



3rd Quarter  
2020

# The Republican Forum

Fayette County Republican Women Newsletter

*"INFLUENCING TEXANS THROUGH EDUCATION"*

## FCRW President's Message



Dear FCRW Members,  
In the third quarter we held 2 Board Meetings and 2 general meetings, all with the required social distancing. I am very encouraged by the attendance at these meetings. On July 5, delegates participated in the virtual State Convention. In August, FCRW Donated to several state candidate races; discontinued the 5-scholarship program and instead will offer student training at conservative

leadership and educational organizations such as Prager U, Turning Point USA, and Patriot Academy. In September, Carole Bourlon hosted a "Wine and Women" mixer/membership drive that included FCRW members and potential new female members. It was a fun event where like-minded women shared experiences. Since Sep. 1, members have been volunteering at the Republican headquarters, giving out signs, bumper stickers, and rack cards with election information. Jackie Matthews has received and sorted the encyclopedic dictionaries for the county's 300+ 3rd graders and their teachers with volunteers ready for delivery. Per Sandy Flagg's request, I prepared a flyer depicting the differences in the Republican and Democrat platforms that she will distribute to

churches. Members participated in a letter-writing campaign to contact unregistered Republicans that we were provided addresses for. Other members are participating in Trump Truck Rallies throughout the county.

Welcome to new members and associates of this quarter: Cindy Carter, Myrna Kay and Glen Altwein, Carmela Atwood, Marcella Beard, Betsy Jones, Lisa Langhamer, Jeannie Mican, and Diane Singeltary. As of September 30th, we have 61 members and 26 associate members.

I pray for a peaceful election with President Trump remaining in the office so that he can continue to make America great, as he has been doing since 2016.

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

*Barbara Appelt*

## Recapping our 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Monthly Meetings

**July** – No meeting per FCRW annual schedule.

**Aug. 20** – Our speaker was Judge Kevin Patrick Yeary, a member of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, the 9-member body that serves as the court of last resort in state criminal cases. Judge Yeary talked about his background and how he was drawn to serve on the court. He shared several interesting stories of past court cases he adjudicated.

**Sep. 17** – Held at **Oakridge Smokehouse** in Schulenburg. Our speaker was Fayette County Elections Administrator, Terri Hefner, who gave us a lot of great information on the safety precautions for the election; gave us dates, times and location for early voting; explained ballot by mail applications and return process; and answered many questions from the audience. We are extremely fortunate to have Terri in charge of our elections.

### NEXT Three MEETINGS:

**Oct. 15, 6:30 PM at La Grange City Hall**

Speaker: Fayette County Emergency Management Coordinator, Craig Moreau.

**Nov. 19, 6:30 PM at Frisch Auf! Country Club.**

Speakers: Mark Cota, Maycee Crofts and Stormi Rodrigues from Turning Point USA, along with graduates from their Student Action Summits.

**Dec. 5, 6:00 PM at Frisch Auf! Country Club.**

Christmas Party and officer installations.

### Of Special Note:

FCRW Members participate in a well-received Republican entry in July 4<sup>th</sup> parade

FCRW Members serve as delegates at virtual RPT State convention & elect Col. Allen West as RPT Chairman

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### FCRW Board Meetings:

- October 8
- November 12

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

All members are welcome to attend and provide input.

## FCRW Has Republican Entry in Round Top July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade



Despite the “social distancing” and other restrictions in place at the time, there was a great turnout and enthusiasm during the Round Top July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. Per our request, the Fayette County Republicans’ entry was placed at the lead of two other entries:

Representative Ben Leman in his vintage Chevrolet pickup, and Senator Lois Kolkhorst with a trailer full of her family members and supporters! We received an outstanding reception from the vast majority of spectators along the parade route. FCRW members who participated were **Deborah Frank, Barbara Appelt, and Kimberley Rutledge**. Fayette County High School Republicans member Julie Patterson also joined us. Rep. Ben Leman visited with us prior to the parade starting, and we visited with Senator Lois Kolkhorst as well. We were restricted from passing out small American flags, as we have done in the past, so Julie and Deborah

simply walked alongside the truck waving our TRUMP flags! The picture below of Julie appeared in the Fayette County Record. Robert Diez drove his bright red pickup with Republican signage and flags.



