

# Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club



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## October 2021 Newsletter

*All Communities Are Welcomed!*

Hola Amigos.

RCRHC was pleased to host Dr. John Villarreal, “Dr. V”, RISD Superintendent. We appreciate his time and insights. His transparency on addressing concerns was valuable. Dr. V. addressed the county growth and noted that the Bond will prepare for increasing student population. Mr. David Carter, Senior Chief Financial Officer outlined specifics concerning tax dollars. Dr. Amy Ellis, Chief Curriculum & Instruction Officer, reported on the status of the JROTC with reigniting efforts and reviewing other JROTC programs that are top-notch across DFW and the State of Texas. RISD hopes to complete the final stages this Fall so that early Spring should the

Bond package pass—”...it would certainly make it much easier to provide the facilities that are needed for a program for both Rockwall Heath and Rockwall High School.” Mr. Joe Wimpee spoke on behalf of the bond and explained the bond proposals.

RCRHC October 14th meeting will host incumbent County Judge David Sweet and candidate for county judge—Heath City Councilmember John Beaman. Please join us for complimentary tamales and Mexican pastries. RCRHC future speaker schedule:

**November**—Texas GOP Chair Matt Rinaldi

**December**—Lt. Col. Allen West—candidate for

governor.

Please be informed that RCRHC supports Hangtime, a local Rowlett Bar & Grill, featured on Dallas stations because they do not allow people to wear masks. We stand with the Rockwall GOP and support the owner of Hangtime with the freedom to conduct his business without interference. Hangtime received backlash because of this publicity. We encourage you to stop by for their delicious burgers.

Thank you Border Patrol agents for doing an excellent job protecting the border.

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..”

*Edna Cecilia Sullivan*

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### Amy Johannesen - RISD District Liaison

Amy Johannesen lives in North Texas with her husband Trace and five children. She is an active member of the Rockwall County Republican Women’s Club, as well as Rockwall Women’s League. She has served on various boards and committees throughout the community as well. Amy is a former COO and a small business owner and currently coaches entrepreneurs.

She is looking forward to utilizing her personal and

professional experience to serve you as the RCRHC RISD District Liaison.

The goal of the RCRHC District Liaison is to keep the community informed of RISD School Trustees meetings and discussions therein.

Amy is engaged with keeping the community informed with the status of JROTC and the Bond Proposal. She is committed to helping and encouraging parents to email School

Board Trustees with any concerns they may have.

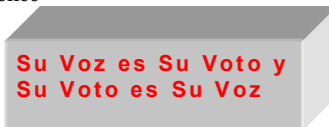
Amy always welcomes any comments, concerns or suggestions and her email is amy.johannesen.com.

“The fear of the Lord is the instruction for wisdom, and before honor comes humility.”



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**Rockwall County Judge David Sweet**

David Sweet is currently serving his second term as the Rockwall County Judge after re-election in 2018. Prior to his 2014 election, he served four years as the Mayor of the City of Rockwall after being a member of the city council for two terms.

He was employed as a sales manager for 20 years with Coca Cola, Pepsi, and Bimbo Bakeries. The Sweet family attends First Baptist Church of Rockwall. Judge Sweet is serving as the President of the Executive Board for the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

He serves on the Board of Directors for the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Rockwall Noon Rotary. In addition to being a member of Rockwall Meals on Wheels, Boy & Girls Club of Rockwall County, and the Rockwall County YMCA. He is also part of the broadcast team responsible for broadcasting Rockwall ISD sporting events. David has extensive involvement in the Republican Party, both statewide and locally in Rockwall County. He has served as the secretary, vice president and president of the Rockwall County Republican Men's

Club as well as the secretary, vice president and president of the Rockwall County Young Republicans. He served as the chaplain for the Texas Young Republicans as well as been a six-time delegate to the Republican Party of Texas State Convention.



