



Wichita County Republican Women

Newsletter
February 2014

President's Remarks



During January and February your Wichita County Republican Women's Board participated in several opportunities to reach out in the community. Board members helped work the GOP booth at the Pancake Festival. This gave us an opportunity to support the Wichita County GOP and local Republican Candidates. In February we worked as a team with other local conservative groups, to present a Lincoln-Reagan Unity Dinner with Steve Munisteri as the guest speaker. Both of these events gave us an opportunity to do community outreach. As I indicated in our January meeting, this is one of the things your Board would like to accomplish during 2014. These efforts will hopefully grow our club while advancing our conservative message in Wichita County. This will take all of us working together to accomplish this goal.

I am not sure we as Texans fully grasp the idea that we are once again under attack as a State. We tend to think we are strong in our conservative values and will continue to be a Republican Red stronghold. We must realize the amount of money coming into Texas from the Democratic machine is over the top. Every conservative candidate from Governor to Railroad Commissioner will be under attack by this machine. The Democratic Party is looking to do to Texas what they have done to Colorado. They will work in each and every local community - look what has already happened to Austin, San Antonio, and parts of Dallas. We need to be diligent and stay informed about what is happening in our own back yard as well as in the State.

Don't forget to bring your paper items for Faith Refuge, renew your membership for 2014, and bring a friend with you to our Meeting. See you next week and thank you for all you do to support WCRW.

Delores Culley, President

Next Meeting

When: **Monday, February 17, 2014**
Time: **11:30 – 1:00**
Where: **Luby's Cafeteria, 1801 9th St.**

Program Notes

January 20, 2014 - At the first meeting of the new year, **Representative Dan Branch**, candidate for State Attorney General, addressed the membership and visitors.

Rep. Branch shared his background, qualifications for the office of Attorney General and his areas of focus.



Additionally, **January Jones**, Wichita Falls ISD PIE District Coordinator introduced the membership to the Read2Learn Program. This program matches volunteers with second grade students for a structured tutoring program. See page 4 for more information.



February 17, 2014 – This month two more primary candidates will address us. **Senator Ken Paxton**, candidate for State Attorney General and **Senator Glenn Hegar**, candidate for State Comptroller, will speak.



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2014 Calendar of Events

Feb. 11	Board Meeting (<i>First Presbyterian</i>)
Feb. 17	Regular Meeting (<i>Luby's</i>)
Mar. 4	Primary and Precinct Conventions
Mar. 11	Board Meeting (<i>First Presbyterian</i>)
Mar. 17	Regular Meeting (<i>Luby's</i>)
Mar. 22	Wichita County Republican Convention (<i>MSU, Bolin Hall</i>)
Apr. 8	Board Meeting (<i>First Presbyterian</i>)
Apr. 21	Regular Meeting (<i>Luby's</i>)

Republican Volunteer Opportunities

Clerks are needed to work on Election Day Tuesday, March 4th. This is such an important election and is a very good way to support the Republican Party. Anyone interested can contact Donna Long by phone at 767-2012 or by email at donnalong_98@yahoo.com with your name, address, phone and precinct number. Clerks are paid \$8 per hour and can work all day or in shifts, preferably 1/2 day. (Relatives of candidates are prohibited from working at the polls.)

Precinct Conventions

Be sure to attend your Precinct Convention following the Primary on March 4th. This is the way to become a delegate to the Wichita County Convention on March 22nd, and a delegate to the State Convention in Ft Worth on June 5-7. It is also your opportunity to make suggestions for the Texas Republican Party platform.

