

“Working to Keep Texas Red”

May 2021 Newsletter

TFRW Region 17 • Senate District 4

www.mcrepublicanwomen.org



LETTER FROM OUR *President*

It is hard to believe that the calendar is showing us that we are already in the month of May. My goodness, this year is flying by! It seems that the beginning of 2021 has been particularly busy. I can probably attribute that to everything slowing down because of Covid in 2020 and now we are trying to catch up on those things we were unable to do last year.

Our organization has been busy this past month. Our member directory has been completed and emailed to our members and associate members. Our fundraising committee has started making plans for our October fundraiser. Our scholarship committee has met and selected two outstanding young women to receive our scholarships, and now we will work to "Shower" the Pregnancy Assistance Center North with baby items. Montgomery County Republican Women do make a difference in the community.

As you have probably already heard, Congressman Kevin Brady has announced that this will be his last term in Congress. (The announcement of Congressman Brady's plans to retire is printed in this newsletter.) Politics in Montgomery County, while always interesting, is going to become super interesting. I have already heard from several people who say that they are planning to run for Congressman Brady's seat. Rest assured, as we get closer to election time MCRW will hold a Candidates' Forum. In the meantime, let's all sit back and listen carefully to those who wish to campaign for Congressman Brady's seat. As voters, we need to be informed so that we can elect the best candidate to fill the role of Congressman for our area.

The situation on our border is a critical one. During his term in office, President Trump made a serious effort to take control of the border issue and limit who was able to migrate into the United States. Now, the situation seems to be out of control. We see children being dropped over fences, abandoned in fields, and young girls being abused. In my opinion, this treatment is inhumane and needs to be stopped. Our country needs controlled bor-

ders and firm immigration policies.

Because of the situation at the border, more border Patrol Agents and police officers are being sent to the area. TFRW has established a Caring for America project to collect items for the Border Patrol agents. The agents need insect repellent, sun screen and packs of disinfectant wipes. If you wish to donate items for this project, please bring them to the May or June meeting and I will bring them to the TFRW board meeting in July. In this newsletter you will find information about our fundraiser which is scheduled for Thursday, October 21. As you know, we hold our fundraisers every 2 years so that we are not planning a fundraiser during election season. Please take a look at the information about our fundraiser and consider volunteering for a committee. We will begin ticket sales in August.

Our club is only as strong as our members make it, so I want to thank you for all you do for our club. If you have not already done so, volunteer for one of our committees. The list of officers and committee chairs is printed in this newsletter and in our member directory. But I also want to ask that you make every effort possible to attend our meetings. Our speakers take their valuable time to come to speak to us, so it is important to have people there to listen to them. I would hope our attendance at meetings is such that speakers feel it is worth their time to present a program for us.

Our club has a Facebook page, Montgomery County Republican Women-Texas. If you are a member of our Facebook group, please share our posts about our meetings. That is an easy way to spread the word about our meeting dates and the topics of our programs. By sharing- or even liking- our posts, your Facebook friends will see the information about our club.

Again, thank you for all you do for MCRW. I hope to see you at our May meeting.

Alice Melancon
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May
GENERAL MEETING
Join Us May 27th,

River Plantation Golf Club
550 Country Club Dr, Conroe, TX 77302

Guest Speaker: Loren Spivak

Time: 11:00am Social
11:30am Lunch and meeting

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED including those not eating
\$22 cash or check payable to MCRW
\$23 credit card (now available)

RSVP To: Suzanne Adams

smadams.mcrw@comcast.net

DEADLINE: 6AM FRIDAY, May 21ST

Make note of any dietary restrictions when making the reservation.

River Plantation Golf Club preorders food for our meetings on Monday morning.
MCRW must pay for all meals that are ordered.

Please remember:

“A reservation made is a reservation paid!”

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

Program

LOREN SPIVACK



Loren Spivack “The Free Market Warrior” was born and raised in Massachusetts and spent most of his adult life in New York City. Before becoming active in politics, Loren worked for several non-profits and as a management consultant for both profit and non-profit companies.

