Influencing Texans Through Education

From Deborah Frank, FCRW President

I believe that 2017 is going to be an exciting year for our country. We have elected Donald Trump as our President. Republicans also maintain control in the U.S. House and Senate. We now have a President who will support our laws and our constitution. Hopefully, we will see a change in Washington as President Trump “drains the swamp” of the self-serving “elitists”.

In support of his efforts, we need to pay attention to the activities, decisions, and voting records of those who represent us in our County, our State, and in Washington. We must stand up and voice our opinions when necessary. FCRW will continue to provide informative, educational speakers and programs at our monthly meetings; we will maintain our annual activities – our Scholarship program and Literacy projects; we will participate in and support the various political events, candidate forums, and parades throughout our county and Senate district. Our first general meeting will be January 19 at Holman Valley Steakhouse. We encourage you to join us! If you are unable to participate in our activities, at least pray for our success, our freedoms, and our country’s conservative future.

GOD BLESS TEXAS.
GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Deborah Frank

Recapping our 4th Quarter Monthly Meetings

Oct. 20 – We met at 6:30 PM at Holman Valley Steakhouse. Our speaker was George Morovich, who shared his view as someone who grew up in a typical middle-class family but has traveled the world on business. He truly believes in America and that we must focus on God and traditional families to restore it.

Nov. 17 – We met at 6:30 PM at Holman Valley Steakhouse. We did not have a quorum, required to hold 2017 officer elections. (All nominees were later elected via email voting.) The meeting was a celebration of the Nov. 8 elections which resulted in Donald Trump as our President-elect and majorities in both the House and Senate in Washington. We also recognized those who worked the FCRP Campaign Headquarters and helped spread the word about our Republican candidates. Election results for Fayette County: 77.8% voted for Trump; 90.49% voted for Senator Lois Kolkhorst; 76.7% voted for State Rep. Leighton Schubert over his local opponent Cecil Webster. Whoohoo!

Dec. 8 – This was our annual Christmas Party and Officer Installation event. It was held at Frisch Auf! Country Club in La Grange. Newly re-elected State Representative Leighton Schubert performed the officer installation ceremony.

NEXT MEETING: Jan. 19, 2017 6:30 PM at Holman Valley Steakhouse
Welcome our 2017 FCRW Officers and Chairpersons

Congratulations and our sincere thanks to those members who have stepped up to serve!
FCRW held its annual Christmas party and officer installation event at the Frisch Auf! Country club on Dec. 8. The room was beautifully decorated and the food and service were superb.

To top it off, State Representative Leighton Schubert attended and performed the officer installation ceremony.

_Pictured L-R (back row):_ Representative Schubert; President, Deborah Frank; Vice President, Cindy Rodibaugh; Treasurer, Cristine Etue; Secretary, Ursula Higgs; Literacy Chair, Barbara Appelt; (Front row): Scholarship Chair: Carole Bourlon; Membership Chair: LaMorris Thompson.

Not pictured are: Social Chair, Pat Schmidt; Campaign Activity Chair, Sarah Berckenhoff; and Legislative Chair, Jeanne Raley.

FCRW will continue to provide informative meetings, along with our annual activities focusing on literacy and education, participate in parades and events throughout the county, and support conservative Republican candidates. We know these ladies will do their best to lead in those efforts!

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**A Message From Our U.S. Congressman Michael McCaul:**

The 114th Congress has come to an end. As America looks ahead to the new direction being set by President-elect Donald Trump, it is vital to maintain a clear vision and focus on the threats we face.

I am deeply honored to have been re-elected to serve the people of the 10th Congressional District, and to be continuing in my role as Homeland Security Committee Chairman. During the next Congress, I intend to aggressively pursue the following five security priorities, which I discussed in detail during my State of Homeland Security Address at The Heritage Foundation yesterday:

1. Secure the Border Once and for All
2. Aggressively Enforce Our Immigration Laws
3. Keep Islamist Terrorists from Recruiting and Radicalizing in Our Communities
4. Defend Our Networks and Bring Cyber Attackers to Justice
5. Fix the Broken Bureaucracy at the Department of Homeland Security

I greatly appreciate all of your past support, and look forward to continuing our fight for a more secure America in the years ahead. Just think, at this time next year we will have the first Republican administration celebrating Christmas in the White House in almost a decade. And all of this is because of you. Your hard work and dedication on the ground has made this Christmas a little bit brighter. I hope you enjoy the rest of this holiday season and know that in the New Year, we are ready to get things done.

Sincerely,
Michael

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FCRP CAMPAIGN
HQ Results

Over a four-week period, from Oct. 7 through Nov. 5, 23 FCRW members and associate members staffed the FCRP headquarters location distributing signs and bumper stickers, and accepting donations to purchase additional signs. They were: Virginia Huffer, La Morris Thompson, Barbara Appelt and Frank Forestier, Nancy Applebe, Pat Settle (and her sister, Sue Kiesling), Carole Bourlon, Cindy Rodibaugh, Enid Waska, Mary Maschmeyer, George Morovich, Deborah Frank, Shirley Thrasher, Brenda Fietsam, Sonny Applebe, Judy Cook, Rhonda Hill, Arlene Billings, Shirley Pyburn, Joe Bailey, Arnold and Suzy Romberg, Linda Stall.

During that time, we made 5 purchases of Trump signs and bumper stickers totaling $3,513.54, with Rock Laibson making trips to Austin, Katy, and Huntsville to pick them up. After our last purchase on 10/24, we ran out of Trump signs on 11/5 – the final day of the HQ being open. Perfect timing! Donations left over and taken in after that final purchase total $2,456.46. This money will go toward a worthy cause. The suggestion has been made for FCRW to help fund the purchase of protective vests for Fayette County law enforcement organizations. The FCRW board will discuss when and where the money will go after the first of the year. If you have suggestions, please contact one of the board members.

Thanks again to all who gave their time and energy to work the HQ and help spread the word about our Republican candidates!!!

GREAT JOB!!!

U.S. Congressman Michael McCaul, Chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security, visited the HQ Oct. 25 from 12:30–1:45 PM to meet with Fayette County constituents. We opened the garage bay doors, set up tables and chairs, and his staff provided a great lunch of sandwiches, chips and tea. About 40 people were there to talk with the Congressman and ask him questions.

Food for Thought...

Cartoons are from Jonathon Garthwaite’s Town Hall web site: www.townhall.com
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 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 were able to offer $600 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.

“The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not.” Thomas Jefferson

Even Santa got into the spirit of Trump’s Victory!!

Trump’s win was a wonderful early Christmas present for those of us who believe in God, respect the law and law enforcement officers, and honor the importance of family and the American constitution. Thank the Lord we now have a chance to restore America and undo the damage done by Obama during his “reign” in the past 8 years.