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- Balance of Power
- Personal Responsibility
- Quality & Choice in Education
- Opportunity for All
- Freedom



Newsletter— Winter 2021

A Message from our President, Patty Castillo

Since our last newsletter so much has happened, I don't know where to begin, but I do know this: I am so proud of you our members, associate members and friends of MCRW. I am proud of the work you do as individuals and I am so proud of the work we do as a team. We are truly stronger together and we gain strength from coming together. So at times like this, we need to come together, push ourselves forward and concentrate on what we have and what we can do now.

First and foremost, we have God, his protection, his strength, and his guidance.

Second, we have our principles. We fight on and work for our conservative principles, no matter what.



And third we live in the greatest state in the United States, the great State of Texas. And we are privileged to live in Central Texas, where conservative values still have meaning.

So what do we do now? We fight for Texas!

Now, fighting for Texas doesn't mean just during elections, it means working at our own city, school board, and county levels throughout the year and getting involved in local government. But we also need to get involved at our schools, at our churches, at our colleges to defend and hold up our principles.

Change happens slowly – and it starts at the ground level, with the grass roots. And that's US!

So get to know who our leaders are and if they are not the right people who will advance our principles, then run for office or work with someone who will, or simply make your voice heard – and loudly. Being on the defensive has not worked well for us, so we need to get on offense, get creative and fight!

There's a lot more to say on this, so in the near future we will shape our MCRW plan to work to keep Texas our own.



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But for now, let's concentrate on what's right in front of us - our 2021 Legislative Session, the first step in the path to fight for Texas now. Our board has chosen 5 Priorities, taken from the Legislative Priorities of the Republican Party of Texas platform. These will be our focus for the 2021 Legislative Session, which began on January 12th and runs through May. The Texas Legislature meets only once every 2 years, so we need to work for our priorities NOW!



1. Election Integrity
2. Abolition of Abortion
3. Religious Freedom
4. School Choice for ALL
5. Constitutional Carry

And you might be thinking "I don't know enough about any of these priorities to be able to talk with legislators about them." Well, don't worry, we've got you covered!

Remember when you thought that you didn't know what to do to work during elections – to be a poll worker or a poll watcher? And then we gave you the tools so that you could do so? Well, that is exactly what we will do to get you prepared to work for our 5 Priorities during the Legislative Session.

The first step to start working is to sign up to work on one of the 5 Priorities. Then, we will let you know about training opportunities and keep you informed during the process. Please email Anne Grinols, MCRW Research and Legislation Chair at agrinols@gmail.com. Include your name, email address, phone number and indicate which priority or priorities you'd like to work on.

So let's start off the new year by holding on to our conservative principles and working to hold on to Texas!

**Thanks for all the work you do for Texas
and our country!**



Vice President, Kathy Endres



#WeShowUp

That slogan has served us well for more than 2 years and it is still 'what we do'.

In October we organized three Saturdays of group block-walking, and multiple evenings of walking various neighborhoods in pairs. How many steps did we take? How many doors did we knock, and most important, how many minds and hearts did we change?! Probably too many to count. Was it worth it?

McLennan County and Texas are both still RED and I know that the women of MCRW had a noticeable hand in that victory.

Prior to walking, we spent hours in Pete Sessions' campaign headquarters stuffing push cards and various other printed material in door-knob bags for distribution during block-walking.

Thank you so very much to everyone who participated in this important initiative. It was a great experience for novices and veteran block-walkers alike.

Thanks so very much to everyone who participated. Now we are trained and well prepared for 2022!!!!

Campaign Hours, Angelika Hoeher

Reporting campaign hours is an essential process each quarter for MCRW and other Republican Women's Clubs in Texas. The hours that each of us reports clearly demonstrates the contributions that volunteers make toward fostering the principles of the Republican Party and helping to elect Republican candidates at the local, state and national level. In another section of our newsletter you can read about the numerous activities that our members engaged in during this election cycle. In 2020, the MCRW board set an optimistic goal of reaching 20,000 campaign hours. **The final total of our volunteer hours for 2020 is 25,031 hours.** Congratulations MCRW members on not only reaching, but exceeding, our 2020 goals!

Remember to Report Your Hours!