He also founded “Free Market Warrior” in 2009 in an effort to make a positive difference in American politics and economics. His “Free Market Warrior”

store was expelled from Concord Mills Mall in North Carolina in July of 2009 for selling material critical of the Obama Administration. Mall owners, Simon Property Group, are major Democratic donors.

Since then Loren has devoted his time to teaching conservative groups about free market economics. He conducts “Economic Literacy” seminars across the United States. So far, Spivack has delivered his famous seminar on “Econom-

ic Literacy” to over 200 groups in 20 states.

He is also the author of four books; the most recent “To Think I Saw It On CNN Live” has been called “A scathing, behind the scenes satire that exposes the media’s culpability in where we stand today”.

Mr. Spivack is a fighter for Conservative values. All of his efforts go towards educating others, thus giving them the ammunition they need to go out and fight for those same values.

Membership

Barbara Eddleman



Another great meeting at MCRW! We are up to 100 members and 43 associate members. We are now a JUMBO club!!! YAY!! Ladies invite your friends to join us next month as we continue to grow our membership.

To continue my series on why I joined MCRW was to become involved in campaigning! I joined MCRW in 2020 which was an exciting year for politics. Even though it did not turn out with President Trump being re-elected, MCRW worked hard to elect Republican candidates. There is something for everybody in campaigning even during the pandemic. I signed up for Red Dial for President Trump. Since most people were at home, it was great talking to people on the phone. I had some interesting responses to the short survey questions I asked! It was nice to know

most area codes in Texas are Red except that "blue" Austin area code of 512!

Before the pandemic, MCRW sponsored some political forums where we could actually meet and ask questions of the candidates. It was a great way to learn about each candidate's view on a number of topics. Also, a large number of the candidates came to our monthly meetings and it was so nice to have actual one on one conversation with them. Montgomery County is represented very well on the local, state and national level.

I also worked as an election official for Montgomery County. After completing a training session, I worked one of the precincts on Election Day. I loved it! I highly recommend everyone get involved in the election process. Texas has a very good

election system and will only strengthen it to ensure the elections are free from fraud.

I look forward to 2022 and the campaigning. We must take back the House & Senate to "undo" all the damage that has been done in just the last few months. MCRW will play a huge role in Montgomery County keeping Texas and the nation RED. It will be the year for the great comeback for Republicans!

Keep Texas Red!



April Meeting



TEXAS FEDERATION
of
Republican Women

TFRW 2021 BIENNIAL CONVENTION
OCTOBER 13-16, 2021



3001 KALAHARI BLVD,
ROUND ROCK, TX 78665

Get ready to come Dazzle at the TFRW 2021 Biennial Convention this fall, October 13-16, 2021 at the African-themed Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center in Round Rock, Texas. The resort features an indoor waterpark, a luxurious spa, world-class dining, arcades, and a state-of-the-art convention center for your enjoyment during your stay.

The Biennial Convention will include educational workshops and speakers, exposure to related organizations and companies in the exhibit area, opportunities for engagement with fellow TFRW members, and so much more.



Texas Federation of Republican Women 33rd BIENNIAL CONVENTION October 13-16, 2021 ★ Round Rock, Texas

MEMBER/GUEST of MEMBER

AT-LARGE DELEGATE

DELEGATE

ALTERNATE

Early Registration
\$190.00
Through June 30, 2021

Registration
\$250.00
July 01-September 30

Late Registration \$335.00
October 1-10

Name to appear on badge _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Occupation (REQUIRED) _____

My TFRW Club is _____

List any dietary restrictions _____

List any other restrictions _____

I am President of my TFRW Club.

You will receive an email from Eventbrite to confirm your registration.

Please check each event that you plan to attend.

