**3rd Quarter 2016**

**The Republican Forum**
Fayette County Republican Women Newsletter

**“INFLUENCING TEXANS THROUGH EDUCATION”**

**Judy Cook, FCRW President**

FCRW Members, I am asking all members to mount an all-out effort to elect all Republicans running for office locally, statewide, and nationally. Please help GET OUT THE VOTE! As you all know this is the most important election in our nation’s history. We must remember and honor our commitment to the Republican Party. Work hard for the USA. The future of America is in our hands.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA KEEP TEXAS RED!**

**Judy Cook**

P.S.
One way you can help is to work the polls on election day! Contact FCRP Chair David Stall or our new Elections Administrator, Terri Steinhauser Hefner, to volunteer.

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**Revisiting our 3rd Quarter Monthly Meetings**

- No July meeting—See pictures of Round Top July 4th Parade on page 3.
- No Aug. General meeting – However, the Board met and voted to not have a fundraiser in 2016 since we made enough money last year to cover both 2016 and 2017 scholarships and literacy activities. We will concentrate on the elections.
- Sep. 15 meeting—Speaker was Angela Lala, from the Fayette County Sheriff’s office, provided insight into the world of “non-glamorous” local policing. We also reminded members that we need to start thinking about 2017 officer nominations.

**Dates to Remember:**
Voter Registration deadline: 10-10-16

**Early Voting:** 10-24 thru 11-4

**Election Day:** 11-8

Nov. 17: FCRW 2017 Officer elections.

**SAVE these Dates:**
Dec. 8: FCRW Christmas party and 2017 officer induction, 6:30 PM at Frisch Auf! Country Club. Senator Lois Kolkhorst will attend to speak to us and perform our officer installations. We will also have a silent auction during this event. Bring a friend and join the celebration!!
It is AMAZING how much I didn’t know about how corrupt and deceitful the Democratic party has been since its inception in the 1800s. And Hillary is, literally, the POSTER CHILD of their corruption! If you haven’t read this book, please do so, or go see the movie. The DVD will be coming out in October. Look for it and share it with others. We have to get the word out before the November elections.

Here are the key points of the book. These are documented, historical facts, not just someone’s opinion, and certainly not part of a “Right-wing conspiracy” that Hillary wants you to believe is being perpetrated against her.

• The Democratic Party was the PRO-SLAVERY party. The Civil war was a war between the Republican party, which wanted to abolish slavery, and the Democratic party which wanted to maintain and expand slavery.

• Abraham Lincoln was a Republican, and the Republican party freed the slaves in 1863 with the Emancipation Proclamation. PERIOD.

• The Republican party, over the objections of the Democratic party, passed the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments to the Constitution to secure freedom, civil rights, and the right to vote for blacks, in the aftermath of the Civil War. For the next century, despite these amendments and the anti-discrimination laws passed by Republicans, the Democrats virtually nullified them with segregation, intimidation, and even murder. YES! The Democratic party was and IS the party of the Ku Klux Klan!!

• Today, the Democrats have managed to take credit for the Civil Rights movement by ignoring the original legislation passed by Republicans in the 1800s and focusing on the Civil Rights Acts that were (redundantly) passed in the 1960s by Democrats. In reality, the Democrats were, as a party, still opposed to this legislation in the 1960s. However, a few recognized that the party needed the black vote in order to stay viable.

• The Democrats seized on the opportunity to control the black vote by controlling their lives. By offering them government assistance – food, housing, health care, etc., the Democrats managed to create the Democratic Plantation. Just another form of slavery which kept blacks “in their place”. Just think about all the inner city poverty and corruption in Democrat-controlled cities.

• More recently, Democrats have expanded their plantation to include “refugees” and illegal immigrants. Regardless of what the Democrats say, they are not truly sympathetic to the plight of these people. They are only interested in accumulating more voters who are dependent upon government assistance and will continue to vote for Democratic candidates in order to maintain their “entitlements”.

• In reality, corrupt Democrats have been lying to and stealing from anyone and everyone they could control or intimidate since Andrew Jackson stole land from the Indians for his personal financial benefit.

• The Clintons are the epitome of that corruption. They have been lying, cheating, and stealing since Bill was governor of Arkansas. They have always used their political positions for personal gain. They literally sold the use of the White House, along with political favors, while he was president and stole it when they left. Hillary did the same as Secretary of State. They have both made national and foreign policy decisions, adversely affecting Americans, based solely on how THEY could benefit.

