

# Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club



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## May 2022 Newsletter

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

Hola Amigos! RCRHC is energizing and uniting all communities by standing for conservative principles in Rockwall County. We are looking forward to our **2nd Annual Sanctity of Life Banquet—2022 United for Life**. This event transcends religious denominations and political affiliations **in support of LIFE!** Tickets are still available for our dinner banquet on Saturday **May 14th at The Center, starting at 6:00 p.m.** We will have **Father Tony's** musical group **Gethsemane**; a silent auction; with guest speakers **Ann Hettinger, Fr. Seán Martin, Dennis London, and Keynote Speaker Texas Representative Shelby Slawson** (who carried the **Heartbeat Bill in the Texas House**). In addition, **U.S. Congressman Pat Fallon, Senator Bob Hall and Rev. Stephen Grays** will join us. The event will benefit **Selah Creek**, a pregnancy center supporting women with unplanned pregnancies.

Thank you, **Republican Party of Rockwall and GOP clubs, RCRMC and YR's** for helping us with the event. Thank you **elected officials who understand the significance of not only talking about our principles but actually helping us**

**with frontline work.** Putting your words into action helps to **Protect the Unborn** effort and women with unplanned pregnancies and, thereby, achieve our objectives.

### THE RIPPLE EFFECT

Recently, we found out the significance of the ripple effect for our dedication to protect the value of life. Betsy Gallagher visited her parents in Florida and a friend of her mother's has been closely following our actions on Facebook. After seeing the success of our event for **Sanctity of Life in 2021**, she was inspired to coordinate her own event this month following our lead. This movement is contagious! We also connected with a member of Kevin McCarthy's team—Christine Diaz—joined RCRHC on a Zoom call. Coast to Coast - we are making an impact!

*Edna Cecilia Sullivan*



### Rep. Shelby Slawson

**Representative Shelby Slawson** is a native Texan and a passionate, energetic torchbearer of conservative values for the Central Texans she represents in House District 59.

During the 87th Legislative Session, Central Texans' election to send in a conservative fighter was quickly met with appointments of Rep. Slawson to the powerful **Calendars, State Affairs, and Pensions, Investments & Financial Services** committees. These appointments are especially remarkable for being the first freshmen appointment to **Calendars** since 1985 and the first time a freshman served simultaneously on **Calendars and State Affairs** since 1973!

As your State Rep., and as another rarity

for a freshman legislator, she carried the historic **Texas Heartbeat Act (SB 8)** in the House, passing the most significant pro-life bill in Texas' history!

In the post-session, independent analysis of legislators published by Rice University, Rep. Slawson is ranked **the Most**



**Conservative Woman in the Texas House**, and 12th most conservative of all 150 members.

*"We achieved many significant*

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## Ann Hettinger

Ann is a native Texan, born in Corpus Christi and raised in a small, rural, railroad town, Teague, Texas. She attended Baylor University and completed her degree in Education at the University of Houston. She taught public school and private kindergarten before beginning the work of administering religious education in a succession of Baptist Churches across the nation.

In 1993, she became a volunteer in the Washington, D.C. office of Concerned Women for America, convincing U.S. Senators and U.S. Congressmen to pass conservative Christian values in public

policy. Upon her return to Texas she was selected to become a leader in the organization and in 2006 became the State Director. She has served on their national board of trustees as well as the Board of Trustees for Criswell College, in Dallas, and the Rockwall County Republican Women's Club as Vice-President of Legislation.

She has represented Republican voters at the County and State Conventions for several election cycles and has also been active in the campaigns of candidates for public office across

the state and nation.

She has been married for sixty-four years to Hays, who served as an attorney for the Federal Aviation Agency in assignments in Fort Worth, Houston, Seattle, Chicago and Washington, D.C. before retiring to Rockwall in 1993 and entering private practice in Dallas.



They have two daughter, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

## U.S. Congressman Fallon

RCRHC is pleased with Congressman Pat Fallon's support to our Sanctity of Life efforts. We are honored that Rep. Fallon will join us at the RCRHC 2022 *United for Life* Banquet.

### TO RCRHC:

The troubling trend of normalizing abortion is growing across America. We see it everywhere—the proposed removal of the Hyde Amendment on the federal level and full legislation at some state levels. But make no mistake about

it, you have a God-fearing conservative Congress that will always serve as a bulwark for the sanctity of life.

Unborn children are no less alive than you or me. America agrees - over 70% percent of the individuals living in this country want significant limits on abortion. All life is precious and worth defending.

My colleagues and I must continue to safeguard our God-given values. Our founding fathers

made it clear, we must protect everyone's right to life especially those who cannot defend themselves.

At the end of the day, it is simple - all human life is precious and we must never stop defending life.



## Texas Senator Bob Hall

RCRHC is honored that Senator Bob Hall will join us for the **2022 United for Life Banquet**. Senator Hall is a strong advocate to Pro-Life efforts in Texas and supports RCRHC's efforts with our Sanctity of Life work.

### Senator Hall interviewed Senator Bryan Hughes (SD1), Chair of State Affairs Committee.

**Senator Hall:** Hearings on Pro-Life, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, Senate Bill 8 was a Priority Bill important to the conservatives and one of the Republican Party priority items. One of our planks in our platform. Senator Hughes put together a very good bill which we both were joint authors

**Senator Hughes:** Senate Bill 8 recognizes the unborn baby in the mother's womb – this Bill recognizes the baby's life – the heartbeat. This Bill states that where there is a heartbeat detected – we are going to protect that life. Every life from conception to natural death is precious and a gift from God to be protected. We are doing everything we can to save every baby. A dozen states have passed Heartbeat Laws winding their way to the Supreme Court. This Bill is different from the standpoint that it will be implemented quicker and save more babies right away because as soon as that heartbeat is detected then the baby is protected.