<input type="checkbox"/> Meet & Greet Elected Officials / Candidates	Thursday, October 14th	9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> Come & Go Welcome Reception	Thursday, October 14th	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> TFRW Officer Slate Meet & Greet	Thursday, October 14th	8:00 PM - 9:00 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> Buffet Breakfast Hosted By Commissioner Christi Craddick	Friday, October 15th	7:30 AM - 8:45 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> Club Awards Luncheon *	Friday, October 15th	12:30 PM - 2:25 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> 10 Outstanding Awards Banquet Dinner*	Friday, October 15th	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Breakfast Buffet **	Saturday, October 16th	7:30 AM - 8:45 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> TFRW Officer Installation Luncheon *	Saturday, October 16th	1:15 PM - 2:45 PM

* At these events, you will be seated with your club unless you specify otherwise. (Check Below if a Patron)

TFRW 2021 Patron Members I am a TFRW Patron/Associate Patron. My club is a Patron Club. I am the Patron designee

As a Patron for dining events, I wish to be seated At a Patron's Table With my Club

** RESERVATIONS for the MEMORIAL BREAKFAST are REQUIRED due to limited seating.

President's Dinner available online separately at: www.tfrw.org/events/convention Saturday, October 16th 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

ADDON # ___ @\$12.00 each Dazzle Convention PIN To Be picked up at TFRW Booth

TOTAL DUE \$

TFRW Patrons & Past 10 Outstanding Award Honoree/10 Outstanding Reunion & TFRW Patrons Reception

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Friday, October 15th: I will attend as a past 10 Outstanding Award Honoree as a 2021 Patron

Mail completed form and a personal or PAC check made payable to: TFRW Convention 2021 PAC, Attn: 2021 Registration, PO BOX 171146, Austin, TX 78717-0041

NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR CANCELLATIONS; HOWEVER, NAME CHANGES WILL BE ALLOWED. ALL NAME CHANGES MUST BE RECEIVED BY TFRW IN WRITING BY MAIL OR EMAIL. NO NAME CHANGES WILL BE HONORED AFTER October 13, 2021. EMAIL NAME CHANGE REQUESTS TO TFRW@TFRW.ORG, OR MAIL THEM TO TFRW, PO BOX 171146, AUSTIN, TX 78717-0041. HOTEL ROOM CHANGES MUST BE HANDLED WITH THE HOTEL DIRECTLY. SOLICITATIONS MADE BY FEDERAL CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS ARE LIMITED BY FEDERAL LAW. THE FEDERAL CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS ARE SOLICITING ONLY DONATIONS OF UP TO \$2500 FROM INDIVIDUALS AND UP TO \$5000 FROM MULTI-CANDIDATE POLITICAL COMMITTEES. THEY ARE NOT SOLICITING DONATIONS IN ANY AMOUNT FROM CORPORATIONS, LABOR ORGANIZATIONS, NATIONAL BANKS, FEDERAL CONTRACTORS, OR FOREIGN NATIONALS. POLITICAL AD PAID FOR BY TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN CONVENTION 2021 PAC, A TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATION UNDER SECTION 527 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CODE. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TFRW CONVENTION 2021 PAC ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE AS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES. CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOT PERMITTED. NOT AUTHORIZED BY ANY CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE

Treasurer's Report

MAY 2021

LORY KAYE, TREASURER



GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance 3/31/2021 \$22,695.37

Income

4/12/2021 Membership Dues \$90.00

4/23/2021 Lunch Fees \$971.00

4/23/2021 Member Dues/Lunch Fees, Square, Inc. \$87.25

4/30/2021 (\$1,148.25)

Expense

4/08/2021 #3048 Camp Hope \$100.00

4/22/2021 #3049 Texas Mysteries Parties \$250.00

4/22/2021 #3050 River Plantation Golf Club \$967.82

4/27/2021 #3051 TFRW \$50.00

4/29/2021 #3052 Speed Printing \$193.05

(\$1,560.87)

Ending Balance 4/30/2021 \$22,282.75

Petty Cash \$100.00

TOTAL 4/30/2021 \$22,382.75

Caring for America



AMY BYERS

I hope everyone will join us for the May meeting and the “baby shower” for PACN. This meeting is very personal to me and I hope it is to you too!

We've been working hard to

make these women feel the love and support from Montgomery County Republican Women. If you want to know what individuals can do to impact their community, please come to the meeting!

Items needed!

