

“Working to Keep Texas Red”
December 2021 Newsletter

TFRW Region 17 • Senate District 4

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LETTER FROM OUR *President*

As we end 2021, I would like to look back at some of what our MCRW members accomplished during the past year. We began our year with an interesting meeting with Cat Parks, the Vice Chair of the Republican Party of Texas. We learned so much about the many initiatives the RPT has undertaken to increase the number of Republican Voters.

In February, we learned about the mission of Camp Hope. As part of our Caring for America project, we collected towels for the men at Camp Hope. I was so proud of our MCRW members for their participation in this project. I think our Camp Hope representative was surprised at the number of towels our ladies brought in.

Also in February, several MCRW members attended the TFRW Legislative Day in Austin and learned more about the issues being addressed in the Texas Legislature.

In March, we assisted with the Life and Liberty event. Hundreds of people attended this pro-life event. Our speaker at our March meeting was Robbi Hull, Vice President Legislation of the Texas Federation of Republican Women. She discussed several issues being considered in the Texas Legislature and told us how we could influence legislation.

Our April meeting featured our Montgomery County Tax Assessor/Collector Tammy McRae. She gave a very informative presentation about the works of her office.

In May, we held our Baby Shower for the Pregnancy Assistance Center/North. Our members brought in baby items to be given to the new parents served by the PACN. And once again, our members response was amazing. Our speaker at the meeting was author Loren Spivak.

In June we heard from Tim Conner with the Montgomery County Sheriff's office. He spoke about the crime in our area and issues facing the Sheriff's department. We also began planning the MCRW fundraiser in June.

We took a much needed break in July, but August found us back at work. Announcements were made regarding our fundraiser. We presented scholarships to two outstanding high school graduates. We heard from Sheriff Roy Boyd from Goliad County and our own Sheriff Rand Henderson. The crisis on our border was the main topic of the presentation. MCRW members brought in disinfectant wipes to be given to those who are working on the border. MCRW also purchased red ink pens with our club's name on them to be given out at the TFRW Convention in October.

In September, some of our members attended the National

Federation of Republican Women Convention in Orlando where MCRW was presented with the Diamond Award for our achievements during the past 2 years. Our speaker at our MCRW meeting was Judge Wayne Mack. He spoke on suicide and how we can identify those who need our help.

October was a busy month for our members. Several members were delegates to the Texas Federation of Republican Women Convention in Round Rock. At the convention, Pearl Maggio was reelected as District Director for Senate District 4 and I was reelected as TFRW Vice President Programs. This gives MCRW a voice at the TFRW Board of Directors meetings. Our Murder Mystery fundraiser was also held in October. This fundraiser proved to be quite successful as our profit was more than expected and everyone seemed to have a great time. Our profit from our fundraiser was just over \$30,000. The profits from this fundraiser will help fund our club's activities for the next 2 years.

In late October, we visited God's Garage, another of our Caring for America projects. We presented God's Garage with gift cards our members had collected. These gift cards will be given to the women who receive cars and will allow them to purchase gasoline or other needed items.

Our November meeting once again featured a speaker from Camp Hope. MCRW presented him with a check for \$2500. We also honored our veterans at that meeting. We also sent a check to Wreaths Across America to help in honoring our deceased veterans.

This has indeed been a busy year for MCRW and 2022 promises to be even busier since it is an election year. I hope you renew your membership for 2022 and join us as we are Working to Keep Texas Red. When you fill out your membership form, look at the list of committees at the bottom of the page. Perhaps you will find a committee to join and become more involved in our great organization. If you want more information about how to get involved, please feel free to contact me at 713-410-4399 or at alice.mcrw@gmail.com. I would love to hear from you.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your president for 2021. I thank you for placing your trust in me and electing me to once again serve as president in 2022.

