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Special Edition Newsletter—April 2020

A Message from our President, Patty Castillo

Dear MCRW Members and Friends,

Who could have guessed that less than a month ago, at our March General Meeting, that we would now be in the midst of this coronavirus pandemic and all of its repercussions? As a club we are taking the threat of the pandemic seriously, but we are confident that if we approach the current situation with faith over fear, we will successfully overcome these challenges.



Even though these are difficult times for all of us, to some degree or another, I have noticed that amid this crisis unexpected blessings have presented themselves.

People are returning to God. In fact, the other day, I heard a Pastor say that the online services that his church is holding have brought even more worshipers than the regular services and that he had “seen” people at the services that he had not seen in years. Unexpected blessings...

Governor Abbott has classified abortions as nonessential medical procedures that should be delayed in order to save valuable medical resources for those treating COVID-19. Think of all of the babies that may be saved. Unexpected blessings...

The Trump administration has declared that “workers supporting the operation of firearm or ammunition product manufacturers, retailers, importers, distributors and shooting ranges” are categorized as essential businesses. Our second amendment rights upheld. Unexpected blessings...

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Republicans Believe In ...

- The U.S. Constitution
- Pro-Life/Family Values
- Right to Bear Arms
- Strong National Defense
- Smaller Government
- Balanced Budget/
Cutting Spending
- Free Market System
- Decrease in Regulation
- Balance of Power
- Personal Responsibility
- Quality & Choice in Education
- Opportunity for All
- Freedom

MCRW April General Meeting

We are happy to announce that the coronavirus situation will not stop MCRW - we are taking our April General Meeting online! Be on the lookout for details on how you can connect and participate in the General Meeting with speaker Lathan Watts from First Liberty on April 14. First Liberty is a world class team of legal experts leading the fight to reclaim religious freedom in America.

Click [here](#) to read their latest article “Cooperation of Church & State: How We Must Stand Together Amidst a National Health Crisis”

Technology, which recently was thought to keep us from personal interaction, has allowed us to connect with friends and family that we may not have seen in a long time. We are reaching out now more than before. MCRW had our first virtual Board meeting last week. Unexpected blessings...

Families are getting back together – whether it is preparing meals together, watching movies together or praying together, we are rediscovering the foundation of our society – our families. Unexpected blessings...

Parents are more involved in their children’s education – either homeschooling or finding out the details of school curriculums. Their eyes have been opened to how valuable parents’ involvement is in their children’s education. Unexpected blessings...

People are giving more than before. Whether it is funding services for the needy or those out of work, providing meals for the elderly or ordering takeout from their local restaurants, Americans are stepping up and supporting each other. Unexpected blessings...

And now that we are home and may have cleaned the house, mowed the lawn, made those repairs that we had been putting off, we may have some time to take on some projects to further our conservative principles.

What can I do?

- ◇ First of all, PRAY. Pray for our country, our leaders, our healthcare workers, our first responders and all who are on the front lines of this pandemic. Pray especially for President Trump and Vice President Pence, for their wisdom and health. As one of our very astute Board members put it “I started thinking of the ramifications--third in line, Nancy Pelosi--is just waiting in the wings. Heaven help us if she ever needs to take over!”
- ◇ Participate in Republican efforts that you can do from home and online. In the next few days and weeks, MCRW will be sending emails on projects relating to voter registration, learning how to campaign effectively and video conferences in which you can participate.
- ◇ Learn more about our conservative principles by reading/watching content from conservative websites and learn how you can work to uphold your beliefs. To get you started, we’ve provided some links in the MCRW Action Alert section of this newsletter.
- ◇ PragerU is a wonderful source of videos on all things conservative. PragerU videos are a customary part of our General Meetings and deliver thought-provoking messages with great takeaways. They have put together a list of videos that are ideal to watch with your children: [PragerU Playlist for the Whole Family](#)
- ◇ STAY CONNECTED. We need to remember that social distancing does not mean social isolation. Be sure to check in on your families, neighbors and friends. I received an unexpected call from one of our members the other day who was just checking in – it made my day!
- ◇ Check your email for the latest updates on schedule changes from the McLennan County Elections Office, the State and County Republican Party and MCRW. If you would like to contact us, please email MCRW-PAC@gmail.com.

I hope that all of you stay healthy and strong, knowing that we will get through this together.

