

Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club



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All Communities are welcomed regardless of race, age or gender.

"I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." Martin Luther King, Jr.

RCRHC is grateful and humbled by Grant DuBois helping our club get the much needed support in providing direction. The desire to help us succeed is evident in the spirit of working together for the common goal of advocating for our conservative and Judeo-Christian values. The great advice that was provided was well-received and we are actively implementing action that has resulted in success.

RCRHC is excited that Mrs. Raven Henson and Dr. Michael Ross will be Speakers on April 14th —please mark your calendars. We are also thrilled to announce that Rev. Rafael Cruz (father of U.S. Senator Ted Cruz) accepted our invitation to be our headline speaker at the Sanctity of Life event, May 29th 2021. Tickets will be going on sale for this event. A special thank you to Mark Russo and Jerry Fisher who helped secure this invitation and Betsy Gallagher for her valuable work.

We are working to

inform the Rockwall community of the Republican Party's core principles. My mother and father experienced the ugly side of Jim Crow laws. They attended a segregated school for Mexican-Americans. Jim Crow was a policy instituted by Democrats. In 2021, one would hope that individuals would NOT be judged by the color of their skin. Unfortunately, it has reared its ugly head once again. Critical Race Theory and HR1 places Americans against Americans. Democrat's dishonesty insists that we stand up for our core beliefs.

Edna Cecilia Sullivan

- Edna Villarreal Sullivan—President
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- William Long/Brett Sullivan—Website
- Joel Medina, Chad Fogg, Tina Heathington—Media Coordinators

Donna Rolater—RCRHC Treasurer

Donna Rolater was awakened to the Pro-Life movement when her daughter was adopted over 40 years ago as a 10-day old infant from the Gladney Center in Ft. Worth. Three and a half years later her son was also adopted as an infant. During the '80's, she spoke as a representative of the Gladney Center Auxiliary in DFW High Schools about the "Option of Adoption" for

an unplanned pregnancy.

Before moving to Heath in 2012, (after finding out her first grandchild would be born in Heath that year). Donna served on the board of a Maternity Home in Bellville as well as a Pregnancy Center in Brenham.

After arriving in Heath, Donna immediately became involved with Rockwall County

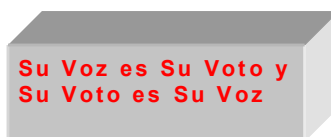
politics, joining the Rockwall County Republican Women's Club and serving as Treasurer for several years. Donna became the

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Rev. Rafael B. Cruz—Headline Speaker for RCRHC Sanctity of Life Event

Rafael Cruz is a powerful example of the American Dream. Born in Cuba, Rafael lived and suffered under a cruel, oppressive dictator. He began fighting Batista’s regime as a teenager and was imprisoned and tortured simply because he wanted to be free.

Rafael arrived in Texas in 1957 on a student visa. He got a job as a dishwasher, making 50 cents an hour, and worked his way through the University of Texas, while learning English. He later built a small business in further pursuit of the American Dream.

In early 1980, Rafael Cruz joined the State Board of the Religious Roundtable, a Judeo-Christian organization that mobilized millions of people of faith during the Presidential Campaign of Ronald Reagan.

He is an ordained minister and the Director of Grace for America, sharing the Word of God in churches and Pastors Conferences throughout the United States. He is the author of “A Time for Action, Empowering the Faithful to Reclaim America.”

His son, Ted Cruz is a constitutional conservative U.S. Senator from Texas and former candidate for

United States President.

When Ted was a child growing up in Houston, Rafael would tell him, “When we faced oppression in Cuba, I had a place to flee to. If we lost our freedom here, where do we go?” That’s why Rev. Cruz is passionate about returning America to the biblical and historical foundations that made this country exceptional.



Rockwall ISD (RISD) Board of Trustees Election — May 1, 2021

Local elections are very important — including the upcoming school board elections. Trustees are elected to govern RISD and have the authority over taxes, budgets and more importantly over curriculum choice.

In recent past, RISD trustees allowed the CSCOPE curriculum in our schools. This curriculum is part of a movement to push our schools to the

left ideologically. CSCOPE teaches that the Boston Tea Party was a group of terrorists and that communism is a better economic system than capitalism. Currently, the far left groups are pushing the Critical Race Theory, which teaches that American law are inherently racist, and favor white individuals.