**Senator Hall:** There is no real argument against that as soon as the heartbeat is detected there is life.

**Senator Hughes:** Over in the House, Rep. Shelby Slawson a very sharp and a new member in the House from Central Texas – she's carrying the companion Bill – very impressive new member in the House, is a strong advocate of



Life and now in the Senate – she'll be carrying the Bill – so we're excited about it.

**Padre José Antonio Hernández—Father Tony**

RCRHC is honored to host **Father Tony (Father José Antonio Hernández)** from Guadalajara, Mexico for the **2022 United for Life** event.

Father Tony was born and raised in La Purisima, Jalisco, Mexico. Father Tony was ordained as a priest in Guadalajara in June 2000. He was assigned to three different parishes in which he had the opportunity to form different musical groups and choirs.

Seven years ago, he arrived in the United States and his first assign-

ment was in Santa Clara Catholic Church in Oak Cliff. Four years ago, he was assigned to Our Lady of the Lake in Rockwall. Father Tony discovered that like his previous experience, music is the best way to attract adults, youth, and children. Father Tony has seen music transform individuals in praising God and, in addition, use their time in something productive. Praising God with their talents and growing in their faith and love for God, they also discover that they have a talent for music and singing.

Father Tony “*more than anything else,*

*treasures the call from God to serve God and the people of God.*”

Ephesians 5:19 “*...speaking to one another with psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit and make music from your heart to the Lord.*”

Efesios 5:19 - “*Hablando entre vosotros con salmos, y con himnos, y canciones espirituales, cantando y alabando al Señor en vuestros corazones.*”



**Shelby Slawson (Continued from Page 1)**

*victories for Texans this session, including passage of the Texas Heartbeat Act and protection of your Second Amendment rights and right to worship. There is much work yet to be done, and I look forward to continuing to fight for you.*”

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your enthusiasm and passion for our **Deeply Red Heart** of

Texas. Our journey—our fight for our shared conservative values and to Keep Texas **RED**—has only just begun.”

A first-generation college graduate who started her college years at Tarleton State University, Shelby earned her B.A., summa cum laude, from the University of Texas at Dallas and her Juris Doctorate from the University of

Texas at Austin.

Recognized as a dynamic, effective and influential leader, Shelby has a long history of service in organizations making a positive difference in the lives of her neighbors. Rep. Slawson is an attorney, entrepreneur and a small business owner in her hometown of Stephenville, where the Slawsons are raising young Texans of their own.

**RCRHC Sanctity of Life “2022 United for Life” Banquet Sponsors**

My heart swells with gratitude to the outpouring of support we have received for this year’s Sanctity of Life event, **2022 United for Life**. Thank you to all of our local, state and federal officials who supported our event and our efforts to protect the unborn and support women in need. Thank you for participating in the following Sponsor Levels:

**Sponsor Levels:**

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### RCRHC PLAYLIST:

- “Cielito Lindo” Andre Rieu
- “Padre Nuestro” Notre Dame Choir
- “Dream On” Aerosmith
- “Carry On” CSN
- “Soulful Strut” Young-Holt Unlimited
- “Listen to the Music” The Dobie Brothers

### BOOKS:

- Once We Were Brothers Ronald H. Balson—A family struggle to survive war-torn Poland after the Holocaust.

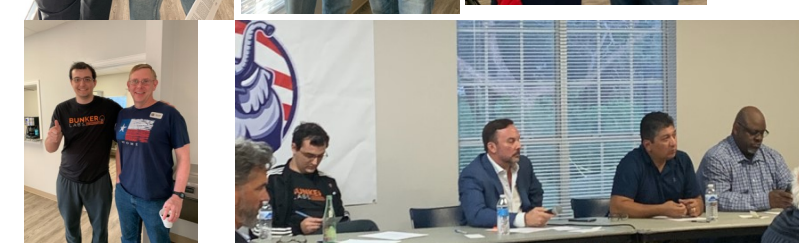
### MOVIES:

- “Tora! Tora! Tora!” The history of December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor is re-created. Film produced by Elmo Williams; directed by Richard Fleischer, Toshio Masuda and Kinji Fukasaku.

*For Memorial Day and always  
“To those in uniform serving today  
and to those who have served in the  
past, we honor you today and every  
day.”*

**Unknown.**

**Continued Prayers for Ukraine**



### **GOP Announcements:**

**Republican Party of Rockwall — May 4, 2022**—GOP Lunch Bunch, Luigi’s, 11:45 a.m. 2002 S. Goliad, Rockwall, Texas

**RCRW General Meeting May 9, 2022**—6:30 p.m. Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club, 2600 Champions Drive, Rockwall, Texas

**Rockwall County Republican Men’s Club May 14, 2022** 8:00 a.m. The Center, 108 E. Washington, Rockwall, Texas

**Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club - General Meeting, May 14, 2022; 6:00 p.m. - The Center** 108 Washington, Rockwall, Dinner, Silent Auction, music by Father Tony Gethsemane group.

Speakers **Ann Hettinger, Fr. Seán Martin, Dennis London** and keynote Speaker **Rep. Shelby Slawson**; also U.S. Congressman **Fallon** Senator **Bob Hall, Rev.**

**Stephen Grays.**

Website to purchase tickets: Select Store—Tickets or use link: <https://republicanosderockwall.org/tickets/>

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