



Jan's Journal



The air is politically charged. The mayoral race is heating up. The presidential race is gearing up. Our own Ron Natinsky has an opponent.

It is time to remind ourselves why we care. On March 14, the editorial section of the *Dallas Morning News* carried a piece about the firing of the eight U.S. Attorneys. A headline was splashed across five columns denouncing Gonzales while the article excused and justified the Clinton administration's unprecedented firing of all 93 Republican U.S. attorneys at the start of his administration. Once again, we are seeing the Democratic double standard at work. We see it also as Scooter Libby is convicted of lying about a non-existent crime, while Sandy Berger gets his hand slapped for stealing and destroying secret documents that surely would have, at the very least, embarrassed Bill Clinton. The list goes on and on.

The sold-out success of the Birthday Bash Luncheon is proof of our power and that we do care. The time is quickly approaching for action. Our club will be called on to do much work in the coming months. In the interim we can continue to support our club's activities and invite your friends to join us in preparing for the upcoming elections with not only their money but with volunteer time.

Congratulations to Pat Reid, her table captains for beautifully designed table decorations. Thanks also to Liz Wahlquist and Jan Horne for the outstanding "Mayoral Candidates Forum" and Brenda Gaustad for the "New Member Orientation." Their team effort has already reaped many rewards, not only for a memorable Birthday Bash Luncheon, but also for the eight new members who joined NRW on that day. The excitement generated about our club has created a momentum that can only continue to grow.

Together we can make a difference.

Jan Folmar
President

"Let every nation know. Whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and success of liberty."

John Kennedy

NRW GENERAL MEETING

April 23, 2007



Time: 9:30 Coffee—10:00 Meeting
Place: Fretz Park
Hostesses: Linda Clubb, Brenda Gaustad, and Gretchen Sampson
Topic: Replacing the Federal Income Tax
Speaker: David I. Darelius, Americans for Fair Taxation

For over 20 years, David Darelius has been writing and talking about replacing the federal income tax with a retail consumption tax. His concern about the inequities of the income tax prompted him to prepare a white paper in the mid-1980's, laying out his ideas for a consumption tax. His basic premise was that "everyone is a consumer and therefore everyone – if we had a consumption tax—would be a taxpayer." That paper, which was submitted to Bob Dole, then chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and Dan Rostenkowski, then Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, as well as to several national news publications was, to his great disappointment, ignored.

Dave has now found new life for his idea with the Americans For Fair Taxation organization headquartered in Houston, which he will tell you more about.

Dave graduated in 1955 with a BBA from the University of Minnesota and then served three years in the U. S. Air Force as a pilot. After leaving the service he joined IBM where he spent 29 of the next 34 years in sales and management positions. Upon accepting an early retirement offer from IBM in 1992, he worked for several IBM business partners and, more recently, in the financial services field. He is retired and now spends much of this time speaking on the Fair Tax.

Active in community service, he served on the board of the Prestonwood Rotary club for five years and as its president for the 2002-03 Rotary year.

A Dallas resident since 1968, he has served as a Deacon in his church and has taught "PC101" classes to senior members of the congregation. He and his wife Mary have two married daughters and six grandchildren.

For Congressman Jeb Hensarling's (R-TX) view of the current tax code, please read his article entitled "Contract Renewed" on page 4 of the legislative insert.

For a look at the differences between Republican and Democratic philosophies, don't miss Brenda Jones' presentation at the April 23rd general meeting.

NRW Investigates. . .

WHO SUPPORTS DALLAS?

By Councilman Ron Natinsky

Thank you for this opportunity to respond to the Trans-Texas Corridor proposals under consideration. Having done business extensively throughout the U.S. and Asia, I have a good understanding of how the world economy works. I serve on the Economic Development Committee for the City of Dallas, the Dallas NAFTA Trade Corridor Coalition and the complementary River of Trade Corridor Coalition (ROTCC).



Currently, most goods will arrive in the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and travel eastward across the U.S. Since trade has exploded, proposals are being made to unload containers at coastal ports and move them to inland ports for clearance and logistics. This partnership model allows for quicker delivery of goods. Every container that would pass through Dallas results in over \$400 in economic benefit. Multiply this times many ships each carrying 8,000 containers, and it becomes an economic engine beyond anything else. Dallas is ideally situated as the international trade center for the 21st century. The southern sector alone contains five intersecting interstate highways, three Class I rail lines, and a population eager and capable of filling jobs.

