**Special Interest Articles:**

- Boots & Bling was a BIG SUCCESS!
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**From Deborah Frank, FCRW President**

FCRW Members,
Well, these past 3 months sure have gone by quickly. Despite the area flooding and devastation of many homes in our county in late August, we managed to complete preparations for our 2017 fundraiser and had a very successful event. Final results and pictures are in this newsletter. My thanks again to those hard-working board members and donors who helped make it a success! As we head into the final quarter of 2017, there is still work to do. We’ll have opportunities at our next two meetings to meet many of the local candidates running for various Fayette county offices in 2018. We want our members to be informed voters! Also, nominations for 2018 FCRW officers will take place at our Oct. 19 general meeting and voting at our Nov. 16 meeting. If you are interested in serving as an officer or committee chair, please let me know ASAP.

We will close out the year at our annual Christmas party at Frisch Auf! Country Club, with the installation of our 2018 officers. Your attendance and input at all meetings and events is needed and appreciated.

GOD BLESS TEXAS.
GOD BLESS AMERICA.

*Deborah Frank*

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**Revisiting our 3rd Quarter Monthly Meetings**

**July: No general meeting –**
Due to vacation schedules and participation in the July 4th parade in Round Top, we did not schedule a general meeting this month. Pictures from the July 4th parade were posted in the second quarter newsletter.

**Aug. 17** Speaker was Chip Roy with the Texas Public Policy Foundation. He explained the difference between an Article V Convention of States and a constitutional convention. Roy also discussed the “swamp” in Washington DC, and the riots in Charlottesville, VA. He encouraged and received lively discussion with the audience.

**Sep. 16** – Our “Boots & Bling” fundraiser event held at the Historic Casino Hall in La Grange. Our keynote speaker was State Comptroller Glenn Hegar.

**NEXT MEETING:**
**Oct. 19, at La Grange City Hall.** Speaker: Eric Opiela. His topic will be: “Indivisibles in Texas”. Rep. Leighton Schubert will also attend. 2018 local candidates were invited as well.

**SAVE these Dates:**
**Nov. 16:** at Holman Valley Steakhouse We will elect our 2018 officers. Open invite to all 2018 Republican candidates in Fayette county.

**Dec. 8:** Christmas party and 2018 officer induction, 6:30 PM at Frisch Auf! Country Club.
September 15, 2017

Senator Lois Kolkhorst Re-appointed to Statewide Committee to Study Coastal Barriers

AUSTIN, TX - Senator Lois Kolkhorst has been re-appointed to Joint a Legislative Interim Committee to study a Coastal Barrier System for the Texas coast. With a district that spans nearly a third of the Texas coastline, Senator Kolkhorst has been tapped by Lt. Governor Patrick to represent coastal stakeholders and join fellow lawmakers to study the structural options that could be built to prevent storm surges along Texas' coast. "Hurricane Harvey has once again shown us the economic and personal losses that are possible from a natural disaster along our Texas coast," said Kolkhorst. "Now, more than ever Texas must find a long-term solution to prepare for these future coastal catastrophes." The Joint Interim Committee to Study a Coastal Barrier System will report to the 86th Legislature the feasibility of creating and maintaining a coastal barrier system that includes a series of gates and barriers to prevent storm surge damage to gulf beaches, coastal ports, industry, and personal property. "In recent days we have seen how important it is that Texas has the best possible systems and infrastructure in place, not only for day-to-day operations, but also for unexpected and sometimes disastrous events," said Lt. Governor Patrick. "I know that Senator Kolkhorst is committed to ensuring Texas will continue to lead in every way."
As we are all aware, near the end of August, high winds and several days of tremendous rains from tropical storm Harvey devastated several neighborhoods and many businesses along the river near downtown La Grange. This, along with flooding of homes throughout Fayette County, created the need to help our neighbors who lost their homes, businesses, and possessions.

While finalizing preparations for our Boots & Bling fundraiser in early September, the FCRW board made the decision to donate any proceeds from the event, over the amount needed to fund our 2018 scholarships and literacy programs, to help the flood victims.

Thanks to generous auction items and cash donations, the perfect number of attendees, and plenty of participation in the auction bidding, FCRW not only met our 2018 funding needs but was able to donate $1,500.00 to The Good Shepherd Fund, at Prosperity Bank to assist the disaster relief efforts in Fayette county.

Pictured with Ashley Raabe, Assistant VP Loan Officer at Prosperity Bank, is FCRW President, Deborah Frank, presenting the check from FCRW.

