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2018

The Republican Forum

Fayette County Republican Women Newsletter

“INFLUENCING TEXANS THROUGH EDUCATION”

From Deborah Frank, FCRW President

Special Interest Articles:

- May 5 HD13 SPECIAL ELECTION
- May 22, 2018 RUN-OFF Candidates



In the last newsletter I predicted that 2018 is going to be an exciting year. So far, I am correct. The Republican Primary elections resulted in 5 run-off races in Fayette County! Because of this, we will have run-off elections on Tuesday, May 22, to decide which candidate will fill the

positions of HD13 Rep., County Judge, County Clerk, JP Pct.1, and County Commissioner Pct. 2. Plus, our State Rep for HD13, Leighton Schubert, resigned on Feb. 4, leaving his seat vacant for the remainder of his term. State law requires a Special Election to fill his seat through Jan. 2019. Governor Abbott has set that election for Sat. May 5. It was announced in our last newsletter that I was elected as Fayette County Republican Party Chairman, replacing David Stall, who resigned to run for the

HD13 seat. Being responsible for the FC GOP elections involves a LOT of work: deadlines for notices, ballot and supply approvals, state filings, candidate forums, etc. I can now appreciate how much David did “behind the scenes” for the past several years. This year, we are faced with three, possibly four, elections within a 5-month period. Each one is important. Please be sure to VOTE!!

**GOD BLESS TEXAS.
GOD BLESS AMERICA.**

Deborah Frank

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Recapping our 1st Quarter Monthly Meetings

Jan. 18 – We met at 6:30 PM at the Lyric Theater in Flatonia to watch the film “Climate Hustle” which debunks outrageous claims about temperatures, extreme weather, and the so-called “consensus” of climate scientists. The film’s host was award-winning investigative journalist Marc Morano. It was very informative and thought-provoking. Len Waska sponsored popcorn for all attendees and drinks were just \$1. The refurbished

theater brought back fond memories for many of us.

Feb. 15 – FCRW co-hosted a candidate forum, from 6 – 9 pm, for the candidates in the races for County Clerk and Justice of the Peace Pct. 1. Each race had three candidates vying for the office. This was the last of four forums co-hosted by FCRW and FC GOP. Each was very well attended. They were all streamed live on the Fayette County Record’s Facebook page.

Mar.15 – The meeting took place at the La Grange City Hall council chambers at 6:30 pm. The presentation, given by Len Waska and Cindy Rodibaugh, addressed the existence and proliferation of voter fraud throughout the United States and possible ways to reduce it.

NEXT MEETING:
Apr. 19, 6:30 PM at La Grange City Hall council chambers, 155 E. Colorado. Topic: The Alamo

FCRW Literacy Chair Completes 2018 Library Project



Each spring, as part of FCRW's literacy programs, one youth book and one adult book is donated to each of the four public libraries in Fayette County: Fayette Public Library (La Grange), Round Top Family

Library, Flatonia Public Library, and Schulenburg Public Library. Barbara Appelt, FCRW Literacy Chair, reported that all presentations were complete as of April 10.

All four libraries chose as their youth book: The Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Adaptation): The True Story of an American Team's Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics, by Daniel James Brown.

Round Top, Fayette, and Schulenburg chose as their adult book: The Czechs (Bohemians) in America: A Study of their National, Cultural, Political, Social, Economic, and Religious Life, by Thomas Capek.

Flatonia chose as their adult book: The Boys in the Boat (Adult): Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics By Daniel James Brown.

Our sincere thanks to Barbara for once again doing an outstanding job in researching potential books, contacting the libraries to provide the choices, and coordinating presentations with each one. Each year she helps FCRW fulfill our motto: *"Influencing Texans Through Education"*.



Pictured clockwise from top left: Allison McKenzie (with Barbara), Fayette Public Library; Keelia Ritch, Round Top Family Library; LaVern Dornak, Flatonia Public Library; and Cindy Little and Thadious Polasek, Schulenburg Public Library.