• Hillary and Obama had the same mentor: Saul Alinsky, a radical activist. From him they learned how to use community organization as a tool for political intimidation and extortion for their personal gain. Both have taken this premise to a whole new level. Neither has ever held a job in the workforce. They have sucked off the political tit their entire adult lives.

• From covering for Bill’s acts as a predatory sex offender to setting in motion events which led to the Benghazi massacre, Hillary is simply a heartless, money-grubbing crook. She claims to be for women’s rights, when she has denigrated and threatened those women brave enough to come forward about Bill’s sexual abuse. She claims to be for “the little guy”, when in reality she is only interested in what benefits her financially. Their “charity” organizations actually only give a miniscule amount to the charities they claim to support. The bulk of the money somehow manages to find its way back to the Clinton’s personal accounts. Hillary claims to sympathize with the immigrants and refugees, when all she wants is more Democratic voters she can control. She claimed to be for government transparency but used a private email server in order to control access to all of her correspondence, including secret and classified materials. And she has LIED about all of these things.

In summary, Hillary is a pathological liar and a narcissistic sociopath focused solely on her own personal power and financial enrichment. If she is elected, America is DOOMED.
Each year FCRP & FCRW decorate a truck and a large trailer with bunting and candidate signs to participate in the Round Top July 4th parade. We play patriotic music and hand out small American flags to the children along the route. This year’s participants were: Rock Laibson (driver), David Stall (FCRP County Chair), Deborah Frank (FCRP Vice-Chair), Pat Schmidt with her granddaughter Cate Schmidt, Terri Hefner, Evelyn Mica, William Bernsen with his wife Brianne and their 5 kids, and Ursula Higgs.

Trump Rally in Austin by Deborah Frank

On Tuesday, Aug. 23, I attended a rally for Donald J. Trump at the Exposition center east of Austin. It was exciting to see Trump in person and the fact that the center was filled with enthusiastic Trump supporters. The rally was interesting with speakers including former New York Mayor Rudi Guliani and Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller. There was a lot of enthusiasm and the place was FULL, despite how the media might have portrayed the event. The was very tight security and no big problems. I saw no protesters outside. There were a few hecklers inside but they were quickly removed by APD and/or secret service. Yes, the event was fun, however, getting into and out of the Exposition center was a nightmare. Despite leaving downtown La Grange at 5 PM, I didn't get into the parking lot until after 7. Then I got into the line to get inside the building. I was finally inside a little after 7:30 and the event had started. Trump came on stage at 8 PM. I walked out a few minutes before 9, when I could tell he was winding down, got to my car within 10 minutes but then sat in place for 20 minutes before being able to get into the exit lane. I got home just before 11 PM. I’m glad I went but crowds like that really make me appreciate life in a small town.
FCRW Member Attends Congressman McCaul’s Book Signing by Cindy Rodibaugh

On August 17, 2016, I attended the Texas Public Policy Foundation (TPPF) in Austin where Kevin Roberts, Executive Vice President of TPPF, interviewed U.S. Congressman Michael McCaul about his book, *Failures of Imagination*.

**Why was the book written?** To present the American citizen with fact-based fiction that allows entry into non-classified work and space to think like the enemy. Also, to expose the false narratives of the White House which attempt to downgrade the terror threat. Calling the Fort Hood shooting incident “work-place violence” or referring to ISIS as “the JV team” better fit the narrative of Obama’s 2012 re-election campaign: he wanted everyone to believe that, under his leadership, the threat of terrorism has diminished.” Another reason for writing the book was for the generation growing up in the post 9/11 world. The mission of the WWII soldiers, like McCaul’s father, was to roll back the violent extremism of Nazism. The next generation will face a new daunting test. They will face a theology threat that is determined to eliminate the American way of life. Individuals that adhere to this viscous theology are enemies of civilization that seek death and destruction; to them, no citizen of our nation is an innocent bystander.”

