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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*. RCRHC personally thanks you for your support for a successful **RCRHC 2nd Annual Sanctity of Life 2022 United for Life Banquet**. The phenomenal success of the banquet is a direct result of your support. We believe in translating our Pro-Life vision into actual work by assisting Selah Creek. **Ashley Potts, Director of Selah Creek is focused on bringing hope to mothers facing an unplanned pregnancy.**

We thank Judy Dickson who was awarded the inaugural **RCRHC Champion of Life Award**. Future recipients will be awarded the **Ken and Judy Dickson Champion of Life Award**. Thank you **Michael** and **Susan Beaman** for placing your confidence in our club and helping us “*move the ball forward*” with our Pro-Life efforts.

Thank you **Dennis London**, **Ann Hettinger**, and our keynote speaker, **Texas Representative Shelby Slawson**. Rep. Slawson carried the Heartbeat Bill in the Texas House. In addition, thank you **U.S. Congressman Pat Fallon**, **Texas Senator Bob Hall**, **Texas Representative**

Bryan Slaton, and **Rev. Stephen Grays**. We are grateful to **Michael Aldas** and **Keaton Steen** for leading us in our Pledges and **John White** for Opening Prayers, and **Joel Medina** for media support. All communities were invited and welcomed at the **RCRHC 2022 United for Life banquet**. Our strategy was to place “*principles — (Protect the Unborn and support mothers with unplanned pregnancies) - before personalities.*” We believe in going where God leads us. RCRHC appreciates the hard work and leadership that Programs Chair, **Shari London** provided. Thank you **Doug Roth** for emceeding event and your kind words.

Please join us for the **June 9, 2022, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.** meeting at the **Harry Myers Community Center**. Speakers will be **Senator Bob Hall** and **Rev. Grays**.

Edna Cecilia Sullivan



Edna Sullivan
Ashley Potts
Selah Creek

Texas Medical Board - The Perils of Government Overreach

by Senator Bob Hall

While COVID exposed some serious government agency shortcomings, among the most egregious is that of the Texas Medical Board (TMB). The need for significant TMB reform is not new and it is time to stop kicking this can down the road. It is well past time for the legislature to step up and take the action necessary to protect the people of Texas.

The TMB is an unelected bureaucracy that operates behind closed doors with no independent oversight for accounta-

bility. Recent in-depth investigations by independent journalists revealed that TMB has ignored or overlooked serious and dangerous actions by multiple doctors that caused harm to patients. Yet, TMB continues to vigorously pursue investigations and take punitive action for trivial hearsay complaints that have harmed no one. Many of these trivial second- and third-party complaints



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Rev. Stephen Grays

I am the Servant Leader of New Hope Baptist Church Royse City, Texas since May 2016. Graduate of Lincoln High School Dallas, Texas, continued my education at East Texas State Commerce in education, vocal and music and later continued theology class at Wayland University.

I have been married to my wonderful wife who is the apple of my eye, Jennifer (Wilson) Grays since March 27, 1999, and the proud father of 4 children Willie, Kieron (deceased), Dalvin (Julia), Leighah and 2 grandchildren Dalvin Jr. (DJ) and Kenneth.

I have great passion for the Lord who has led me graciously in the music ministry as Minister of Music in many churches as musician and vocalist, until He called me to pastor. We have accomplished many triumphs at New Hope during my leadership, we have received several proclamations for serving the community and receiving historical mark 162 years old New Hope has been in existence as the 2nd oldest black church in Texas. I am grateful for all the milestones the Lord has brought us through as a church and for that I give God all the Glory!

My vision is for *Hands of Hope* to mentor through New Hope Baptist Church, where they both will be serving the community needs; feeding, education, activities for the youth after school and summertime and anywhere else the two charity organizations can come together and serve the needs of the community and surrounding areas.



Stephen W. Grays
CEO/Founder

The Ken and Judy Dickson Champion of Life Award

RCRHC is honored to award the inaugural **Champion of Life Award** to **Judy Dickson** at the *2nd Annual Sanctity of Life Banquet* held May 14, 2022.

The purpose of the award is to acknowledge individuals who love, respect and promote life by dedication to the following principles:

1. Protect the Unborn and
2. Support Mothers with Unplanned Pregnancies.

Future recipients who have gone beyond the call of duty will be awarded the **Ken and Judy Dickson Champion of Life Award**.

Judy Dickson was born in Nashua, NH, and moved to Dallas, TX at age 13. She has been active at Our Lady of the Lake Church since she and Ken moved to Rockwall in 1977, including establishing and chairing the Welcome Ministry; serving as president of the Council of

Catholic Women; and participating in the Women's Bible Study since its inception. Judy was also president of the Rockwall Business and Professional Women's Club prior to retiring from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She has held positions on several local boards including the Rockwall County Republican Women and Friends of the Library. She served as Election Judge in her precinct and served as delegate/alternate to many Republican State Conventions.

