



4th Quarter
2020

The Republican Forum

Fayette County Republican Women Newsletter

"INFLUENCING TEXANS THROUGH EDUCATION"

FCRW President's Message



Dear FCRW Members,
Despite an extremely unpredictable year, we have safely managed to hold eight Board Meetings and seven monthly General Meetings, put on a successful fundraiser, participate in two parades, five members attended the virtual RPT Convention, graduated from a MEDIUM Club (31-60) members to a LARGE Club (61-100) members, held a "Wine & Women" membership drive,

held a Christmas Party and officer induction, among other activities and duties.

The Literacy Committee completed distributing the encyclopedia dictionaries to the county's 3rd graders (260+) and their teachers, also, delivered books to four FC Libraries. The Bylaws Committee updated the Bylaws and Standing Rules, unanimously approved. Members volunteered at the FCRP Headquarters; it was particularly well received and busy. July 4th joined FCRP with a GOP entry in the Round Top parade and the same organizations on October 25th in the Czhiispiel 48 Parade.

FCRW donated to nine state candidates' races; discontinued the five-scholarship program and instead will offer student training at conservative leadership /educational organizations or

college, recommendations to be presented in January. Attended the TFRW Tribute to Women Luncheon where Deborah Frank was an Honoree; she received recognition and a certificate honoring her for her service.

I am proud of all our officers and chairs. I appreciate all your hard work and commitment. I thank all members who participated in our activities, because of you our programs have been successful.

I pray for a peaceful resolution to the 2020 election with the hope that President Trump will prevail and continue his policies.

May you all have a Happy, Healthy, New year!

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

Barbara Appelt,

out-going President

Recapping our 4th Quarter Monthly Meetings

Oct. 15 – Our guest speaker was Craig Moreau, Chief of Emergency Management and Homeland Security – Emergency Management Coordinator. He shared how his remarkably interesting career path led him to his current position. And, as a wonderful surprise, Senator Lois Kolkhorst stopped by after campaigning on the LG courthouse square and spoke to us for about 30 minutes.

Nov. 20 – We had three speakers from Turning Point USA, a Conservative Educational Foundation: Mark Cota, Maycee Crofts - Alamo (Austin) Field representative, Stormi Rodriguez - Magnolia (Houston) Field Representative, and Student Campus Coordinator from Texas State, Kayla. Each was an excellent speaker, sharing how they got involved with TPUSA and their passion to spread the conservative message nationwide.

Dec. 5 – Our annual Christmas party and officer installation was held at **Frisch Auf! Country Club** in La Grange. Our speaker was State Rep. Ben Leman. Fayette County Judge Joe Weber performed the induction ceremony.

NEXT MEETING:

**Thursday, January 21, 2021
at La Grange City Hall
Social time 6 pm
Business meeting 6:30 pm**

Of Special Note:

*FCRW 2021
Officers installed*

*FCRW Members
will not let a
pandemic slow
them down*

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FCRW Board Meetings:

Are held on the second Thursday of the month at La Grange City Hall, 155 E. Colorado, starting at 2 PM.

All members are welcome to attend and provide input.

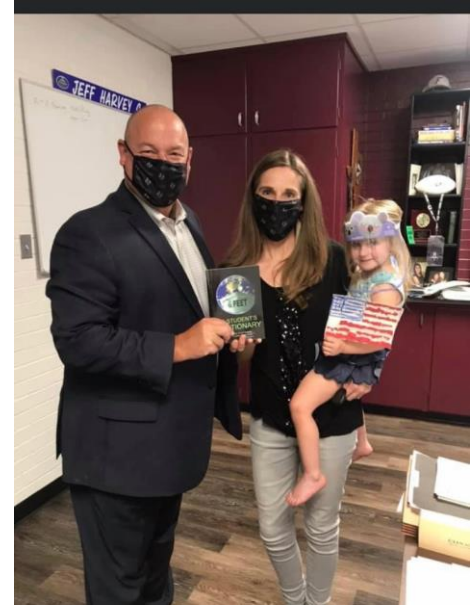
Dictionary Project Completed in October



FCRW Literacy Chair Jackie Matthews did an outstanding job coordinating with all the public elementary schools and home-school organizations in Fayette County to distribute encyclopedic dictionaries to