Alice Melancon

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MCRW December Meeting



Thursday, December 2, 2021

@ River Plantation Golf Club

550 Country Club Drive, Conroe, Texas 77305

Social 11:00am Meeting 11:30am

For your entertainment, our guest will be

Justice Leanne Johnson

Texas Ninth District Court of Appeals

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Including those not eating

\$22 cash or check payable to MCRW or \$23 credit card

RSVP TO: Suzanne Adams

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Deadline: Friday, November 26

*Please advise of any dietary restrictions when making your reservation

Please remember:

"A reservation made is a reservation paid!"

RPGC preorders food for our meetings. MCRW must pay for all meals that are ordered.

To protect our members we ask that you please stay home if you are feeling ill with fever, cough, shortness of breath or fatigue.

We will be collecting new towels for Camp Hope at the meeting.

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Membership

Barbara Eddleman



The year 2022 is going to be a pivotal year for Republicans nationwide. MCRW will be busy promoting Republican forums and eventually candidates from the local level to national level. Let's get the RED wave started by renewing your membership and inviting your friends to join MCRW. MCRW gained 26

new members last year! Let's keep the momentum going. I have included a copy of the 2022 membership form in the newsletter. You can mail it to the post office box or better yet give it to me at the December meeting. Hope to see you there!!! Keep Texas RED!

Legislation

LEGISLATIVE CHAIR REPORT



Let's recap some of the legislation of interest passed during the recent special sessions of the Texas Legislature.

Second Special Session:

1. Election reform - Senate Bill 1. Bans drive-thru and 24-hour voting. Extends early voting hours. Gives greater power to poll watchers.

2. Bond reform - Senate Bill 6. Personal bond cannot be granted if a suspect is charged with a violent crime or is already out on bail.

3. Border security - House Bill 9. \$1.88 billion was added to increase border security efforts, including continuation of building the border wall.

4. Social media censorship - House Bill 20. Protection of political views on social media. Bans censorship of political views.

5. Abortion pills - Senate Bill 4. Limits access to abortion-inducing pills to women who are 7 weeks pregnant or less.

6. Virtual learning - Senate Bill 15. Texas students who pass the STAAR exam have access to virtual learning for the next two years.

Third Special Session:

1. Transgender student athletes - House Bill 25. Student athletes must compete as the sex they were born as. Meant to protect girls in sports from unfair competition.

2. Redistricting. Governor Abbott has approved the new maps for Texas congressional, legislative, and State Board of Education districts. If no court intervenes, these new districts will be used for the next ten years (until the next census is taken).



Montgomery County Republican Women 2022 MEMBERSHIP (JANUARY1- DECEMBER31)

Please fill out completely both new members and renewals!

DATE _____

Birthdate (Mo. And Day) _____

Membership Status:

Renewal _____ New _____

Active (full member)

\$35 _____

Associate (*only* if male or full member of other RW club)

\$20 _____

If full member of other RW club, please list club: _____

Young Affiliate (Under 18 years of age)

\$15 _____

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

Name tag preference (if different than above) _____

HOME ADDRESS

MAILING ADDRESS

E-MAIL ADDRESS

Telephone: Home _____

Work _____

Mobile _____

OCCUPATION—please provide—must have for PAC _____

May we publish your contact information in the MCRW directory? Yes _____ No _____

Referred by (new members only) _____

Precinct (voting box) # _____ Congressional District# _____ Senate District# _____

Please indicate any committee on which you would like to serve:

Americanism	_____	Hospitality	_____	Publicity	_____
Campaign Activities	_____	Legislation	_____	Telephone	_____
Caring for America	_____	Literacy	_____	Ways & Means	_____
Email	_____	Membership	_____	Web Site	_____
Historian	_____	Newsletter	_____	Yearbook	_____
Community Involvement	_____				

Would you be willing to serve on the MCRW Board? Yes _____ No _____

Please make your check payable to MCRW & mail to:

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P.O. Box 1766
Conroe, TX 77305-1766