Diaper bags

Toddler step stools

Baby monitors



Local NCL supporting the PACN



Americanism

CINDY MILLER

MAY 1ST IS LOYALTY DAY



Loyalty Day was established to be a time for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States and for recognition of the heritage of American freedom. Loyalty Day originally began as “Americanization Day” in 1921 as a counter to the Communists’ May 1 celebration of the Russian Revolution. On

May 1, 1930, 10,000 Veterans of Foreign Wars members staged a rally at New York’s Union Square to promote patriotism. Through a resolution adopted in 1949, May 1 evolved into Loyalty Day. Observances began on April 28, 1950, and culminated on May 1, when more than five million people across the nation held rallies. In New York City, more than 100,000 people rallied for America. In 1958, Congress enacted Public Law 529 proclaiming Loyalty Day a permanent fixture on the na-

tion’s calendar.

On Loyalty Day, we reaffirm our allegiance to our country and resolve to uphold the vision of our forefathers. Many groups host and participate in special events across the country including parades and school programs. We should take a moment on this day to publicly acknowledge the members of our armed forces who are displaying the ultimate in loyalty and service to protect our freedom, liberty, and way of life.

SAVE THE DATE!



MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN PRESENT

Disappearance of Death

MURDER MYSTERY

silent AUCTION!
COSTUME CONTEST!
SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!

OCTOBER 21ST, 2021 • RIVER PLANTATION GOLF CLUB
MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

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Structure of

TFRW AND NFRW

ALICE MELANCON

When you pay your dues to the Montgomery County Republican Women, you become a member of the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) and the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW). These organizations work hand in



hand to fill the objectives of the Texas Federation of Republican Women.

- To promote an informed electorate through political education and activity.
- To increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through active political participation.
- To facilitate cooperation between the National Federation of Republican Women and the Texas Federation of Republican Women, to promote the welfare and growth of local Republican Women's clubs in the State of Texas.
- To foster loyalty to the Republican Party and to promote its principles and candidates in all elections including nonpartisan elections.
- The officers and Board members of the Texas Federation of Republican Women serve to help the local clubs achieve these objectives. The officers are elected every two years at the Biennial Texas Federation of Republican Women Convention.

The President of the Texas Federation of Republican Women serves on the Board of Directors of the National Federation of Republican Women. The officers of the

National Federation of Republican Women are elected every two years at the Biennial National Federation of Republican Women Convention.

The objectives of the National Federation of Republican Women are

- To increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government
- To disseminate information to all state federations and local clubs
- To inform the public through political education and activity
- To foster loyalty to the Republican Party at all levels of government
- To promote the principles of the Republican Party
- To work for Republican candidates in all elections, including nonpartisan elections
- To support the objectives and policies of the Republican National Committee
- To perform any lawful activity not inconsistent with the foregoing

Many of the committees that you find on the local level also exist on the state and national level. For example, all levels contain Literacy, Caring for America, Americanism, and Legislative Committees as well as many others.

As a local club, we follow the guidelines established by TFRW and NFRW.

General Meeting Minutes

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN RIVER PLANTATION GOLF CLUB APRIL 22, 2021



President Alice Melancon called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. with 34 members present. After a prayer and pledges to our flags led by Suzanne Adams, Alice welcomed members and guests and recognized all elected officials and candidates for office. The March meeting minutes were accepted as printed; the treasurer's report will be filed for financial review.

In PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS, Alice reported that TFRW is growing and has accepted into membership two newly formed clubs. The TFRW Legislative Chairman is following closely and reporting to all clubs concerning bills progress-

ing through the Legislature now. Alice asked that everyone read our MCRW newsletter and be sure to make reservations for our general meetings before the deadline to do so. She encouraged members to try to attend the NFRW Convention in Orlando in September and the TFRW Convention the middle of October at the new Kalahari Resort in Round Rock. She related that Bryan Christ, our MC Republican Party Chairman, has helped form a new organization, Hispanic Conservatives of Montgomery County.

Alice then introduced Christian Collins, who briefly talked about the Texas Youth Summit to be held July 16-17 for high school students in Texas in order to better educate them on conservative values.

