

# Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club



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*All Communities Are Welcomed!* **#LET'S WORK TOGETHER!**

Hola Amigos!

RCRHC is looking forward to hosting Rebecca Jowers, Founder and Director of The Poiema Foundation. The Poiema Foundation actively “*educates the public and raises awareness to prevent sexual abuse, sex trafficking, and other methods of sexual exploitation.*” RCRHC meeting is scheduled March 17th, at 6:30 p.m. at Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington St. Rockwall, Texas.

### RCRHC 2022 Sanctity of Life:

RCRHC 2022 Sanctity of Life Strategy is focused on the “*protecting the unborn*”. We humbly ask for your prayers for the 2022 RCRHC Sanctity of Life efforts. We are *United for Life* and we believe that “*Life is Your First Right.*” We prepared a RCRHC Sanctity of Life strategic manual in December 2020 to implement a roadmap and translate our vision into a successful fundraising event. The action plan involves raising funds for a pregnancy center in Rockwall. RCRHC hopes to secure funds for Selah Creek, a facility that helps mothers with unplanned pregnancies.

### Principles Before Personalities

RCRHC focus on “*principles before personalities.*” One of our core priorities is Sanctity of Life. We formulated a plan to raise funds for Selah Creek. This partnership was established at our First Annual Sanctity of Life event and we look forward to continuing to nurture that relationship raising funds to help women who find themselves with unplanned pregnancies without the love and support they need. (Please refer to Illustration on Page 3). Our club acknowledges God as our guide. We will follow where He leads.

### **Save The Date—May 14th, 6:30 p.m. at The Center** Rockwall, Texas.

We are reaching out to all communities. “*Protecting the Unborn*” is a “*all hands on deck.*” The effort is bigger than political or religious affiliation. We hope you will join us in our efforts with this very important cause.

Thank you for your support and **God Bless Texas!**

**“Whoever Saves One Life, Saves The World Entire.”** Hebrew Talmud

*Edna Cecilia Sullivan*

### **Rebecca Jowers—The Poiema Foundation**

Rebecca Jowers received a Bachelor of Science in Education from The University of Texas at El Paso where she graduated summa cum laude and played collegiate basketball. She taught math and science in both public and private schools and at the collegiate level.

She continued her education and earned a Master’s degree from Dallas Theological Seminary where she received the Howard Hendricks Award for the most-outstanding work in the Department of Christian Education. While at DTS, she worked in the Spiritual Foundation Department as a Fellow.

After graduating from Dallas Theologi-

cal Seminary, Rebecca founded The Poiema Foundation, a non-profit that fights human trafficking through education and community outreach. They also operate a Safe House and provide long term, trauma informed care for survivors.

In addition to her responsibilities at Poiema, Rebecca is currently pursuing a Doctorate of Educational Ministries. She and her husband, Raymond have been married for 31 years and have four grown daughters.



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**RCRHC Border Security Chair - Clarence Jorif**

Clarence Jorif is proud to be a member of RCRHC and serve you as the Border Security Chair.

Clarence is the youngest child of Winifred and Estanislao Jorif, who were born and raised in Panama, Republic of Panama and Costa Rica, respectively. Being of Hispanic descent, Clarence grew up in a household where Spanish was spoken routinely when matters were discussed concerning him or when his parents and siblings, Julio and Marie, didn't want him to know what they were talking about. Clarence learned and has mastered Spanish fluently throughout his education and from immersion within his Hispanic surroundings. Clarence's outer appearance does

not fully disclose what's contained within.

As Border Security Chair, Clarence will utilize his lifelong experiences derived from the military, local and federal law enforcement. This knowledge will afford the RCRHC the opportunity to provide an in-depth understanding of border security, human trafficking, and sexual trafficking issues that affect us at the local, state, national, and international levels.

Formerly, as a U.S. Secret Service Polygraph Examiner, he conducted polygraph examinations which were relevant to National Mission & Ex-

ploited Children investigations. As a U.S. Secret Service Electronic Crimes Special Agent (Forensic Digital Examiner) he conducted forensic examinations of digital storage equipment which resulted in the successful prosecution of untold numbers of predatory and abusive individuals.

Clarence will work closely with the RCRHC Board of Directors to provide recommendations of renowned speakers and presentation regarding Border Security which directly affect our everyday lives.



**The Poiema Foundation - Founder and Director - Rebecca Jowers**

Poiema educates the public and raises awareness to prevent sexual abuse, sex trafficking, and other methods of sexual exploitation. Poiema also facilitate the restoration journey of survivors, in their Safe House, by providing for their physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs through trauma-informed care. In this safe place, residents experience newfound freedom and dignity as they prepare to one day re-enter a sustainable hope-filled life. Recognizing that no child should be a slave to sexual exploitation, Poiema takes the fight of human trafficking to the streets. Their Outreach teams go into communities throughout North Texas every weekend and distribute posters of missing minors to hotels, truck stops and restaurants.

