



Wichita County Republican Women

Newsletter
June 2015

President's Remarks



I am extremely proud to be a native Texan and truly believe that Texas is the best place in the world to live, raise a family and conduct business. One reason often quoted for why Texas is such a great place to do business is the low regulatory environment. But even in Texas, we must constantly be vigilant about unnecessary regulations.

One example was identified with a suit filed by Isis Brantley, the owner of the Institute of Ancestral Braiding, in 2007. She sued the state of Texas for requiring her to complete 2,250 hours of barber school, pass four exams, and install 10 barber chairs and five sinks in her shop, just to teach others how to braid hair. She won her suit and in the recently concluded legislative session HB 2717 was passed, deregulating the braiding of hair.

While society wants to be sure that those delivering health-critical or legal services are qualified to do so, many occupations do not need this level of regulation. In such businesses licensing serves only to discourage individuals from entering the field, thereby reducing competition. Congratulation to the 84th Texas Legislature for taking this action to reduce government intrusion in the marketplace.

Annette Barfield
President

Next Meeting

When: **Monday, June 15, 2014**
Time: **11:30 – 1:00**
Where: **Luby's Cafeteria, 1801 9th St.**

Program Notes

May 18, 2015 –

Charles Barnard,

newly appointed

Judge of the 89th

District Court,

spoke about his life

and experiences that

prepared him for the challenges ahead of him.

Appointed on March 23rd and sworn-in on April

27th, Judge Barnard is a native of Wichita Falls

and a product of its schools (Ben Franklin,

Zundy and Wichita Falls High). He received

his undergraduate degree from the University

of Texas and his JD from South Texas College

of Law. He returned to Wichita Falls after law

school, was a civil trial defense attorney for

many years and most recently a mediator.

Judge Barnard shared several touching stories

about Charlye O. Farris, the first black female

attorney in Texas, a few football stories, and

the wise words of his parents to "be a leader,

not a follower".



June 15, 2015 – David Duke, Wichita County

Sheriff, will speak on the 2nd Amendment and

Personal Safety.





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2015 Calendar of Events

Jun. 9	Board Meeting (<i>Sharp Iron</i>)
Jun. 15	Regular Meeting (<i>Luby's</i>)
Jul. 14	Board Meeting (<i>Sharp Iron</i>)
Jul. 20	Regular Meeting (<i>Luby's</i>)
Aug. 11	Board Meeting (<i>Sharp Iron</i>)
Aug. 17	Regular Meeting (<i>Luby's</i>)

First WCRW Scholarship Awarded

Congratulations to the first recipient of a Wichita County Republican Women Scholarship – **Ms. Ashtyn Shaw!**

A 2015 graduate of Wichita Falls High School, Ashtyn



was active in the WFHS Band, Student Council and National Honor Society. She tutored students in Math and volunteered at the Wichita Theatre. In addition to working at Bahama Bucks, she created a non-profit organization called the A.S.H. Project (Amazingly Small Hero's Project). Inspired by her own time in the hospital, the organization takes groups of young adults to Cook Children's Hospital, dressed as super heroes and princesses, raising the spirits of ailing children. Congratulations on all you have accomplished, Ashtyn!

Legislative Update

by Susan Morris, Legislative Chair

It is no secret that I am a mid-level bureaucrat; daily I have to covertly explain to people why government cannot force people to do the "right thing"; we cannot force people to clean the inside of their house! If we are not careful we will willingly hand all the control over to government without a thought.

On April 30, 2015 U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry and U.S. Sen. John Cornyn introduced legislation in the U.S. House and Senate, H.R. 2130 and S. 1153 respectively, to protect private property rights along the Red River from federal ownership claims.

The Red River Private Property Protection Act seeks to end questions about the federal government's ownership of disputed land along the Red River. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) claims there are thousands of acres along the Red River on the border between Texas and Oklahoma that may be considered public domain. The stretch of land is located in Wilbarger, Wichita, and Clay counties. Many Texans have owned land along the Red River for generations and are now having to fight for their land rights.

We should applaud our local leaders that worked with Congressman Thornberry and Senator Cornyn. It takes leaders that are not apathetic and listen to their constituents. Good Job! Let's keep big government out of our business as much as we can.

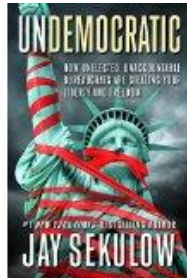


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Book Review

The USA is a constitutional republic – a state in which the supreme power rests in the body of citizens entitled to vote and is exercised by representatives chosen directly or indirectly by them, governing according to law. That law is defined and limited by our Constitution. The Constitution identifies three branches of government, separating powers among the three.



In his new book Undemocratic, Jay Sekulow argues that the most powerful branch of our government is not even mentioned in our Constitution. The unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats that run the various agencies of federal government wield significant power over the lives of everyday Americans, regardless of the party in power. From 1997 through 2012, an average of 3,535 final rules were published in the Federal Register every year! In addition to the regulatory overload, the agencies often abuse their powers. Offering examples ranging from IRS use of audits to punish those they disagree with ideologically to the Veterans Affairs Office to Department of Justice prosecutorial misconduct, he paints a dismal picture.

But Sekulow also offers a blueprint for beginning the reversal of this situation. Noting

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.

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!

Book Review *Continued*

that it will not be easy, he describes a three-step process of Resist, Reform, and Restore.

Published in May 2015, this is an easy to read, eye-opening book that offers many examples to prove his hypothesis. It might make you mad, but that's not necessarily a bad thing.



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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](#)



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
Public Relations	Missy Shorey	202-277-7100
Telephone	Marianne Pattillo	940-867-7604
Parliamentarian	Delores Culley	940-733-0399
PAC Treasurer	Tamara Barfield	940-642-4682

Support the Republican Party of Texas



Wichita County Republican Women Volunteer Hours

Name _____

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

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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 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 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:

Tamara Barfield
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 _____