**Candidate for Rockwall County Judge — Heath Councilmember John Beaman**

John Beaman moved to Heath in 2011. While earning his college and master degrees, John served the community he loves. John earned a Bachelor of Science from Liberty University in Business Administration Economics, (Summa Cum Laude), a Master of Business Administration: Leadership (High Distinction) also from Liberty University, and most recently a graduate certificate from Yale University. During his time at Liberty University, he served on the Board of Adjustment in Heath and as Precinct Chair before running for City Council and being asked to serve as "Get Out The Vote" Chair for the Rockwall GOP.

During his tenure on Heath City Council, John voted on the Compre-

hensive Plan in 2018, consistently voted to lower taxes, and was/is always available to meet and serve the community. Additionally, John continually supported the Department of Public Safety, consistently voting to increase their budget and provide them the resources they need. Moreover, John voted to approve supporting the small business community when the COVID-19 shutdowns went into effect. The City of Heath used sales tax dollars to support our local businesses, a strategy that worked very well.

Professionally, John manages a small business, The McGraw Council that helps small business achieve their American Dream by implementing proper structure and good management. In less than a year, he

helped service 700 clients and delivered resources to over 1,500 small businesses nationwide.

John is engaged to his beautiful fiancé, Nicole, and they will get married in October of this year. John and Nicole attend Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall and plan to raise their future children in Rockwall County. They strive to become better Christians each day, seeking to grow and share the Gospel to glorify God. John and Nicole accepted Jesus Christ at young ages and baptized soon after. John enjoys working out and shooting guns at the gun range.



**Legislation Update - Bobby Gallana**

On the Federal level, U.S. Congressman, Pat Fallon, voted in the House Armed Services Committee to require women to be included in the Draft if it is reinstated. The panel voted 35-24.

On the State level, Senate Bill 1 was signed into law by Governor Abbott. Supporters of Senate Bill No. 1 provided critical testimony to the Texas House and Senate as the bill progressed in the 2021 Regular Session to the 1st Special Session and into the 2nd Special Session. This law

prevents and detects fraud when votes are counted. Senator Hughes and Representative Murr were vital in helping the Bill to completion and approval. After the recent Arizona results for the Election 2020 audit, Election Integrity is a win for Texas.

On the local level, Dr. Villarreal addressed the Bond Proposal that will be up for a vote on November 2nd. The \$475.8 million bond package will prepare for increasing student population. Rockwall County TRIP2021 Transpor-

tation Bond also is up for a vote on November 2nd is proposed as Rockwall County grows TRIP2021 submits funding for 32 projects in Rockwall County in order to alleviate and streamline traffic.



**The Power of Education by Betsy Gallagher**

*“If you want to change the world, you should teach.”* Trey Gowdy

Last meeting at RCRHC, we hosted Dr. Villarreal, “Dr. V”, the Superintendent of Rockwall ISD. Our club believes strongly in the power of education and its importance in our county and country.

Rockwall County has prided itself on being one of the top school districts in Texas. This asset draws in families looking for quality schooling for their children. We appreciate the time Dr. V. invested answering questions of concern members had on current issues infiltrating our school system. Holding local, state educators accountable is key to ensuring our principles are prioritized. Dr. V. was candid that RISD follows all TEA

curriculum. Therefore, if we as a club and party have issues, he has pointed us in the direction we need to pursue checking our current TEA curriculum. That will be our next step. Stay tuned! The bond proposal is currently on our next ballot scheduled for a vote on November 2nd. Please review so you can vote informed!

In addition, the RCRHC believes strongly in Educational Choice—that parents have the right to choose how to have their children educated, whether in traditional public schools (like Rockwall ISD) or via other options such as public charter schools, or homeschooling. During our last GOP State Convention, the following was voted on as the #7th top GOP priority: School Choice for All—Empower parents and guardians to choose from

public, private, charter, or homeschool options for their children’s education using tax credits or exemptions without government restraint or intrusion.

*“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*

**Community Outreach and Election 2022 Election Brigade - Doug Roth**

Hard to believe a month has passed. We wanted you to know that the RCRHC Election Brigade team is taking shape and folks are energized and engaged. Latest workshop focused on Closing the RCRHC Legislative Priorities in conjunction with GOP Planks.

Top 3 Priorities:

- ✓ Election Integrity
- ✓ Sanctity of Life
- ✓ Border Security and Immigration Reform with more to follow.