While on Outreach, these teams gather important intel for our partner organization, 4theOne, who works closely with local law enforcement. To-date, Poiema helped with the recovery of 307 minors.

The Poiema Foundation was established in 2013 when the founder, Rebecca Jowers, learned about the problem of human trafficking in her community. As a mother of four daughters and a survivor of sexual abuse, her heart was broken for trafficked children who have no voice. Rebecca, began teaching Human Trafficking 101 to anyone who would listen. Rebecca received requests help for victims who

were rescued. Resources were needed. Poiema as founded with the vision of opening a long term, trauma informed residential program. Shortly, a home was donated fully paid and furnished.

**Please attend RCRHC March 17th Meeting to get the full STRATEGY.**

Poiema fights human trafficking through the following initiatives.

1. Education
2. Community Engagement
3. Survivor Empowerment

In addition, Poiema support women who are still in "the life" or vulnerable to become trafficking victims.

**Human Trafficking - Border Security Chair - Clarence Jorif**

The month of January has been designated by Presidential Proclamation as Human Trafficking Awareness Month. The awareness of Human Trafficking doesn't begin and end during the month of January.

Human trafficking has been defined as the trade of humans for the purpose of forced labor, sexual slavery, or commercial sexual exploitation for the trafficking of others. The worldwide consensus among human trafficking experts' reveals that the majority of human trafficking involves labor trafficking, but sexual exploitation is most prevalent. Women and children are quite often utilized for

sexual exploitation while men are usually utilized as forced labor.

Human trafficking is a trans-national issue that is rampantly affecting the world and nearly every community in the United States. Human trafficking has been identified as a \$150 billion dollar global industry that affects nearly 25 million people worldwide. It is a widespread issue that takes place in urban and rural areas and on tribal lands within the United States and worldwide.

A recent conversation with Texas sheriffs located along our southern Texas border revealed that hundreds of illegal aliens

who are transited across our border by "coyotes" subsequently died due to physical abuse, murder, rape, dehydration, starvation, exposure, etc. Local law enforcement officers are usually the first to identify or make contact with potential or active victims of human trafficking. A common misconception is that human trafficking is the result of underground operations and nefarious organizations. Unfortunately, human trafficking victims are utilized in plain sight within restaurants, cleaning services, construction projects, and other commonplace businesses. They are usually discovered by law enforcement during targeted labor, drug or (Continued on Page 3)

**Selah Creek - Executive Director—Ashley Potts**

RCRHC is looking forward to helping Selah Creek, a gospel centered maternity home for homeless pregnant women in Rockwall County and beyond.

Selah Creek specializes as a long-term program that assists women coming out of prison, drug rehabilitation, abuse or neglect. In addition, Selah Creek also helps women wanting to radically change the trajectory of their life.

Selah Creek offers a daily program which includes: continuing education, making a parenting or adoption plan, labor and delivery classes, bible

study classes, boundaries, understanding and processing trauma in order to raise healthy children, relationship loss, how to cook, how to live in peace with others.

Selah Creek’s mission is to provide a safe and peaceful home so that women can focus on themselves, their future and the future of their babies. Selah Creek believes that when they offer a space for a woman to stop and reflect, she has the capacity to process her life, her trauma, and her choices. Then she is free to make different choices for her future and for the future of her children, potentially change lives for generations. When a

resident completes Selah Creek’s program, she has a plan for her future, money saved, and confidence in her abilities to go out and change the world!

RCRHC invites you to join as a supporter through sponsorship of the 2nd Annual fundraising event on May 14th. Hope to see you there!

*For you formed my inward parts, You wove me in my mother’s womb, I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*

Psalm 139: 13-16

**Human Trafficking - Border Security Clarence Jorif (Continued from Page 2)**

prostitution operations, and more randomly during routine traffic stops.

Human trafficking is continuing to grow because we, “the general public”, do not know how to recognize the numerous signs of human trafficking or the situations that involve human trafficking. Education, enlightenment, and involvement are the key to making a difference in human

trafficking and for the untold number of victims who exist within our communities.

You are encouraged to seek free in-person training, free online training, and to obtain the free information offered by numerous nonprofit and professional organizations. This information, training, and the skills offered will assist us all in better understanding how to make a difference in hu-

man trafficking. By volunteering to work with local support agencies, we can help battle human trafficking and help prevent the proliferation of this atrocious crime, which in turn will reduce victimization.

