“INFLUENCING TEXANS THROUGH EDUCATION”

From Judy Cook, FCRW President

Dear FCRW,
So far this year Nancy Applebe has gotten interesting speakers and we have had good meetings. My thanks to all who attended. You can still order an FCRW vest. Please consider ordering.

This year’s race for President is…what can I say? … DIFFERENT! That does not change our GOAL to elect Republicans in our county, state, and nationwide.

Our next two meetings, in April and May, will be at The Holman Valley Steak House on Hwy 155 at Holman. After May’s meeting we will break for the summer. However, that does not mean our work is through, we will host our 2nd annual “BOOTS and BLING” GALA in September at the WEIMERY. Details will be sent out later. Last year’s was a grand event. Our Fundraiser Chair and planning committee are working hard to make it even better in 2016!

Thank you,
Judy Cook
KEEP TEXAS RED!!

Recapping our 1st Quarter Monthly Meetings

Jan. 19 – We met at 6:30 PM at the La Grange City Hall council chambers. President Judy Cook shared plans for 2016, including a change in meeting location and a fall fundraiser. Then the two Republican candidates for Fayette County Tax Assessor and one of the JP3 candidates introduced themselves and explained their qualifications for the offices they were seeking.

Feb. 18 – We met at 6:30 PM at Frank’s Restaurant in Schulenburg. Our guest speaker was Randan Steinhauser, co-owner of Steinhauser Strategies, along with her husband Brendan Steinhauser. Randan shared how she got involved in politics and what their consulting business offers their clients, which include U.S. Senator John Cornyn and U.S. Congressman Michael McCaul.

March 17 – We met at 6:30 PM at Frank’s Restaurant in Schulenburg. Our guest speaker was Dr. Randy Albers, retired LGISD Superintendent. He talked about his many years of experience in education and his perception of what education will look like in the future, with the heavy reliance on computers and digital data. He also discussed one of the many challenges that educators face – the fact that they are expected to teach morals and basic manners, as these are too often not taught by example at home.

NEXT MEETING:
Apr. 21, 2016 6:30 PM at Holman Valley Steakhouse
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FCRW’s 2016 Barbara Bush Library Project is Complete

Each year FCRW donates one adult book and one youth book to each of the four public libraries in Fayette County: in Flatonia, Schulenburg, La Grange, and Round Top.

This year’s adult book selections were: Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates: The Forgotten War That Changed American History, By: Brian Kilmeade & Don Yaeger. This is the little-known story of how a newly independent nation was challenged by four Muslim powers and what happened when America’s third president decided to stand up to intimidation.

Killing Reagan: The Violent Assault that Changed a Presidency

by Bill O’Reilly and Martin Dugard

Killing Reagan reaches back to the golden days of Hollywood, where Reagan found both fame and heartbreak, up through the years in the California governor’s mansion, and finally to the White House, where he presided over boom years and the fall of the Iron Curtain. But it was John Hinckley Jr.’s attack on him that precipitated President Reagan’s most heroic actions. In Killing Reagan, O’Reilly and Dugard take readers behind the scenes, creating an unforgettable portrait of a great man operating in violent times.

This year’s youth book selections were: Rush Revere and the Star Spangled Banner, by Rush Limbaugh and Kathryn Adams Limbaugh. It’s the dawn of an important new day in America. Young readers, grab the reins and join rush revere, liberty the horse, and the whole time-traveling crew in this patriotic historical adventure that takes you on an exciting trip to the past to see our remarkable nation’s most iconic symbols up close and personal!

Arlington: Story of our Nation’s Cemetery

by Chris Demarest

AMERICA’S RESTING PLACE. The story of the national cemetery— from the Revolutionary War to the present. Arlington recounts the complicated history of one of the nation’s most famous and most-visited national monuments and its fascinating daily life. Carefully researched and documented, Chris Demarest’s watercolor paintings capture the spirit and pathos of the last resting place of more than 300,000 Americans who have served their country.

Thanks to our Literacy Chairperson, Barbara Appelt, for taking the time to review the many choices and making these selections! (See pictures on page 4)

WILL THE SUPREME COURT BECOME A PUPPET OF THE FAR LEFT PROGRESSIVES?

Received from Buddy Koenig, Austin County Republican Party Chairman

Some people have brought up the fact that they won't vote for Trump or Cruz if either is the eventual Republican nominee. Let's put this in perspective: Justice Scalia’s seat is vacant. Ginsberg is 82 years old, Kennedy is 79, Breyer is 77, and Thomas is 67. Nowadays, the data shows that the average age of a Supreme Court retirement or death occurs after 75.

