

Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club



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September 2021 Newsletter

All Communities Are Welcomed!

Hola Amigos.

We are saddened to report that a friend and fellow Republican, Ken Dickson passed away. We will keep his family in our prayers.

We were honored to host Dennis London at RCRHC August 19th meeting. His presentation, "Don't California My Texas," was powerful because Dennis outlined an Acton Plan to avoid the pitfalls and what each one of us can do to avoid the consequences. His plan includes "5 WAYS YOU CAN HELP KEEP TEXAS RED."

We are pleased to announce that RCRHC September 16th speaker will be Dr. John Villarreal, RISD Superintendent. Meeting will held at HMCC at 6:30 p.m.

With the kickoff of the school year, we are looking forward to hearing from Dr. Villarreal.

We are thrilled that Joel Medina announced that he is running for Mayor of Rowlett! Joel is a strong advocate for conservative values. He has been a strong member of the RCRHC Board with Media and is always willing to help RCRHC in any capacity.

Please welcome Doug Roth as our new RCRHC Community Outreach Chair. Doug is dedicated and has stepped in with aggressive ideas to spread the Republican conservative message and involve communities with information and action to vote.

RCRHC is pleased to announce "Election 2022 Brigade" initiatives. This effort is geared toward getting prepared for Election 2022.

Thank you Michael Aldas for stepping up to the plate to kick off Election 2022 efforts.

RCRHC thanks Rockwall Precinct Chairs and Elected Officials who attended the RCRHC Aug. 19th meeting.

Tina Aviles of Libre Initiative joined RCRHC and presented the Texas 2-Step to #StopTheSpendingSpree with Biden's "Infrastructure" Plan. The Texas 2-Step is 1. Email Legislators and 2. Call Senators to vote NO!

Let's remember our fallen heroes and honor September 11th.

Edna Cecilia Sullivan

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Joel Medina—Media Chair

Joel Medina was born and raised in Fort Worth, Texas. Raised in a world of uncertainty, Joel spent his time trying to figure out which direction to take his life. At this young age of 21 he had his first child and found a new drive to be better and to succeed in order to give his children a better life.

Joel started working in the telecommunications industry and soon moved up to the top of the company he was working for. Shortly after, with this new found

passion, he decided to take a leap of faith and start his own business, H2 Systems Inc. Starting in 2008, Joel has created a successful business which continues to grow and provide many opportunities for many Americans.

As the co-founder of the Patriot Movement of Texas, he will continue to unite Patriots across Texas as well as nationwide, informing and bringing awareness to a very broken system.

Joel announced that he is running for Mayor of Rowlett! Joel's spirit of being a trusted servant makes him a true Leader. He is always willing to help RCRHC in any capacity.

We are grateful to have Joel as RCRHC Media Chair.

Senator Bob Hall
Joel Medina



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RCRHC Hosts Dr. John Villarreal—RISD Superintendent— September 16th 6:30 p.m. Harry Myers CC

Dr. John Villarreal serves as the Superintendent of Rockwall ISD. During his administration, the Career and Technical Education program enrollment has increased by 110%, and student enrollment in the Elementary Advanced Math Pathways program has more than doubled. Since 2016, the district has opened five new elementary school facilities, with the most recent Lupe Garcia Elementary School. In addition, the Dr. Gene Burton College & Career Academy opened in 2018. It is home to our Career & Techni-

cal Education classes and dual enrollment program through Collin College. The Academy also serves as a regional teaching site for Texas Tech University.

Dr. Villarreal is very involved in the community. He serves on several boards, including the YMCA, RISD Education Foundation, Rockwall Area Chamber, and Children’s Advocacy Center of Rockwall County. He is also a member of the Noon Rotary Club. Dr. Villarreal was appointed to the Texas

Association of School Administrators’ Professional Learning Committee at the state level where he proudly represents the district.

Dr. John Villarreal
Superintendent of Schools



Rockwall ISD Board Report by Amy Johannesen

School is back in session and all of our campuses are mask and plexiglass—optional! If parents feel their student is better protected wearing a mask or sitting behind a plexiglass partition, they are welcome to do so, but it is NOT required in Rockwall ISD.