Legislative Update

Local News

- The Community Facilities Action Team (CFAT) has finalized their recommendations which they will present to the school board. They are as follows:
 1. Concept B
 - a) Retain 3 high Schools.
 - b) Build one new school to replace Wichita Falls High School at a location to be determined.
 - c) Renovate Rider High School
 - d) Build a new stand-alone career center on district property.
 - e) \$110.7 million – \$133.7 million
 2. Concept D-1
 - a) Have 2 high schools instead of 3.
 - b) Build 2 new high schools
 - c) Build 1 new career center
 - d) Close 1 high school and 1 junior high school.
 - e) Security and stadium improvements.
 - f) \$ 155 million – \$189 million
 3. Concept A
 - a) Consolidate Rider and Wichita Falls high school grades 10-12 on a district site.
 - b) Build a 9th grade center close to the 10-12 high school, only for Rider and Wichita Falls high school students.
 - c) Hirschi will remain a comprehensive high school.
 - d) Build a career center.
 - e) Stadium, Junior High, and security improvements.
 - f) \$ 107.5 million – \$145 million
 - The school board will be making the final decision. The Bond Election will be held on May 10th.

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Legislative Update (Continued from Page 2)

State News

- The Texas Board of Education has voted to eliminate Algebra II as a requirement for high school graduation. This decision was part of a law approved in May by the State Legislature that withdrew some advanced courses as well as cutting the number of standardized tests students take from 15 to 5. The idea was that these changes would allow the students to concentrate on career and vocational training. Others worry that students will lack the necessary skills for taking the ACT and SAT. Those students that are in the honors program will still require Algebra II to graduate.
- The first CSCOPE lessons have been posted for review. 140 people participated in reviewing 431 CSCOPE lesson plans and posted the reviews at www.cscopereviews.com. CSCOPE has been renamed the TEKS Resource System.

Federal News

- Texas Rep. Roger Williams has long supported the fight to compensate the victims of the Fort Hood attack. He has sponsored a bill - H.R. 3111: Honoring the Fort Hood Heroes Act.
 - To declare the November 5th attack at Fort Hood, Texas a terrorist attack, and to ensure the victims of the attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those Americans who have been killed or wounded in a combat zone overseas and their families.
 - This bill was referred to the subcommittee on Military Personal on November 6, 2013.

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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.

WCRW Dues are Due

Your 2014 Wichita County Republican Women dues are now due! The Membership Application is attached. Dues may be submitted at the February meeting or mailed to Treasurer Joyce Barham, P.O. Box 2565, Wichita Falls, TX 76307-2565.

Legislative Update (Continued from Column 1)

- The debt ceiling was reached on February 7th. The measures in place to fund the government will not last beyond February 27th.
- President Obama signed the 1,000 page Farm Bill on February 7th. The bill expands crop insurance for farmers by \$7 million over a decade and creates new subsidies for rice and peanut growers that would kick in when prices fall. There were cuts to the food stamp program that will affect 4% of recipients. It also closes a loophole that states use to increase benefits for food stamp recipients.
- The Department of Homeland Security and the State Department now say that people considered to have provided "limited material support" to terrorists or terrorist groups are no longer automatically barred from the United States. These provisions have been in place since after September 11, 2001.



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Read to Learn Program

It is generally accepted that the academic achievements of students are jeopardized if they are not reading on grade level by the end of third grade. These students are 4 times less likely to graduate on time, rising to 13 times less likely if poverty is involved. In October 2013 Wichita Falls ISD Partners in Education initiated a program to address this issue called Read2Learn.

Read2Learn matches a struggling or at-risk reader with a volunteer for a 30-minute structured tutoring session. The session includes the student reading aloud a short book based on their current reading level, and then answering questions about what they read. The session is completed with the tutor demonstrating good reading by reading one or more books aloud to the child. The goal is to have each student working with a tutor for at least three sessions per week. The reading level each student is reevaluated every three weeks.

Most volunteers are able to tutor just one day a week. That means that three volunteers are needed for each student. **Please consider volunteering 30 minutes a week to help a student enter fourth grade reading to learn rather than learning to read.** Contact January Jones at 940-23-1009 for more information.

2014 Republican Primary Ballot Propositions

WHEREAS, Section 172.087, Election Code specifies that, "The state executive committee may provide by resolution that a proposal to include a demand for specific legislation or any other matter in the party's platform or resolutions be submitted to a vote by placement on the general primary election ballot."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The State Republican Executive Committee submits the following propositions for inclusion on the 2014 Republican General Primary Election ballot:

(Vote YES or NO on each proposition.)

