



Wichita County Republican Women

Newsletter
July 2015

President's Remarks



The month of June was a tough one for Republicans, Conservatives and the Constitution. Regardless of your feelings about the outcome of several high-profile Supreme Court decisions, many defenders of the Constitution feel it has taken a hit.

In *King v Burwell*, the Court decided in a 6-3 vote that despite clear language in the Affordable Care Act that only those purchasing insurance through State exchanges were eligible for subsidies, those purchasing insurance from the Federal exchange could also receive subsidies. Rather than expecting the Congress to correct a poorly written law, the Court legislated from the bench – in clear violation of the separation of powers.

In *Obergefell v Hodges*, the Court decided in a 5-4 vote that the Constitution guarantees the right of same-sex couples to marry. This decision created a right that is never mentioned in the Constitution or its Amendments, usurping the 10th Amendment right of States to determine those issues for themselves.

It is critical that the next President is a person who will appoint individuals to the Court who treasure the Constitution as much as we do. Your vote can a difference!

Annette Barfield
President

Next Meeting

When: **Monday, July 20, 2014**
Time: **11:30 – 1:00**
Where: **Luby's Cafeteria, 1801 9th St.**

Program Notes

June 15, 2015 –
David Duke, Wichita County Sheriff spoke about his background and the 2nd Amendment. A native of Wichita Falls, Sheriff Duke related some of the lessons he learned as a child and young man that shaped his character. He spoke about his pride in Wichita Falls, Texas, and America, as well as his devotion to upholding the Constitution upon which they were founded. He stated that our 2nd Amendment right to keep and bear arms is fundamental to our freedoms. While supportive of the recently passed Open Carry Law in Texas, Sheriff Duke noted that keeping one's firearm concealed until it is needed may be a safer alternative when one is out in public.



July 20, 2015 – Tom Mechler, Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas, will speak about his background, vision for the state party and plans moving forward.



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2015 Calendar of Events

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| Jul. 14 | Board Meeting (<i>Sharp Iron</i>) |
| Jul. 20 | Regular Meeting (<i>Luby's</i>) |
| July 24-25 | TFRW Board Meeting (<i>Austin</i>) |
| Aug. 11 | Board Meeting (<i>Sharp Iron</i>) |
| Aug. 17 | Regular Meeting (<i>Luby's</i>) |
| Sept. 8 | Board Meeting (<i>Sharp Iron</i>) |
| Sept. 21 | Regular Meeting (<i>Luby's</i>) |

First WCRW Scholarship Presented

Accompanied by her Parents, Connie and Brett Shaw, Ashtyn Shaw was presented with a check for \$500 to support her as she begins her college career. Ashtyn plans to attend the University of Oklahoma this fall. We wish the very best of luck to this hard-working young woman!



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.

Legislative Update

by Susan Morris, Legislative Chair

Have you ever thought about the rule making process? We all know the basics of legislation and how that works; rules on the other hand, have more depth and are sometimes overlooked. Government agencies like EPA, HUD, FDA and USDA all work with Rules. I went to the Office of the Federal Registrar and found a real simple outline of the rule making procedure that I encourage you to go to. You can find it at this link: https://www.federalregister.gov/uploads/2011/01/the_rulemaking_process.pdf

Here is a much abbreviated outline of the process:

- Agencies get their authority to issue regulations from laws (statutes) enacted by Congress. In some cases, the **President may delegate existing Presidential authority to an agency.**
- An agency that is in the preliminary stages of rulemaking may publish an “Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking” in the Federal Register to get more information. The Advance Notice is a formal invitation to participate in shaping the proposed rule and starts the notice-and comment process in motion.
- Before a proposed rule is published in the Federal Register for public comment, the **President, as head of the Executive branch, may take the opportunity to review the rule. The President is assisted by the Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), which analyzes draft proposed rules when they are “significant” due to economic effects or because they raise important policy issues.**
- All proposed rules Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) must be published in the *Federal Register* to notify the public and to give them an opportunity

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to submit comments. The proposed rule and the public comments received on it form the basis of the final rule.