PROGRAM Chairperson Suzanne Adams introduced our keynote speaker Tammy McRae, Montgomery County

Tax Assessor/Collector, who began by noting that there are five tax offices in Montgomery County, including Conroe, The Woodlands, New Caney, Montgomery and Magnolia. She then spoke about the various duties of her office, including collecting taxes for 81 taxing jurisdictions in the county.

COMMITTEE REPORTS began with Pearl Maggio reminding us to turn in our volunteer hours to her at the end of each quarter. Amy Byers (Caring for America) asked everyone to contribute items at next month's meeting to the baby shower for expectant mothers at the Pregnancy Assistance Center. Alice reported that our Texas Republican Party Chairman Allen West will speak at the May 18th meeting of the Greater Houston Council. She also told us that five scholarship applications have been received from high school students in our county. Our Scholarship Committee will

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meet to select two winners for \$1,000 scholarships each from our club. Julia Morton (Legislation) encouraged everyone to follow legislative bills online and express your opinions to our Texas representatives and senators on these bills now progressing through our Legislature in Austin. Barbara Eddleman (Membership) reported we now have 99 full members and 39 associate members in MCRW. Mary Lea Kirk confirmed that we will honor our Woman of Distinction (Lory Kaye) at our June meeting.

In NEW BUSINESS Suzanne stated that our annual fundraiser will be a murder mystery dinner with elected officials as players in the mystery. It will be held at River Plantation Golf Club on October 21st beginning at 5:30 p.m. She encouraged members to get involved with the

planning and implementation of this event in coming weeks. She also reported that author Loren Spivak, a very entertaining speaker, will talk on conservative policies at our May 27th general meeting.

Craig Lewellyn of Kevin Brady's office related that, even though Representative Brady will be retiring at the end of his current term, their office is very active and eager to help with citizen concerns.

After announcing that the next Board Meeting will be held on May 13th at the South MC Community Building, Alice adjourned the general meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bettie Moss
Recording Secretary



Legislation

JULIA MORTON



The 87th Texas Legislature officially ends on May 31, 2021. Several pieces of legislation, including some on election integrity, are still being debated and discussed. TFRW recently sent its members (all of us are also members of TFRW) an email on how to contact our Texas legislators and voice our opinions on this important issue. Some websites to research Texas legislation are:

1. <https://legiscan.com/legislation> (Legiscan)
2. <https://capitol.texas.gov> (Texas Legislature Online)
3. <https://webservices.sos.state.tx.us/legbills> (Texas Secretary of State website)

Also, many proposed pieces of Congressional legislation are in the process of being considered. The websites where these proposed pieces of federal legislation can be researched are:

1. www.congress.gov
2. www.govtrack.us/congress/bills (shows upcoming bills and resolutions, along with their sponsors)
3. <https://www.usa.gov/how-laws-are-made> (explains how laws are made and how to research them)

In addition, May 1st was Law Day. Law Day is celebrated on this day and during the entire month of May. It was first proclaimed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958, then its observance was codified in 1961 by Public Law 87-20. The purpose of Law Day is to reflect on the fact that the rule of

law is part of the foundation of the United States and is very important to our society.

The American Bar Association's theme for 2021's Law Day is "Advancing the Rule of Law Now." All citizens "share the responsibility to promote the rule of law, defend liberty, and pursue justice." Many different events celebrate Law Day, including luncheons, readings by attorneys in schools, poster contests, and freedom dialogues, among others.

Some references regarding Law Day are:

1. <https://www.uscourts.gov/annual-observances/law-day>
2. https://www.americanbar.org/public_education/law
3. <https://www.hba.org/pg=law-week-activities> (Houston Bar Association)
4. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Law_Day_\(United_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Law_Day_(United_States))



PARLIAMENTARY POINTER

Pearl Maggio

Division: A demand that a vote be retaken. Division can be ordered by the chair of a meeting or by individual delegates. it can interrupt debate or discussion.