Cash _____ Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

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— *Treasurer's Report* —

OCTOBER 2021

LORY KAYE, TREASURER



GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	9/30/2021	\$40,254.90
Income		
10/01/2021	Square, Inc. Lunch Fees	\$66.28
10/01/2021	Fundraiser Tickets	\$4,500.00
10/01/2021	Lunch Fee	\$1,210.00
10/08/2021	Fundraiser Tickets	\$2,140.00
10/08/2021	Fundraiser, Donation	\$1,000.00
10/08/2021	Courtesy Fund	\$150.00
10/22/2021	ACH-MerchDep	\$1.10
10/22/2021	Fundraiser Tickets--Square, Inc	\$58.34
10/23/2021	Fundraiser Silent Auction	\$1,989.00
10/23/2021	Lunch Fees	\$45.00
10/25/2021	Fundraiser Silent Auction-ACH-MerchDep	\$1,565.00
10/25/2021	Fundraiser Tickets	\$2,600.00
10/25/2021	Fundraiser Donation	\$300.00
10/31/2021		(\$15,624.72)
Expenses		
10/12/2021	#2386 Montgomery County Sheriff's	
	Citizen's Academy Alumni (Blue Elf)	\$150.00
10/13/2021	#2387 Community Partners of	
	Montgomery County (Rainbow Room)	\$100.00
10/13/2021	#2388 Speed Printing	\$40.80
10/21/2021	#2389 Little Red Car Dynamic, Inc.	\$250.00
10/21/2021	#2390 Preisler Golf Properties	\$5,929.20
10/24/2021	#2391 Alice Melancon	\$264.59
		(\$6,734.59)
Ending Balance	10/31/2021	\$49,145.03
Petty Cash		\$100.00
TOTAL	10/31/2021	\$49,245.03

Caring for America

AMY BYERS



At our meeting on November 4, we heard from a representative from Camp Hope. MCRW presented him with a check payable to Camp Hope in the amount of \$2500. He mentioned that Camp Hope

is once again in need of new towels to be used by the residents. Please bring new towels to our December 2 meeting and we will see that they are delivered to Camp Hope.

CONGRATULATIONS 2022 OFFICERS



The following ladies were elected as officers for MCRW in 2022. They will be installed at our December General Meeting.

President Alice Melancon

1st Vice President Suzanne Adams

2nd Vice President Cindy Miller

Recording Secretary Bettie Moss

Corresponding Secretary Lindsey Kasprzak

Treasurer Mary Lea Kirk

Congratulations and thank you for agreeing to serve our organization.

SPECIAL DECEMBER MEETING DOOR PRIZES NEEDED

We would like to have more door prizes at our December meeting to add to the holiday fun. The more door prizes we have, the more fun it will be. If you would like to help with this activity, please bring a door prize or two to the December 2 meeting. The prizes do not need to be expensive; the idea is for more people to receive door prizes. It is so much to see what the prize is when the recipient opens the gift.

If you wish to bring door prizes to the meeting, simply wrap up the gift and bring it with you to the meeting. Thanks for your help!

Disappearance of Death

MURDER MYSTERY FUNDRAISER

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you all who supported our 2021 Murder Mystery Fundraiser. Because of you, our fundraiser was a success and we were able to raise much needed funds for our organization. Our profits were just over \$30,000. Wow! I want to begin by thanking the chairmen of the fundraiser committees for their hard work in putting on this event.

Co Chairman Suzanne Adams
Silent Auction Chair Pearl Maggio
Graphics Chair Lindsey Kasprzak
Decorations Chair Mary Lea Kirk
Name Tags Chair Susan Stockholm
Tickets and Sponsorship Alice Melancon
Photography Pat Spackey
Finance Lory Kay

Of course we thank our table sponsors for their contributions to our organization. And thank you to those who donated items for our silent auction.

I want to say a special thank you to those who portrayed characters in our Murder Mystery. You were all such “good sports” and made the evening entertaining for everyone and your costumes were fantastic.

Judge Claudia Laird was a clockmaker dressed as a cuckoo.

Judge Matt Beasley was dressed as a desert sheik.

Melisa Miller, District Clerk, portrayed a magician’s assistant.

