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July 2021 Newsletter

All Communities Are Welcomed!

Hola Amigos. Congratulations to Sharon Henson for recently being elected Rockwall County GOP Chair! Sharon has the “*seguro que si*” (of course I will) spirit. She gets the job done and RCRHC is supportive of Sharon’s new role as GOP Chair!

The Republican Party is the party of “*love and life*.” Thank you to everyone for helping to make the RCRHC Sanctity of Life Banquet a phenomenal success. Personally, my dream came true of having Pastor Rafael Cruz as our keynote speaker. U.S. Congressman Pat Fallon provided an influential and compelling introduction to Rev. Cruz. The testimonies of Dr. Carri Eddy and Betsy Gallagher

were powerful. The delicious food and Mariachis added the magic to the night. RCRHC is grateful to Frances White for providing a commanding performance as the Silent Auction Chair.

RCRHC was honored to host Senator Bob Hall with Kari Tucker and the YR at our June meeting. We truly thank Senator Hall for his service and dedication to the conservative values we hold dear in Rockwall County! This was Senator Hall’s first speaking engagement after the 87th Legislation Session. RCRHC also extends our thanks to Tiffany Miller for supporting RCRHC and allowing us to make announcements at RCRW meetings

and newsletters. We extend our thanks to Grant Dubois for allowing RCRHC to “*setup shop*” at the Men’s Club meetings for our Sanctity of Life fundraising. The clubs in Rockwall are strong and effective individually and also working together - we are making a difference in Rockwall, Texas!

RCRHC welcomes Alma Perez-Jackson and Joseph Vargas as speakers for the RCRHC July 17th meeting. Alma is former Vice-Chair of Texas GOP and Joseph is the founder of “*Keep Texas Red*.”

RCRHC is excited to add Community Outreach position with Dalton Tasset pursuing an aggressive plan for Voter Registration.

Edna Cecilia Sullivan

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Alma Perez Jackson & Joseph Vargas—Keep Texas Red

Alma is a strong conservative and Republican. Outlined are noteworthy accomplishments.

- Elected Vice-Chair, Texas Republican Party June 2018-July 2020
- Serves as Chair of Engagement for Texas Republican Party Sept. 2020-Present
- Serves as President of Juan Seguin Society—prepare Hispanics for Civic Engagement.

Bexar County Precinct Chair-1987-2016

Joseph Vargas outlines effective strategies to counter liberal negative branding towards conservatives. His is founder of “*Keep Texas Red*” and the author of “*Dealing With The Democate Modus Operandi*” which illustrates how conservative can effectively counter the Democrat’s agenda to destroy conservatism in America.

Joseph is a member of San Angelo Pachyderm Club, The John Birch Society and the Vice President of the Juan Seguin Society. RCRHC welcomes Alma and Joseph to be our Speakers at the **July 17th meeting. Pot luck is included at 12:30 to be held at The Center 108 E. Washington Rockwall.**



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

Community Outreach - Voter Registration Drive by Dalton Tasset

I look forward to serving RCRHC as Community Outreach Chair. This will entail a lot of organizing community events, communication with local officials, starting an English as second language class, and registering voters.

There is so much work to be done to ensure that Rockwall stays conservative and grows our voting base.

One of the first goals is a voter drive aimed at preparing us for the upcoming 2022 mid-term elections. Beto O'Rourke has

started an organization "*Powered by People*" aimed at courting the Hispanic population with a state-wide voter drive called for the people: the drive against voter suppression. In order to push back to turn our state blue, we must organize in Rockwall.

RCRHC is spearheading our own voter drive called: "*For the Republic: The drive to save America!*" Our Democrat colleagues hope to train 148 certified Volunteers. I hope to train

200 certified Volunteer Deputy Registrars (VDR) in Rockwall so RCRHC goal is to have at least 200 conservative certified VDRs with the goal of each to register at least 5 voters. I ask you to become a VDR and get involved to **Keep Rockwall Red!**



Rockwall ISD Board Report by Amy Johannesen

The Rockwall ISD Board of Trustees is currently publishing its entire agenda packet online 72 hours before the meetings. This is a tremendous achievement, as this is something that we have been asking for since February. It appears as if this Board would like to pursue a relationship with the public, as this was a good faith move. We are happy to move forward in pursuing our grievances and concerns with the Board, in hopes that they will not fall upon deaf ears.

The June 21 meeting contained the public hearing for budget approval for the 2021-2022 school year. A few concerned citizens brought specific questions and concerns, and we will follow up to ensure their questions were heard and answered.

In addition, policies such as transportation and semester exams were addressed, as well as an adoption of the new pre-K curriculum. I encourage all to further examine the Three Cheers for Pre-K curriculum and direct any specific concerns to the district. Also, we have not yet seen any revisions to the student handbook or code of conduct regarding retaliatory action for not properly wearing a mask, so please encourage your trustees to address that in July meeting, specifically asking that all retaliatory language be removed from these documents. Finally, the Board still breaks for Executive Session in the middle of the public meetings, discouraging parent and public participation. Ideally, this should be moved to either before or after the public meeting as is practiced by

Rockwall's city councils and county commissioners. Please consider! Emailing the Board to see this change.

June 21st meeting was a productive meeting with the proposed budget approved. The Board will set the tax rate in July. With the increase in property values strongly contributing to a larger tax base, I am watching for the tax rate to stay the same, at minimum, and potentially even drop. I will report and welcome any comments or suggestions. Let's stay on top of issues and in front of our school board to pave the way for a successful year!



Legislation Update by Bobby Gallana

The 87th Legislative Session in Texas is officially wrapped up. We had several key Republican priorities to accomplish.