every third grader. This effort, as with everything else this year, was made more difficult with the COVID restrictions. Each year the Literacy chair must coordinate with each school and organization to get a headcount of their third graders, order the dictionaries, and recruit FCRW volunteers to deliver them to the schools. Jackie's target kept changing with varying decisions on when and how the schools would open. Dictionaries were delivered to Flatonia Elementary, Hermes Elementary LGISD, Fayetteville Elementary, Round Top-Carmine Elementary, Schulenburg Elementary, Sacred Heart, La Grange, St. Rose of Lima, Schulenburg, and Greater Vision Team School, a home school organization.

Pictured: Jamie Moreau, presenting dictionaries at Fayetteville elementary.



FCRW Remained Active Throughout 2020

Despite the continuation of restrictions and mask mandates due to COVID, FCRW remained engaged in political activities throughout the year. As mentioned in the last newsletter, our Republican campaign HQ opened September 1 and remained open 5 days a week until October 31. Carmela Atwood and many other FCRW members worked HQ, assisted the Election Administration team and/or worked the polls on Nov. 4. FCRW held our regularly-scheduled board meetings and general meetings. We participated in the Czhlispiel parade in Flatonia, as part of a large "Trump Train". Our November meeting was held at Frisch Auf! Country Club with three guest speakers from Turning Point USA. It was wonderful to see and hear these young adults talk about how they became conservatives and joined the TPUSA organization. They are our future! Dec. 5 was our annual Christmas party. In mid-December, Kimberley Rutledge, Barbara Applet, Cindy Rodibaugh and Deborah Frank attended the GRW Christmas luncheon in Galveston.

Pictured L: Carmela Atwood; R: Kimberley Rutledge, Deborah Frank, LaMorris Thompson, Barbara Appelt, and Frank Forestier waiting for the Czhlispiel parade to start.



Deborah Frank Honored at TFRW TTW



TFRW's bi-annual **Tribute to Women** luncheon was supposed to take place during the RPT state convention. However, like so many other events in 2020, it was postponed. As it turned out, the separation of the TTW from the convention made the event much more relaxed and enjoyable. FCRW's honoree was Deborah Frank, who has held multiple officer positions in FCRW, including multiple terms as Secretary and

President. Deborah and Barbara Appelt traveled to Georgetown on November 14 for the event, which was held at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center. The keynote speaker was Kimberly Warner, a businesswoman from Kenosha, WI. whose home and businesses were in the middle of the BLM/ANTIFA riots, burnings, and looting there this past summer. Coincidentally, Barbara's sister, Marilyn Beasley, was the honoree from Central TX RW (Temple/Waco area). Congratulations to them both!

Meet Your FCRW 2021 Officers



Our 2021 Officers were installed during our annual Christmas party held at Frisch Auf! Country Club in La Grange. As usual, the facility was beautifully decorated for Christmas and the dinner was delicious. Several FCRW members provided a nice selection of excellent desserts. County Judge Joe Weber conducted the installation ceremony. Our State Representative Ben Leman also attended and gave us a preview of his priorities for the next legislative session.

Above (L-R): President, Cindy Rodibaugh; VP/Program Chair, Kimberley Rutledge; Secretary, Jamie Moreau; and Treasurer, Debra Eguizabal.

Sadly, FCRW lost three members in 2020. Tax Assessor-Collector Rosalinda Adamcik died after contracting COVID-19. Long-time members Shirley Pyburn and Freda McInnis died of natural causes. We will miss all of them. Please keep their families in your prayers.

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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.
And God Bless President Trump,
the best President we ever had.**



"A people that elect corrupt politicians, imposters, thieves and traitors are not victims, but accomplices."

GEORGE ORWELL

"Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy. Its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery." WINSTON CHURCHILL