Ken was a founding member and served two terms as president of the Rockwall County Republican Men's Club. He also served the Republican Party for many years as Precinct Chair, Election Judge and delegate to Republican State Conventions. He received the Ralph M. Hall Chairman's Award for a lifetime of service to the

Republican Party. He was active civically and served on the Rockwall City Council as well as numerous boards and committees. He was a member of Lake Pointe Church and served for 20 years in the Connection Center. He was a founding member of the North American Tuli (Cattle) Association and worked in the Oil and Gas Industry until his passing in August of 2021. Their impact toward Pro-Life efforts will carry on.

Thank you **U.S. Congressman Pat Fallon** for presenting the *Champion of Life* Award. You truly are someone that talks the talk and walks the walk.



State Convention—SREC SD2 Committeewoman Jerry Fisher

Are you ready for the state convention? The convention will be held in Houston, June 13 – 18. The committees meet on June 13 through June 15. Delegates, alternates, and guests are welcome to attend those meetings. Registration: <https://events.american-tradeshow.com/txgopfederal22>

Our Senatorial District 2 lost Fannin, Delta, Hopkins, Hunt, and Rains County in the redistricting. Our new district includes Rockwall, Van Zandt, Kaufman, East Ellis, Navarro, East Dallas County, and South Collin County. Each Senatorial

District selects one member for each of the state's committees. Rockwall County's representative is John White to serve on the Platform Committee. The other committees are Legislative Priorities – Marty Reid from Kaufman, Rules – Bruce Bishop from Dallas, Credentials – Kerry Gaines from Richardson, and Organization – Beverly Gatlin from Ellis. . Our SD Caucus Chair is Lance Lintz from Van Zandt, Caucus Secretary – Desiree Brown from Collin, Parliamentarian – Robert Bennett from Navarro. Each county/SD combination is allocated one delegate and one alternate for every

300 votes cast for Governor Greg Abbott in the 2018 General Election. Rockwall is allocated 55 delegates. If you are a delegate or alternate please make sure you have pre-registered and have a place to stay. If you did not receive an email from the Republican Party of Texas please contact me. For those who have registered make sure you have received your confirmation email. I have held two state delegate trainings with one more to be held in Collin County the end of May. A videotape of the training will be available. If you have any questions please contact me at Jerry.fishersd2@gmail.com

RCRHC Sanctity of Life "2022 United for Life" Banquet Sponsors -Betsy Gallagher

It is with great gratitude to everyone involved in **RCRHC 2nd Annual Sanctity of Life Event** that I am happy to announce that we exceeded all expectations! Our fundraising efforts shattered our goal. *The generosity of the community is awesome!* We want to help with the effort of funding facilities that provide support for women with unplanned pregnancies. These pregnancy care facilities are on the front line of our battle to protect the unborn. The fundraising amount was **\$26,868**. We exceeded expectations by 169% which represents ~2 1/2 increase from last year's funds raised.

Sponsor Levels:

Champion of the Unborn—\$2,500

- Michael and Susan Beaman

Healer of the Hurt—\$1,000

- Texas State Senator SD2 Bob Hall
- Ashley Farha Modern Luxury Retreats
- Heath Councilmember Donna Rolater
- Republican Party of Rockwall

Answered Prayers—\$500

- Cindy Rosen
 - John Stacy
- Protector of Mothers—\$250**

- Tom & Sharon Hritz
- Dennis & Shari London
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- Rockwall Co. Clerk Jennifer Fogg
- Lea Carlson

Table Sponsors:

- U.S. Congressman Pat Fallon
- Republican Party of Rockwall
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- Amy Johannesen & Rockwall Councilman Trace Johannesen
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- Rep. Shelby Slawson
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- Frank New
- Senator Bob Hall & Kay Hall
- Marae Oliver—FANTASTIC JOB!
- Dr. Charles Orth

Betsy Gallagher

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



Silent Auction—Francis White and Betsy Gallagher

RCRHC was pleased that we were able to participate in a **Silent Auction** with the help of the following donors:

- Dennis London
- Shari London
- Frank McLeod
- U.S. Congressman Pat Fallon
- Senator Bob Hall & Kay Hall
- Dr. Shelly Garrett
- John Stacy
- Councilmember Trace Johannesen
- Amy Johannesen
- Cory Fleck
- Councilmember Clarence Jorif
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- Dr. Steven Horwitz
- The Republican Party of Rockwall
- Tax Assessor Kim Sweet
- Betsy Gallagher
- Tootsies
- The Freedom Baptist Church
- Julie Spokes-Owen

Gift Card Donors:

- Judge David Sweet
- Dennis & Shari London
- Sharon Hritz
- Lee Harvey
- Jerry Welch
- The Bagel Lady
- Francis White
- Edna Sullivan



Selah Creek Allocation of Funds

New Mama Welcome Bags	\$ 50
Coverages for Lost Documents (birth certificates, social security cards, etc.)	\$ 100
Week of Groceries:	\$ 140
Month of Groceries:	\$ 560
Year of Parenting Classes & Curriculum:	\$1,000

Month of Transportation	\$ 250
Year of Transportation:	\$3,000
One Month of Rent (Selah Creek Home)	\$2,800
6 Months of Rent	\$16,800

without the TMB verifying that the so-called patient existed or even saw the doctor. Thus, time and resources are spent aggressively chasing down second-, third- and even fourth-hand complaints from people who have no direct knowledge of what took place between the doctor and the patient.