Campaign Activities, Angelika Hoeher

In August, I completed the deputy voter registration training and subsequently walked in my neighborhood knocking on doors to encourage neighbors to complete voter registration forms. Many of the people in my neighborhood had moved here since the pandemic hit and needed to submit a change of address to the Elections Office so they could vote in November.



In September, I supported TFRW efforts to get Texans who had changed residency to update their voter registrations. This required hand writing sixty “notes” (which were actually long letters) to individual Texans. I also participated with the group that visited businesses where like-minded customers might shop to distribute the voter registration forms and boxes.

In October, I was asked to provide front-office assistance to Linda Hill at Republican Party Head Quarters. This required keeping the office open until 5 pm and some hours on Saturdays. Anne Grinols and I recruited a group of volunteers who worked with us during the month of October. We were meeting and talking with the public who came in to purchase signs, register to vote, answer questions about the upcoming election or simply express concerns about the direction of our country. The most interesting event, was a call from a 75-year-old veteran on the last day for voter registration. He said he had never registered to vote, since he felt there had been no one worth voting for. Due to a physical limitation, he was unable to drive to headquarters that day, so I drove to his house in McGregor so he could complete the voter registration form. As a voter registration deputy, I was able to help him register to vote.

In addition to writing post cards to prospective Georgia voters, my husband Michael and I became part of The Mighty Texas Strike Force. We travelled to Newnan, GA after Christmas to block walk and speak with Georgians who had not yet voted. Since we were in rural GA, our task was more like block driving, as houses were widely spaced apart. Once we mentioned that we were volunteers from Texas we received a warm Georgia welcome! We also attended a quickly scheduled rally for Senator Kelly Loeffler in Newnan, GA.

“Vote Republican” Postcards for the Georgia Senate Election.



Campaigning in Georgia!

Research and Legislature—Anne Grinols

From DC to Austin, #weshowup !

Praying at our nation's Capitol one day before the events of January 6 reminded us how important it is to maintain our vigilance for our country. This starts at the grassroots level. For us Texans, that includes the Texas legislature, which opens its new term January 12th.

The MCRW five priorities for the Texas Legislature 2021 term are:



PRIORITIES FOR TEXAS

1. Election Integrity
2. Abolition of Abortion
3. Religious Freedom
4. School Choice for ALL
5. Constitutional Carry



Anne Grinols (Research and Legislature Chairman) and husband Earl in Washington D.C. at the Trump rally over the New Years Weekend.

All members of MCRW are encouraged to choose one of these priorities, join others to investigate and promote, and be part of what makes Texas and America great!



Membership, Cheryl Lenamon

To me, the highlight of our final meeting of the year in November was recognizing all the members who brought new members in 2020. Such a roller-coaster-ride but high-energy election year, and our members did not let us down. We had **84 new members in 2020** which helped us remain one of nine **Super Jumbo Clubs** in Texas with 203 total members.



Congratulations to **Lori Roller** who brought in six new members and won the new membership grand prize of a therapeutic massage donated by member, Barbara Cross, LMT owner of Refresh Massage Therapy. Lori took advantage of her gift and loved it. "It was very intense, yet so relaxing, said Lori. "Barbara's place is so beautiful and inviting. I highly recommend her and her services – very professional."

New Member Orientation

We invited our new members to a choice of two orientations hosted by Anne Grinols and the MCRW board. Some came Tuesday morning, December 8, to a Coffee & Sweets and some came Thursday evening, December 10, to a Wine & Cheese Orientation. A fun and informative time was had by all. We are truly excited about the level of commitment of our new members, and we welcomed each of them to jump in with both feet and get involved. Thanks to Anne for her hospitality and our board members who brought food and volunteered their expertise.



Renewal

If you haven't renewed yet, please do so online at mcrwpac.com/join-us/ or renew in person at our next meeting. We have lots to do this year with the State Legislature Priorities, and we need each of our members to help us tackle these initiatives so we can make sure our legislature has the same priorities that are important to us.

Name Badges

Please remember to bring your name badge to each of our meetings. New member badges will be available at the membership table.



On a Personal Note

I was so gratified to see the level of commitment from our membership this year. From the efforts to register voters to block walking, calling and texting to working on behalf of Georgia, we definitely #SHOWEDUP! Thank you each and every one!



Come Join Us!



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