



WICHITA COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Newsletter
November 2013

President's Remarks



As we approach 2014, we as Conservatives are facing a difficult challenge. Texas will be looking at a major shake-up of our State government, while Democrats want nothing more than turning Texas blue. They will be funneling huge amounts of money and manpower into accomplishing their goal. It will take all of us to make sure that does not happen. If Texas goes blue we will be looking at a very liberal federal government for many years to come.

Over the next several months the Wichita County Republican Women will be working to make sure you, our membership, are informed regarding each Republican candidate on the ballot. All of our programming will be geared toward giving you an opportunity to meet the various candidates and ask them questions. Not only do we have a large number of statewide candidates running for office we also have many local leaders up for reelection. It is critical we stay knowledgeable on current issues and support our candidates.

After the primary election in March, it will take all of us standing together as one supporting the Conservative Republican Candidate to hold on to Texas and try to take control of the Senate and hold the House of Representatives. All of these elections are so critical to securing our rights under the Constitution and saving the United States of America we all love. If we lose our freedoms here where else is there to go?

Delores Culley, President

Next Meeting

When: Monday, November 18, 2013
Time: 11:30 – 1:00
Where: Luby's Cafeteria, 1801 9th St.

Program Notes

October 21, 2013 – Karen Watson, owner of Karen Watson Mortgage in Dallas, President of GOPBuzz.com, and author of [Being Black and Republican in the Age of Obama](#) presented her message that conservative values are the right values for *all* Americans. A graduate of UT at Austin, Ms. Watson is a former VP at Bank of America and became the number one mortgage loan officer in units and volume for four consecutive years. She noted that there is a formula for success – and it is not socialism! Ms. Watson stated that “American still has the most fertile soil for dreams.”



November 18, 2013 – Deon Starnes, newly appointed SREC Committeewoman representing Senate District 30 and frequent lecturer on government will speak to WCRW on the history and implications of federalism. She will also install the 2014 WCRW officers elected at our October meeting.



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2013 Calendar of Events

Nov 11	Provide Faith Refuge Dinner
Nov 12	Board Meeting (<i>First Presbyterian</i>)
Nov 18	Regular Meeting (<i>Luby's</i>)
Dec 16	Special Meeting (<i>Luby's</i>)

Legislative Update - STATE NEWS

The following are the 9 constitutional amendments that appeared on the November ballot:

Proposition 1 (HJR 62) The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action. **PASSED**

Proposition 2 (HJR 79) The constitutional amendment eliminating an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is operational. **PASSED**

Proposition 3 (HJR 133) The constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision of this state to extend the number of days that aircraft parts that are exempt from ad valorem taxation due to their location in this state for a temporary period may be located in this state for purposes of qualifying for the tax exemption." **PASSED**

Proposition 4 (HJR 24) The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization. **PASSED**

Proposition 5 (SJR 18) The constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend lender disclosures and other requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan. **PASSED**

Proposition 6 (SJR 1) The constitutional amendments providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources. **PASSED**

Proposition 7 (HJR 87) The constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less. **PASSED**

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Celebrating the Constitution!



Raphael Cruz

We had such a wonderful evening and an especially wonderful speaker at our successful fund raiser on October 3rd. Raphael Cruz spoke with both passion and eloquence about his love for the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and our country.

Around 80 individuals enjoyed a delicious meal catered and served by Monarch Catering, with homemade desserts by Delores Culley, Eileen Levy, Tomi Oliver, and Missy Shorey.

The evening concluded with Raphael Cruz leading attendees in a pledge to do all they can to uphold the Constitution.



Marianne and DB Pattillo with Raphael Cruz



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TFRW Convention Highlights

On October 17-19 seven delegates from WCRW attended the biennial convention of the Texas Federation of Republican Women. Delores Culley, Annette Barfield, Martha Hall, Missy Shorey, Nancy Bukowski, Eileen Levy and Amy DeVries made the long drive to San Antonio to meet with the other 500+ delegates to the convention. In addition to the business of the convention (electing officers, amending by-laws, etc,) valuable information was obtained and contacts made. Our own Missy Shorey was a featured speaker on the first day, telling the delegates about Maggie's List, an organization that supports conservative women meeting their criteria who are seeking federal elective office.