Religious Freedom: Texans should be free to express their religious beliefs, including prayer, in public places.

Second Amendment: Texas should support Second Amendment liberties by expanding locations where concealed handgun license-holders may legally carry.

Franchise Tax: Texas should abolish the state franchise tax, also known as the margins tax, to encourage business growth.

Welfare Reform: Texas recipients of taxpayer-funded public assistance should be subject to random drug testing as a condition of receiving benefits.

No Lawmaker Exceptions: All elected officials and their staff should be subject to the same laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances as their constituents.

Obamacare: The Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare," should be repealed.

Passed by the State Republican Executive Committee on December 7, 2013



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2014 Republican Primary Ballot

United States Senator	
	Chris Mapp Curt Cleaver Steve Stockman John Cornyn Reid Reasor Linda Vega Dwayne Stovall Ken Cope
United States Representative, District 13	
	Mac Thornberry Elaine Hays Pam Barlow
Governor	
	Greg Abbott Lisa Fritsch Miriam Martinez SECEDE Kilgore
Lieutenant Governor	
	Todd Staples Jerry Patterson David Dewhurst Dan Patrick
Attorney General	
	Barry Smitherman Dan Branch Ken Paxton
Comptroller of Public Accounts	
	Debra Medina Harvey Hilderbran Raul Torres Glenn Hegar
Commissioner of the General Land Office	
	David Watts George P. Bush

Commissioner of Agriculture	
	Tommy Merritt Joe Cotton J Allen Carnes Sid Miller Eric Opiela
Railroad Commissioner	
	Becky Berger Malachi Boyuls Ryan Sitton Wayne Christian
Chief Justice, Supreme Court	
	Nathan Hecht Robert Talton
Justice, Supreme Court Place 6 Unexpired Term	
	Joe Pool Jeff Brown
Justice, Supreme Court Place 7	
	Jeff Boyd
Justice, Supreme Court Place 8	
	Sharon McCally Phil Johnson
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 3	
	Barbara Walther Bert Richardson
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 4	
	Richard Dean Davis Kevin Patrick Yeary Jani Jo Wood
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 9	
	David C Newell Bud Kirkendall





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State Senator District 30	
	Craig Estes
State Representative District 69	
	James Frank
Justice, 2 nd Court of Appeals District, Place 2	
	Bill Meier
Justice, 2 nd Court of Appeals District, Place 7	
	Lee Gabriel
District Judge, 30 th Judicial District	
	Bob Brotherton
Criminal District Attorney	
	Maureen O'Brien Shelton
County Judge	
	Woodrow W. "Woody" Gossom, Jr.
Judge, County Court at Law No. 1	
	Gary W. Butler
Judge, County Court at Law No. 2	
	Greg King
District Clerk	
	Patti Flores
County Clerk	
	Lisa Talley Lori Bohannon Caroline Nicholas
County Treasurer	
	R.J. Bob Hampton
County Commissioner Precinct 2	
	Bill Lockwood Leon Crabtree, Jr. Mickey Fincannon Lee Harvey

County Commissioner Precinct 4	
	Jeff Watts Steve Scott Michael Hagy
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1, Place 2	
	Mike Little Robert B. Woodruff
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 2	
	Nancy Viavattene
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 3	
	Marc H. Newman
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 4	
	Judy Baker
County Chairman	
	Donna Long



Key Primary Election Dates

Date	Event
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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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

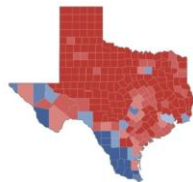
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[Texas Federation of Republican Women](#)
[National Federation of Republican Women](#)
[Republican Party of Texas](#)
[Wichita County Republican Party](#)



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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:

_____ By-Laws

_____ Campaign Activities Committee

_____ Events

_____ Legislative Affairs Committee

_____ Membership Committee

_____ Public Relations

_____ Telephone Committee

Please attach annual dues & mail to:

Treasurer: Joyce Barham

P.O. Box 2565

Wichita Falls, TX 76307-2565

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