While NASCO (North America's SuperCorridor Coalition) is based in Dallas, its heart is in Kansas City in an alignment with Ross Perot and his Alliance Airport. During critical discussions, NASCO sided with TxDOT (Texas Department of Transportation) to bypass Dallas. The NASCO proposal, if not for a formidable team of North Texas leaders, would have bypassed Dallas in favor of Fort Worth and Kansas City. To bring the alignment within Dallas County, it is my pleasure to work with the leaders of the Dallas NAFTA Coalition including Councilman Bill Blaydes and Commissioner Maurine Dickey. Also in line with Dallas goals are key legislative officials of ROTCC: Ralph Hall, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Pete Sessions, Kenny Marchant, John Carona and Fred Hill.

The International Inland Port of Dallas (IIPOD) is committed to enforcing all existing U.S. laws, rules, regulations and customs. We support all existing conditions regarding the movement of international goods. While the government has been the driving force, the hard dollars are being spent by the private sector.

Who is working to bring new economic development, a growing tax base, jobs and a growing economy to Dallas? The answer is clearly NAFTA, IIPOD, ROTCC and Ron Natinsky.

Editor's note: Since this response was submitted, the Texas legislature has responded to a growing storm of public opposition to the TTC by introducing a bill in support of a two-year moratorium on negotiations, contracts and construction of the TCC to allow for more study of the proposals. Many Texas residents fear that the TCC will disrupt farmland communities. They are calling for more legislative oversight and a fair opportunity to be heard.

Senator John Carona, Chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security said in his e-mail update, "You will very shortly see this debate become prominent, as we move toward a consensus on key transportation funding issues."



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Yearbook Directories Are Now Available

Yearbook Directories will be available at the April General Meeting. You can also make arrangements to pick up your copy directly from Anne Montgomery. 972-380-2261.

Campaign Hours

Please turn in your campaign hours that were earned by attending Legislative Day in Austin on March 1, 2007. If anyone has completed other campaign hours, please report them also. Campaign hour reporting forms will be available at the April General Meeting or can be obtained by contacting Linda Clubb at (972) 380-6147 or e-mail lclubb@aol.com.

NRW Volunteers at DCCRW



Thanks to our hostesses (left to right): Cindy Folmar, Pat Reid, Brenda Gaustad, Shirley Medaris, Claudia Nelson, Jan Folmar, Kim Boyko, Mary McElvany, and Linda Smith for hosting the DCCRW General Meeting on April 3rd. Our club was responsible for the decorations and the food. As usual, everything was "over the top." Our ladies did a fabulous job!



Legislative Issues



Nelda Neale

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Remember, you have to let your legislators know if you want them to vote your way!

UNITED STATES CONGRESS

The Budget: Of course, this overshadows everything else. The House and Senate both passed a budget which has enough pork in it to make Cracklins for all Democrats. The worst thing is that they have attached this pork to a bill that sets a time limit on the war in Iraq. This is partisan politics at play as they all know that Bush will veto any House/Senate compromise on the war. The senate bill would have been defeated except for one vote - Republican Senator Chuck Hagel of Nebraska. If he had voted with his colleagues, the tie would have been broken by V.P. Cheney and the bill would not have passed. Senator Hagel, how will you explain your vote to the troops (and their families) who are fighting for your freedom to cast a vote against them?

Conrad's Tax: Sen. Kent Conrad (ND) and fellow Democrats proposed a five-year budget outline. They claim "no tax increase." But, the truth is, this will repeal Bush's tax cuts after 2010, which will slap the economy with the biggest tax increase in U.S history according to the Wall Street Journal. Already, Americans work an average of 77 days to pay federal taxes, 62 days for housing, 52 days for health and medical care, 39 days for state and local taxes and 30 days to pay for food.

TEXAS

The Texas Legislature has filed 4,154 House bills and joint resolutions (JR's) and 2,025 Senate bills and JR's. This session ends on May 28 and over 1,000 of bills will be passed by both chambers and on Gov. Perry's desk for review. There is a move afoot for the legislature to reconvene on its own to override some of Gov. Perry's vetoes.

"Castle Law": Signed by Gov. Perry. The old law said that a victim had first to try to get away from a perpetrator before taking defensive action. Now a victim may take defensive action at once in any location: cars, jobs, parks, malls, etc. and not be subject to a law suit by family members of the perpetrator. Some legal advisors are concerned about the muddy waters this bill creates for prosecutors.

