Renew Your Membership!

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## The President's Pen by Lorraine Carroll

Welcome to 2021! Over the last 10 months CRW adapted and Zoomed to meet the challenges presented by the pandemic. We informed the public on political and legislative issues through relevant speakers, worked to help Republican candidates get elected and served our community by honoring first responders and veterans. With masks and social distancing our members volunteered many hours in all of these areas with one goal in mind – to make a difference.



The new year will bring new challenges. Did we ever think that our constitutional rights would be in jeopardy?

How safe are our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights? Can we trust our election process? This and many more issues will be debated during Texas State Legislature 87<sup>th</sup> session. And again CRW is committed to meeting the challenges.

CRW's first meeting of 2021 is Thursday, February 11. Our speaker will be Kyleen Wright, President of Texans for Life Coalition. Mark your calendar now to either join us in person or through Zoom.

Become a member and find your place to make a difference. Whether it is learning about current issues, volunteering in community efforts or being involved in the legislative process. CRW's executive board has many wonderful opportunities planned for our members to learn, serve, and grow together as civic-minded women.



## Face to Face February 11 General Meeting with option to watch on Zoom\*

Speaker: Kyleen Wright, President
Texans for Life Coalition
Location: Oles, Tex-Mex
600 E. Sandy Lake Road, Coppell
6:30 pm Registration
7:00 pm Meeting Called to Order

We are honored to have Kyleen Wright, President of Texans for Life (TLC) as our February speaker. TLC is the largest pro-life organization in Texas and has worked to build a culture of life in Texas since 1974. They sponsored the state's life-saving sonogram law and were one of the main architects of HB 2, which together will save tens of thousands of babies and better protect their moms.

Kyleen has worked as TLC's chief strategist and planner lending her considerable talents as a writer, public speaker and public relations liaison to the overall efforts of the TLC. As the mother of four men, she knows firsthand the importance of protecting and guiding our young people if our country is to remain strong in the future.

Join us at 6:30 pm for social time and to order food and beverages before the meeting begins.

\* To RSVP <u>CLICK HERE</u> to let us know if you will be attending in-person or would like the Zoom link sent to you. (Zoom links will be sent out on Wednesday night before the meeting.)

http://www.texlife.org/

## The Mighty Texas Strike Force

Jane Anne Sellars, VP Americanism Chair

After many Saturdays spent block walking for candidates and working the polls for early voting and election day, the November 3 results let me know I had to do more. When I received a plane ticket to Atlanta as a Christmas gift, I knew I had to go and be a part of the Mighty Texas Strike Force.

The Mighty Texas Strike Force's mission was to combat the forces telling voters it wasn't worth voting due to the cheating which was being reinforced by many carrying signs stating, "Continue the Steal". Our team of 65 from Texas was headquartered in Newnan, Georgia just southwest of Atlanta and was led by Rhonda Lacy, VP of Engagement for TFRW.

The amount of work that went into coordinating thousands of volunteers was incredible. Some of the volunteers stayed the entire six weeks. Many donors contributed to cover the cost of our hotel rooms and one meal a day. Other volunteers drove us around to the various cities of Newnan, Senoia, Sharpsburg, and Turin.

For 3.5 days between Christmas and New Year's Day I participated in block walking and had the opportunity to meet people from all economic situations. The people of Georgia were amazing and welcoming. While in Newnan, GA, I was fortunate to hear Kelly Loeffler at a rally in a downtown park. Her speech was inspiring.

I feel very fortunate to have been able to continue the fight for our country's freedoms with so many other passionate people from so many areas of the country.

## **Political/Campaign Volunteer Hours**

Lynell Huffmaster, VP Campaign Activities

Coppell Republican Women is a wonderfully active club.

We encourage members to volunteer in support of candidates and Republican organizations as well as community-based organizations.

By reporting your volunteer hours you help CRW gain well-earned state wide recognition and awards.

For more information on reporting volunteer hours, please see the link below to our Volunteer page on our website.

## What Are They?

All campaign activities related to getting Republican candidates elected and all activity that promotes the Republican philosophy and ideals.

#### What Counts?

- Campaign Activities
- Block walking
- Phone banking
- Campaign events
- Poll Greeting
- Government Activism
- Legislative & Local advocacy
- Petitioning
- •Emails, faxes, etc
- Club Activities
- Drive time to & from club meetings
- •County or Senate District

Convention

Preparation for events such as committee work

- •Club board meetings, committee meetings, etc
- Party Activities
- Precinct Chair or Captain
- Volunteering at headquarters
- Lincoln/Reagan Day
- Voter registration
- •GOTV
- School Board meetings
- Commissioners court
- TFRW NFRW Board meeting

#### What Doesn't Count?

- Paid Activities
- CRW Monthly Meetings
- Community Service (Caring for America) Time

## Why Do We Count Hours?

"Because they are a tangible demonstration of the value of the work our

members do, It is great to translate hours to dollars worth of campaign work that a candidate did not have to raise or spend."

Theresa Kosmoski, TFRW Past President

## As an Associate Member, can my hours count for CRW?

- Male associate members may count volunteer hours and must follow the same rules which apply to regular members.
- A female associate member's hours are only counted in her primary club.

#### **How Do We Count Hours?**

• Hours can be recorded on our Volunteer page on our website

or

• Email me at <a href="mailto:lhuffmaster@butlerandland.com">lhuffmaster@butlerandland.com</a>

## When emailing Campaign Hours:

- Enter CRW Hours in the subject line.
- Include your name, number of hours and the month
- I recommend tracking your hours daly

Additional information on the importance of recording hours and tips on how to record them can be found on our Volunteer page on our website.