Find us on



Do you know that MCRW has a Facebook page? You can find us listed as **Montgomery County Republican Women (MCRW)-Texas**. People are added to our page upon request. There is a small form that we ask you to fill out—it seems that we get confused with the Montgomery County Republican Women in Maryland and this is one way to avoid adding them. Once you join our page, please share some of our posts with your friends. That is how we can get the word out about our club and some of the political events that we are following.

www.facebook.com/groups/www.mcrepublicanwomen.org

Remarks by Congressmen

KEVIN BRADY

REPUBLICAN LEADER, HOUSES WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE 8TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

I have an announcement.

And I can't think of a better place to make it than right here at The Chamber I led, in the community I live, and to business and community leaders I admire and consider friends.

I am retiring as your Congressman. This term, my 13th, will be the last.

I set out to give my constituents the representation you deserve, the effectiveness you want and the economic freedom you need. I hope I delivered. It's a remarkable privilege to work for you in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Thanks to your strong support I've been blessed with many unbelievable opportunities to lead, including becoming only the third Texan in history to chair the House Ways & Means Committee. I'll never forget the trust you gave me these many years.

And I can never repay the sup-



port from my wife Cathy. She is a true angel (you have no idea), who made all this possible and is the best thing in my life. Ever.

I love this job. And thanks to incredible lawmakers I've worked with in Congress and the White House, I've been fortunate to do big things for our country. Bigger than a small town boy from Rapid City, South Dakota whose father died when young, with all five of us children raised by a remarkable single mom, could ever dream of.

I've noticed that anytime you retire in Washington, D.C. some are eager to assign a motive. So

let me tackle those. Is this because I've lost faith in a partisan Congress and the political system? Absolutely not.

I work with some of the most dedicated people in the nation – talented, hardworking and serious about their responsibilities – in both parties. And after 25 years in the nation's Capitol I haven't yet seen a problem we can't solve or move past. Not one. Especially when we put our best ideas and intentions together.

Given the times, I'm sure some will say "It's Trump's fault". Nonsense.

I'm proud to have worked with the President and lawmakers from both parties to redesign America's broken tax code, reform the IRS, pass the new

US-Mexico-Canada trade agreement, reform America's retirement system, end the unfair ObamaCare individual mandate and its harmful taxes, and

sign into law a historic national ban on surprise medical bills. And we preserved my first success as Chairman: negotiating for Speaker Paul Ryan an end to the 40-year ban on selling U.S. crude oil overseas.

The Tax Cuts lifted millions of Americans out of poverty, and gave hope to so many the old tax code had left behind. America recaptured the title as the most competitive economy in the world, bringing manufacturing jobs and investment back home to America from overseas.

As you may not know, because House Republicans limit committee leadership to six years, I won't be able to Chair the Ways & Means Committee in the next session when Republicans win back the House majority. Did that factor in? Honestly, some.

But as I see it, our committee leader term limits ensure lawmakers who work hard and effectively have the opportunity to lead, to bring fresh ideas to our committee work. In my view, it's a good thing. And the great news is that our Ways & Means Committee is incredibly talented. I'm confident about its future.

In the end, I'll leave Congress

the way I entered it, with the absolute belief that we are a remarkable nation – the greatest in history.

Despite what the media and social media bombards you with each day, we are not the hateful, racist, divided nation they peddle. They are dead wrong. Turn off that noise and you'll hear the true heartbeat of America.

We remain the most charitable nation on the planet. We are a nation so valued that a million military men and women have sacrificed their lives for our freedoms and opportunity.

And look at yourself, look around at your friends and our community: We come together every day voluntarily to feed the hungry, house the homeless, rescue our veterans, race to help our neighbors in a natural disaster...and more.

We do this without a single thought about the color of our anyone's skin, their religious beliefs, or the circumstances of their birth. We volunteer, we give from our

pockets and our hearts, we care for each other. Because that is who America is

Are we a work in progress? Absolutely, and there's plenty of work yet to be done.

But that's what makes America so special. Every parent, every generation, is determined to leave a nation for our children – and others – better than the one we inherited. We devote much of our adult lives to this.

As a result, the American Dream is still alive and well for anyone willing to work for it until it's theirs. That is why I remain optimistic about our country, because I have faith in our people. I've seen up close how remarkable you are, and while I am leaving Congress I am excited about our future.