We are finalizing our upcoming Speakers with a Calendar through Spring 2022 including Heavy Hitter Candidates for Governor, Attorney General and other Top State Positions. We are assessing our monthly meeting schedule to help increase

participation and keep folks focused and fresh. We have engaged in multiple Voter Registration Events. In the past weeks we have enjoyed meeting and greeting all of our newly minted California Texans.

Right now the Outreach Team is crafting the Election 2022 Brigade Priorities, Strategy, Budget and Fund Raising Plan. In short, we will be selling hats, t-shirts, “cozies” and other fun stuff to fund our Messaging Campaign, Signage and Boots on the Ground Activities.

We understand that a pro-abortion group may be planning to stage a rally during the 13th annual Rib Rub Run and Roll event, Saturday, October 2nd beginning at 8:00 a.m. in Downtown Rockwall. Let’s make sure we have a

large presence so we are to prayerfully and respectfully engage with our community on this extremely important issue. Sanctity of Life is one of RCRHC’s key planks, so please help us get the message out to the community.

*“All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.”*

Edmund Burke



**2021 RISD Bond Proposal:**

Amy Johannesen

According to RISD, “To prepare for the increasing student population, the RISD Board of Trustees took a community-driven approach to prioritizing

the District future needs and commissioned a Facilities Bond Committee. The committee was comprised of parents, grandparents, teachers, students business and community leaders.” A \$475.8 million bond proposal was developed. Early voting begins October 18-29 and Election Day is

Tuesday, November 2.

For more information and details concerning the 2021 RISD bond Proposal, please go to the RISD website:

[RISD/Community/2021 Bond Proposal](#)



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**RCRHC PLAYLIST:**

- “Ventura Highway”—America
- Voces Para La Paz “Canon in D” Pachelbel, Angel Figueroa; Dir. E. Garcia
- “Blue Collar Man” Styx
- “Fooling Yourself” Tommy Shaw
- “Try A Little Kindness” Glen Campbell

**BOOKS**

- “American Marxism” Mark Levin
- “Democrat Modus Operandi” Joseph Vargas

**MOVIES**

- Schindler’s List Produced by Steven Spielberg; Written by Steven Zaillian Oskar Schindler saves over a thousand Polish-Jewish refugees from the Holocaust.

*“Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”*  
**Psalm 82**



Dr. V. Betsy, Edna, Dr. V, Donna Joe Wimpee



2nd Row: Betsy, Doug, Edna  
3rd Row: Mr. David Carter  
4th Row -Listening intently to Dr. V.  
Brett, Cory & Lindsey  
Below: Victor and Edna - Duck Regatta.



Edna promotes the principles proclaimed by the Republican Party of Texas.



Edna, Victor & Rockwall Councilmember Clarence Jorif of

RCRHC & Lulac Alma Rameriz recognized for Hispanic Heritage Month - Mayor Fowler, Rockwall Councilmember Anna Campbell



**GOP Announcements:** Sharon Henson—Rockwall GOP Chair—**October 4, 2021**—GOP Lunch Bunch, Luigi’s, 11:30 a.m. 2002 S. Goliad, Rockwall  
**Grant Dubois—Rockwall County Republican Men’s Club October 9, 2021**—8 a.m. at The Center, 108 E. Washington, Rockwall  
**Tiffany Miller—Rockwall County Re-**

**publican Women General Meeting October 10, 2021** 6:30 p.m. Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club, 2600 Champions  
**RCRW Happy Hour, October 19, 2021** Giovanni Italian Bistro, 6:00 p.m. 465 Laurence Dr. Heath.  
**Edna Sullivan—RCRHC General Meeting—October 14, 2021** at 6:30 p.m. at Harry Myers Community

**Center** 815 E. Washington, Rockwall, Guest Speakers Incumbent County Judge David Sweet and Heath Councilmember & Candidate for County Judge John Beaman  
**2021 Calendar:**  
**November 11, 2021 –RCRHC General Meeting**—Texas GOP Matt Rinaldi  
**December 16, 2021—RCRHC General Meeting**—Lt. Col. Allen West



