

Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club

November 2020 Newsletter

**Su Voz es Su
Voto y Su Voto
es Su Voz**

Welcome to the Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club. We are excited in partnering with all segments of the community. This is an all-inclusive club highlighting our common interests.

- Increase Latino participation and representation in Rockwall County
- Partner with all community groups to achieve the goal of working on Republican values.
- Educate Rockwall community of the rich Hispanic culture.

- Conduct outreach that will benefit all cultures in important core Republican values.

Latinos want to be part of the solution because the GOP platform aligns with Hispanic values. Our cherished values can overcome the challenges by working together in unity.

We seek to promote community interest issues that will resonate with and attract the Hispanic community.

In order to achieve our goals, we will:

⇒ Listen to the His-

panic community ideas and concerns.

⇒ Engage with all sectors of the Rockwall communities with items of mutual interest.

Thank you Rockwall County for the amazing support.



Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club—President Edna Villarreal Sullivan

I grew up in West Texas and I am excited to be in Rockwall, Texas and part of Republican efforts in maintaining the values and cultural morals that were instilled in me by my parents.

The story that inspired

me is one that Laverne Kennimer shared. "A Hispanic mother and daughter at an event and after reading GOP platform. The mother mentioned to GOP person, 'these are Democratic values', whereas, re-

sponse was "No ma'am—these are Republican values". Daughter confirmed that fact.

The story made an impact because these are the same values that my mom taught me.

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Special points of interest:

- Edna Sullivan—President
- Betsy Gallagher—VP of Communications
- Victor Carrillo—Secretary
- Chad Fogg and Tina Heathington—Media Coordinators
- Treasurer—TBA

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Vice President—Communications—Betsy Gallagher

This election year is extremely important to me personally. Communication of Republican core values, which align with my personal values, needs to be expressed clearly in our local community. As a member of “Friends of RCRHC”, I look forward to being part of a powerful movement in Rockwall County, Texas. Helping to spread the word to our neighbors of Latino/Hispanic background that our values and goals, as a community, align with the Hispanic community too!

As a young girl my father was transferred to Texas on business and

his favorite quote on my love of the state goes, “I had to drag her into Texas and now I can’t drag her out!” My love of this state began as a young girl! The solid resilience and strong moral values along with its friendly welcome drew me in immediately!!

A huge part of Texas history IS the Hispanic/Latino culture. Raised here in this state, we take it for granted because it is so enmeshed in our culture. Hispanic values and beautiful rich history is part of this great state.



Trump Rally—Harry Myers Park

Bright Future for Rockwall County

The City of Rockwall has passed on August 17, 2020, Resolution No. 20-10, “...established the creation of an Adhoc committee to explore how best to recognize the diverse history of Rockwall...”.

The goals include to research the diversity of Rockwall. “...The Rockwall City Council has determined it to be in the best

Romans 12:4-7 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

interest of the public that we honor and recognize the diverse group of community leaders to explore the diverse history of our

City. The City Council has assembled a diverse group of community leaders to explore the history and report to the council with recommendations regarding how best to recognize our city’s historical events and accomplishments.

This will be a modest beginning that will evolve with the sharing of valuable history.

Next Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club Meeting

RCRHC Meeting

Date: Nov. 10, 2020
Tuesday
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: GOP Headquarters
115 Kenway St.

Rockwall, Texas

Agenda:

- ⇒ Treasurer
- ⇒ Financial Report
- ⇒ Mission Statement
- ⇒ Bylaws

⇒ Facebook Status

⇒ End of Year Goal

⇒ Structure of Club

- 501 (c) (4) nonprofit
- Or Affiliate under Republican National Assembly

You Can Make A Difference!

In our first meeting, we discussed three key areas of immediate focus:

1. Election of Officers
2. Membership
3. Financial Report

Election of Officers: We elected officers and we have the office of Treasurer available. There is an opportunity to serve in this role. You can make a difference in Rockwall since the opening exists to serve.

Membership: Our membership

increased from four (4) members to eighty-three (83) members in (one) 1 month. The membership consists of twenty-six (26) Latinos and fifty-seven (57) Friends of Latinos (RCRHC) - Honorary Membership and/or contributions.

