# THE CRW



#### COPPELL REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Texas Federation of Republican Women Region III

Senate District 16

Spring 2017

## **Top Stories**

#### **Municipal Elections May 6**

Coppell ISD, CFBISD and Coppell City Council Elections will be held on May 6. Early voting will begin on April 24 and end on May 2. Dates and times, sample ballots and links to Early Voting locations and Election Day locations are on page 9 of this newsletter. A voter guide is available by clicking here. Just enter your address and choose the races you wish to review.

#### Right2Speak

Republican women from around America participated in the March 8 leftist "day without a woman" by going to work, making positive statements, and using social media to speak up. From the Right2Speak website:

"With all the attention paid to the recent Women's

March movement, there is a very important story that is not being told. It is the story of the women of this nation who have been castaside in the clamor and rhetoric of the extreme farleft. Our voice, it seems, is considered unworthy of participation in the public debate."

See page 3 for more on



Amy M Clark @AmyMClarkTX - Mar 6

Not showing up isn't a positive statement. #WeShowUp #NotMyMarch fb.me/19plLBYtq

#### Special points of interest:

- Municipal Elections
- Membership Orientation
- TFRW Legislative Day
- Right2Speak
- Carry the Load
- Rotary Club Memorial
   Day Flag Project

### President's Pen

The Texas Federation of Republican Women's Legislative Day was Thursday, April 6th in Austin. The CRW were well represented by Michelle LaFountain, Jane Anne Sellars, Linda Mays, Lisa Armstrong, Karyn Brownlee, Sharon Kappers and Kit Whitehill. The sea of red was a beautiful sight as Republican women from all over Texas filled the House and Senate galleries in their red jackets. If you have not heard, TFRW kicked off their fundraising efforts to raise money for Patriot Paws in 2017 at Legislative Day. Our goal was to present

one veteran with a service dog during the Dallas convention October 19-21. The cost to train a service dog and teach a veteran how to work with their dog is \$30,000 and there are currently over 150 veterans on the wait list for a dog. In less than 36 hours, TFRW raised the \$30,000 needed to sponsor a dog! Lt. Governor Dan Patrick was so moved by our efforts, that he committed to raise the additional \$30,000 for a second dog. TFRW isn't stopping with two dogs; we are encouraging all clubs to continue raising money so we can provide 3 or more veterans with a service dog.
Nothing is impossible when
TFRW women work together to accomplish a goal. If
you would like to help with
this effort, please send
your check made payable
to Patriot Paws to our address below.
Don't forget, if you haven't
renewed your membership

Don't forget, it you haven't renewed your membership dues, now is the time do so. We need your support to accomplish our programs including our scholarship program, Wreaths Across America program, and literacy program. We hope to see you at one of our upcoming events this spring.

Keeping Texas **RED**, Kit Whitehill

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Coppell Republican Women support Republican candidates; inform, educate, and empower women to become part of the political process; provide educational scholarships; and serve veterans and our community.



#### **Calendar of Events**

- April 17 Cut-off date for CRW Scholarship application
- April 27 Board Meeting 5:45 at Kit Whitehill's home
- May 4 FUNdraiser for our Scholarship program
- May 4 National Day of Prayer, Coppell Town Center at noon
- May 15 DCCRW evening program with the District Attorneys from Dallas, Tarrant, Kaufman and Rockwall Counties (All are Republican women)
- May 21 Special Event Meeting at American Fallen Soldiers Project
- May 29 Our first Rotary Club Flag Day in 2017
- May 28-29 Carry the Load, Dallas
- June 4 General Meeting, location TBD
- October 18-21 TFRW Biennial Convention at Omni Hotel, Dallas
- Calendar is subject to change, please check our <u>website</u> or <u>Facebook</u> for up to date information.

#### Coppell Republican Women Board 2017-2018

Sharon Kappers

Lynell Huffmaster

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Campaign Activities	Lynell Huffmaster	

Membership in the Coppell Republican Women includes membership in the Texas Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women. <a href="https://www.nfrw.org">www.nfrw.org</a>

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Call Michelle at 972-304-3983
if you need to speak to someone.
You may send us your contact information by visiting our website at

www.coppellrepublicanwomen.co m/contact-us-2/ and we will contact you at your email address.



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Caring for America

Scholarship

## Right2Speak

"We have the Right to Speak. Because we have something important to say. We are more than the protests, more than the mobthink. More than the stifling of free speech, more than the bullying with baseless claims. We are more. We are voices of reason and integrity. We are voices of liberty and love. We may not always agree with one another, but we will respect one another's voice. We will fight not just for our voice to be heard, but for the voices of all women who are being marginalized by this far-left movement." From Right2Speak website.