## Five FCRW Members Serve as Delegates at RPT State Convention

On June 6, the Fayette County Republican Party held its Precinct and County conventions during which ten delegates and two alternates were elected to represent Fayette County at the state convention, which was supposed to take place in Houston. Due to last minute cancellation of the facility contract by the Democrat Mayor of Houston, the RPT was forced to pull together a virtual convention in less than 3 days. FCRW members **Deborah Frank, Barbara Appelt, Kimberley Rutledge, Cindy Rodibaugh, and Rita Dernehl** were among the delegates who participated in the virtual convention. Due to technical problems, the caucuses were repeatedly delayed and ran into the early morning hours. We appreciate those delegates who stayed engaged throughout the convention. Results: SD18 National Committeeman **Dr. Robin Armstrong** and Committeewoman **Toni Anne Dashiell** were re-elected. Retired Colonel and former Congressman **Allen West** was elected as Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas. **Cat Parks** was elected as Vice Chair. We are thrilled with these winners!

## Four FCRW Members Attend Watch Party in Dripping Springs

On August 27, the Wimberley Area Republicans (WAR) hosted an outdoor watch party to see President Trump accept the Republican Party’s presidential nomination on a 25 foot screen. FCRW members **Deborah Frank, Barbara Appelt, Kimberley Rutledge, and Cindy Rodibaugh** attended. Prior to Trump’s acceptance, there were several speakers, including newly-elected Texas Republican Party Chairman, **Allen West**, live entertainment, vendors with Trump campaign materials, and food trucks. It was a great event and it was wonderful to be outdoors and among a crowd of enthusiastic Trump supporters. *Pictured L-R: Barbara Appelt, Kimberley Rutledge, & Deborah Frank*



## Republican Campaign HQ Opened Sep. 1



The Fayette County Republican Party Campaign Headquarters opened on September 1 with a steady stream of visitors anxious to get Trump signs, flags, hats,

buttons, and bumper stickers to show their support for Trump and all our Republican candidates. Members of FCRW and FCRP stepped up quickly to volunteer to work the HQ for the two months it will be open. The HQ is located at **145 W. Travis, suite 105, in La Grange**. This is about ½ block off the downtown square, in the Littrell Insurance Group office suites. The current hours are **10 am to 6 pm Tuesdays thru Fridays and 9 am to 1 pm on Saturdays**. When open, there is a large “Republican Headquarters” sandwich board with a TRUMP flag flying outside the entrance. We have rack cards with all necessary election information

(poll locations, early voting, candidates, **NO straight ticket ballot**), yard signs for Congressman Michael McCaul, Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Representative Ben Leman, and (of course) President Trump. For these, along with bumper stickers, buttons, and other miscellaneous items, we ask for a free will donation to help pay the office space and weekly newspaper ads FCRP is running through Oct. 30. The 4’x4’ Trump signs are \$30. The 3’x5’ Trump flags are \$10. Trump hats are \$15. We are doing our best to keep these items stocked but they are in high demand here in Fayette County. That is a wonderful thing!

**Next step: Get ALL Republicans to the polls. Early voting begins Oct. 13 thru Oct. 30. Election Day is Nov. 3.**

## FCRW Hosts Second Annual Wine & Women Event

The evening of September 24, FCRW board member Carole Bourlon hosted FCRW’s second annual “Wine & Women” membership drive event at her home outside of La Grange. Each of the board members brought their favorite wine and an appetizer, along with guests. It was a fun evening with lots of animated conversation. Best of all, two of the guest attendees quickly joined FCRW. We want to welcome Cindy Carter and Jeannie Mican to the Fayette County Republican Women organization.

You’re invited to join Fayette County Republican Women for an evening of

### WINE and WOMEN

*(and, of course, a little political discussion)*

**WHEN:** Thursday, September 24, 2020  
5 – 7 PM

**WHERE:** Carole Bourlon’s home, located at  
4033 Frank Road, La Grange (off FM 609)

**WHY:** For FUN, to REV UP our enthusiasm for the 2020 Election season and to encourage new memberships.

**WHAT TO DO:** Dress casual and bring a friend or neighbor who might be interested in joining our dynamic group of conservative women in Fayette County.

*We will also have one or two Deputy Voter Registrars at the event, just in case someone needs to register to vote.*

Please RSVP to Carole at: [crbourl@aol.com](mailto:crbourl@aol.com) or 979 250-3634



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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*



**"History does not long entrust the care of freedom to the weak or the timid."**

**- Dwight D. Eisenhower**

**"God grants Liberty only to those who love her and are always ready to guard and defend her."**

**- Daniel Webster**