**What or who inspired the title?** The 9/11 Commission Report. Admiral Bobby Inman, a veteran of the intelligence community stated 9/11 was “grounded in a failure of the imagination; the kind in which you don’t know what you’re looking for; you don’t know where to look”. From the book, page 2, “We didn’t see the enemy coming. Because we didn’t want to.” Peggy Noonan quoted the phrase “failure of imagination” from astronaut Frank Borman’s testimony before Congress about the deaths of three American astronauts who were incinerated when fire broke out in a space capsule. It seemed the best title to define the ‘Red Team Exercises’ presented in the book; terror scenarios developed from open source material for the American citizen observer—to create awareness. The book was not written to frighten or entertain people but to expand the limits of the American’s imagination regarding our vulnerabilities.

**How has the book been received in national security circles?** “Pretty well.” It has been described as “a bit of an attack on the administration”. (The audience laughed.) McCaul referred to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton as “the architect of failed foreign policy.” Executive inaction by the Obama administration, “leading from behind”, has resulted in the proliferation of jihadist threats. Failed foreign policy has created vacuums of leadership in places such as N. Africa, Egypt.

**How are we dealing with ISIS?** “We have had no military plan to combat ISIS for the past 4 years.” From the book, (pg. 34), “We need a concrete strategy, and we needed it yesterday.”

Mr. Roberts questioned the inspiration for the chapter about a ‘dirty bomb’ scenario in the port of Houston. McCaul responded that the inspiration came from the offensive nuclear deal with Iraq. What’s to prevent the possibility of a state-sponsored terror attack that could shut down energy supply to the U.S.? I literally shivered and stopped taking notes when Mr. Roberts asked McCaul about “cyber security”. McCaul made reference to “the Dark Web”. I reread chapter 5 of his book, titled, “Going Dark: Cyber strike on the World’s Financial Capital”, which talks about ‘quantum hacking machines’, “hacker communities”, “hacker collectives”, “trade in rumors and expertise”. These ‘dark web’ characters have proven to provide a very effective avenue of recruitment for “foreign fighters” as well as procuring stolen identities and funds. McCaul mentioned his frustration with Clinton’s carelessness with classified information and his bill, which passed the House, *Taking Responsibility Using Secured Technologies (TRUST) Act of 2016*. He has also cosponsored the *Separation of Powers Restoration Act* to restore checks and balances between branches of government to reign in the overreach of the executive branch under President Obama.

So much information was presented in such a short time. I highly recommend reading *Failures of Imagination*. Brenden Steinhauser was instrumental in obtaining a signed copy of the book, which will go to the highest bidder at the FCRW silent auction at our December gala. Thank you, Brenden.

**In conclusion**, I quote from Mr. McCaul’s book, (pg.33), “Terror isn’t about those killed. It’s about the spectacle and the reaction after the attack.” Don’t be a victim of terror. Combat terror by expanding the limits of your imagination; learn how the enemy thinks; understand the motives of your enemy; prepare yourself for what’s ahead so you won’t be distracted by fear or emotions.
FCRW’s Fall Dictionary Project Has Started

As part of FCRW’s annual literacy efforts, each fall we donate an encyclopedic dictionary to every 3rd grader in Fayette County. This effort is led by our Literacy Chair, Barbara Appelt, who has done an outstanding job for the past several years. First, she coordinates with the schools to get their head counts, then she orders the dictionaries and, when they arrive, recruits other FCRW members to assist her with distribution at each of the schools. The students are always excited about the wide range of information in the books and appreciative of FCRW’s donation. Thanks, again, to Barbara for her dedication to our literacy projects.

FCRP & FCRP Teamed Up Again for Fayette County Fair and Parade

Once again FCRW and FCRP joined forces to display our Republican presence in Fayette County by participating in the Fair parade and manning our Republican booth at the fairgrounds throughout the 4-day event. Participating in the parade were: David and Linda Stall, Deborah Frank, George Morovich, Pat Schmidt, and William Bernsen with four of his children – Katelyn, Aubrey, William, and Abram. Workers at the fair booth were: Delores Bayer, Linda Svrcek, Barbara Appelt, LaMorris Thompson, Jeannette Burger, Deborah Frank, Joe and Carolyn Bailey, Lemae Higgs, Cindy Rodibaugh, Ursula Higgs, David and Linda Stall, William Bernsen and his daughter Katelyn, Pat Schmidt, Judy Cook, George Morovich, Cristine Etue, Arnold and Suzy Romberg, and Carl Luecker. A BIG THANK YOU to all of you for sharing your time and presenting a positive Republican face to those visiting our fair booth.
As noted in our last newsletter, two of the three delegates sent to the Republican National Convention in Ohio in July, representing Congressional District 10, were from Fayette County. CD10 covers nine counties: Austin, Bastrop, Colorado, Fayette, Lee, Waller, Washington, and small parts of Harris and Travis counties. Fayette County Republican Chairman David Stall was elected as one of those three delegates. Former Governor Rick Perry, who now calls Fayette County home, was elected as an at-large delegate. It’s pretty impressive for our rural county to have two delegates at a National convention! David kept us informed throughout the week-long convention with daily Facebook posts, sharing many photos he had taken inside and outside the convention center.