*Whoever pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor.*

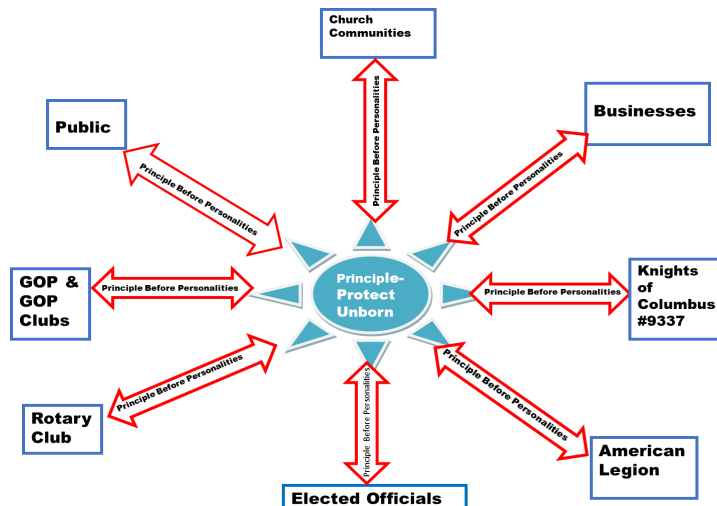
Proverbs 21:21

**Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club 2022 Sanctity of Life Strategy-Edna Sullivan**

**Save The Date** May 14th, 6:00 p.m. at The Center, 108 E. Washington St. Rockwall, Texas

- Dinner
- Music
- Speakers:
  - 1) Testimonial
  - 2) Theologian who is knowledgeable and active with the Pro-Life message,
  - 3) Advocate for Pro-Life issues.
- Fellowship
- Silent Auction to raise funds for Selah Creek

**United for Life**





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### RCRHC PLAYLIST:

- "Just You and Me" Chicago
- "Treat Her Like a Lady" - Cornelius Brothers and Sister Rose
- "Changes in Latitudes" Jimmy Buffet
- "Stinging Velvet", Neko Case

### BOOKS:

- The Diary of Anne Frank Anne Frank
- The Hiding Place—Corrie Ten Boom—a triumphant story of survival from a Nazi concentration camp.

### MOVIES:

- "Sound of Freedom" Director Alejandro Monteverde and starring Jim Caviezel, Mira Sorvino and Bill Camp. It is a biographical action-drama film set in the U.S. Tim Ballard is a self-described anti-human trafficking crusader....



1st Row: Betsy Gallagher & Alma McClintock—Co-Chairs Reagan on the Ranch; Doug Roth, Victor Carrillo, Joel Medina; Donna Rolater & Victor  
2nd Row: Clarence Jorif, John Vick, Victor Carrillo; Kenda Culpepper, Senator Bob Hall, Edna Sullivan, Joel Medina; Judy Dickson & Edna; Victor and U.S. Congressman Pat Fallon  
3rd Row—Marae & Heather; Kenda Culpepper, Senator Bob Hall, Edna; Victor Carrillo; Marae & Larry Oliver; Doug & Heather Roth; Crystal Rose, Steve, Edna  
4th Row: Katie Hopkins & Betsy Gallagher; Edna & Russell Flanigan, Dalton Tasset, Edna Sullivan and Betsy Gallagher  
*Thank you Doug Roth for helping on the Reagan on the Ranch gala on behalf of RCRHC Whiskey & Wine Pull*

*"We cannot defend  
freedom abroad by  
deserting it at home."  
Edward R. Murrow  
Prayers for Ukraine.*

### GOP Announcements:

**March 1, 2022 Rockwall County Primary Election**

**Republican Party of Rockwall —March 2, 2022**—GOP Lunch Bunch, Luigi's, 11:45 a.m. 2002 S. Goliad, Rockwall

**Rockwall County Republican Precinct Conventions: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.,**

**Liberty Hall, Rockwall County Courthouse**, 1111 E. Yellowjacket, Rockwall

**Rockwall County Republican Men's Club March 12, 2022** 8:00 a.m. The Center, 108 E. Washington, Rockwall, Texas

**Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club - General Meeting March 17, 2022; Harry Myers Community Center** at 915 E. Washington Rockwall, —Rebecca Jowers, Founder and Director,

The Poiema Foundation

**Rockwall County Republican Women Happy Hour**, March 18th Red, White & BBQ Block Party, Friday, 7:00 p.m. –9:00 p.m. The Center 108 E. Washington St. Rockwall

**Congrats Betsy and Alma From the Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club for a JOB WELL DONE on the Reagan on the Ranch gala!**