Volunteer Page

## **Texas Legislative Priorities**

Devonna Hunter, VP Legislation

Happy New Year! I am happy to be serving as your Legislation VP. This will be a learning process for me and I welcome your camaraderie.

The 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature is now in session and runs until May 31.

Last July delegates of the Republican Party of Texas voted for 8 priorities they urged the Texas

Senate and House Republican Caucuses to adopt as their own during this session. These priorities are:



Require citizenship verification of each voter and felony penalties for Election Code violations that threaten election integrity.

## **Religious Freedom**

Restore the rights of individuals, organizations, and businesses to exercise their sincerely held religious beliefs by prohibiting local ordinances, state laws, or executive orders that violate those rights.

#### **Children and Gender Modification**

Abolish the following practices for minors: intervention to prevent natural progression of puberty, administration of opposite sex hormones, and



performance of any type of gender reassignment surgery.

#### **Abolition of Abortion**

Abolish abortion by ensuring the right to life and equal protection of the laws to all preborn children from the moment of fertilization.

### **Constitutional Carry**

Restore legal Texas firearms owners' rights to carry them openly or concealed without a permit, while maintaining the option of a permit for reciprocity purposes.

#### **Monument Protection**

All monuments or markers in our state shall be protected by law from being removed, defaced, destroyed, or otherwise dishonored. In particular, specific protection shall be given to the Alamo Cenotaph which shall not be removed from its current location off the Alamo Battlefield footprint.

#### **School Choice for All**

Empower parents and guardians to choose from public, private, charter, or homeschool options for their children's education using tax credits or exemptions without government restraint or intrusion.

## **Ban Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying**

Abolish all forms of taxpayer-funded lobbying.

## Who Represents Me?

Our elected officials need to hear from us now more than ever. Visit our website for a complete listing of National, State, and Local leaders who represent you.

Visit our Elected Officials Page

## Change Lives and Show You Care

Coppell Republican Women participate in the National Federation of Republican Women's "Caring for America" and "Americanism" programs. Please visit our <u>Americanism/Caring for America page</u> (under the Volunteer tab) to find our activities.

The purpose of these programs is to change lives, show we care about our community by being a giving and loving organization, and proving we can make a difference.

## **Americanism Activities 2021**

## **Police and Fire Recognition**

Monday, February 15 Friday, May 14 Friday, September 17

## **City Parades-TENTATIVE DATES**

Saturday, July 3, 9 am Saturday, December 4, 6 pm

## **Rotary Flag Distribution-TENTATIVE DATES**

#### Memorial Day - Monday, May 31

Covid plan: Saturdays, May 29 - June 5; Regular Plan: Saturday, May 29
 Monday, May 31

### Flag Day - Monday, June 14

Covid plan: Saturdays, June 12 - June 19; Regular Plan: Saturday, June 12 - Monday, June 14

#### Independence Day - Sunday, July 4

 Covid Plan: Saturdays, July 3 - 10; Regular Plan: Friday, July 2 - Sunday, July 4

#### Labor Day - Monday, September 6

 Covid Plan: Saturdays, September 4 - 11; Regular Plan: Saturday, September 3 - Monday, September 6

#### Veteran's Day - Thursday, November 11

 Covid Plan: Saturdays, November 6 & 13; Regular Plan: Thursday, November 11 - Saturday, November 13

### **Wreaths Across America**

Saturday, December 18, 11 am

## The USO at D/FW Airport is Open!

**Sharon Kappers, VP Caring for America and USO volunteer** 

Help us re-stock the shelves with items for our troops traveling through D/FW. We will be collecting items from the needs list below February 11 through March 4th. Items can be brought to our February and March meetings or delivered to Coppell Realty located at 549 E. Sandy Lake Road, #100 between the hours of 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Thank you for supporting our troops!



## TREATS FOR TROOPS USO DFW Needs List

## Snack and Drink Items (Snack-Sized/Individual Packaging)

- · Soups and Chili
- · Granola Bars
- Fruit / Vegetable Medley Cups
- Raisins
- Trail Mix
- Variety Pack of Chips and Pretzels
- · Cases of Chocolate Bars
- · Beef Jerky
- Cases of Apple/Orange Juice and Juice Boxes
- · Cases of Bottled Water/Gatorade
- Chex Mix



USO DFW Administrative offices are located at DFW Airport, Terminal B, Gate 20

Donations are accepted Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. To schedule a drop-off, contact USO DFW Administrative Assistant Steven Aldaz at 972-973-2205 or saldaz@uso.org.

#### Miscellaneous Items

- · Visa/Mastercard Gift Cards
- 9" Microwave Safe Paper Plates
- Rolls of Paper Towels
- 12 oz. Foam Cups
- Ear Phones
- Travel-Size Toiletry Items









# Coppell Republican Women Scholarship Program

Lynell Huffmaster, VP Scholarship

Coppell Republican Women believe in the education of our future generation of our young conservative women. In 2014 we established the Coppell Republican Women scholarship to be presented annually. Our scholarship program has awarded 10 scholarships to outstanding young conservative women.

If you would like to help give another deserving young women the gift of education please use the donate link on the scholarship page.

Visit our Scholarship page

## **Wreaths Across America in Coppell**

Coppell RW was proud to help sponsor the 5th annual Wreaths Across America with the Rolling Oaks Memorial Cemetery Saturday, Coppell on December 19. The city of Coppell Honor Guard presented the colors and the Coppell High School Band provided the trumpeter who played taps. An American Heritage Girls troop from Denton also participated.



Jane Anne Sellars, CRW Vice President of Americanism coordinated this event.

Wreaths were placed on 83 veterans graves by family and community members.

Thank you to all the community who donated wreaths and participated in placing wreaths this year.

Join Now! Visit our website

Contact us

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