God Bless Texas, and God Bless the United States of America."



Community Engagement

MARISA RUMMELL



The Fifth of May is the day on which the Mexican-Americans commemorate the defeat of the French occupation at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. Napoleon III attempted to establish a permanent French colony in Central America and led toward their eventual expulsion from Mexico by Benito Juarez five years later. It is a National holi-

day second in importance only to September 16, Mexican Independence Day. Even as early as 1863, the day was celebrated by Mexicans living in American cities. The tequila companies and grocery stores have really promoted this day and parties are planned in celebration of a day that is hardly celebrated in Mexico. For those Mexicans who call themselves "Chicano", Cinco de Mayo has developed into a festival to perpetuate nationalism in a foreign land.

The newly-formed Hispanic Conservatives of Montgomery County have been busy organizing and finalizing the PAC. They have had election of officers,

and are finishing by-laws, and held an Open House at the Republican Headquarters. A second Open House is scheduled for May 19, 2021. It is a General Membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Republican Headquarters. Included at this meeting is a forum on the Hispanic experience with socialism and communism in Central America (Panama-Jenny);(Nicaragua-Marianna), South America (Argentina)-Laura and the Caribbean(Cuban testimonial). This should be a very interesting program as we get insight from actual Hispanics who have had real experience with totalitarian governments. These ladies also participated in Kid Fest. I love their enthusiasm.

Volunteer Hours



PEARL MAGGIO

Please email your volunteer hours to Pearl Maggio at pmaggio@consolidated.net. These are the hours you worked from April 1 to the end of June. (Estimate the hours that you anticipate volunteering until the end

of June because that is the ending date for the TFRW awards.) Remember to include the time spent working on any MCRW or TFRW projects, working for a candidate, or working for the Republican party.

MCRW Scholarship



ALICE MELANCON

con, and Melissa Williams. Five scholarship applications were received. The applicants were rated on their grades, their extracurricular activities, their essays, and their letters of recommendation.

The young ladies who submitted their applications were all outstanding, but after careful consideration two of the young ladies' applications were judged

to be the best. The scholarships will be awarded to Ashley Gibson of The Woodlands High School and Carla Reyes Ortiz of The Woodlands College Park High School.

They have been invited to our June meeting and will be awarded their scholarships at that time. More information about these young ladies will be printed in the June newsletter.

The MCRW Scholarship committee met and reviewed the applications for our two \$1000.00 scholarships. The committee consisted of Suzanne Adams, Pearl Maggio, Alice Melan-

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE OCTOBER 21 FUNDRAISER!!

The Fundraising Committee has contracted with a new murder mystery dinner theater company to provide the program for the event. We attended one of their productions in March and we found it to be fun, fast paced and very entertaining. Also, we will have a Silent Auction, so be thinking about what you might donate and/or consider a business contact you have that might donate goods or services.

The success of the fundraiser is dependent on many elements, but the most important is YOU, the volunteers. Please consider lending your talents to one (or more!) subcommittees.

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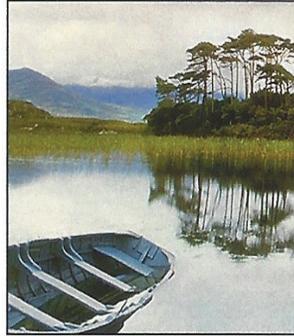
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	NOTE
May 27	MCRW Meeting • 11AM	River Plantation Golf Club
May 31	Memorial Day	
June 10	MCRW Board Meeting • 10AM	South County Community Center
June 24	MCRW Meeting • 11AM	River Plantation Golf Club

AMERICANISM ONE NATION UNDER GOD

The late Borah Van Dormolen, our former Republican National Committeewoman for Texas, used to emphasize to us the proper recitation of the Pledge of 'Allegiance. Borah, who had served in the United States Army, liked to point out that in our Pledge of Allegiance, there is no comma between one nation under God—so we should not pause between the words nation and under. We should say, "One nation under God". If we say it that way at our meetings, eventually it will become more comfortable to us.



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