Then, in an attempt to justify what they know are unjustifiable investigations, the TMB demands the doctor to provide a broad response to a request for files and records in hopes that something can be found to justify the investigation. Unfortunately, these “fishing expedition” investigations cost the doctor time and money. They also waste TMB's time and resources that could have been used to protect patients from doctors like James Pierre, David Butler and Christopher Duntsch.

During a meeting with one TMB executive, we discussed an investigation that did not involve harm to a patient. He seemed more concerned that TMB rules might have been broken than whether or not harm had been done to a patient.

This response explains a lot about the motives of TMB and it alone is a good reason for major TMB reform. While many changes are needed, true transparency in the TMB's investigatory process is paramount. Changes need to be made to the way complaints are filed and the structure and conduct of the TMB review panel.

The following changes to the complaint process would help prevent frivolous complaints from being filed against physicians:

1. Eliminate confidential complaints. The person who is making the complaint is as important as the complaint itself.
2. Require complaints to be sworn statements and notarized.
3. Require TMB to provide an exact copy of the complaint to the doctor in the initial letter sent from TMB to the doctor being investigated.
4. Eliminate third- and fourth-hand complaints.
5. Only accept second-hand complaints from family members and caretakers and only with patients' concurrence.
6. Eliminate “fishing expedition” investigations.

Additionally, TMB should adopt a top tier policy of no harm- no foul, where no disciplinary action is taken unless a patient is harmed. This would eliminate instances in which doctors are investigated and punitive action (often labeled as training) is taken when doctors have simply exercised their first amendment right, as well as their informed medical judgement to express a non-conventional opinion.

Texas should decouple itself from mandatory compliance requirements of world or federal health agencies publications, organizations, or directives. TMB also must be prohibited from establishing new rules, or interpretation of old rules, without going through the formal rule making process.

Restructuring the review panel process, with the following recommendations, would help ensure a non-biased review of allegations made against physicians.

1. Ensure a minimum of eight active doctors with equivalent certification.
2. Allow the doctor being investigated the right to reject any proposed panel member.
3. Require the panel to review charges concurrently and independently.
4. Require a super-majority of the board to convict.

Another way to increase patient care and doctor's practice is to include the following meaningful measures to the Patients' Bill of Rights:

1. Right-to-try.
2. Right to doctor of their choice.
3. Freedom from discrimination or intimidation due to immunization status or medical decisions.
4. A doctor complying with a patient's legal request should not be subjected to TMB punishment.
5. Right to unrestricted visitation by at least one person at a time, anytime.

Doctors spend tens of thousands of dollars to litigate TMB investigations, even when there is no legitimate basis for the investigation in the first place. This takes away their ability to provide care to patients. By implementing these changes to the TMB investigatory and review processes, patients will receive better quality of care and doctors will not have to fear unfounded investigations. These changes would also allow TMB more time and resources to pursue doctors who do harm patients.



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RCRHC PLAYLIST:

- "I Will Follow Him" Voces Para La Paz
- "Love Reign O'er Me" The Who
- "Book of Days" Enya
- "I Saw The Light" Todd Rundgren
- "Mainstreet" Bob Seger
- "Orange Blossom Special" Rhonda Vincent
- "Wake Up Everybody" Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes
- *When Stars and Salt Collide—A Sky Full of Stars* Coldplay (Piano Guys)

BOOKS:

Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis, published in 1942 written in defense of Christian faith. Lewis examines the opposing sides in the battle of good and evil.

MOVIES:

Into the Storm - Churchill at War
Churchill leads his country against Nazi aggression. Writer Hugh Whitmore

Prayers for Uvalde
Continued Prayers for Ukraine



GOP Announcements:

Republican Party of Rockwall — June 1, 2022—GOP Lunch Bunch, Luigi's, 11:45 a.m. 2002 S. Goliad, Rockwall, Texas

Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club - General Meeting, June 9, 2022; 6:30 p.m. -The Harry Myers Community Center 815 E. Washington, Rockwall, Speakers Senator Bob Hall and Rev. Stephen Grays.

Rockwall County Republican Men's Club June 11, 2022 8:00 a.m. The Center, 108 E. Washington, Rockwall, TX

RCRW General Meeting June 13, 2022— 6:30 p.m. Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club, 2600 Champions Dr, Rockwall.

Rockwall ISD, 2022-2023 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate Hearing. The Board of Trustees Monday, June 20, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Rockwall ISD Administration Building Room 600, 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall,

June 13-18, 2022 Texas Republican Convention, Houston, Texas.

June 21, 2022—RCRW Happy Hour, 6:00 p.m. Pablo's Restaurant & Cantina, Fate, Texas

"Whoever Saves One Life, Saves The World Entire."

Hebrew Talmud