Fayette County Republican Run-Off Candidates

The Primary elections on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, resulted in run-off elections in every contested race in Fayette County. Below, listed in ballot order, are the candidates in the **May 22 Republican run-off races in Fayette County.**

State Representative HD 13

Ben Leman
Jill Wolfskill

County Judge

Joe Weber
Sharon Jecmenek Muzny

County Clerk

Brenda Kallus Fietsam
Julie Bohot Karstedt

County Commissioner, Pct. 2

Luke Sternadel
John "J.R." Rubio

Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1

Kyle A. Hartmann
Andrew "Andy" Berger

The election date for these 5 run-off elections is **Tuesday, May 22**. **Early voting** will be at the Fayette County Courthouse in La Grange **April 14 – April 18, from 8 am – 5 pm**.

SPECIAL ELECTION for HD 13 on May 5

Leighton Schubert, our former State Rep for House District 13, resigned effective Feb. 4, 2018, leaving his position vacant for the remainder of his current term, which ends in January 2019. State law requires this position to be filled by a Special Election and Governor Abbott has set Saturday, May 5, 2018 as the date for that election. Since this is an open seat, the Democrat candidate will also be on the ballot. We need all eligible Republican voters to vote in this election to avoid a run-off in this race. Keep in mind that whoever wins the Special Election will serve out Schubert's term and be able to gain 6 months of experience in the position before the next term starts, making them more likely to win the run-off election on May 22 (*assuming voters come BACK to the polls on May 22 and vote AGAIN for their candidate for this position*).

Early voting dates for the May 5 special election are **April 23 – May 1**.

There will also be several City and School elections throughout Fayette County on that same day, May 5. However, most of the voting locations for the **City and School** elections will be **DIFFERENT** than those for the **Special Election for HD13** on that same day.

Dates, times, and locations for the May 5 elections can be found at:

<http://www.co.fayette.tx.us/>, select "Elections", scroll down to "May 5 Polling Locations", select "City and School Elections" or "Special Election for House District 13".

The Republican poll locations will be the same for the May 22 Run-off elections as the May 5 Special Election.

Details on all the locations are included with this newsletter and can be found via a link on the Home page of our FCRW website: www.fcrwtx.org.

Yes, these multiple elections and election dates are confusing, but EVERY VOTE COUNTS, especially in these critical local races. It is our privilege and responsibility to vote. Please vote responsibly.

Food for Thought...

The Republican establishment was against him.
The Democratic establishment was against him.
The news media establishment was against him.
The entire world was against him.
And he defeated them all.



Because everyone who loves America was with him.

IF GUN CONTROL WORKED



CHICAGO WOULD BE MAYBERRY

I have no problem with vigorous background checks on firearms. While we're at it, do the same for immigration and voter I.D.

THE PATRIOT POST

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About Our Organization...

The **Fayette County Republican Women** organization is affiliated with the Texas Federation of Republican Women, and the National Federation of Republican Women, a body of over 100,000 women who support Republican candidates and causes at all levels of government.

FCRW is open to all Republican women and men (as associate members) who care passionately about the conservative cause. Education is a very important aspect of our mission. In support of that goal, we have annual activities which focus on education and community service. We held our first Tribute to Women brunch in July 2010 and continued this event annually through 2014. This was a non-partisan event with nominations accepted for any deserving volunteer in Fayette County. Our 2017 fundraiser was a dinner event at The Historic Casino Hall in La Grange with very special key note speaker State Comptroller Glenn Hegar. These fundraisers support our annual literacy projects and scholarships. In addition, FCRW was able to contribute \$1,500 this year to flood relief efforts in

Fayette County. Each year we donate select books to the five public libraries in the spring and give an encyclopedic dictionary to each third grader in Fayette County in the fall. In 2011, we initiated our annual FCRW scholarship program which is awarded to one graduating senior girl in each of the five high schools in Fayette County. Initially offering \$250 scholarships, in 2017 we were able to offer \$800 scholarships. Beginning in 2013, we offer pocket-size copies of the U. S. Constitution to everyone stopping by our Republican booth at the four-day Fayette County Fair, held over Labor Day weekend.

Please join us as we work to bring our Country back to conservative values and restore American freedoms!

God Bless Texas. God Bless America.

For more information about our organization, visit our web site:

www.FCRWTX.org.

"The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not." Thomas Jefferson

We hope that all FCRW members will be able to proudly say they voted in every election this spring. We don't live in a perfect world, but nothing will change for the better if we don't educate ourselves on our options and take the time to vote every chance we get. Just sayin'.... If you don't vote, you don't get to complain about the results.