Rockwall County votes approxi-

mately 80% Republican each election, which reflects the conservative values of our community.

RISD Trustees need to be trusted with making choices that reflect those values.

If you want your children and grandchildren to be taught these values, then find out which RISD candidates best represent you.

Semana Santa (Holy Week)

Semana Santa in the Hispanic culture is a celebration of Holy Week leading up to Easter. The tradition dates back to the 16th century when the Catholic Church presents the Passion of Christ. This year it starts March 28 with Palm Sunday and ends after Good Friday, to April 3 with Sabado de Pasion. Services lead up to Easter Sunday.

Catholics pray the Stations of the

Cross—a powerful way of contemplating the mysteries of Jesus Christ. Starting with “Via Dolorosa” (Sorrowful Way) mark Jesus life on Good Friday. The 14 stations focus on specific events of Jesus’ last day. The stations are commonly used as a pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditate on a specific event of Christ’s

last day. This is known as the “Via Dolorosa” (Sorrowful Way) and is commonly prayed on Good Friday. The Stations of the Cross were introduced in the 12th century. St. Francis encouraged Christians all over Europe to walk the way of the cross with Jesus. Christians reflect on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. *Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die, and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.” John 11:25-*

RCRHC Meeting

Date: April 14th, Wednesday

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Harry Myers Community Center

815 E. Washington St.
Rockwall, Texas

March 3rd Agenda

- ⇒ Candidates—May 1 Election
- ⇒ Grant DuBois—Club Growth and Stay on Track
- ⇒ Betsy Gallagher—Launch Sanctity of Life Event

April 14th Agenda:

- ⇒ Candidates—May 1 Election
- ⇒ Raven Henson—Shiloh Pregnancy Care Facility
- ⇒ Dr. Michael Ross
- ⇒ **Any Other Business?**

Sanctity of Life Event Beneficiary: Shiloh Pregnancy Care Facility

It was such an encouraging experience to get to tour the beneficiary of our Sanctity of Life Event, the Shiloh Pregnancy Care facility and meet Raven Henson, Executive Director and Cole Henson, Chairman. The Shiloh Pregnancy Care Facility has such a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Their vision is to present the living hope of Jesus Christ by providing compassion, hope and help for men and women faced with pregnancy decisions. We are thrilled to have Raven scheduled to speak at our April 14th meeting and tell us more about the work they are doing in the community.

I had the opportunity to ask a few questions to present a preview of her testimony to our group.

Betsy: 1) **Tell us a little bit about how your passion originated for the sanctity of life.**

Raven: I grew up in a military family and we traveled a lot. When I was 15 years old we were stationed in Anchorage Alaska where I met with an unplanned pregnancy. A classmate of mine suggested a pregnancy center where I could obtain a free pregnancy test. The local pregnancy center confirmed I was pregnant and encouraged me to choose life. My son's birth soon followed that decision. Fast forward several years later to 2017 and I was given the opportunity to volunteer with a Pregnancy Center in Texas. The decision to serve the Center solidified my

commitment to fight for life no matter the cost.

Betsy: **Explain to us the origin of Shiloh Pregnancy Care and Living Hope Solutions. And why Garland, Texas?**

Raven: In 2017, I became the Director of Development for the Rockwall and Mesquite Pregnancy Resource Centers. During my time there I became aware of the number of Garland residents we were serving. The numbers caused me to investigate why we had such an influx of Garland residents. Upon my research, I discovered Garland was the fourth largest city in the Metroplex with 240,000 residents. I knew someone needed to provide vital resource of a pregnancy center. Living Hope Solutions was founded by my husband and myself in response to the lack of pregnancy/prenatal resources in the City. Our mission through Shiloh Pregnancy Care is to provide life-affirming care to women and men faced with pregnancy decisions through transforming message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Betsy: **What will our donations help support? And how will the funds be allocated?**

Raven: Your generous donation will go to the opening of Shiloh Pregnancy Care and will be specifically allocated to the equipment necessary to facilitate the opening.

Betsy: **What can our group do to further help your cause?**

Raven: We need boots on the ground volunteers as well as help spreading the word for this upcoming premier Pregnancy Center.

What a blessing this has been to partner with Raven and Cole to help save lives and heal souls. I hope everyone will come hear her story and all about the life-affirming service Shiloh Pregnancy Care will provide.

