffering, depressed or know someone

The stigma around mental health and treatment has long existed, even though this has started to change. Still, people hesitate to seek help or even talk about it with their loved ones for fear of being judged and facing unnecessary backlash. Simple logic dictates that if we are hurt anywhere, we must seek treatment to get better. This

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

MEMBERSHIP



Veronica Burgos Cathy Buschold Maria Martinez Velma McMillan Sharon Tuley

Our membership numbers are as follows: Members: 113 Associates: 27 Honorary: 4 TOTAL: 174

Please email me at rcrwmembership@rcrw.org with any questions or concerns and if you have any friends/family who would like to become an RCRW member please ask them to fill out the membership application at rcrw.org. See you all at our next meeting, Monday, May 8, 2023, at 6:30pm located at Harry Myers.

TREASURER

Lisa Seligman-Kearby, Vice President of Membership



Treasurer's Report as of April 1-24 2023 Operating Account

Balance Forward \$11,041.75 Income 383.00 \$ Expenses \$ 896.23 REASURE Grand Total \$10,528.52 **Scholarship Account** Opening balance \$ 6.389.73 Income 150.00 \$ Expenses 0.00 Total \$ 6,539.73 Frances White. Treasurer

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V.P. POLICITAL ACTIVITIES



Thank you to everyone who participated in any political activities in the 1st quarter. Our total for January, February and March for all active, associate, and honorary members was 10,204 hours! Thank you everyone for getting your hours to me throughout the quarter.

Remember all that I need to report each month are 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 by the 5th of the month for the previous month. So, you should send in your April Hours and Phone Calls by May 5. You can either text them to me at 610-360-0300 or email to nasusedwards@icloud.com. No need to submit a form.

Susan Edwards, Vice President of Political Activities



We had 92 young ladies apply for the RCRW Scholarship this school year. We have reviewed these applications and chosen our finalists that will be interviewed. This year we have decided we will award two scholarships from those who were interviewed. The presentation of the RCRW Scholarship will be held at our general meeting on May 8th. I hope to see you there as we celebrate the hard work these young ladies have put into their High School career and help encourage them in the next phase of their lives.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me at <u>amnorton1@att.net</u>. *Aimee Norton, Scholarship Chair*



SOCIAL CHAIR

SCHOLARSHIP

Last Social hour at Fable and Fire was awesome. Over 40 of you came out and we had a great time.

It is not too late to sign up for Lakeside Florist on Thursday May 4th from 6-8pm. Still a few spots available. Look at our FB page under upcoming events for the link and password. 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.

Unfortunately, Pablo's won't be open yet so we will visit them another time.

Our next Happy Hour will be at Manny's.

Date: May 16, 2023 Time: 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. Location: 469 Laurence Dr. Heath, TX 75032

Thank you all for being such amazing Patriots.... Deanna Tucker, Social Chair



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Congressman Pat Fallon, TX04

New House Republican Majority Goes Where Democrats Refused to Go By Rep. Pat Fallon

Last Wednesday, House Republicans on the Committee on Oversight and Accountability held the first part in a series of hearings examining the Biden administration's botched withdrawal from Afghanistan in the late summer of 2021. Joe Biden's tried hard to pull the wool over Americans' eyes in the time since his administration's disastrous exit from the country. In fact, last week's hearing made clear that the Biden administration has actively worked to obstruct congressional oversight.

Why? Because Biden doesn't want Americans to know he has outright lied about how a series of missteps by his administration directly contributed to the Taliban's swift takeover of Afghanistan. He doesn't want the American people to know that he ignored the advice of military commanders and leaders on the

ground. He doesn't want the American people to know that his incompetence was responsible for the deaths of 13 American servicemen and women in the closing days of the chaotic evacuation. Biden must be held accountable, and House Republicans in our new majority will continue to ensure this happens.

House Republicans also spotlighted new evidence that supports the credible "Lab Leak" theory on the origins of COVID-19. A January 2021 State Department fact sheet makes clear there was evidence of sick researchers at the Wuhan Institute of Virology as far back as the fall of 2019. The fact that the Chinese Embassy also sent a letter to House Republicans asking them not to hold a hearing investigating the origins of COVID-19 last week speaks for itself. Finally, an IRS whistleblower came forward late last week alleging that the Biden administration is mishandling the investigation into Hunter Biden's shady business dealings. This comes after recently revealed bank records show millions of dollars sent from Chinese companies to Hunter Biden. House Republicans will not let up in their mission to bring to light the corrupt Biden family business. After all, in the interest of national security, we as Americans deserve to know whether members of the Biden family are compromised.

Rep. Pat Fallon represents Texas' Fourth Congressional District. An Air Force veteran, he is a member of the House Committee Oversight and Accountability and the House Armed Services Committee.



RCRW UPDATES

The 88th Legislative Session is NOT over. We still have work to do. I thank all those who responded to our Calls to Action. They do work. Please continue to pray for our legislators and those who are working so diligently behind the scenes.

Jerry Fisher, SREC Committeewoman for SD2 Jerry.fishersd2@gmail.com 214-478-6100

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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 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

CALENDAR

Please see our website for updated event information.

Republican Events:

May 3, 2023 - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:30 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 Lakeside Florist, 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. Check out the emails that have been sent out.

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. <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944A8A82FA0FB6-rockwall1</u> to sign up to bring a dish.

May 16, 2023 - RCRW Social Hour: 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M., at Manny's, 469 Laurence Dr. Heath, TX 75032.

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

June 7, 2023 - GOP Lunch Bunch: 11:30 A.M., at Luigi's Italian Cafe, 2002 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 cost is \$13.00.

June 12, 2023 - RCRW General Meeting: 6:30 P.M., at the Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087. The meal is potluck, water and tea are provided.

June 20, 2023 - RCRW Social Hour: 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M., location TBD.

June 26, 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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Save the Date:

Ooh La La!

Women of Influence Fashion Show & Tea

Saturday August 26, 2023 2-4pm

THE CENTER 108 E WASHINGTON ST ROCKWALL, TX



PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

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