The school board met on August 16 and approved a DECREASE in the M&O portion of their tax rate. Overall, this will impact our school taxes with a decrease of about 3.5 cents per \$100.

Additionally, there is a bond package we can expect to see on the ballot in November. The good news is ALL of us have the opportunity to make our voices heard with our votes! The proposed bond includes the construction of two new freshman centers, a new middle school as well as several improvement construction projects

around various campuses. Approval of the bond may increase the I&S (interest & sinking) portion of our school taxes by 3/4 of a cent per \$100. More details on the specifics of this bond proposal to come, as I want to be sure we all have a better understanding.

JROTC: Dr. Amy Ellis, Chief Curriculum & Instruction Officer, along with Alison Belliveau, principle of the Gene Burton College & Career Academy, provided an update indicating that they are going to be conducting site visits to Texas JROTC programs this Fall. Pursuing this program for our students would require a formal application and planning process, as well as securing designated space in a district that would be happy to assist in this endeavor. I have scheduled a meeting with Dr. Ellis and Ms. Belliveau to further this discussion.

An update on the request for the school board to move their executive session up so that public comments and the public meeting more closely align from a time perspective. I, and many others have emailed this request to the board President, as well as our superintendent. President Bailey indicates that board is not interested in making this change. RCRHC was prepared to submit a formal request, but I have recommended to the RCRHC board that we hold off doing so just yet. We have opportunities to make some positive changes with citizens and parents.



I always welcome any comments, concerns or suggestions. Please feel free to email me at amy.johannesen.com

Legislation Update by Bobby Gallana

News out of Washington DC continues to be disappointing but the fight goes on. The massive \$1.2 trillion infrastructure deal dubbed the “Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act” passed the Senate by a 69-30 vote on Aug. 10. On August 11th the Senate passed the blueprint of the 2nd 3.5 trillion bill and sent it to the House. The House passed this bill on August 24th. Contact our Texas Senators to continue fighting this legislation. Senator Ted Cruz at Cruz.Senate.gov or call 202-224-

5922. Senator John Cornyn at cornyn.senate.gov or call 202-224-2934.

In Texas, great news for Election Integrity. The Election Integrity Bill was passed by the House and Senate. Currently, the Election Integrity Bill is on Governor Abbott’s desk with indications that he will sign it.

Today, September 1, 2021, the Texas Heartbeat Act was passed and considered the nation’s strongest pro-life legislation. According to Jonathan

Saenz, President and Attorney at Texas Values stated “Today is historic for law and life. The Texas Heartbeat Act is the first-ever law of its type to go into effect. Starting today, babies and mothers will be spared from abortion in Texas when a baby’s heartbeat is detected. God bless



Texas and courageous leaders like Sen. Bryan Hughes, Rep. Shelby Slawson, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, Governor Greg Abbott, Attorney

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Patriot Appeal to Action by Betsy Gallagher

It doesn't take longer than two minutes of news viewership to realize that our nation is in crisis. The current administration is leading us down a path that finds new lows each day. This is a wake-up call to all patriotic citizens of this great nation!! It is time to invite our fellow patriotic friends to join us in this endeavor to take our country back. We need to take a stand to ensure this country reflects our Republican values and principles. These are the same values and principles upon which this great nation was founded.

I want to offer a challenge to all our members. Let's each invite at least one new friend to join us at our next RCRHC meeting. We need to gather together in our call to action! We need to engage activists that will

help spread and maximize our message. It's called the "*Each one, Reach one*" program of action. Helping people become informed with current issues and legislation is exactly what our meetings are intended to do. Let your voice be heard! Let our lawmakers hear from you about things that matter to you. Sign up for State Republican Executive Committee updates (STAT). Email, call or write letters. Or even better, take a road trip to Austin.

Volunteer!! There are so many opportunities to help our local and state GOP. Head to the websites to look for current opportunities. And help the RCRHC "*move the ball forward*" for the Republican Party of Texas.

