

# Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club



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## August 2021 Newsletter

*All Communities Are Welcomed!*

Hola Amigos.

At the Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club (RCRHC) all communities are welcomed. RCRHC provides a safe environment for all communities to come in harmony and work on issues directly proclaimed by the Texas Republican Platform. RCRHC stand for Judeo-Christian Conservative values. We are committed to Election Integrity for a secure election. Latinos broke in historic numbers swinging over to Republican Party in 2020. Some counties in the Rio Grande Valley and West Texas even turned from blue to red. Rockwall GOP Chair, Sharon Henson has a strong plan of action to work together with oversight reports, training new Volun-

teer Deputy Registrars, and synergy amongst the clubs.

A fabulous and informative RCRHC meeting was held on July 17th with Alma Perez-Jackson and Joseph Vargas. The Juan Seguin Society have been given the directive by Lt. Col. Allen West to reach out and engage the Hispanic community. They are doing Hispanic outreach on the state level as we are doing in Rockwall. Joseph Vargas *"hit it out of the park"* and outlined effective strategies to counter liberal negative branding towards conservatives. He is founder of *"Keep Texas Red"* and author of *"Dealing With The Democrat Modus Operandi"* which illus-

trates how conservatives can effectively counter the Democrat's agenda to destroy conservatism in America. Alma Perez-Jackson is the President of the Juan Seguin Society. Alma stated *"Socialism is not good for America and we need to educate the public."* We were pleased with the turnout to welcome Alma and Joseph. Bobby Gallana, Amy Johannesen, Tina Heathington and Dalton Tasset took their oath as officers in RCRHC with Judge David Sweet presiding.

RCRHC is excited to welcome Dennis London for our August 19th meeting (**Thursday**) at Harry Myers Community Center, at 6:30 p.m. Presentation will be *Don't California My Texas.*

*Edna Cecilia Sullivan*

- Edna Villarreal Sullivan—President
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### Bobby Gallana - RCRHC Legislative Chair

Bobby Gallana is a partner and CEO of Barmatrix of Texas a Rockwall based company. He also works as a business consultant in the DFW area, specializing in the hospitality industry, utilizing his background as a former high-level executive with 20 plus years of experience managing multi-million-dollar budgets and leading large diverse teams. He is an active member of the Rockwall GOP, Rockwall County Hispanic Republican Club, The Rockwall County Men's Republi-

can Club and is current President of the Rockwall Lions Club. Bobby is a graduate of Rockwall High School and a proud Texas A&M Aggie. Bobby lives in Rockwall with his wife Alma McClintock and daughter Kyla.

RCRHC is grateful to have Bobby Gallana as the Legislative Co-Chair. Bobby is a valuable addition to our club. He is committed to the mission statement of expanding the

Republican Tent to include all communities. His insightful proactive approach of keeping oversight on Legislative issues is very important during this age of misinformation. Our goal as a club is to ensure our members are presented with the truth!



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

**RCRHC Features August 19, 2021 Meeting Speaker Dennis London**

Shortly after graduating High School in 1986, Dennis joined the Marines and served from 1986 to 1994. He was deployed and stationed in many countries around the world. This enabled the young and impressionable man to live in countries with differing political and social structures. In 1992 he was transferred back to El Toro, California where he met and married his wife Shari. Finishing his military service in 1994, and since Shari's family was living in Orange County- California

became their home. They not only watched but lived in a collapsing Republican state. A state where you were targeted for wearing veteran attire or anything contradictory to the leftist agendas. Many veterans found they couldn't get through the day without harassment. They remained there until June of 2018. That is when they finally made the move to the great state of Texas.

Soon after arriving, Dennis and

Shari found an incredibly welcoming community who embraced them with the love of God, country, and family. Soon he would be involved with the Rockwall County Republican Men's Group, American Legion, Band of Brothers, Knights of Columbus and of course the Rockwall Republican Party.



Dennis will share his experience living in California to avoid the pitfalls in the great State of Texas.

**Rockwall ISD Board Report by Amy Johannesen**

The RISD School Board met on July 19th and are slated to meet again August 2nd and August 16th. Public comments begin promptly at 6 p.m. and I encourage all who may want to express comments or concerns to attend to speak publicly.