A big part of the convention was the opportunity to hear from most of the state-wide office holders and candidates for state-wide office. A very moving part of the convention was the memorial to members state-wide who passed away in the previous two years. It was also very exciting to welcome Senator Ted Cruz back to Texas with a rousing eight minute standing ovation.

Participants took advantage of all that the convention offered and saw a little of the River Walk, too. It was a great way to kick off the 2014 campaign season.



Missy with Land Commissioner Candidate George P. Bush



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Announced Republican Candidates

US Congress	
Senator	
	John Cornyn – I Dwayne Stovall Erick Wyatt Linda Vega
TX 13 th Congressional District Representative	
	Pam Barlow Elaine Hays Mac Thornberry – I
Texas-Wide Offices	
Governor	
	Greg Abbott Lisa Fritsch Larry Kilgore Miriam Martinez Tom Pauken William Shea
Lt. Governor	
	David Dewhurst – I Dan Patrick Jerry Patterson Todd Staples
Attorney General	
	Dan Branch Ken Paxton Barry Smitherman
Comptroller	
	Glenn Hegar Harvey Hilderbran Debra Medina Raul Torres
Land Commissioner	
	George P. Bush David Watts

Announced Republican Candidates

Texas-Wide Offices	
Agriculture Commissioner	
	J Allen Carnes Ona Marie Hendricks Tommy Merritt Sid Miller Eric Opiela
Railroad Commissioner	
	Becky Berger Malachi Boyuls Stefani Carter Wayne Christian Ray Keller Joe Pool, Jr Ryan Sitton
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Texas	
	Wallace Jefferson - I
Justice of the Supreme Court, Place 7	
	Jeff Boyd - I
Justice of the Supreme Court, Place 8	
	Phil Johnson - I
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3	
	Tom Price – I Barbara Walther
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4	
	Paul Womack - I Jani Jo Wood Kevin Patrick Yeary
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 9	
	Bud Kirkendall David C Newell

Note: The “I” following a candidate’s name indicates an Incumbent in the position.



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Women Helping Women

On Monday, November 11th **Joyce Barham, Hunta Worthum, Winona Sanders, Delores Culley, Annette Barfield, Ruth Gallaway, Claudia White, Georgia Pogue and Carolyn Allison** provided food or funds, cooked, and served dinner to about 50 clients and staff of Faith Refuge for Women.



Hunta, Annette, Joyce, and Winona preparing to serve

The clients of Faith Refuge were most appreciative and it was a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate that we care about their well-being.



Fill the Red Box

Please remember to bring personal hygiene and cleaning products to fill the Red Box and benefit Faith Refuge. Our donations help to offset expenses involved in running the shelter.

Key Primary Election Dates

Date	Event
Tue, Sept 10, 2013	First Day for Filing for Precinct Chairs
Sat, Nov. 9, 2013	First Day of Filing
Mon, Dec 9, 2013	Last Day of Filing
Tue, Feb 18, 2014	Early Voting Starts
Fri, Feb 28, 2014	Early Voting Ends
Tue, Mar, 4, 2014	Primary Election Day
Mon, May 19, 2014	Runoff Early Voting Starts
Fri, May 23, 2014	Runoff Early Voting Ends
Tue, May 27, 2014	Runoff Primary Election Day

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Proposition 8 (HJR 147 and SJR 54) The constitutional amendment repealing Section 7, Article IX, Texas Constitution, which relates to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County. **PASSED**

Proposition 9 (SJR 42) The constitutional amendment relates to expanding the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct. **PASSED**

- Little information is known at this time to determine whether or not the voter ID law infringed on citizen's rights.
- Compared to the last Constitutional Amendment election held in 2011, voter turnout was higher in 2013. 8.5% of the electorate voted in 2013 compared to 5.4% in 2011.

FEDERAL NEWS

- The next deadline for the budget is December 13th.
- If no agreement can be reached, an additional \$19 Billion in sequester cuts will kick in on January 15th.
- The debt ceiling will again be reached on February 7th.



