From Deborah Frank, FCRW President

FCRW Members, Our organization was very busy this second quarter. As VP and Program Chair, Cindy Rodibaugh continued to arrange excellent speakers for our general meetings. We selected our five scholarship winners and attended award ceremonies to present them at each of the high schools. We began planning and preparations for our Boots & Bling fundraiser to be held on October 20 at the historic Casino Hall in La Grange; We also had 9 FCRW members / associate members attend the RPT State Convention in June, during which Cindy Rodibaugh was our Tribute to Women honoree at the TFRW luncheon.

You will find updates and highlights on these events in this newsletter. We will not have a general meeting in July due to vacations, etc. So, have a fun summer and we’ll see you in August ready to get back to work and support our educational projects and conservative candidates!

GOD BLESS TEXAS.
GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Deborah Frank

Revisiting our 2nd Quarter Monthly Meetings

April 19 meeting – Held at La Grange City Hall. Seven local candidates or their representatives attended and spoke about their qualifications and visions for the future of Fayette county.

Cindy Rodibaugh gave a presentation on The Alamo and the controversy over changes to the complex proposed by the out-of-state consultants hired by the General Land Office Commissioner, George P. Bush.

May 17 meeting – Held at La Grange City Hall. Guest speaker, Philip Haney, a founder of Homeland Security spoke of the “swamp creatures” comprised of Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. He gave details of the DHS’s betrayal, our country’s fight for sovereignty, Global Islamists, the Antifa Progressive movement, Sharia Law, and other subjects threatening our country and freedoms which are protected by the Constitution’s ‘wall’ of words.

June 21 meeting – Held a Holman Valley Steakhouse. Three attendees to the RPT convention covered several aspects of the event.

NEXT MEETING:
Aug. 16, at La Grange City Hall. Speaker: Joan Somma with T-FIRE, re: The price we pay for illegal immigration.

SAVE these Dates:
Oct. 20: “Boots & Bling” fundraiser at the historic Casino Hall in La Grange.
Dec. 7: Christmas party & 2019 officer inductions.
**CONGRATULATIONS, Cindy!**

U.S. Senator John Cornyn and Cindy Rodibaugh

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On June 15, while attending the RPT State Convention, five of us attended TFRW’s Tribute to Women luncheon. FCRW’s honoree at this event was our VP/Program Chair, Cindy Rodibaugh. Cindy joined FCRW in 2008 and has served on the Board as Treasurer 2009-2010; Social Chairman 2011; Secretary 2012-2013; Vice-President and Program Chair in 2014-2015 and 2017-2018. She also served as Campaign Chair in 2016. As Program Chair, Cindy spends many hours each month researching topics and interviewing potential speakers for our monthly meetings. She has done an outstanding job of bringing important topics to our attention and arranging speakers to educate us on issues ranging from public education reforms and school choice, law enforcement, the “climate change” controversy, the Constitution and following our laws, election processes, to the threats to our Republican majority in Texas. We can always count on Cindy to stand up for conservative values and speak her mind to defend important issues.

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UPDATE: The FCRW board met on June 6 and June 27 to plan for this year’s fundraiser. Here are the decisions so far: It will be held again at the Historic Casino Hall in La Grange on Saturday, October 20. (We have a signed contract). We will have a buffet-style dinner. We are in the process of getting menu options and pricing from several caterers in Fayette County, including Peter’s in Ellinger. We’re working on shaking things up a bit this year. Nothing is final yet, but we want to have an entertaining (non-political but conservative) speaker, a live band, a small dance floor, and both live and silent auctions. As you can imagine, this is going to take a lot of work to pull off, so anyone willing to assist is welcome to attend our next Fundraiser committee meeting on July 31, 5:30 pm, at Botts Title in La Grange. Also, if anyone knows a source which would donate beer or wine, please advise our Fundraiser chair, Kimberley Rutledge, at krutledgecpa@aol.com or 214 507-9922. As a reminder, all proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit our 2019 Literacy and Scholarship programs.
Fayette County Republican Women Award Scholarships

This year Fayette County Republican Women again offered $800.00 scholarships to graduating, college-bound senior girls at each of the five Fayette County high schools. The winners demonstrated outstanding leadership skills, high grade point averages, positive involvement in their communities, and conservative qualities. A total of five scholarships were awarded. Congratulations to this year's recipients:

Round Top-Carmine: Josephine Drydale; presenter: Cindy Rodibaugh
La Grange: Bethany Stork; presenter: Brenda Fietsam
Schulenburg: Skylar Hinson; presenter: Brenda Fietsam
Flatonia: Katherine James; presenter: Cindy Rodibaugh
Fayetteville: Stormy Kasmiersky; presenter: Pat Schmidt

Applicants were evaluated based on their academic record, leadership activities in local organizations, conservative values and goals, recommendations from teachers and community leaders, and their written essay on conservatism. The scholarships were presented in May at each high school’s awards ceremony.

