



2nd Quarter
2020

The Republican Forum

Fayette County Republican Women Newsletter

"INFLUENCING TEXANS THROUGH EDUCATION"

FCRW President's Message

Of Special Note:

FCRW Members will attend RPT State convention in July as delegates

FCRP Chairman, Deborah Frank, has Trump yard signs & bumper stickers. Contact her at 979 270-1555 to arrange for pick up. Donations to FCRP are gladly accepted.

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FCRW Board Meetings:

- August 13
- September 10
- October 8
- November 12

La Grange City Hall, 155 E. Colorado, at 2 PM

All members are welcome to attend and provide input.



Dear FCRW Members,

In the second quarter, we held two Board Meetings and two monthly General Meetings despite the Covid-19 virus, all held with safety precautions. I appreciate your courage in coming out of your comfort zones to attend these meetings

In April: Jeanne Raley, Kimberly Rutledge, and Cindy Rodibaugh submitted Bylaws changes, required by TFRW and NFRW, to TFRW. Changes

were approved 5-20-2020. Next, step is membership approval. We must have a quorum at our next General Meeting to conduct this vote.

In May: Chairman Carole Bournon, announced the Scholarship recipients, one girl from each of the five county's high schools, was selected and awarded a \$1000 scholarship. FCRW made campaign donations of \$500 each to two Supreme Court Justices who need support, Brett Busby, and Jeff Boyd. Deborah Frank has been nominated as FCRW's 2020 Tribute to Women Honoree at the July 17 TFRW award ceremony during the RPT State Convention in Houston. Registration link: <https://www.texasgop.org/2020-state-convention> .

In June: Six members attended the FCRP Precinct and

County conventions, and were elected as delegates to the State convention; Five members attended the second quarter SD 18 meeting in Austin County; Literacy Chair, Jackie Matthews, spearheaded, the BBLLP presentation of books, one adult and one youth, to each of the 4 county Public Libraries. We welcomed several new members and associates this quarter. As of June 18, we have 50 members and 24 associate members.

In closing, let's pray for a swift end to the virus, an economic recovery fueled by robust employment, and the end of mob rule.

God, continue to bless the USA, Texas, and our great President Donald Trump.

Barbara Appelt

Recapping our 2nd Quarter Monthly Meetings

April 16 – This meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19 meeting restrictions.

May 21 – Tara Mica, NRA-ILA Texas State Director - Tara has served as State Director in Texas and a region of states for the National Rifle Association since 1997. She has worked with NRA members in the Lone Star State to pass landmark lawsuit preemption, Castle Doctrine, car carry, campus carries, and open carry legislation. She lives

in Austin with her husband Carl, who serves as U.S. Senator Ted Cruz's State Director and whose family hails from Flatonia.

June 18 – Held at **JW's Steakhouse** in Carmine. Judge Joe Weber spoke on several topics including: COVID-19 status, testing, and results in Fayette County; the county budget (one goal is to hire more Sheriff deputies); and increasing security in our county buildings and towns without their own police force. He expects

more influx from the large, urban cities into our county, once the COVID issue settles down.

NEXT TWO MEETINGS:

Aug. 20, 6:30 PM at La Grange City Hall

Speaker: Judge Kevin Patrick Yeary, TX Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4.

Sep. 17, 6:30 PM at La Grange City Hall.

Speaker: FC Elections Administrator Terri Hefner will explain safety precautions for in-person voting in November.

FCRW Donates Books to Four Public Libraries



This year **Jackie Matthews** assumed the position of FCRW Literacy Chair, and she has done an excellent job so far. Earlier in the year, Jackie, with input and suggestions from FCRW board members, researched and selected the books which were offered to the four public libraries in Fayette county. The following books were offered for various age groups:

For Ages 4-8: "From Sea to Shining Sea", Callista Gingrich; "I Voted", Mark Shulman; "Marlon Bundo's Day in the Nation's Capital", Charlotte Pence; "Rush Revere and the Presidency", Rush Limbaugh.

For Young Adults: "The American Story", Jennifer Armstrong; "Sam Houston and the Alamo Avengers", Brian Kilmeade.

For Adults: "Licensed to Lie", Sidney Powell; "The Case Against Socialism", Rand Paul; "The War on History: The Conspiracy to Rewrite America's Past", Jarrett Stepman; "A Republic, If You Can Keep It", Neil Gorsuch; "Three Days At The Brink", Bret Baier; "The American Spirit: Who We Are and What We Stand For", David McCullough; "Killing the SS", Bill O'Reilly; "Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race", Margot Lee Shetterly

with Winifred Conkling; "American History in Black and White", David Barton; and "The Essential American", Jackie Gingrich Cushman. All of these are excellent books and we highly recommend that you read them and share them with your family and friends.

Due to delays caused by the COVID-19 restrictions, Jackie was not able to coordinate the library presentations until June. Assisting her were Kimberley Rutledge, Cindy Rodibaugh, Barbara Appelt, and LaMorris Thompson.

Thank you, Jackie and other FCRW members, for your time and effort in making these presentations. In the fall, Jackie will begin working on FCRW's next literacy project: Giving Encyclopedic Dictionaries to all 3rd graders in Fayette county. Let her know if you want to assist with the presentations at the schools.