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Elected Officials

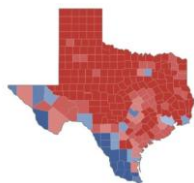
	Office	Name	Address	Phone	eMail
US Congress	Senator	John Cornyn	5001 Spring Valley Rd, Suite 1125 E Dallas, TX 75244	972-239-1310	
	Senator	Ted Cruz	B40B Dirksen Senate Office Bldg Washington, DC 20510	202-224-5922	
	Representative	Mac Thornberry	2525 Kell Blvd, Suite 406 Wichita Falls, TX 76308	940-692-1700	
Texas Congress	District 30 Senator	Craig Estes	State Capitol, Room 3E.8 P.O. Box 12068 Capitol Station Austin, TX 78711	512-463-0130 940-689-0191	
	District 69 Representative	James B. Frank	1206 Hatton Rd Wichita Falls, TX 76302	940-767-1700	District69.Frank@house.state.tx.us
Wichita County	County Judge	Woody Gossom	900 7th St, Room 260 Wichita Falls, TX 76301	940-766-8101 W 940-631-9301 C	county.judge@co.wichita.tx.us
	Place 1 Commissioner	Ray Gonzales		940-766-8106	Ray.Gonzalez@co.wichita.tx.us
	Place 2 Commissioner	Pat Norriss		940-766-8106	Pat.Norriss@co.wichita.tx.us
	Place 3 Commissioner	Barry Mahler		940-766-8106	Barry.Mahler@co.wichita.tx.us
	Place 4 Commissioner	Bill Presson		940-766-8106	Bill.Presson@co.wichita.tx.us
City of Wichita Falls	Mayor	Glenn Barham	P.O. Box 1431 Wichita Falls, TX 76307	940-691-2968	Glenn.Barham@wichitafallstx.gov
	District 1 Councilor	Ben Hoover		940-322-9200	Ben.Hoover@wichitafallstx.gov
	District 2 Councilor	Annetta Pope		940-882-0864	Annetta.Pope@wichitafallstx.gov
	District 3 Councilor	Brian Hooker		940-244-4000	Brian.Hooker@wichitafallstx.gov
	District 4 Councilor	Tim Ingle		940-691-6564	Tim.Ingle@wichitafallstx.gov
	District 5 Councilor	Mary Ward		940-855-9367	Mary.Ward@wichitafallstx.gov
	At-Large Councilor	Michael Smith		940-692-5288	Michael.Smith@wichitafallstx.gov

Important Links

[Texas Federation of Republican Women](#)
[National Federation of Republican Women](#)
[Republican Party of Texas](#)
[Wichita County Republican Party](#)



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Your Board

Office or Committee	Name	Telephone
President	Delores Culley	940-733-0399
Vice-President	Annette Barfield	940-642-8420
Secretary	Robbie Jeter	940-733-0156
Treasurer	Tamara Barfield	940-642-4682
Membership	Claudia White	940-733-5852
Legislation	Nancy Bukowski	940-704-6791
Campaign Activities	Stacie Flood	940-867-9842
Public Relations	Missy Shorey	202-277-7100
Telephone	Carole Foreman	940-867-7604
Parliamentarian	Martha Hall	940-636-3436
PAC Treasurer	Pam Greenroyd	940-337-0180



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2014

Member Name _____ Spouse (if applicable) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____ FAX _____

Email address _____ Occupation/Name of Employer _____

_____ **\$37 Active Membership**

New member dues paid after October 1st will apply to the following year

_____ **\$20 Associate Membership**

Any spouse who would like to affiliate with this club may do so, but may not vote on club issues and cannot hold office in the club; however, they may serve on a committee. If a regular or associate member is a US citizen; they must be registered to vote.

_____ **\$20 Young Affiliate Membership**

Persons aged 13-17 who want to affiliate.

Please indicate committees and/or events below in which you have an interest to participate:

_____ By-Laws	_____ Membership Committee
_____ Campaign Activities Committee	_____ Public Relations
_____ Events	_____ Telephone Committee
_____ Legislative Affairs Committee	

Please attach annual dues & mail to:

Treasurer: Joyce Barham
P.O. Box 2565
Wichita Falls, TX 76307-2565

WCRW membership records are confidential and are for the sole use of WCRW. The above information will not be sold, traded, or distributed to any corporation, business, profit or non-profit organization/club or affiliated group, except as required by TFRW and the Texas Ethics Commission.