#### **Barbara Bush Literacy Library Project**

The Coppell Republican Women are proud to participate in the Barbara Bush Literacy Library Project. This initiative is based on the premise that all children deserve an equal opportunity to achieve. Lower literacy levels are linked to poor health, fewer economic opportunities and an increased dependence on welfare. Enhancing school libraries and literacy programs helps equip children with the pow-

er of literacy so they can achieve the American Dream. Our next book donation is with Tom Landry Elementary School in Irving. Tom Landry Elementary is located in the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD, in the nearby Valley Ranch area of Irving. Their diverse school population is 69.6% economically disadvantaged with a 25.2% mobility rate. Both of these statistics are higher than the state averages.

Come join us for our next scheduled visit to this special school on Wednesday, April 26 at noon. We will meet at 11:30 at First Methodist Church in Coppell in the east parking lot nearest the duck pond to carpool or caravan. If you would like to meet us there, the school's address is 265 Red River Trail, Irving, TX 75063.

We have a video on YouTube from our last BBLLP donation. Click on this link

www.youtube.com
to see the excited children receive the Fly Guy and Elephant and Piggie books.



## American Fallen Soldiers Project May 21 Special Meeting



American Fallen Soldiers Project portrait of Adam Garcia, CHS graduate and member of the CHS Band, who died from injuries sustained in Iraqi Freedom in 2006.

The American Fallen Soldiers Project was formed to help provide comfort and healing to the grieving families of our fallen military. This 501c3 nonprofit organization makes available at no cost to the family an original portrait of their fallen loved one that fully captures their appearance and personality. Since the inception of The American Fallen Soldiers Project in 2007 hundreds of portraits have been painted and presented to the families of Ameri-

ca's fallen military across the United States. However, because of their extensive backlog and with the arrival of new requests daily, there are countless families still to be helped for years to come.

Phil and Lisa Taylor have invited the CRW to a private gallery tour on May 21st from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. CRW will provide light refreshments. Like most 501c3 non-profits, fundraising is vital. The AFSP currently has a brick fundraiser as

well as other opportunities to donate and volunteer.

When you buy a brick, you're helping to support their mission to honor, respect and memorialize the American military service members who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. Each custom inscribed brick will be permanently installed on their Walk of Honor located at The American Fallen Soldiers National Gallery.

www.americanfallensoldiers.com/

## **Rotary Club Flag Project**

The Coppell Republican
Women are participating in
the Rotary Club Flag Program
for the third year. We gather
at the high school, collect the
flags for our routes and have
a great time delivering them
to our neighbors around Coppell. Late afternoon or early
evening we gather again to
pick up the flags. Beth Wil-



cox is chairing our Flag Program for 2017. She will be seeking volunteers to put up and take down the

flags starting on Memorial Day, May 29. To find out more about the Rotary Club Flag Program, click on this link: www.rotaryclub.org

The Rotary Club web site also has a link to see if your neighborhood is in the Flag Program. Watch for a email from Beth in May to sign up to help in either the morning, or evening (or both) for Memorial Day.



Painting with a Twist with the Coppell Republican Women



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### Texas Federation of Republican Women Legislative Day



Seven members of our club attended TFRW Legislative Day. The evening before we attended TFRW Belles and Boots and danced and had fun with other TFRW members. Thursday we attended the opening gavel at both the Texas House and Senate as April 6 was declared TFRW Day by both bodies. LT Gov Dan Patrick was our luncheon keynote speaker.









Legislative Day was a great start to promoting our biennial convention in Dallas. Mark your calendar for Oct 19-21, 2017.

#### **Postcards to our President**

Members of the Coppell Republican Women and our sister club, Irving Republican Women met on March 7 to write postcards to the President. With wine and snacks and lots of blank postcards, stamps and markers, the group wrote over 200 postcards. They were all mailed on March 15, along with thousands of others addressed to President Trump.









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## Carry the Load May 28 - May 29



Photo credit Dallas Morning News May 2016 CRW members Sharon Kappers and Jane Anne Sellars march in 2016 Carry the Load

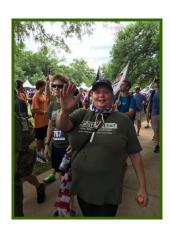
Every year, the Carry The Load community joins together to raise money in support of veteran and first responder programs in honor of Memorial May — building homes for heroes, providing adaptive training for the injured, underwriting mental health programs, and more. Last year, supporters and sponsors raised more than \$2 million! Help

us honor our heroes with even more support this year! See more at:

www.carrytheload.org
Coppell Republican Women members have participated in the Dallas Carry the Load. The march begins on May 28 at 4:00 pm at Reverchon Park, 3505
Maple Ave, Dallas.

