"INFLUENCING TEXANS THROUGH EDUCATION"

From Deborah Frank, FCRW President

I am certain that 2018 is going to be an exciting year for our county and country. We have seen the positive economic results of Donald Trump’s Presidency. We now have a President who will support our laws and our constitution. Republicans maintain control in the U.S. House and Senate.

We will also elect a new Representative for State House District 13 this year, as Leighton Schubert decided not to run for re-election. One of the candidates is Fayette county’s very own David Stall, former FC GOP Chair. We must continue to pay attention to the activities, decisions, and voting records of those who represent us in our county, our state, and in Washington DC. 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 18 at the Lyric Theater in Flatonia. We encourage you to join us. 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. 19 – We met at 6:30 PM at La Grange city hall. Our speaker, Eric Opiela, gave us the alarming statistics on how many Texas districts, representing the large metro areas, have many Democratic Reps. Rep. Leighton Schubert gave us a recap of the 2017 legislative session.

Nov. 17 – We met at 6:30 PM at Holman Valley Steakhouse. All candidates for Fayette County Judge were there: Bryan Corb, Sharon Muzny, James Rhodes, Michael Smalley, and Joe Weber. Cindy asked each to explain why they were running as Republicans and to explain their conservative beliefs. Each gave a presentation of their qualifications for the position and responded to Cindy’s questions. Candidates for other positions in Fayette County attended as well: FC Clerk – Julie Karstedt, Darla Blaha, and Brenda Fietsam; Pct. 1 Justice of the Peace – Michael Peck; Pct. 2 County Commissioner – John “JR” Rubio.

Dec. 8 – This was our annual Christmas Party and Officer Installation event. It was held at Frisch Auf! Country Club in La Grange. Senator Lois Kolkhorst performed the officer installation ceremony.

NEXT MEETING:
Jan. 18, 2018 6:30 PM at Lyric Theater, Flatonia
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, Senator Lois Kolkhorst attended and performed the officer installation ceremony.

*Pictured L-R* Pres., Deborah Frank; VP, Cindy Rodibaugh; Secretary, Kimberley Rutledge; Treasurer, Sarah Berckenhoff.

We also appreciate (pictured clockwise from top left): Social Chair, Pat Schmidt. Scholarship Chair, Carole Bourlon; Membership chair, LaMorris Thompson; and Literacy Chair, Barbara Appelt.

Throughout 2018 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!

REMINDER: Please submit your 4th quarter volunteer hours ASAP to Deborah Frank, Campaign Chair, at: LoneOakHill@cvctx.com. Deborah must submit our total club hours to TFRW before Jan. 16, 2018.

**Fayette County Republican Party Elects New Chair**

Deborah Frank, who has been party Vice-Chair since July 2014, was elected Fayette County GOP Chairman at a Dec. 21 meeting of the county executive committee. That came after County Chair David Stall resigned to run for HD 13 State Representative.

Deborah has previously served as an elected precinct chair, is president of the Fayette County Republican Women and, as the Party’s Activity Chair, has been overall event coordinator for the Republican participation in the various annual county parades and fair booth activities.

Stall had been county GOP Chair since 2013. He formally resigned from the position before filing for District 13 in the Texas House, being vacated by Rep. Leighton Schubert, who is not running for re-election. Stall is one of five Republican candidates running for the post in the March 6, 2018 GOP primary.

At that same meeting, the executive committee elected Pat Schmidt as party Secretary, replacing Linda Stall, who resigned. They also approved the appointments of David Stall to take Deborah Frank’s place as county Vice-Chair and Joe Bailey as Party Treasurer, taking over from Arnold Romberg.

Organizing and conducting primary elections at the county level is one of the main responsibilities of political parties in Texas. The county executive committee also coordinates activities in support of Republican candidates in general elections.

*Pictured L-R:* Joe Bailey, Treasurer; Deborah Frank, Chair; Pat Schmidt, Secretary; and David Stall, Vice Chair.
FC Republican Primary Candidates

On Tuesday, March 6, 2018, voters will have determined who will serve Fayette County in multiple positions throughout the county and our State. Below, listed in ballot order, are the candidates in contested Republican races:

**U.S. Senator**
- Stefano de Stefano
- Ted Cruz
- Mary Miller
- Bruce Jacobson, Jr.
- Geraldine Sam

**U.S. Representative, Dist. 10**
- Michael T. McCaul
- John W. Cook

**Governor**
- Barbara Krueger
- Greg Abbott
- SECEDE Kilgore

**Lieutenant Governor**
- Dan Patrick
- Scott Milder

**Commissioner of General Land Office**
- Rick Range
- George P. Bush
- Davey Edwards
- Jerry Patterson

**Commissioner of Agriculture**
- Trey Blocker
- Jim Hogan
- Sid Miller

**Railroad Commissioner**
- Christi Crandick
- Weston Martinez

**Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals**
- David Bridges
- Sharon Keller

**Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 8**
- Michelle Slaughter
- Jay Brandon
- Dib Waldrip

**State Representative District 13**
- Marc C. Young
- David K. Stall
- Daniel McCarthy
- Ben Leman
- Jill Wolfskill

**Justice, 3rd Court of Appeals, Place 6**
- Jennifer S. Freel
- Donna Davidson
- Michael “Mike” Toth
- Kristofer Monson

**County Judge**
- Michael Smalley
- Joe Weber
- Sharon Jecmenek Muzny
- James Rhodes
- Bryan J. Corb

**County Clerk**
- Brenda Kallus Fietsam
- Darla J. Blaha
- Julie Karstedt

**County Commissioner, Pct. 2**
- Luke Sternadel
- Darrel Neutzler
- John J.R. Rubio

**Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1**
- Kyle A. Hartmann
- Andrew “Andy” Berger
- Michael Peck

FCRW and FC GOP will be co-hosting several candidate forums in Fayette County during January and February, featuring the candidates in the Fayette County contested races and the HD13 race. We strongly encourage you to attend and learn as much as possible about these candidates and all others on the ballot, in order to make informed decisions at the polls. The future of Fayette County may very well depend on choices made in the 2018 elections. Will we be proactive and prepared for the future or unprepared and reactive to the inevitable changes here? Please vote smart.

Food for Thought...

“Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy, its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery.”

Winston Churchill

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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 (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. In addition, FCRW was able to contribute $1,500 this year to flood relief efforts in Fayette County. 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 which is awarded to one graduating senior girl in each of the five high schools in Fayette County. Initially offering $250 scholarships, 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.

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

Judy Cook Presented THE Jacket to Lois

When Judy Cook was FCRW President in 2011, she commissioned a custom-made Republican jacket. It is, unquestionably, the ultimate in Republican “BLING”. Judy and Deborah have both worn it to TFRW and RPT State conventions and FCRW fundraisers where it was always a big attention-grabber. Judy decided it was time for Senator Kolkhorst to wear it for a while. She presented it to Lois at our December 8 Christmas party.