

# Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club



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## October 2022 Newsletter

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

Hola Amigos!

### **GOP Big Tent**

We were honored to host local Republican candidates for September 8th Meet and Greet.

- **Frank New**—County Judge
- **John Stacy**—County Commissioner P4
- **Dana Mccalik**-County Commissioner P2
- **Tony Norton**-Justice of the Peace P1

We were also honored to have U. S. Congressman **Kevin McCarthy**, Texas Senator **Bob Hall** and Texas Senator **Dawn Buckingham** for Land Commissioner via recorded messages.

Rockwall County GOP Chair, **Sharon Henson** joined us with plans. RCRHC Officers presenting were **Betsy Gallagher** Vice-President/Sanctity of Life; **Doug Roth**— Outreach Chair. **John Vick** updated Legislative plans. **Dennis London** joined us for Anti-Vaccine Mandate and Lee **Harvey** joined us for Parents' Rights. Also, **Ashley Potts**-Selah Creek; **Rod Vestal**-Poeima Foundation; and **Donald Flynn** from Hands of Hope.

### **House Minority Leader—U.S. Congressman Kevin McCarthy**

We were honored to have **U.S. Congressman Kevin McCarthy** join us **September 8th** meeting via recorded message to Rockwall County and North Texas voters.

**Congratulations Republican Hispanic club.** I want to thank you for what you're doing. You are making a big difference. When you think about the values of the Republican party; you think about Hispanic values—they go together. You think about:

- Family
- Bringing down the cost of living.
- Safe communities—stopping fentanyl from coming across our borders.

These are all values we care deeply about but unfortunately the Democratic party is causing much of this. This is a unique opportunity to change the course of history.

**October Rescheduled Date** October 19th is rescheduled date for Secure the Border meeting with **Victor Avila**, former ICE agent. Books **Agent Under Fire** will be available—[October 19th Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. at Harry Myer Community Center, 815 E. Washington, Rockwall, Texas.](#)

### **RCRHC Milestone—Two-Year Mark!**

October 2022 marks two years when Victor, Betsy and Edna reactivated RCRHC. The journey has been a pleasant experience. The individuals who joined us **from all communities** have been kind, generous, supportive, engaged law-abiding citizens. I have made friends along the way that I will always treasure. People in North Texas love God and country. Both Texans and transplanted Texans are patriotic and want what is good for their fellow man. RCRHC welcomes **ALL** communities! Let's get our Republican candidates elected! The **Red Wave** is Coming! **#Let's Work Together!**

**GOD BLESS TEXAS!**

*Edna Cecilia Sullivan*



are doing for the Republican party and let's make this party grow—especially in the Hispanic Community.  
*Rep. Kevin McCarthy*  
RCRHC Meeting  
September 8, 2022

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## Victor Avila Retired ICE Agent

**Mr. Victor Avila** is a retired Supervisory Special Agent with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). ICE enforces federal laws governing border control, customs, trade and immigration to promote homeland security and public safety. **Mr. Avila** has been recognized by ICE and HSI for his exemplary service and professional accomplishments while serving as Special Agent at the El Paso Field Office and as an Assistant Attache assigned to the U.S. Consulate in Ciudad Juarez and U.S. Embassies located in Spain, Portugal, and Mexico City.

**Mr. Avila** served as an accredited diplomat and liaison to the aforementioned governments conducting international complex criminal investigations in a wide range of violations such as human trafficking /smuggling, drug trafficking, financial violations, arms trafficking commercial fraud and counter-terrorism.

While on official assignment in Mexico, Special Agent Avila suffered multiple gunshot wounds and survived a violent ambush by the Mexican Los Zetas drug cartel where Special Agent Jaime Zapata tragically lost his life.

