From Deborah Frank, (out-going) FCRW President

Holy cow! What a busy year 2018 has been. After being elected as FCRP County Chairman when David Stall resigned to run for the vacant HD13 Rep position, I have been very grateful that FCRW had a strong, hard-working slate of officers and chairs, along with many members who repeatedly stepped up to help. For example, FCRW co-hosted four candidate forums before mid-February. Many worked the March 6 primary election and attended the County convention, preparing to attend the State GOP convention. The primary elections resulted in the need for run-off elections in several races. So, there was a special election May 5 and the final run-off elections on May 22. June 14-16 eight FCRW members attended the State GOP convention in San Antonio. On July 4th we again joined FCRP with a GOP entry in the Round Top parade. Labor Day weekend FCRW and FCRP manned a booth at the county Fair and, also had an entry in that parade. In September, FCRW established a Republican Campaign Headquarters which was open from Sep. 17 to Nov. 3, prior to the Nov. 6 elections. Along with all this, in late June our fundraiser committee had begun planning for our annual fundraiser. We decided to host another Boots & Bling event. This year we added a DJ for music and a live auction. It was a very successful event and a FUN party. To close out the year, our annual Christmas party and officer installation at Frisch Auf! was very nice. I am extremely proud of all our officers and chairs – past and present. I’m especially pleased that we have new members filling several of those positions in 2019. I know it will be another productive year for FCRW. Thank you all for your dedication to and support of FCRW.

Merry Christmas!

GOD BLESS TEXAS.
GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Deborah Frank

Recapping our 4th Quarter Monthly Meetings

Oct. 20 – Since our annual Boots & Bling fundraiser was held Oct. 20, we did not schedule a general meeting during this month.

Nov. 15 – We met at 6:30 PM at La Grange City Hall. Our speaker was the very accomplished Lt. Col. Vanessa Hicks-Callaway, U.S. Army Retired. She was the Central Gulf Region Field Director for the Ted Cruz Campaign. She provided a Mid-term Analysis of the election and explained that we’re facing a 3 Headed Dragon which is a Culture war/ leftist progressive agenda fueled by the media, Globalism/socialism and Ignorance/misinformation. She shared her personal list of the “Top 10 Rules for Republicans” which is a clear path of engagement and strategy that the party can use to move forward. She was an outstanding speaker who inspired the audience. We plan to invite her back early next year.

Dec. 7 – This was our annual Christmas Party and Officer Installation event. It was held at Frisch Auf! Country Club in La Grange. FCRP Vice Chair David Stall graciously performed the officer induction ceremony.

NEXT MEETING:
Jan. 17, 2019, 6:30 PM at La Grange City Hall
Congratulations and our sincere appreciation 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. 7. The room was decorated beautifully, and the food was superb. Senator Lois Kolkhorst was scheduled to attend but severe weather in her area prevented it. Luckily, David Stall, Vice Chairman of the Fayette County Republican Party and FCRW associate member, was there and agreed to perform the officer induction ceremony.

Meet FCRW’s 2019 Officers and Chairpersons

Below L-R: Social Chair, Pat Schmidt; Membership chair, LaMorris Thompson; Rita Derneh; Secretary, Deborah Frank; President, Barbara Appelt; Literacy Chair, Sherrie Tolbert; VP/Program Chair, Donna Barr; Scholarship Chair, Carole Bourlon; and Treasurer, Kimberley Rutledge.

Throughout 2019 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!

Fayette County Republican Headquarters
Opened for 2018 Election Season

With an anonymous donation from a generous FCRW member, FCRW secured office space in downtown La Grange, then purchased and distributed hundreds of Ted Cruz signs, along with those of many other Republican candidates. With help from Fayette County Republican Party members, the headquarters was open for business from September 17 through November 3 from 10 am to 6 pm Tuesdays through Fridays and 10 am to 2 pm on Saturdays. In addition to establishing and working the headquarters, FCRW also paid for one of the three ¼ page ads which appeared in the Fayette County Record on Oct. 23, 26 and 30, and Nov. 2. The ads highlighted the conservative principles of the Republican party and the accomplishments of the Trump administration within the past two years.

We believe our efforts were a contributing factor in the tremendous voter turnout in Fayette County: 63.17% of registered voters! That is an excellent turnout for a mid-term election. It reflects that voters appreciated how important these elections are. In Fayette county, Republicans won every race with NO LESS than 76% of the votes.

Pictured at the HQ Grand opening L-R: Pct. 4 Chair James Gilliam; FCRP County Chair Deborah Frank; FCRP member Paul Crain; Senator Lois Kolkhorst; and District Director for Congressman Michael McCaul, Drew Ross.
Boots & Bling Recap

On Saturday, October 20, 2018, FCRW held our Boots & Bling fundraiser event – a fabulous and fun party. Our key note speaker was Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller and he was a hoot! This year we added a DJ, Victor Rodriguez who did a terrific job keeping us entertained in between the speakers and the live auction. Yes, we had a live auction facilitated by auctioneer Lee Fritsch, which resulted in top dollar bids for all items. This event was so successful that the board has already voted to increase our 2019 scholarship amounts to $1,000 per recipient.

Dancers enjoyed the wide variety of music provided by DJ Victor Rodriguez who also sang very well himself.

Many thanks to the committee members who insured the success of this event, L-R: Cindy Rodibaugh, Sherrie Tolbert, Barbara Appelt, LaMorris Thompson, Deborah Frank, Carole Bourlon, Rita Dernehl, Kimberley Rutledge, and Sarah Berckenhoff (not pictured). Below: The party room starting to fill up.

High school senior Karina Nkemakolam was one of 3 student volunteers to work the event. She led “God Bless America”

Just a small sample of the many terrific auction items...
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 2018 fundraiser was a dinner party at The Historic Casino Hall in La Grange with very special keynote speaker State Agriculture Commissioner, Sid Miller. These fundraisers support our annual literacy projects and scholarships. Each year FCRW donates select books to the five public libraries in the spring and gives an encyclopedic dictionary to each third grader in Fayette County in the fall. In 2011, we initiated our annual FCRW scholarship program which recognizes one graduating senior girl in each of the five high schools in Fayette County. Starting at $250, we have steadily increased the amounts. In 2017 and 2018 they were $800. For 2019, we will increase them to $1,000. We also 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, FCRW was able to contribute $1,000 this year to the Fayette County Sheriff’s Benevolent Fund to assist officer C.J. Lehmann, who was shot in the face in October.

Please join us as we work to bring our Country back to conservative values and restore American freedoms!

God Bless Texas. God Bless America.

“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

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About Our Organization...

Fayette County Republican Women wishes you and your families a beautiful and blessed Christmas. We are looking forward to additional progress in President Trump’s agenda, including the greatly improved economy and the continued decrease in unemployment rates. Please pray that God continues to give him strength to fight for our prosperity, freedoms, and safety.