- In general, agencies will specify a comment period ranging from 30 to 60 days in the “Dates” section of the Federal Register document, but the time period can vary. An agency may extend or re-open a comment period.
- **The President and OIRA analyze draft final rules when they are significant” due to economic effects or because they raise important policy issues. The Presidential level review takes place before the final rule is published in the Federal Register.**
- The agency publishes a final rule in the Federal Register; generally the rule is effective no less than thirty days after the date of publication.
- Under the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (also known as the Congressional Review Act), new final rules must be sent to Congress and the Government Accountability Office for review before they can take effect. “Major rules” (ones that are economically significant and require OIRA review) must be made effective at least 60 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register, allowing time for Congressional review. In emergency situations, a major rule can be made effective before 60 days.
- If the House and Senate pass a resolution of disapproval and the President signs it (or if both houses override a presidential veto), the rule becomes void and cannot be republished by an agency in the same form without Congressional approval. **Since 1996, when this process started, Congress has disapproved only one rule.**

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Volunteer Hours

To make it easier to keep up with the hours you volunteer for the Republican party, a form has been attached to this newsletter that can be printed for each quarter. Keeping up with hours is simpler if recorded when they occur. While our regular meeting does not count, travel to and from the meeting does. If you did not turn in your hours in the previous quarter, they can still be submitted. If you have additional questions about what is eligible, contact Dr. Lauren Jansen at lauren.jansen@mwsu.edu. Make sure WCRW gets credit for the hours you volunteered!

Legislative Update *(Continued from Column 1))*

This is a very powerful tool for the **President!** I encourage you to pay attention to the Federal Register and the Rule making authority of powerful governmental agencies. 27 States, including Texas are currently suing the EPA over the Clean Water Act ‘expansion’ after they announced in their the final rule last month, their goal to make small water bodies like ponds, headwater and wetlands fall under federal power. Now HUD has published their final rule called “Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing” through the Fair Housing Act which ties federal community development money to housing money. Call our representatives in Washington and let them know how you feel.



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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.18 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	Lee Harvey		940-766-8106	Lee.Harvey@co.wichita.tx.us
	Place 3 Commissioner	Barry Mahler		940-766-8106	Barry.Mahler@co.wichita.tx.us
	Place 4 Commissioner	Jeff Watts		940-766-8106	Jeff.Watts@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	Stephen Santellana		940-781-5381	Stephen.Santellana@wichitafallstx.gov
	District 2 Councilor	DeAndra Chenault		940-444-8447	DeAndra.Chenault@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	Tom Quintero		940-386-2168	Tom.Quintero@wichitafallstx.gov
	At-Large Councilor	Michael Smith		940-692-5288	Michael.Smith@wichitafallstx.gov

Important Links

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[Texas Federation of Republican Women](#)

[National Federation of Republican Women](#)

[Republican Party of Texas](#)

[Wichita County Republican Party](#)

Support the Republican Party of Texas



Your 2015 Board

Office or Committee	Name	Telephone
President	Annette Barfield	940-642-8420
Vice-President	Sandra Ross	940-781-0448
Secretary	Judy Baker	940-631-1318
Treasurer	Tamara Barfield	940-642-4682
Membership	Amy DeVries	937-763-9008
Legislation	Susan Morris	940-704-9944
Campaign Activities	Dr. Lauren Jansen	940-782-6462
Telephone	Marianne Pattillo	940-867-7604
Parliamentarian	Delores Culley	940-733-0399
PAC Treasurer	Tamara Barfield	940-642-4682

Wichita County Republican Women Volunteer Hours

Name _____

Circle the Quarter Jan-Mar / Apr-Jun / Jul-Sep / Oct -Dec



**WICHITA COUNTY
REPUBLICAN WOMEN
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
2015**

Date _____

Member Name

Spouse (if applicable)

Address

City

State

Zip

Home phone

Cell phone

FAX

Email address

Occupation/Name of Employer (Required by TEC)

New Member? _____

Sponsor/How Did You Hear of Us _____

\$37 Active Membership

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

\$20 Associate Membership

Any gentleman 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 your preferred method of communication: Text eMail Telephone

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:

Wichita County Republican Women
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.

FOR USE BY WCRW OFFICE

Date Received _____ Amt Received \$_____ Cash ? _____ Check # _____

Received by _____ Card _____ OP _____