Mr. Avila has been recognized for Excellence in Law Enforcement by the ICE Hispanic Agents Association; The Director's Award for Operation in Plain Sight in Mexico; Homeland Security Investigations Excellence in Public Service Award; The Valor Award by the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA),



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## Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club — What's in a Name? "Hispanic"

Since we are celebrating "Hispanic Heritage Month" - this is a good time to clarify the word "Hispanic." The term "Hispanic" is not a racial term. The term "Hispanic" is an ethnicity. Hispanics are white (Spaniards are Caucasian); Hispanics are black and Hispanics are every color in between. We are **Americans of Hispanic descent**. In RCRHC, Hispanics originate from Mexico, Cuba, Panama, Venezuela, Brazil (Portuguese), Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Columbia, and Native Americans.

### The Focus and Attraction

RCRHC **focus and attraction** are our **Republican principles**. Our priorities drive us, however, two things that are more important 1) we go where God leads us, and 2) we treat

each other with respect.

**Vale Mas Un Loco y No Dos**—(Better One Crazy Person & Not Two) In RCRHC, we do not fight hatred with hatred. We stand up strongly for our principles. Everyone is welcome - we serve all communities. Other communities that joined us truly value the **GOP Big Tent**. At RCRHC—**we work together!**

### Whose Job Is It?

*"The Story of four people—Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It*

*ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done."* Author Unknown

At RCRHC, **God, Family, Work and Life** take priority over the club. The job always gets done. RCRHC officers know that even if they are asked at a moments notice to have a presentation ready—they do—they are always prepared because of dedication to their work. *"Everyone has something special to offer—something that we are destined to do."*

Members/Contacts—Thank you for your attendance. Your attendance is valued because it shows support to our speaker and places confidence in our club. **We are grateful for your love and support.**

## GET ENGAGED! MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Sharon Henson—Rockwall County GOP Chair

This Election season, we are all acutely aware of the dire situation of this nation and the absolute necessity for all of us to help in every way to get Republicans elected. Republicans aren't perfect by any means, but Republican principles are the best way to strive for adherence to our constitution. Now is the time for every Republican and every conservative independent to vote and to be sure that their friends also go to the polls and vote for Republicans.

Republicans will win in November IF we all get out to vote and encourage

every Republican and conservative independent that we know to also get to the polls and Vote! We cannot take anything for granted. Texas has a target on it—and so does Rockwall County.

Let's regain our status as a Texas County with Republicans representing 80% of the population. We will be knocking on doors, making phone calls and participating in community events to be sure Rockwall stays RED in a big way. If you want to be part of Get Out The Vote efforts, contact Sharon Hen-

son, repcountychair@gmail.com, 214-674-5374.

EARLY VOTING—Oct. 24-Nov. 4  
ELECTION DAY—Nov 8—For polling locations, hours of operation and ballots, go to [www.rockwallvotes.com](http://www.rockwallvotes.com)

### EVENTS:

Sat Oct. 8/15/11—10 a.m. Block-walking  
GOP Headquarters, 112 Kenway  
Fri Oct 14—Professional Women's Alliance  
Sat. Oct. 15 Royse City Funfest  
Wed. Oct. 19 State of the City, Rockwall Chamber of Commerce  
Sat. Oct. 29—Halloween Extravaganza Harbor  
Fri. Dec. 9-GOP Christmas Party

## RCRHC 3rd Annual Sanctity of Life May 13, 2023 — Betsy Gallagher

We are living in a historic and providential moment that I honestly didn't believe I would see in my lifetime.

We have never given up working toward the day when ALL would be welcomed throughout life and protected. Protected from conception to death.

As you know, the victory of Roe's reversal is not the end of our cause, but another beginning. We must double-down on our work to ensure the most powerful pro-life laws are put into place in our state. As of today, there are fourteen (14) states in America with near-complete abolition of abortion since Roe's reversal. Texas is included on this list! But we must lean in on efforts to ensure laws are being enacted and followed, to protect our most

vulnerable citizens - our unborn children, our legacy.

RCRHC understands the importance of providing a loving and supportive environment for women who find themselves in unplanned pregnancies and we are committed to being part of the solution!