Clockwise: Convention floor; David in the Texas Delegate section; A new badge had to picked up each day; Apparently the media liked David’s distinctive “Colonel Sanders” look because he appeared in shots of live and daily TV news programs numerous times. He was also interviewed by foreign news reporters several times; David with Texas Lt. Governor Dan Patrick.
The other day a woman approached me and, in a very concerned manner, asked me “Who are we going to vote for this time?” Of course, I replied, “The Republican nominee, of course! Donald Trump!”

Later, I got to thinking about this exchange. This lady must be completely uninformed about who the other party has nominated. Hillary Clinton would be a complete disaster for our Country. Her devastating beliefs would adversely affect this Country for generations to come.

To start with, the next president will appoint a replacement for Justice Antonin Scalia and, possibly, two or more Supreme Court justices. The next president will also appoint a number of other Federal judges. If Ms. Clinton is elected, you can be assured she will appoint judges that agree with her liberal agenda, thereby placing the First, Second, Tenth, and other Amendments in danger of being severely modified.

Everybody that has kept up with the news (unless they only keep up with the liberal propaganda available on the conventional news outlets) has heard how Ms. Clinton wants to do away with the Second amendment- the right to keep and bear arms. If she appoints a liberal Justice to the Supreme Court, the Court could overturn all the work of previous courts which have confirmed our Constitutional Second Amendment rights.

Right now, President Obama’s executive order giving amnesty to around five million persons in this country in violation of U. S. law has been stopped because the present Supreme Court could not render a ruling, thus sending the ruling back to the Fifth Court, which over-ruled President Obama’s order. If Ms. Clinton appoints a liberal Justice, the Supreme Court could revisit the case, and reverse the lower court’s ruling. Ms. Clinton has stated that she is for open borders, and a pathway to citizenship for aliens in this country illegally- more Democratic voters!

Ms. Clinton believes that Americans must modify their religious beliefs. She thinks gay marriage, catering to gays, abortion on demand (up to and including partial birth abortion), and other such intrusions into our religious beliefs should be the norm. If elected, her Supreme Court would essentially do away with the guarantees of the First Amendment.

Ms. Clinton has violated our laws regarding National Secrets yet she is above the law. Any other person who did what she did would be thrown UNDER the jail. Yet SHE wants to be promoted to the highest office of the land? Not if I can help it.

These are just a few of my thoughts. Thanks for listening. Virginia

Food for Thought... Cartoons extracted from Jonathon Garthwaite’s Town Hall web site: www.townhall.com

SO TRUE ABOUT WELFARE:

1. You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity.
2. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.
3. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.
4. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it!
5. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is the beginning of the end of any nation.

6. A government big enough to give you everything you want is big enough to take everything you have.
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 five public libraries in the spring and give an encyclopedic dictionary to each third grader in Fayette County. 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 2015 we were able to offer $400 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. We plan to expand our efforts in education by providing the booklet “Now You Are 18” to all graduating seniors in Fayette County.

*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 web site: [www.FCRWTX.org](http://www.FCRWTX.org).

**NOTE**: Our monthly general meetings are held evenings on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The locations may vary but will be emailed to members and posted on our web site: [www.FCRWTX.org](http://www.FCRWTX.org) and our Facebook page.

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**About Our Organization…**

Senator Lois Kolkhorst stopped by our float after the parade. Pictured with her are the Bernsen kids Katelyn, Aubrey, Levi, Abram and William (in costume) and Pat Schmidt’s granddaughter, Cate Schmidt (in the middle).

Fayette County Republicans with Senator Lois Kolkhorst (in the middle): Rock Laibson, Deborah Frank, David Stall and Pat Schmidt.