Election Integrity was the most talked about "*task*" we had going into this session. House Bill 6 and Senate Bill 7 did not make it to the Governor's desk. Apparent mismanagement of the calendar along with disagreement on wording between the two bodies ultimately led to nothing getting accomplished. The last-minute vote was derailed when the

democrats walked out of the session and avoided the vote. Governor Abbott has called a special session to begin July 8th. His office did not specify what legislative priorities will be included on the special agenda but we hope election integrity will be one of the mandates of this session. Redistricting will likely be taken up in a fall session after the U.S. census is received.

Equally important and heavily discussed before the session was goal to

ban gender modification in children. It was a shock that a Republican majority House and Senate could not accomplish it. We are left to wonder what some Republicans' real priorities are. Senator Bob Hall authored one of the bills to ban gender modification. Most versions weren't heard by The Texas House. Unclear if this will be taken up again in special session. The Heartbeat Bill passed this session and was our biggest victory. This legislation goes in effect September 1st and allows citizens to

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RCRHC—Sanctity of Life Event-*All Lives Matter* by Betsy Gallagher

It is with great gratitude to everyone involved in RCRHC Sanctity of Life Event that I am happy to announce that we exceeded all expectations! Our fundraising efforts shattered our original goals. The generosity of our community is so awesome! For those who missed it, Rev. Rafael Cruz was spectacular expressing the sanctity of our first God-given right...LIFE! It was such a blessing to hear Dr. Carri Eddy's personal testimony. And I was honored to speak also, about my experience for prolife endorsement. A BIG thank you to all of our silent auction donors!! I thank the hard-working committee. Our success was a direct result of these efforts.

RCRHC is dedicated to be proactive in the promotion of the Republican platform. We want everyone to un-

derstand, clearly, that WE are the party FOR life! That being said, we also are the party that wants to help fund facilities that provide support for women with unplanned pregnancies. Support to these ladies through counseling and prenatal medical care is essential. RCRHC's goal is to provide women with unplanned pregnancies an alternative to abortion through support and love. These pregnancy care facilities are on the front line of our battle to protect the unborn.

Continuing on the current theme of "pivoting" during these crazy first months, we had a very last minute change of benefactor recipient. We are so thrilled to have a local pregnancy facility to work with in our mission to protect the unborn. We wish Raven and Cole Henson all the best in

their new endeavors. Thank you to Ashley and Kevin Potts from Selah Creek for allowing us to partner with them. Selah Creek is one of RCRHC philanthropic recipients for future RCRHC Sanctity of Life Events. Please check their website at selahcreek.org.

**L—ove
I—nclusive
F—or
E—veryone**

Betsy Gallagher

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



Legislation Update— by Bobby Gallana (Cont'd from Page 2)

sue physicians that practice abortion. Hopefully, this Texas Heartbeat Law will be able to stand up to the challenges that are sure to come.

Protecting religious freedom was not accomplished this year. A couple of bills were watered-down. Constitutional Carry was passed, and it was a battle to the very end. This law takes effect September 30, 2021.

Gov. Abbott allocated \$250 million to build Texas Border Wall.

On federal level, HR1 dubbed "*For the People*" act by Democrats. This legislation would nationalize our elections, gut all voter ID laws, make mail in ballots available with ID and take away control from the states. Thankfully, on Tuesday June 22nd, Senate Republicans blocked Democrat's HR1 in the Senate. Thanks to Senator Cruz and Cornyn!

Locally, Rockwall County has new council members taking their newly elected positions. I plan to meet with most of them over the next month and give an update on their priorities in the next update.



Legislature Corner - Critical Race Theory by Jose Nunez

The Constitution of the United States explicitly addresses how our nation is founded upon the principle of equality and opportunity for all—"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

On June 15th Gov. Greg Abbott has signed the HB3979 bill that prescribes how Texas teachers can talk about current events and America's history of racism in the classroom, according to Texas Legislature Online¹. His signature makes Texas one of the hand-

ful of states across the country that have passed such legislation, which aims to ban the teaching of "*critical race theory*" in K-12 public school classrooms. It also prohibits students from getting credit for participating in civic activities that include political activism or lobbying elected officials on a specific issue.

One key concept in CRT is racial information. Developed by Sociologist Michael Omi and Howard Winant..."process by which social, economic and political forces determine the content of racial categories." The focus is to indoctrinate students into

the theory that race as an identity serves to oppress non-white people. Rather than teach history as a neutral point of view, it steers the minds of students to believe that we are racist. We are a nation that believe in equality of rights, but also believes in accountability. Labeling a group because of their skin color is fundamentally wrong. That is why it is so important to keep divisive concepts out of our classrooms and support legislators.

¹<http://capitol.texas.gov/HB3979>



"Love is patient. Love is not arrogant. ... Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things... So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. Corinthians 13 1:13



Sharon Henson—GOP Chair—July 7, 2021— GOP Lunch Bunch, Luigi's, 11:30 a.m. Cost \$12 includes tip & beverage.

Grant Dubois—Rockwall County Republican Men's Club July 10, 2021— Republican Men's Club Meeting 8 a.m. The Center, 108 E. Washington

Tiffany Miller—Rockwall County Republican Women July 12, 2021—

RCRW General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club, 2600 Champions Drive, Rockwall.

July 20 RCRHC Happy Hour, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m at Gianni's Italian Bistro, Heath, Texas

Edna Sullivan—RCRHC July 17, 2021 12:30 RCRHC is honored to host Alma Perez-Jackson and Joseph Vargas - GOP Informational Meeting

RCRHC PLAYLIST:

- "Taste of Honey" Herb Alpert
- "Cielito Lindo" Andre Rieu in Mexico
- "Wichita Lineman" Glenn Campbell
- "Mainstreet" Bob Seger
- "Suavecito" Malo