We are excited to announce our next Sanctity of Life event, our **3rd Annual fundraiser for Selah Creek**. A gospel based women's shelter for those in need of this exact support.

Please mark your calendars and **SAVE THE DATE** for **May 13, 2023**. We hope you will join us!

Your support is vital to our work and never stop working toward a brighter future for all persons, all Texans!

Please let me know if you would like to be involved in efforts for the 2023 Sanctity of Life. We will send you the information for meetings.

*Betsy Gallagher*



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

## Victor Avila - U.S. Special Agent, Retired

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Medal of Valor for Officers Association for Outstanding Bravery by the National Latino Command Peace Officers Association; the Medal of Valor by the Hispanic American Command Officers Association (HAPCOA); and the NYPD Heroism Award by the Global Alliance of Hispanic Law Enforcement Professionals.

Mr. Avila began his very successful law enforcement career as a United States Probation Officer for the U.S. Courts and as a District Parole Officer for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice from

The University of Texas at El Paso while focusing on the identity among Hispanic-Americans along the border. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Texas at El Paso while focusing on the identity among Hispanic-Americans along the border.

Today, he serves to honor the memory and the dedicated service of SA Jaime Zapata. Mr. Avila is an advocate for border security, immigration reform, human trafficking awareness and the protection of our sovereignty. Mr. Avila has been featured on FoxNews,

i24News, Univision, OANN, Telemundo and various Syndicated Radio and Podcast interviews. Mr. Avila's book **Agent Under Fire: A Murder and a Manifesto** (www.agentunderfirebook.com) available:

- [libertyhillpublishing.com](http://libertyhillpublishing.com),
- [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)
- [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com)



## Legislative Corner — Jose Nunez—Legislative Chair

On May 19, 2021, the Fetal "Heartbeat Bill" SB8 was signed into law, and it was a time of rejoicing for RCRHC, especially after our continued pro-life efforts to protect the unborn just over a year. In an interview after a rally in the state capital, Democratic candidate for Governor, Robert O'Rourke told The Texas Tribune he would work to repeal the Texas' abortion ban and expand access to reproductive health care if he is elected. Rochelle Garza, the Democratic nominee for Attorney General,

said that she would partner with other lawyers to stop enforcements of the states' Abortion laws.

Texas is holding an election for Governor on November 8, 2022 and in light of the constant narrative from the left, more than ever before, we have to be vigilant and engaged in the election process. It is unfortunate that a political agenda is threatening the protection of the unborn.

In 1st Peter 5-8 "Be alert and of sober

mind. Your enemy and devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." The image portrayed here is that the enemy is not hiding, it is in plain sight, roaring and presenting its intentions very clear. Let's stay engaged and help to



maintain the integrity of our elections and make sure voters understand the value of life.

*Jose Nunez*



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### RCRHC PLAYLIST:

- "The Promise of Living"—Aaron Copland
- "I Know You, I Live You"—Chaka Khan
- "Every Teardrop is a Waterfall" 2 Cellos
- "Out in the Country" Three Dog Night
- "Sailing" Christopher Cross
- "Jesus is Just Alright" Doobie Brothers
- "Jessica" The Allman Brothers Band
- "La Charreada" Linda Ronstadt
- "Wichita Lineman" Glenn Campbell
- "Ain't No Stopping Us Now" McFadden & Whitehead
- "What A Wonderful World" -Louis Armstrong

### BOOKS:

Agent Under Fire A Murder and a Manifesto By Victor Avila—Victor shares the story of the ambush by Los Zetas drug cartel while on assignment in Mexico.

*Catch Juani's  
Dream Production*

### GOP Announcements:

**Republican Party of Rockwall — Oct. 5th**—GOP Lunch Bunch, Luigi's, 11:45 a.m. 2002 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX

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

**Rockwall County Republican Women's General Meeting October 10, 2022** - 6:30 p.m. Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club 2600 Champions Dr. Rockwall, Texas

**Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club - Secure the Border Meeting, October 19, 2022; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday—Harry Myers Community Center** 815 E. Washington, Rockwall. Speaker—Victor Avila, former ICE Agent and Author of Agent Under Fire. Complimentary tamales.

**Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club—November 10, 2022; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday—Harry Myers Community Center** 815 E. Washington, Rockwall. Speaker— U.S. Congressman Pat Fallon and Children's Advocacy Patricia Mejia

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



Tony Norton Frank New Dana Macalik John Stacy



**SAVE THE DATES!**

## **State Senator Dawn Buckingham. MD—Republican Nominee for Commissioner of the General Land Office**

For more than a century, the oil and gas industry has helped Texas build one of the strongest economies in the world and create a culture of prosperity and opportunity that is uniquely Texan. But whether the people of Texas choose to remain on this path is a question that rests with the voters this November.

In the race for Texas Land Commissioner, the differences between myself and my opponent Jay Kleberg are numerous and substantial. But nowhere are those differences more pronounced than when it comes to the future of our state's energy economy.

The remarkable growth and prosperity experienced by Texas in recent decades would simply not be possible without an abundant supply of inexpensive and dependable energy. And there is nothing cheaper, more dependable, and better for powering our society than oil and natural gas. Together, these amazing natural resources have made the middle class accessible for countless Texas families, lowering the cost of everything from transportation, to groceries, to electricity.

Since September 2020, the Texas oil and natural gas industry has added more than 45,000 new high-paying jobs in upstream extraction alone. More than 200,000 Texans now make a living in just this segment of the oil and gas industry—an unparalleled source of employment that has lifted countless families out of poverty and transformed communities from the Panhandle to the Eagle Ford.

And it is not just through direct employment that oil and natural gas has made the middle class a reality for so many Texans, but also through education. The Permanent School Fund, which is the largest public education endowment in the country, is almost exclusively funded by royalties from this industry. What began as a modest \$2 million fund in 1854 now stands at over \$58 billion—all for the provision of public education to the children of Texas, an education that is the cornerstone for ending generational poverty.

And its not just public education that has benefited, but higher education as well. The University of Texas at Austin will soon pass Harvard to become the richest university in the country, all thanks to the \$6 million per day in oil and natural gas revenues pouring into its endowment.

Yet Democrat Jay Kleberg has already made his agenda for Texas energy painfully clear. By hijacking the General Land Office, Kleberg believes he can cripple our oil and natural gas industry through a strict regime of new taxes and regulations, remaking Texas in the image of California with the same empty "green energy" promises the left has claimed will solve everything from healthcare, to climate change, to racial injustice.

Democrats love nothing more than to bemoan evil businesses that "don't pay their fair share." But last year alone, the Texas oil and gas industry paid nearly \$16 billion in taxes and royalties to help fund Texas schools, teachers' salaries, roads, infrastructure, and countless other essential services.

And despite the fact that Kleberg and his family have become obscenely wealthy selling their own oil and gas rights, he wants to risk our children's future to play eco-venture capitalist by divesting the Permanent School Fund away from the natural resources that have produced a

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Western Europe finds itself in this very predicament as we speak. As Russia’s invasion of Ukraine rages on, Russian natural gas has all but ceased flowing to countries like Germany and Italy. Thankfully, American energy producers, including those in Texas, have stepped in to keep Europe from falling into the darkest, coldest winter since the dawn of the Industrial Revolution. This is a haunting cautionary tale of a world in which liberal idealists like Kleberg are allowed to destroy our ability to power our own society.

The choice ahead is clear. While my opponent may believe that rocks and rivers are more important than Texas families, I’m here to say you do not have to choose one or the other. We can keep our state lands pristine while unleashing the economic blessings of our natural resources, and as your Texas Land Commissioner, I’ll do exactly that.

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**Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club September 8th Meeting**



Texas Senator Dawn Buckingham

U.S. Congressman Kevin McCarthy

Texas Senator Bob Hall