July 19th meeting highlights:

- Board voted unanimously to remove masking language from the student handbook and code of conduct.
- With feedback from the community, also voted to remove cumulative semester and final exams for secondary students.
- Budget amendment was approved to include a one-time \$2500 bonus for teachers and staff; and
- More details and advice provided

- by district staff and attorneys regarding the proposed \$479 million bond proposition. Be sure to look for that on the ballot and make your voice heard with your vote!

You may have already received an online survey to ask how you'd prefer directing the ESSR dollars the district is receiving as a result of the American Rescue Plan Act signed into law on March 2021. Details are <https://www.rockwallisd.com/Page/17586>

Finally, I'd like to update on our inquiry into and suggestion to consider moving the executive session so as not to take a period of 1-2 hours out of the middle of the meeting. It is our belief that holding public comment, then breaking for executive

executive session for an undefined amount of time, encourages concerned parents to leave, leading to lack of attendance and further education on important issues. I reached out to Jon Bailey, and Superintendent Dr. Villarreal and received the following response over a week later. According to Jon Bailey, *"The board feels that this agenda layout, executive session immediately following public comments, is the most beneficial for everyone involved ..."* It is my impression that the board is not at all interested in considering a change at this time. I will continue to pursue a conversation with Dr. Villarreal and all board members, and will keep you appraised. I encourage you to contact board members with your concerns. Please contact me with any questions.



**Legislation Update by Bobby Gallana**

As we near the end of the Special Session in the Texas Legislature we are left to wonder how we got in this situation. There isn't a log of new news to report. The Democrats have run to Washington DC and we are asking for care packages to help support these efforts. What deals were made that caused the slow playing of such important legislation like Election Integrity and banning Gender Mutilation of children in Texas? Yes, the Democrats walked out preventing a necessary quorum to get these bills

passed in the Special Session, but did our Republican caucus fight like we should expect? How did we have so much inaction on the Legislative priorities we adopted at convention? These are questions you must answer for yourselves. An election cycle is looming, and we must act to ensure we have like-minded fighters doing what we sent them to do in Austin. I challenge our club to educate ourselves on the process of legislation in Austin.

Another Special Session is likely to be called as Governor Abbott has stated

that he will call session after session if necessary. It can be hard to see through the political fodder. Republicans up for re-election in the next cycle will certainly run to the right so make sure you do your research on all candidates before you choose who to support either financially or with your vote. The SREC is a great place to start. Follow this link to see the SREC assessment/involvement of all Texas Legislative members, <https://www.texasgop.org/87th-legislative-session-assessment-report/> (Continued on Page 3)

## Time For Action by Betsy Gallagher

*“One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors.”*  
Plato

An awakening is occurring in our country. Those of us who were sitting in front of the TV complaining about the state of our nation have gotten off the sidelines. There are so many ways to be informed and involved in local, state and federal politics. This is the time for action!

The Republican Party reflects the principles of our founding fathers. The platform is based on our Judeo-Christian values that have guided our nation for generations! If you also believe these principles, come join us! Let’s get back in the game!

The Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club (RCRHC) meets monthly featuring dynamic political speakers who keep our members abreast of a variety of updated political events and news. Our club also has committee oversight on both legislation and school board issues. We recently hosted our first annual Sanctity of Life event with proceeds donated to Selah Creek, a local facility that supports and ministers to women with unplanned pregnancies. Why? Because we are the party for LIFE!

Our *“hot topic”* currently is Election Integrity. Let us help you get accurate information on legislation addressing this issue. Our democracy fails if our elections do not have an accurate count of our citizens’ votes! Our club works in tandem with the

local GOP, Rockwall Republican Men’s and Women’s clubs. There are so many opportunities to get involved. If you’d like to keep updated on all that is going on here at the RCRHC, please follow us on Facebook @RockwallCountyHispanicRepublican This is an inclusive club and everyone is welcome!! We look forward to having you join the team! *“The issue today is the same as it has been throughout all history; whether man shall be allowed to govern himself or be ruled by a small elite.”* Thomas

Jefferson



*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)

For now, please continue to contact Governor Abbott, Speaker Phelan, Rep. Justin Holland and Senator Bob Hall and let them know how important our Republican priorities are to you. Rep. Bryan Slaton (HD 2, east of Rockwall) recently pointed out that several legislature members became focused on the University of Texas planning to leave the Big 12 conference for SEC and that bills were

immediately discussed and drafted to prevent such a move. If we can muster such action for this, surely we can get our priorities to the floor for a vote and find a way to end the ability of the Democrats to break quorum so easily. Accountability must come from the people.