--Sharon Kappers Caring for America Chair

## Supporting the USO





Sharon Kappers serves on the board of the Coppell Republican Women, but she has another organization that she supports every weekend! **Every Saturday Sharon** reports to the USO at **DFW Airport Terminal B** to provide meals, snacks and beverages to service members who are traveling to a new duty station or heading for home. The USO provides facilities for service members and their families to rest, read, access technology or just have a quiet place.

Originally from Wisconsin, Sharon is a big
Green Bay Packers fan
as well as the University
of Wisconsin and never
misses a game.
Sharon began volunteer-

Sharon began volunteering at the USO in 2012 and has accumulated over 895 service hours

and considers the work she does there a privilege. She also assists the USO at special events such as air shows, and escorting Medal of Honor recipients, wounded warriors and Gold Star families. An especially exciting time is in December when she volunteers at Exodus, when troops from Fort Sill and Sheppard and Goodfellow AFBs



are bussed to DFW to travel home for the holiday.

She will start training very soon for Fallen Soldier escort services. She also volunteers every year at SnowBall Express, an event designed especially for the children of fallen military. She participates in Carry the Load, an annual event held in Dallas to raise awareness to the true meaning of Memorial Day. Carry the Load also raises money for veterans and first responders.

Another of Sharon's past achievements is participating in Honor Flights into and out of D/FW. Her position on the CRW board is called Carina for America and she exemplifies this in everything she does for our military and veterans. The USO is always in need of packaged snacks and full size candy bars. Contact Sharon at CoppellRepublicanWomen@ gmail.com for information on how you can help.

#### The CRW



Senator John Cornyn has represented Texas since 2002



Senator Ted Cruz has represented Texas since 2013

#### Who Represents Me?

U.S. Senate Senator John Cornyn Senator Ted Cruz

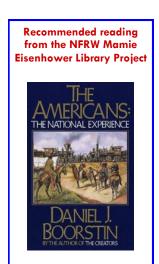
Congressional District 24
Representative Kenny
Marchant

**Texas State Senate**Senate District 16
Senator Don Huffines

Texas State House House District 115 Representative Matt Rinaldi State Board of Education
District 11
Patricia Hardy

#### U.S. House of Representatives Coppell City Council

- Karen Hunt, Mayor
- Cliff Long, PL 1
- <u>Brianna Hinojosa-Flores,</u>
   <u>PL 2</u>
- Wes Mays, Mayor Pro Tem / PL 3
- Gary Roden, PL 4
- Nancy Yingling, PL 5
- Marvin Franklin, PL 6
- Mark Hill, PL 7



Click on the elected officials name (hyperlink) for their website & contact information

## Remember these wine tasting events? We are doing it again!!





Plan to join us for our next Scholarship **FUN**draiser! We are having a wine tasting with cheese and fruit appetizers followed by dinner (with more wine!) and dessert on May 4. The cost for this great scholarship event is \$95 per person. Bring your spouse, neighbors or BFF. Watch your email for more information and how to reserve your spot, you won't want to miss this fun time with the CRW!







#### **Membership Report**

We were so excited to have so many people attend our Membership Orientation and New Member Drive event. Several people joined at this event. For more on the event, see page 8 of this newsletter. We currently have 33 members towards our 2017 goal of 59 members. Active, voting members are those for whom our club is their primary

TFRW club.
Bring a friend to our next meeting on May 21st at American Fallen Soldiers Project.

--Linda Mays Membership Chair

## We Welcome Our New Members!

Noreen Bridgeman Dora Ratcliff Maureen Vanacore Anne Ruedi Rochelle Cowan Gay Tepper

## **Membership Drive and New Member Orientation**

Governor Abbott appointed Faith Johnson as Dallas County District Attorney in December 2016. The Dallas Morning News article published on December 6, 2016 stated the new DA "she sees herself as a 'servant leader' who wants the public to believe in the prosecutors at the DA's office."

Ms. Johnson, a Republican and former judge, said she will be working for all people regardless of where they live in

the county or their race.

We were privileged to have Ms. Johnson join us at our membership drive and new member orientation on March 21, 2017. She is a powerful speaker and visibly moved those in attendance. She has been in office just over 90 days, but has already spoken at over 100 events about how she intends to heal the DA's

office from the inside out and the outside in.

She will be facing a primary in 2018, and her first effort to be re-elected is to sign up 100,000 prayers warriors to "Pray for wisdom, so I will do justice and that I will be fair." Several fundraising events are scheduled. For more information on her campaign, please follow her on Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/faithjohnsonfordistrictattorney">www.facebook.com/faithjohnsonfordistrictattorney</a>











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## Municipal Elections - Early Voting, Election Day and Sample Ballots

#### **Early Voting**

Dallas County registered voters can vote at ANY early voting location in DALLAS COUNTY. Click here for all Early Voting locations:

www.dallascountyvotes.