These are 5 vacancies that will likely come up over the next 4-8 years. The next President will have the power to potentially create a 7-2 Supreme Court skewed in their ideology. Think about that... 7-2. If the next President appoints 5 young justices, it will guarantee control of the Supreme Court for an entire generation. And 7-2 decisions will hold up much more over time than 5-4 decisions which are seemed to be lacking in mandate.

Hillary has made it clear she will use the Supreme Court to go after the 2nd Amendment. She has literally said that the Supreme Court was wrong in its Heller decision stating that the Court should overturn and remove the individual right to keep and bear arms. Period.

Everyone saying that they won't vote for one candidate or the other if they are the GOP nominee, please realize this: If Hillary Clinton wins and gets to make these appointments, there likely will never be another Conservative victory at the Supreme Court level for the rest of your life, if EVER.

If you are a Conservative, a vote for anyone but the GOP nominee, whomever that will be, is a vote for Hillary Clinton. The fate of the supreme court and, subsequently, America, is in our hands.
From Theresa Kosmoski, President:
While I was in a DC cab last week, I had a déjà-vu moment; I was driving by the Lincoln Memorial at nearly this same time two years ago. Back then I had a nauseating moment listening to the President spew his tired lines about his party's "near heroic efforts" to rid this country of that inexorable evil he and his minions like to call income inequality. Then, as now, I recalled Lincoln's famous speech given on June 16, 1858, at the Illinois Republican Convention in Springfield, where he uttered the immortal phrase, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."
Fast forward 148 years, and I cannot think of a more prescient sentiment. All across this country our people are waging bitter battles to determine the man (or woman) best able to represent our electorate, lead our country and preserve our freedom, both at home and abroad. We've only just come through our primaries here in Texas, and no candidate was able to receive a majority of our votes which only proves that we are a diverse state with diverse opinions. We, in Texas, know how to play hard, but we know how to work even harder. So many of you have given everything you had in you on behalf of your candidate, and for that I am very grateful and proud. The presidential nomination story neither begins nor ends in Texas and there are still wars to wage, for that's what politics has, mostly, become. We may, or may not, know who our Presidential Nominee will be until the Republican National Convention in July. Some of us will be thrilled with the outcome, but obviously, so many will be deeply saddened, perhaps even angry. But we cannot allow our deep loyalty to our candidate take precedent over our loyalty to our party and our principles. We cannot allow our disappointment to divide our Republican house. When the dust settles and November rolls around, we must remember that even the worst Republican is better than the best that the Democrats have to offer. Get up, shake it off, and move forward. And do not decide to exercise your right to abstain on Election Day. Republicans who stay home elect Democrats. Our Republican Party of Texas Convention takes place in May. No matter what candidate or platform plank you are supporting, you must show up, work as hard as you can, and then move on. It is up to us, the grassroots leaders of our nation, to rise up and say ENOUGH. We want effective government. We want honor and integrity in our leaders. We want to hear the truth and not a basketful of meaningless political doublespeak. If there is any hope of saving the great American Dream for our children, we must unite to change things. And we can, both in May and in November. We simply must. But we can only do so if we remain united.

Food for Thought...

"Society's needs come before the individual's needs."  
-Adolph Hitler

"We must stop thinking of the individual and start thinking about what is best for society."  
-Hillary Clinton

YES, I DID IT TO AVOID PUBLIC SCRUTINY AND I PROMISE TO CONTINUE WITH PRESIDENT OBAMA'S "POLICY OF TRANSPARENCY."

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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 who care passionately about the conservative cause. Education is a very important aspect of our mission. In support of that goal, we have several activities which involve residents throughout the county. We held our first Tribute to Women brunch in July 2010 and continued this event annually through 2014. This is a non-partisan event with nominations accepted for any deserving volunteer in Fayette County. Our 2015 fundraiser was a dinner event at The Weimary with very special keynote speaker Congressman Michael McCaul. These fundraisers support our annual literacy projects and scholarships. We donate select books to the 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 2016 we are able to offer $600 scholarships. Beginning in 2013, we offered 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 website:
www.FCRWTX.org

P.S.
From Cindy Rodibaugh, FCRW Campaign Chair: Thanks to all members who reported their volunteer hours. FCRW reported 985 hours to TFRW for the 1st quarter of 2016!