2018 Scholarship Recipients and Presentations

Top Row, L-R: Bethany Stork, La Grange; Josephine Drydale, Round Top-Carmine; Katherine James, Flatonia; Skylar Hinson, Schulenburg. Bottom Row: Stormy Kasmiersky, Fayetteville. Josephine and Cindy; Kathryn and Cindy; Skylar and Brenda.
In June, nine of us represented Fayette County as delegates in the SD 18 caucus at the Republican Party of Texas State convention in San Antonio. They were: David Stall, Linda Stall, Deborah Frank, Cindy Rodibaugh, Kimberley Rutledge, Rita Dernehl, David Barr, Donna Barr, and Darrell Palm. Of those, all except Darrell Palm are members or associate members of FCRW. Additionally, Barbara Appelt, FCRW Literacy Chair, attended the convention as a guest of her sister, who was a delegate from Bell County.

David Stall was elected SD18 caucus Chairman and did a wonderful job managing those caucus meetings, as well as the voting on the floor of the general sessions. New this year, in our caucus and many others who supported the effort, was electronic voting. After an initial temporary glitch calculating the results from the first votes taken, things ran smoothly and the voting process went MUCH quicker than in the past when we used paper ballots.

Our SD18 caucus re-elected Edee Sinclair as our committeewoman and elected Rick Figueroa, as our committeeman. Our nominee for State Chairman was James Dickey and for Vice Chair, Alma Jackson – both of whom ended up winning those positions.

The new RPT Rules, Platform, and Legislative priorities can be found at www.texasgop.org but here are some highlights:

- **Principles**
  - “The laws of Nature and God” and we support the strict adherence to the original language and intent of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitutions of the United States and of Texas.
  - The sanctity of innocent human life, created in the image of God, which should be protected from fertilization to natural death.
  - Preserving American and Texas sovereignty and freedom.
  - Limiting government power to those items enumerated in the United States and Texas Constitutions.
  - Personal accountability and responsibility.
  - Self-sufficient families founded on the traditional marriage of a natural man and a natural woman.
  - Having an educated population, with parents having the freedom of choice for the education of their children.
  - The inalienable right of all people to defend themselves and their property.
  - A free enterprise society unencumbered by government interference or subsidies.
  - Honoring all of those that serve and protect our freedom.

- **Legislative Priorities**
  - Constitutional Carry
  - Abolish Taxpayer-funded Lobbying
  - Abolish Abortion
  - Abolish School Property Tax and replace with Consumption Tax or other mechanism OTHER than income tax
  - Religious Freedom and Privacy
On Friday, May 25, our District 10 U.S. Congressman Michael McCaul visited Fayette County and spoke to a group at the Historic Lyric Theater in downtown Flatonia. The Flatonia Chamber of Commerce coordinated this event in which the Congressman gave us updates on several issues, then opened the floor for questions. As Chairman of the Homeland Security Committee, the Congressman is aware of the many continuous threats to Americans and our homeland. In a recent email post, he said the following:

“As a Texan and Chairman of the Homeland Security Committee, I know the threats along our southern border are real and dangerous. Last week’s legislation would have delivered President Trump’s four pillars including my Border Security for America Act - which includes a wall - and a merit-based immigration system to bring in the best and brightest. Unfortunately, we could not get this done and this national security issue will only get worse moving forward. I will continue to advance solutions that will secure our border, close legal loopholes, and fix our broken immigration laws”.

**Things to consider...**

“The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything.” **Albert Einstein**

“If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools.” - **Plato**

“Only in America are legal citizens labeled “racists” and “Nazis” but illegal aliens are called “Dreamers”.”

- **Kevin Sorbo**
In closing… Let us thank the Lord that we still live in a free nation and remember to honor those who fought and died to secure those freedoms.

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 keynote speaker State Comptroller Glenn Hegar. These fundraisers support our annual literacy projects and scholarships. 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. Scholarships are awarded to one graduating senior girl in each of the five high schools in Fayette County. Initially offering $250, 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. In addition, last year FCRW donated $4,000 to Fayette county law enforcement agencies for protective vests in the spring and contributed $1,500 to flood relief efforts in Fayette County last fall.

Please join us as we work to bring our Country back to conservative values, protect our families, and restore American freedoms for the next generation!

God Bless Texas. God Bless America.

For more information about our organization, visit our web site: www.FCRWTX.org.