



Wichita County Republican Women

Newsletter
July 2014

President's Remarks



We are extremely honored to have our local State Representatives join us this month. Senator Craig Estes and Representative James Frank will be here to discuss the continued efforts of the State to address long term water issues. Senator Estes was in Wichita Falls on June 30th with his Committee looking into desalination being used as an option in Texas. I was able to set in on this meeting and heard various concerns and ideas regarding the use of desalination in Texas.

Senate District 30 is lucky to have two strong representatives working for us on these very important issues. While we have been blessed with a little rain, these 100 degree days remove moisture quickly. The inevitability of long term water shortages are a part of our near future.

If you are like me, I am sure you have grave concerns over what is taking place on our Texas borders. This is your opportunity to ask questions on what is being done by Texas to curb this flow of illegal immigrant children rushing through our border.

Be sure to join us on Monday, July 21st and hear ideas and gain information on these important topics. If you have not renewed your membership please do so and **BRING A FRIEND**.

Also, the Wichita County Republican Women now has a website. Take a moment to check it out. www.WCRepublicanwomen.com

Delores Culley
President

Next Meeting

When: **Monday, July 21, 2014**

Time: **11:30 – 1:00**

Where: **Luby's Cafeteria, 1801 9th St.**

Program Notes

June 16, 2014 – Cecilia Abbott, wife of gubernatorial candidate Greg Abbott, shared her story as granddaughter of immigrants. Her parents

instilled the values of hard work and educational achievement in their children. She showed how the character of her husband Greg provided powerful reasons to vote for him in addition to his policy positions.



Rep. Jason Villalba, (R-114) shared his belief that the values espoused by Republicans can resonate with most Texans, including those of Hispanic heritage.



July 21, 2014 – Sen. Craig Estes and Rep. James Frank will address our membership on the issue of water, from the perspective of local options and state activities to support those options.



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2014 Calendar of Events

- July 8 Board Meeting (*First Presbyterian*)
- July 19 Super Saturday Block Walk
(*1206 Hatton Rd*)
- July 21 Regular Meeting (*Luby's*)
- Aug 12 Board Meeting (*First Presbyterian*)
- Aug 18 Regular Meeting (*Luby's*)
- Sept 9 Board Meeting (*First Presbyterian*)
- Sept 10 Opening of WCRP Office
(*2000 Kell Blvd*)
- Sept 15 Regular Meeting (*Luby's*)



Pachanga Con Cecilia Abbott

It was a wonderful evening! On Monday, June 16th around 80 people gathered to *Party with Cecilia Abbott* and Rep. Jason Villalba. There was wonderful food from The Orchard and good conversation among the attendees. Both Mrs. Abbott and Rep. Villalba shared their perspectives on the values that Republicans share with the Hispanic community – hard work, faith, family, education and economic opportunity.



Legislative Update

LOCAL NEWS

- The Wichita Falls Board of Trustees unanimously agreed there isn't enough time to get another school bond together for this November. Even though a bond will not be voted on in November, Superintendent John Frossard said his staff will continue to develop a plan for what the new career and technology center will look like. District officials will be consulting with the Chamber of Commerce to get a better idea of what certifications are needed for industry and businesses in the area.
- The City Council approved the Smoking Ban at the June 17th meeting. The ban has been quite contentious for smokers and non-smokers alike. Critics say it is taking away people's rights, but supporters say it is protecting non-smokers from being forced to breathe in second-hand smoke. The ban was brought forth by the Wichita Falls-Wichita County Public Health District and the Wichita County Health Coalition.

STATE NEWS

- June 15th, marked the end of the second full-scale verification test of the city's direct potable reuse project. Both times, the tests came back with clean drinking water. The data collected during the 30 day test was within the guidelines set by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Representatives from the state agency were on sight for 18 days during the second round of testing. On June 27th, state regulators gave approval for Wichita Falls to recycle and treat

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Fill the Red Box

Please bring paper goods (**paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, etc.**) to fill the Red Box and benefit Faith Refuge. Our donations help to offset expenses involved in running the shelter.