And the obvious VOTE!

Remember the one who gets out the most voters wins!! So make sure all your fellow Republicans get to the polls!!

"Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Ephesians 6:11

Betsy Gallagher



"Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from Him." Psalm 127:3

Legislation Continued from Page 2 and RCRHC Election 2022 Brigade

General Ken Paxton and his team, numerous leaders in the Texas Senate and House, and thousands of pro-life supporters for making this day possible."

The Texas Heartbeat Act (S.B. 8) will prohibit abortions in Texas after the detection of the unborn child's heartbeat, which is currently 6 weeks gestation.

RCRHC Election 2022 Brigade

RCRHC launched Election 2022 Brigade initiatives at the August 19th General Meeting. Michael Aldas presented a forceful presentation of "*we need to get prepared NOW for Election 2022.*" We need to be READY with an Action Plan!!!

RCRHC kicked off initiatives with our

first business meeting in order to formulate Legislative Strategy and Operations for the ultimate goal of forming friendships with all communities and transforming our Republican message into Republican votes. Bobby Gallana is in charge of Legislation and working as a team with Doug Roth who is in charge of Operations. We look forward to receiving input from all members on this effort.

Community Outreach Chair— Doug Roth

RCRHC members—it is an honor to represent you and the Club as Community Outreach Chair. A bit about me...I'm a life-long Republican and lived in Rockwall for over 20 years. My wife and I both share Constitutional Christian Conservative values and are members of Lake Pointe Church. I'm fairly new to the political arena, but events of the past year and an introduction to the RISD School Board meetings prompted me to get off my couch and get in the game. I, like many others, have woken up to the disheartening truth that we are in a spiritual battle for the hearts, minds and the very soul of our country. My

aim is to help get our simple message based on Faith, Family and Freedom out to the community to expand the Republican tent and energize conservatives of all backgrounds to join us. All are welcome!!!!

Its early day, but the Outreach Team is working on new and innovative ideas to engage the community through Social Media, Live events, signage, booths at local events, door hangers, block walks, phone banks and more.

I have 2 asks:

- 1) Share any and all ideas with the Outreach Team ...get involved.
- 2) Bring a friend or neighbor to the next meeting.

We all need to become ambassadors of Outreach to keep *Rockwall Red*



"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing." Walt Disney



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RCRHC PLAYLIST:

- “Schindler’s List”—John Williams—NL Orchestra
- Voces Para La Paz “I Will Follow Him” Pourcell y Mauriat Pedro Vilarroig. Director: Felix Redondo
- “Clocks” Salsa Version Buena Vista Club (Coldplay)
- “One Tree Hill”, U2
- “Oh Happy Day” Edwin Hawkins
- “I Still Haven’t Found What I’m Looking For,” U2 + Harlem Choir
- “Light My Fire” Jose Feliciano
- “Get Up Offa That Thing” James Brown

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called, according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28



Matt Barcelo Photographer

GOP Announcements: Sharon Henson—Rockwall GOP Chair—**September 1, 2021**—GOP Lunch Bunch, Luigi’s, 11:30 a.m. 2002 S. Goliad, Rockwall
VDR Training: September 8, 2021, 3:00 p.m. Election’s Office in conjunction with the RCRHC.
September 15, 2021, 6:00 p.m. at the GOP office in conjunction with RCRW.

Grant Dubois—Rockwall County Republican Men’s Club September 11, 2021—8 a.m. at The Center, 108 E. Washington, Rockwall
Tiffany Miller-Rockwall County Republican Women General Meeting September 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club, 2600 Champions Dr. Rockwall, Speaker Judge

Stephanie Woodward
RCRW Happy Hour, September 21, 2021 Giovanni Italian Bistro, 6:00 p.m. 465 Laurence Dr. Heath.
Edna Sullivan—RCRHC General Meeting—September 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at Harry Myers Community Center 815 E. Washington, Rockwall, Guest Speaker Superintendent Dr. John Villarreal