Tammy McRae, County Tax Assessor/Collector was dressed as a queen

Ivan Canales from Senator Creighton’s office was dressed as a pirate.

Craig Lewellyn from Congressman Brady’s office was dressed like a polar explorer.

Judge Sara Countryman was dressed as Madame Butterfly.

General Meeting Minutes

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN RIVER PLANTATION GOLF CLUB

NOVEMBER 4, 2021



President Alice Melancon called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. with 39 members and 13 guests present. After the PRAYER and PLEDGES to our flags led by Cindy Miller, Alice welcomed everyone to the meeting. She recognized elected officials, candidates for office and guests. The September meeting MINUTES were approved as printed; the TREASURER'S REPORT will be filed for financial review.

In the PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS, Alice noted that our club delegates to the TFRW Convention in Round Rock were part of a very successful statewide event, hearing many elected officials and candi-

dates for state offices speak during the three days. At the Awards Luncheon, MCRW was presented the prestigious Achievement Award for accomplishments during the past two years. In addition, delegates in attendance elected the TFRW officers for 2022-23.

Our keynote speaker, Zack Alexander of Camp Hope, related a very inspiring story (including his own personal experience) of how Camp Hope, which is on five acres in the Northwest Houston area, helps veterans with PTSD. Camp Hope is a part of the PTSD Foundation housing up to about 80 or 90 veterans while they go through a six-month program of recovery from war and adjusting back into society after their military service. After Mr. Alexander spoke, our club presented him a \$2500 donation for Camp Hope.

In COMMITTEE REPORTS, Amy Byers of Caring for America re-

ported on a successful visit to God's Garage, another non-profit organization that MCRW sponsors. Our club presented a car to one of their benefactors, a single mother trying to provide for her family. We also gave God's Garage \$640 in gift cards for other single mothers, widows and wives of deployed military personnel whom they assist. Pearl Maggio asked all members to turn in to her their volunteer political hours recently attained. Barbara Edleman (Membership) asked everyone to fill out 2022 membership forms and turn them in to her along with dues for next year.

In other UNFINISHED BUSINESS besides her earlier comments on the TFRW Convention, Alice was pleased to report that we had about 160 people at our biennial fundraiser and made a profit of around \$30,000 to be used for our programs in the next two years. She thanked

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everyone who attended and all those who had a part in putting on such a successful event.

In NEW BUSINESS, Alice said that our members are so happy to honor our area veterans at this meeting. She asked all the veterans present to introduce themselves and relate to us their past military service. Next, our MCRW officers for 2022 were elected by acclamation from the slate presented by

the Nominating Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 9
Greater Houston Council Meeting

November 18
MCRW Board Meeting (note date change)

December 2
MCRW General Meeting (note date change)

December 9
MCRW Board Meeting

January 13
MCRW Board Meeting

January 20
MCRW General Meeting (note date change)

January 27, 28
TFRW Board Meeting

January 29
TFRW Leadership Day (San Marcos)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bettie Moss
Recording Secretary

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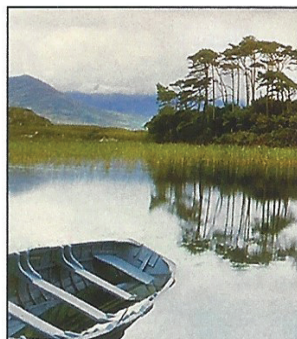
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 2, 2021	MCRW Meeting	River Plantation Golf Club 11 AM Social 11:30 AM Meeting
Dec. 9, 2021	MCRW Board Meeting	
Jan. 6, 2022	MCRW Board Meeting	
Jan. 18, 2022	Greater Houston Council	Mendenhall Center Wirt Rd. Houston
Jan. 20, 2022	MCRW Meeting	River Plantation Golf Club 11 AM Social 11:30 AM Meeting
Jan. 27-28, 2022	TFRW Board Meeting	San Marcos
Jan. 29, 2022	TFRW Leadership Day	San Marcos



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