Locally all interest have been on a proposed multi-family project in the Rockwall downtown district. The issue is that traffic flow, neighborhood development and overall population has

changed drastically since the plan was enacted.

We have a watchful eye on Rockwall ISD as well as the left uses the Delta Variant to suggest we go back to lockdowns and mandates. Governor Abbott stated that no public school shall be able to impose mask mandate. Two largest teachers unions are pushing for work around to the mandate and ideas for vaccine mandate.

## Legislature Corner - Election Integrity Clarifications by Jose Nunez

The media in the last couple of weeks have been pushing the narrative that all the election integrity bills are in fact a form of voter suppression. On July 20th, State Representative James White addressed the fact that there are many misconceptions regarding the House Bill 3 (Election Integrity Legislation).

*“It is imperative that we spread factual information of what is actually in HB3. We have too many people wrapped up in political theatre and partisan sound bites that do a disservice to the average Texas.”* Stated Rep. White. *“I want to make it clear that HB3 does not include an ounce of anything remotely resembling voter suppression. In fact, the bill makes it easier to vote for all Texas regardless of whether they are in a rural*

*town or urban city.”* - Rep. James White The most recent version of HB3 as seen in the report out of the Select Committee on Constitutional Rights and Remedies makes the voting process easier for every Texas. It is imperative that we are fully aware of all the details when questioned about the approach of the Republican party on supporting this bill. HB3 enhances the following:

- Early voting hours increased
- Weekday voting increased from 8 hours to 9 hours.
- Weekend voting increased on Saturday from 5 hours to 12 hours
- Easier voting for all.
- Increases accessibility for seniors

and those with disabilities

- Allows those who vote in person or by mail to sign a waiver if they do not have access to a Driver’s License
- Extends current statute allowing a voter to receive assistance marking their ballot by allowing the voter assistant to read the ballot.

HB3 in no way creates actions that would qualify as voter suppression. In fact it creates a more transparent environment. Although Texas stayed Red and voted for

President Trump, there were many questions about Election Integrity. Rep. Toth District 15 proposed HB241 that calls for an audit for major cities.





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**RCRHC PLAYLIST:**

- “Con te partiro” Andre Bocelli
- “El Presidente” Herb Alpert’s Tijuana Brass
- “Orange Blossom Special” Rhonda Vincent & The Rage
- “Clocks (Coldplay) Salsa Version” Rhythms Del Mundo
- “Arcano Huapango de Moncayo” Arena Ciudad de Mexico
- “Where The Streets Have No Name” The Joshua Tree

**To Advance—Overcome Adversity**

*“In everything and in every way we show that we truly are God’s servants.” 2 Col 6:4*

**Bobby Gallana**—article written by Republican Chairman, Matt Rinaldi: <https://americanmind.org/memo/playing-fair-with-cheaters/>  
**Jose Nunez**—To support important Election bill, please call Speaker Phelan 512-463-1000; Gov. Abbott 512-463-2000; Lt. Gov. Patrick 512-463-0001  
What happened in the presidential election is just the tip of the iceberg if we don’t protect the voting integrity process.

**GOP Announcements:**

**Sharon Henson—GOP Chair—**  
**August 4, 2021**—GOP Lunch Bunch, Luigi’s, 11:30 a.m. Cost \$12.

**Tiffany Miller-Rockwall County Republican Women August 9th, RCRW** General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club, Speaker Jerry Fisher  
**RCRW Happy Hour, August 17, Gio-**

**vanni Italian Bistro, 6:00 p.m. Harbor Grant Dubois—Rockwall County Republican Men’s Club August 14, 2021—** Republican Men’s Club Meeting 8 a.m The Center, 108 E. Washington  
**Edna Sullivan—RCRHC August 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at Harry Myers Community Center** RCRHC is honored to host Dennis London- “Don’t California My Texas”



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Bobby Gallana—  
Legislative Report  
Amy Johannesen –  
School Board Report



Kevin & Ashley Potts receive Proceeds from Sanctity of Life  
Donna Rolater, Betsy Gallagher & Edna Sullivan



Below:  
Judge David Sweet presides as Dalton Tassett, Tina Heathington, Amy Johnnesen, Bobby Gallana,

Kindsay Carter take oath for RCRHC  
Victor Carrillo





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