Blessings for you and your families,

Patty Castillo

President

McLennan County Republican Women

Virtual Board Meeting - Tuesday, March 24, 2020



Campaign Activities, Janell Gilman

Inspire. Unite. Achieve.

Campaign Hours for First Quarter of 2020



The race is on for the 2020 election and keeping Texas Red. In the last Newsletter we posed a question we are all asking now due to the craziness of our world and the virus madness. “What can I do that will make a difference in the outcome of the 2020 election and keeping Texas Red?” With this craziness in the world right now, that question is even more critical and timely.

The answer is to keep on doing what you have been doing and more. Stay in touch with family and friends and keep talking up our values and the differences between the two parties. Keep informed as to decisions that are being made by our GOP representatives and let them know your opinions. Use your voice through phone, email and social media.

As you do the “work” of keeping Texas Red, keep track of your campaign activity hours and send them to janellgilman@gmail.com. March 31 was the end of the first quarter. Then the total number of hours will be sent to TFRW by April 15. Let’s let them know #WeShowUp

Caring for America, Connie Stamps

Friends for Life

MCRW was scheduled to play bingo in April with members of the Friends for Life group. However, with the precautions taken to avoid the spread of the coronavirus, these activities have been placed on hold. There are things that we can still do to help this group of mostly elderly. April Love at Friends for Life states that they are in desperate need of \$30 gift cards from either HEB or Walmart. As many of the elderly are unable to do their own shopping, help with that task would also be appreciated. If you are willing and able to assist, please contact April at april@friendsforlife.org or go to their Facebook page.



40 Days for Life

We were also scheduled to stuff Blessing Bags for 40 Days for Life on April 7. That has been postponed, but no new date has yet been set. We will let you know when the project resumes.

CareNet

CareNet’s needs are changing weekly and vary from providing meals from local restaurants to needing diapers, so please contact Madelyn Humphries mhumphries@pregnancycare.org or check their Facebook page to help.

Stay Well

MCRW ACTION ALERT

With thanks to Research and Legislation Committee member Karen Lane, our Action Alert this month deals with election integrity. The link below is a good place to start:

[Texas' Top County to Stop Hiding Noncitizen Voter Data](#)

“While this article outlines a small victory for us, will the necessary actions to clean up the voter rolls take place? How many tainted elections do we need to have before something is done about this?

Just because we are dealing with the coronavirus doesn't take away from the need for a safe, secure election in 2020. In fact, given the goals of the Democratic Party, it is even more important that we don't lose sight of the vital importance of this election! This is something we can do RIGHT NOW!” ---Karen Lane

ACTION: Contact Gov. Greg Abbott (512-463-2000) and Lt. Governor Dan Patrick (512-463-0001). Ask them to put the pressure on the various precincts to clean up the voter rolls before November. This doesn't take new legislation -- just the enforcement of the legislation we already have.

**VOTER INTEGRITY IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ISSUE!
WITHOUT IT, WE CANNOT TRUST OUR ELECTIONS!**

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Republican Party of Texas State Convention – tentatively rescheduled to **July 13-18**, pending SREC approval, George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston. If you are chosen as a State Delegate, you need only attend July 16-18.

For more info and delegate training videos: <https://www.texasgop.org/2020-state-convention/>

MCRW was hosting Convention Training sessions until recently and we will pick up where we left off once we are able to meet in person. In the meantime, be on the lookout for emails from us with additional training opportunities that we will schedule online. REMEMBER it's not too late to become a delegate to the state convention! Start by attending the County Convention on May 16 at TSTC

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BE SURE TO READ: County Republican Party Chairman Jon Ker's latest Newsletter – it will uplift you! You can find it [here](#).

Other stories of interest (just click each to read online):

[Gun-Control Activists Next Target? Turning Texas Blue](#)

[President Trump Will Nominate Texas Rep. John Ratcliffe to Serve as Director of National Intelligence](#)

[ACLU Files Lawsuit Against Seven Towns Declared “Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn”](#)

**HE TOLD US TO PROTECT OUR BORDERS.
HE TOLD US TO BRING MANUFACTURING
BACK HOME.
HE WARNED US ABOUT CHINA.
HE TOLD US TO TAKE CARE OF AMERICA FIRST.
ALL OF THIS, WELL BEFORE THIS PANDEMIC.**



**I'LL NEVER FORGET HOW DEMOCRATS
FOUGHT HIM EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.**

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