Excerpts of sample ballot for Coppell residents are to the right.



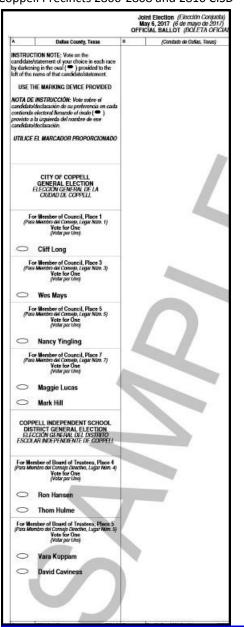
# Election Day Voting Locations

Click on this link to go to Dallas County Elections website to find your location to vote on MAY 6 www.dallascountyvo tes.org/wp-content/ uploads/WEB-Election -Day-Polling-Locations-3.pdf

EARLY VOTING DATES AND TIMES



Coppell Precincts 2800-2808 and 2810 CISD Coppell Precinct 2809 CFBISD



Joint Election (Elección Conjunta May 6, 2017 (6 de mayo de 2017) OFFICIAL BALLOT (BOLETA OFICIAL) Dallas County, Texas (Condado de Dallas, Texas) INSTRUCTION NOTE: Vote on the candidate/statement of your choice in each race by darkening in the oval ( = ) provided to the left of the name of that candidate/statement. CARROLLTON-FARMERS BRANCH ISD GENERAL ELECTION ELECCIÓN GENERAL DE CARROLLTON-FARMERS BRANCH ISD USE THE MARKING DEVICE PROVIDED NOTA DE INSTRUCCIÓN: Vote sobre el candidato/declaración de su preferencia en contienda electoral llenando el óvalo ( = ) provisto a la izquierda del nombre de ese INSTRUCTION: You can cast up to two votes in any combination for the candidate(s) of your choice. You may mark only up to two ovals. UTILICE EL MARCADOR PROPORCIONADO instrucciones: Puede olorgar hasta dos votos en cualquier combinación al fios) candidato(s) que desee. No puede marcar más de dos óvalos. For Member(s) of Board of Truste (Para membro(s) del consejo escolar) Vote for None, One or Two (Vote por ninguno, uno o dos) CITY OF COPPELL GENERAL ELECTION ELECCION GENERAL DE LA CIUDAD DE COPPELL Candace H. Valenzuela For Member of Council, Place 1 (Para Membro del Consejo, Lugar Núm. 1) Candace H. Valenzuela 0 Derek Glatz Derek Glatz Cliff Long For Member of Council, Place 3
Para Miembro del Consejo, Lugar Nilm: 3)
Vote for One
(Votar por Uno) Nic Rady 0 Nic Rady Wes Mays Victoria (Viccy) Kemp For Member of Council, Place 5 Para Miembro del Consejo, Lugar Núm. 5) Vote for One (Votar por Uno) 0 Victoria (Viccy) Kemp 0 James Goode 0 James Goode Nancy Yingling For Member of Council, Place 7 lara Miembro del Conselo, Lugar Núm. 7) Vote for One (Votar por Lino) Nancy Cline **Nancy Cline** Maggie Lucas CARROLLTON-FARMERS BRANCH ISD SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY ELECTION ESPECIAL DE CARROLLTON FARMERS BRANCH ISD PARA LLENAR UNA VACANTE For Member of Board of Trustees, Unexpired Term (Pare Membro del Consejo Directivo, Durackin Restante del Cargo) Vote for One (Votar por Utno) Tara Hrbacek John T. DeLorme

Joint Election (Elección Conjunta) May 6, 2017 (6 de mayo de 2017) Early Voting Locations (Ubicaciones de votación adelantada) CLICK HERE TO FIND THE OPRIME AQUÍ PARA ENCONTRAR EARLY VOTING LOCATION NEAREST TO YOU ADELANTADA MÁS CERCANO Monday, April 24, 2017 through Friday, April 28, 2017 lunes, 24 de abril de 2017 viernes, 28 de abril de 2017 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday, April 29, 2017 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM 1:00 PM -1:00 PM -Sunday, April 30, 2017 6:00 PM domingo, 30 de abril de 2017 6:00 PM Monday, May 01, 2017 lunes, 01 de mayo de 2017 7:00 AM 7:00 AM through Tuesday, May 02, 2017

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## **Our Mission Is To:**

- Increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through active political participation
- Promote an informed electorate through political education
- Facilitate cooperation among Republican Women's clubs
- Foster loyalty to the Republican Party and promote its principles and candidates in all elections including non-partisan elections
- Work for the election of Republican Party nominees

## **Dallas County GOP Reagan Day Dinner 2017**



Theresa Kosmoski, President of TFRW accepted our invitation to join us at the Reagan Day Dinner #WeMakeltHappen