UPDATE: Our 2017 Boots & Bling fundraiser was a success! As noted in the article above, not only did we meet FCRW’s funding needs for our 2018 scholarships and literacy projects, we were able to donate the excess proceeds to the Fayette County flood relief efforts. Pictured L-R: Deborah Frank, FCRW President, Dara Hegar, State Comptroller Glenn Hegar, Rep. Leighton Schubert; Barbara Appelt, FCRW Literacy Chair, Carole Bourlon, FCRW Scholarship Chair, and Carolyn Bailey. Some of the terrific auction items, which added almost $2,500 to our net proceeds. See page six for additional pictures.

(Center picture was taken by Stephanie Steinhauser, Captures Photography)
Texas State Comptroller, Glenn Hegar (October 12, 2017 email)

When I took office in January of 2015, I pledged that my office would focus on the core duties for which this agency is responsible. One of those responsibilities is managing Texas’ unclaimed property program, and I am pleased to announce that in fiscal year 2017, which ended August 31st, my office returned a record $281 million back to rightful owners all over our great state.

That total breaks the previous record of $270 million returned in fiscal 2016. In fact, since I took office, my agency has reunited rightful owners with nearly $800 million in unclaimed property.

That means, my goal of returning $1 billion in unclaimed property back to the people in my first term is well within reach, and I urge you to visit ClaimItTexas.org to see if you have any unclaimed property. Often, it’s easier than you might think to lose track of a utility deposit or insurance proceeds or dormant bank accounts. We’ve even received abandoned safety deposit boxes with gold coins or bars.

There is no statute of limitations for unclaimed property the state holds, which means you can claim your property at any time! You can even search for friends and family – but they’ll have to file their own claim.

I ran for Comptroller so that Texans could sleep well knowing their hard-earned dollars are protected and the state acts responsibly when it comes to their money. Our unclaimed property program is a prime example of that. I’m asking for your continued support as I work to return more money to more Texans and ensure the State of Texas remains the economic leader of this nation.

Yours in service,

Glenn Hegar
FCRW Presents Dictionaries to 3\textsuperscript{rd} Graders

Once again, our Literacy Chair, Barbara Appelt, has done a fantastic job of contacting all 7 of the elementary schools in Fayette County, as well as the Home School organization, to get their 3\textsuperscript{rd} grade headcounts, ordering the encyclopedic dictionaries, and coordinating the delivery and presentation of those dictionaries to the 3\textsuperscript{rd} graders. It’s amazing how excited the students get when she explains the various categories of information they can find in what is now their very own dictionary! Not just spelling and definitions of words but astrology, sign language, information about our U.S. Presidents and each of our United States, and more. Barbara says this is one of the most rewarding FCRW activities she’s involved in and enjoys it each year. Be sure to let her know if you are interested in participating in these presentations next year.

2017 Dictionary Presentations

Top L-R: Fayetteville Elementary and Schulenburg Elementary. Bottom L-R: St. Rose Catholic School in Schulenburg and Hermes Elementary, in La Grange. Pending presentations as of this writing: Sacred Heart Catholic School in La Grange, Flatonia Elementary, Round Top-Carmine Elementary, and Home School organization.
More Pictures from FCRW’s Boots & Bling Event

L-R each row: David Stall, FCRP Chair; Comptroller Glenn Hegar; Chief Justice David Puryear; Justice Melissa Goodwin; Deborah Frank, FCRW President; Justice Cindy Olson Bourland; Cindy Rodibaugh, FCRW VP; The ultimate BLING boots worn by FCRW member, Sylvie Armstrong.

(Pictures by Stephanie Steinhauzer, Captures Photography)
Texas Gov. Greg Abbott announced on September 7 the Commission to Rebuild Texas to help displaced families and communities rebuild after Hurricane Harvey.
In a news conference from the state capitol Thursday, Abbott announced that John Sharp, Texas A&M University chancellor, would lead the commission.

"This storm and the devastation deserves a Texas-sized response, and Texas is up to the challenge," Abbot said. "We've been challenged before...We will triumph over tragedy."

**FEMA Disaster Assistance:** If you were affected by Hurricane Harvey, you can apply for assistance online or call 1-800-621-3362.

**Texas Windstorm Insurance Assoc. & Texas FAIR Plan:**
1-877-281-1431 (open 24/7)

**Texas Department of Insurance Consumer Help Line:** 1-800-252-3439

**Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Hotline:** 1-800-621-0508

Thank you for your continued support.
Sincerely,

Greg Abbott

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**Things to consider...**

"I want the people of America to be able to work less for the government -- and more for themselves. I want them to have the rewards of their own industry. This is the chief meaning of freedom." – Calvin Coolidge

“If you can get arrested for hunting or fishing without a license but not for entering the country illegally... You might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.” – Jeff Foxworthy

Cartoons extracted from Jonathon Garthwaite's Town Hall web site: [www.townhall.com](http://www.townhall.com)
In closing… Let us ask the Lord to guide us and keep us safe from those who want to harm us just because we value our freedoms.