We hope you will join us for the Sanctity of Life event scheduled for May 29th, 6:30 p.m. at The Center at City Place, Rockwall, Texas to help raise funds for Sanctity of Life!! Also, please mark your calendar—you are invited to the RCRHC April 14, 2021 meeting with Raven Henson and Dr. Michael Ross.

Betsy Gallagher

"Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from Him." Psalm 127.3

L—ove

I—nclusive

F—or

E—veryone



Donna Rolater—Continued from Page 1

the Precinct 3C Chair and served as the Treasurer for the Rockwall GOP until 2017. In 2018, Donna ran against two opponents and won a seat on the Heath City Council, a position she continues to hold today.

While serving several years as a Client Counselor at the Rockwall Pregnancy Center, Donna met Raven and Cole Henson. After seeing their vision to provide for the tremendous

need of a Pregnancy Center in Garland, a city of over 250,000 with no hospital nor any place where a woman would go to obtain a free pregnancy test and counseling, Donna joined their Board as the Treasurer.

Donna has now accepted the position as Treasurer of the RCRHC and looks forward to helping our Club achieve our goals.

Donna and her husband, Tony, attend Cornerstone Rockwall Church, and enjoy spending time with their six grandchildren.

"God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus, and long ages ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others."

Ephesians 2: 10



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Su Voz es Su Voto y Su Voto es Su Voz

*My life is worth nothing
unless I use it for doing
the work assigned me by
the Lord Jesus—the
work of telling others
the Great News about
God's wonderful
kindness and love.
Acts 20:24*



*Dona Rolater
Raven Henson
Cole Henson
Betsy Gallagher
tour of Shiloh
Pregnancy Care
Facility in Gar-
land, Texas—
March 20, 2021*



Grant DuBois, Betsy Gallagher & Victor Carrillo at RCRHC March 3rd Meeting

RCRHC is grateful for the following gifts

- Microphone and amplifier — John and Frances White
- 1 Coffee Maker & 1 Keurig Maker — Debbi Buchanan
- Texas Flag — Georgie Lancaster
- U.S. Flags — Jim Cook & Glenn Strauss

Rockwall County GOP Clubs— April 2021

Laverne Kennimer—GOP

Chair GOP Lunch Bunch Luigi's,
April 7, 2021, 11:30 a.m. Cost \$12
includes tip & beverage per person.

Candidate Forum April 8, 2021

Thursday 6:30 p.m. at Liberty Hall,
Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111
E. Yellowjacket.

**GOP—The Great Gatsby Gala
2021— Saturday, April 17, 2021**

4:00 p.m. VIP Activities 5:30 p.m.
Registration and Silent Auction Hil-
ton Dallas/Rockwall Lakefront. —
1920's attire encouraged but not re-
quired. Fun and fund raising with a
silent auction, dinner, program, VP
options, door prizes, DJ and dancing
and casino-style gaming.

Grant Dubois—Rockwall

County Republican Men's Club
April 10, 2021—Republican Men's
Club Meeting, 8:00 a.m. at the Cen-
ter, 108 E. Washington St., Rockwall.
Guest Speaker—Texas House Repre-
sentative, Justin Holland.

Tiffany Miller—Rockwall
County Republican Women
would like to invite you to:

April 12, 2021 RCRW General
Meeting 6:30 p.m. at Rockwall Golf
and Athletic Club, 2600 Champions
Dr. Rockwall, this will be a meet and
greet and introduction for May 1,
2021 candidates

April 20, 2021 RCRW Happy
Hour—6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Good
Eats, Buffalo Bills, 6310 Dalrock Rd.

St. 100, Rowlett, Texas

April 23, 2021—RCRW Silk Scarf
Painting and Complementary Tea
Tasting 6:00 p.m-8:00 p.m. at Harry
Myers Community Center, 815 E.
Washington,

Edna Sullivan—Rockwall
County Republican Hispanic

April 14, 2021 6:30 p.m. at the
Harry Myers Community Center 815
E. Washington St. Rockwall for the
RCRHC Meeting with featured
speakers, Raven Henson—Director of
the Shiloh Pregnancy Care Facility
and Dr. Michael Ross.

SONG OF THE MONTH:

"La Charreada" Linda Ronstadt