Financial Report:

We prefer to focus on the needs and interest of the community. We will also focus and evaluate Fund Raising ideas for long-term goals such as different events for Rockwall County. As Woody Al-

len stated about money, *"It is better than poverty, if only for financial reasons."*

Isaiah 40:31—But

those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

You Can't Have Your Pudding—Unless You Eat Your Meat—Pink Floyd *"Dark Side of the Moon"*

Capirotada —Mexican Bread Pudding

During the Lent (Cuaresma) season, in the Catholic faith, we abstain from eating meat. In the Mexican-American culture, this is a delicious recipe, so, actually, with this pudding, *"we can eat our pudding and not eat our meat"*.

Ingredients consist of bread,

cheese, raisins, cinnamon, cloves and brown sugar.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

- ⇒ 5 cups of water
- ⇒ 4 cinnamon sticks, 6 cloves,
- ⇒ 1 cup of raisins.
- ⇒ 1 cup shredded Longhorn Colby cheese.

⇒ Cinnamon cloves, brown sugar. Melt butter for bread (both sides). Bring syrup mixture to a boil.

Layer bread, add raisins and cheese and pour syrup evenly over ingredients and repeat layers. Bake for 35-40 minutes.

Delicious!

Texas History—Tina Heathington

My name is Tina Heathington. I was born and raised in Raymondville, Texas, a small town in South Texas. Very Democratic towns. My mother was a business woman and my father was a policeman. In school. I was a baton twirler in the band and involved in sports.

My parents told me the

story of my Great Grandfather, 5th Generation, descendent of Jose Narciso Cavazos, original owner of the largest land grant bestowed by King Fernand of Spain, named San Juan de Carisitos. The land included 630,000 acres of land in present day counties of Willacy, Kennedy and Hidalgo.

Promises Made—
Promises Kept by Republicans is why I am a Republican today. The land situation has been contentious and disappointing by promises made by other parties. The promises are still being made today.

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1 John 3:1-2
See what kind of love
the Father has given
to us, that we should
be called children of
God; and so we are.

The vote in 2020 is significant. On the national level, at the Republican National Convention, it was encouraging that individuals from all sectors of society focused on issues that matter.

On the local level, Thank you, GOP, for showing up in all communities. A great sense of unity was evident in working together to get the vote out. The feeling of mutual respect was greatly appreciated. The message that was encountered was one of hope, love and TRUTH. The opportunity is welcomed to build on the foundation that has already been established between the GOP and many in the Hispanic community.

The “Latino for Trump” signs, large and small, were donated by the local GOP to the Republican Hispanic club. The message and signs gave several in the Hispanic community encouragement and the energy to get the vote out early. The sense of belonging was evident through the positive feedback. Some in 2016 had voted 3rd Party, this time voted Trump 2020. The message with that situation was “place principles before personalities” and “vote your values”.

The future looks bright for Rockwall County because the atmosphere of “being heard” has been established.

Hispanic Traditions in November and December

Dia de los Muertos—Mexican celebration for our loved ones (family and friends) who have passed away are honored on the 1st and 2nd of November. This day is associated with the Catholic celebrations of All Souls’ Day. Family and friends gather in prayer and fellowship.

Tamales—During the holiday season which begins from the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12 through Christmas. The Mexican-American tradition of making tamales is special and popular during this time. The most popular tamales are pork tamales, although, now other ingredients are used which I’m not used to, so it’s called “acceptance”.

Posadas—Hispanics celebrate the nine days leading up to Christmas, la Navidad with Posadas. Posadas means “inns”. Las Posadas simulate the pil-

grimage of Mary and Joseph as they looked for a place to sleep.

The memories are of people going from house to house where neighbors

join in procession and pray the rosary and, of course, eat delicious tamales. We also drink Mexican hot chocolate. La Abuela (grandmother) would usually have the hot chocolate ready for us.

We would eat marranitos (Mexican gingerbread pig) cookies. The best recipe is with dulce de leche for hot chocolate.

Another drink that was a favorite is canela (cinnamon) tea. The aroma was soothing and tea was tasty, of course, with cajetas (cookies).



Tamales—Traditional tamales are pork, although, now they evolved into including different filling.