Register Now for Read2Learn

In order to tutor second graders in WFISD in the Read2Learn program this fall, it is important to register with the district, even if you already did so during the 2013-14 school year. WFISD must perform a criminal background check on each person tutoring – but the process is painless. Go to the *Volunteer/Employment Application* link at www.wfisd.net, create a user ID and password, and complete an application. Be sure to mention that you wish to volunteer for the Read2Learn program and you are representing WCRW. If you don't have access to the internet, then just call January Jones at 940-235-2009 to apply. Let's be sure that students entering third grade in September 2015 are reading to learn, not learning to read. You can make the difference!

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wastewater after the tests meet all state and federal drinking water standards. The program is not to exceed 6 months.

- Lawmakers and officials believe \$2 billion is needed to fund the 2012 State Water Plan for the next 50 years. The Texas Water Development Board will develop a plan to prioritize projects as well decide how the state may distribute the funds. The board met on June 26th to finalize the plans.

FEDERAL NEWS

As of June 15th, the Supreme Court had 17 cases to decide by the end of the month. June 30th was the last day of the final session of its nine-month term. Below are a few decisions that were made:

- The Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision, ruled that certain “closely held” for-profit businesses can cite religious objections in order to opt out of a requirement in ObamaCare to provide free contraceptive coverage for their employees. This is the first time the court has ruled that for-profit businesses can cite religious views under federal law. The court's four liberal justices dissented.
- Also in a 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court ruled that public-sector unions in Illinois cannot collect fees from home health care workers who do not want to be part of a union. The ruling only applies to health care workers and not all private-sector unions.
- In a unanimous decision, the high court sided with Senate Republicans and limited the president's power to fill high-level vacancies with temporary appointments. They ruled the president went too far in making recess appointments to the National Labor Relations

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Volunteer Opportunities

Super Saturday Block Walk

If you were not able to participate in the Super Saturday Block Walk held on June 21st, you now have another opportunity to join in the fun! On **Saturday, July 19th** the Republican Party of Texas and the Greg Abbott Campaign are sponsoring another Super Saturday Block Walk in over 50 counties. In Wichita County, volunteers will again gather at 9 AM at **Sharp Iron Group**, 1206 Hatton Road, for refreshments and instructions prior to heading out. The block walk will last until 1 PM. If you have questions contact Holly Allsup Lane at 631-4040 or holly.allsup@gmail.com. You are still needed to **Keep Texas Red!**

County Republican Office

On **September 10th at 11 am** the Wichita County Republican Party will host the grand opening of the new party headquarters at **2000 Kell Blvd.** The opening event, to be attended by the Gold Coat Ambassadors, will include hot dogs grilled by Tommy Smythe. All Republican supporters are invited. Parking is limited, so carpooling is suggested. You can park on Van Buren & Keeler.

Office hours will be from **11 am – 2 pm** Mon – Sat. from September 10th through the election on November 4th. Contact Jo Ann Chitwood at 940-631-0713 or jdchitwood@sbcglobal.net if you are able to volunteer your time in the headquarters.

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- Board. The administration claims the Senate was on an extended holiday break when he filled the slots at the NLRB. The justices declared the Senate was not in a formal recess. The court did uphold the general authority of the president to make recess appointments.
- In another unanimous ruling, the Supreme Court ruled that police need to obtain a search warrant before searching a person's cell phone. Chief Justice Roberts wrote, "Modern cell phones aren't a technological convenience. With all they contain and all they may reveal, they hold for many Americans the privacies of life."
- The Supreme Court has narrowly upheld a law designed to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and the mentally ill. In a 5-4 decision, justices ruled that a gun buyer must disclose at the time of purchase if they plan to sell or transfer the weapon to someone else, even if that person can legally own a gun.



New WCRW Website!

Check it out! Due to the hard work of Ashley Culley, WCRW now has a website in addition to our Facebook page. Click here to see it: wcrepublicanwomen.com





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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

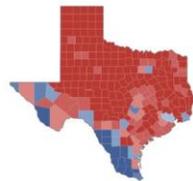
Important Links

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



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Your 2014 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	Joyce Barham	940-733-2043
Membership	Eileen Levy	940-631-7732
Legislation	Nancy Bukowski	940-704-6791
Campaign Activities	Amy DeVries	937-763-9008
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



**WICHITA COUNTY
REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
2014**

Date _____

Member Name _____ Spouse (if applicable) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____ FAX _____

Email address _____ Occupation/Name of Employer _____

Sponsor (optional) _____

_____ **\$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:

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| _____ 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