Six Fayette County Republican Women

Elected as Delegates to Republican Party of Texas State Convention

Saturday, June 6, starting at 9 AM, the Fayette County Republican Party held its Precinct and County conventions at the Texas Agrilife Extension building in La Grange. The main purposes of these conventions were to accept resolutions and elect delegates and alternates to represent Fayette county at the RPT State convention, July 16 -18, in Houston. Ten resolutions were accepted and subsequently submitted to the RPT for consideration at the state convention. Based on our voter turnout for the last gubernatorial election, Fayette county was allocated 16 delegates and 16 alternates. Ten delegates and two alternates were elected. Of those, six are members of FCRW: **Deborah Frank, Barbara Appelt, Kimberley Rutledge, Rita Dernehl, Sherrie Tolbert, and Cindy Rodibaugh.**

In addition to electing our Senate District 18 and National Committeemen and Committeewomen, and delegates to the National convention, we will also elect the Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas. Our current Chairman, James Dickey, is running for re-election. The other candidate is retired Colonel and former Congressman, Allen West. Mr. West believes in the importance of preserving our conservative fiscal and family values; of continuing Texas' pro-business, conservative, free-market policies; maintaining low taxes and limiting regulations in Texas. He stressed personal responsibility over government welfare. His book, "**Hold Texas, Hold the Nation: Victory or Defeat**" talks about our state's political conservatism and how Texans have always fought to protect and defend our freedoms and values.

FCRW Awards Five \$1,000 Scholarships



FCRW Scholarship Chair Carole Bourlon once again did an outstanding job of providing our scholarship information to the school counselors, following up to receive applications from students, then organizing the selection committee. That committee met at Carole's home on May 8 and chose this year's recipients. Those decisions were easy, as we had several applicants whose accomplishments and goals truly stood out against their competition.

CONGRATULATIONS to our WINNERS!



Lauren Lehmann
La Grange



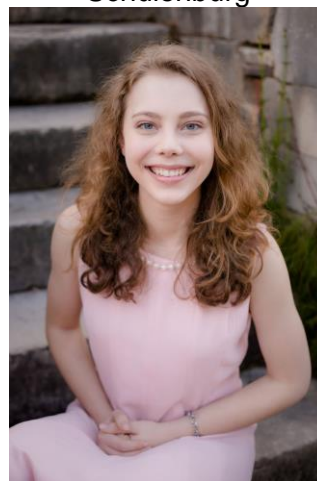
Alexandria Galipp
Schulenburg



Kaitlyn Rowell
Flatonia



Julie Korenek
Fayetteville



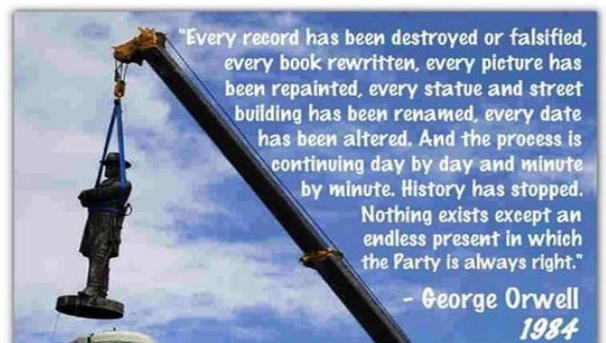
Julia Patterson
Round Top-Carmine

Lauren Lehmann, Julie Korenek, and Julia Patterson plan to attend Texas A&M. Alexandria Galipp and Kaitlyn Rowell plan to attend the University of Texas at Austin. We wish them all the best in their educational experience and careers. These ladies are our future! Pray for them.



There is no difference between communism and socialism, except in the means of achieving the same ultimate end: communism proposes to enslave men by force, socialism - by vote. It is merely the difference between murder and suicide.

— Ayn Rand —



"Every record has been destroyed or falsified, every book rewritten, every picture has been repainted, every statue and street building has been renamed, every date has been altered. And the process is continuing day by day and minute by minute. History has stopped. Nothing exists except an endless present in which the Party is always right."

- George Orwell
1984

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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 an important aspect of our mission. In support of that goal, we have annual activities which focus on education and community service. Our 2020 fundraiser was a Presidents Day Celebration at The Historic Casino Hall in La Grange. Nick Adams, founder of FLAGUSA, was our keynote speaker.

These fundraisers support our annual literacy projects, scholarships, and candidate donations. Each year FCRW donates select books to the four public libraries in Fayette County in

the spring and an encyclopedic dictionary to each third grader in Fayette County in the fall. In 2011, we initiated our annual FCRW scholarship program which recognizes one graduating senior girl in each of the five high schools in Fayette County. With those scholarships starting at \$250, we have steadily increased the amounts. In 2017 and 2018 they were \$800. For 2019 and 2020, we increased them to \$1,000. Our scholarship criteria and application form are on our website under Education Projects.

We also offer pocket-size copies of the U. S. Constitution to everyone stopping by our Republican booth at the four-day Fayette County Fair.

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

God Bless Texas. God Bless America.

"A nation that forgets its past has no future." WINSTON CHURCHILL



"Bad men cannot make good citizens. It is impossible that a nation of infidels or idolaters should be a nation of freemen. It is when a people forget God that tyrants forge their chains. A vitiated state of morals, a corrupted public conscience, is incompatible with freedom."

- Patrick Henry