TXU Muddle: TXU and purchasers have 79 registered lobbyists to urge votes for the buyout. The issue is whether the legislature needs to intervene. The PUC (Public Utilities Commission) threatens to fine TXU \$210 million for allegedly manipulating the power market in Texas. TXU's profit for last year was \$2.6 billion. TXU's answer: If they get fined, they may have to close certain power plants. The buyers and Rep. Phil King (R-Weatherford) persuaded TXU to apologize. This one affects each of us. Let your legislators know if you want power or not.

Health Care: Sen. Jane Nelson's (R-Lewisville) Bill SB 10 would give doctors more money for Medicaid patients.

CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program): The House voted to add 100,000 low income children to this plan and extends coverage from six months to one year.

Recorded Votes: This is a real plus. You will be able to know how the legislators vote. Dallas Rep. Dan Branch's HB 83, HJR 19 has cleared committee and Sen. John Carona's SB 102, SJR 7 awaits committee hearing.

HPV Vaccine: Sen. Carona's SB 438 and HB 1098 (already passed) pre-empt Perry's Executive Order to vaccinate all 12 year old girls (with family permission) as a prevention for cervical cancer. The Attorney General's office doubts Perry's order would be legal.

DALLAS

Trans-Texas Corridor: This is a hot issue for Dallas. Please see Councilman Ron Natinsky's column on Page 2.



Contract Renewed

By JEB HENSARLING

Chairman of the Republican Study Committee, a group of over 100 conservatives in the House of Representatives.
Wall Street Journal, March 21, 2007; Page A18

This week, Congress will debate the largest federal budget in history. It will hear from thousands of interest groups, but if the past is any indication, one big group will be ignored: American taxpayers.

The budget has grown out of control. Your government now spends over \$23,000 per household, up over \$7,000 in just the last five years. And this record government expansion precedes the coming explosion in the costs of Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. The next generation will face a choice between two evils -- a crushing tax burden that is double what we pay today, or a federal government that consists entirely of entitlement programs.

The time has come for each member of Congress to show political courage. We must stop politicking and work to provide real solutions to the serious problems that our nation faces. Today, Dick Armey, one of the authors of the original Contract with America, will be joined by taxpayers from across our country at the Capitol to endorse the American Taxpayer Bill of Rights, which was developed by the Republican Study Committee. These rights represent a renewed contract with all Americans to restore accountability to the halls of Congress.

Here's a glimpse:

- *Taxpayers have a right to have a federal government that does not grow beyond their ability to pay for it.* First and foremost, we must restore fiscal discipline and find innovative new ways to do more with less. The federal budget cannot grow faster than American families' ability to pay for it. Some look at our \$8.8 trillion debt and say now is the time to raise taxes on hard-working Americans. They are wrong. We do not have an \$8.8 trillion debt because Washington taxes too little; we have an \$8.8 trillion debt because Washington spends too much. If families in America can tighten their belts, so too can bureaucrats in Washington. No more hidden earmarks. No more runaway entitlement spending. No more mortgaging our children's future. No more bridges to nowhere.

- *Taxpayers have a right to receive back each dollar that they entrust to the government for their retirement.* A safe, secure and stable retirement is part of the American dream. Yet time and again, Washington has proven itself incapable of managing Americans' hard earned Social Security dollars. There is something fundamentally wrong when more young Americans believe in UFOs than believe that their Social Security benefits will be available when they retire. The RSC will propose legislation this year making it against the law to spend Social Security money collected from Americans on anything other than Social Security. Ensuring a stable retirement is not a Republican or Democrat obligation, it is an American obligation.

- *Taxpayers have a right to expect the government to balance the budget without having their taxes raised.* Whether it is a water tax, a gas tax, a payroll tax, a utility tax, a cable tax or a property tax, we are taxed from the minute we wake up in the morning to the minute we turn off the lights to go to sleep. You can't say you are fighting for the American taxpayer and support higher taxes. Simply put, a balanced-budget amendment is the only indisputable way to achieve deficit reduction in America, and we pledge to see it through. In 1798, Thomas Jefferson wrote, "I wish it were possible to obtain a single amendment to our Constitution. I would be willing to depend on that alone for the reduction of the administration of our government to the genuine principles of its Constitution. I mean an additional article, taking from the federal government the power of borrowing." More than 200 years later it's the time to make Jefferson's vision a reality.

- *Taxpayers have a right to a simple, fair tax code that they can understand.* We commit to ending the IRS as we know it today. There is something fundamentally wrong when we have a tax code that is seven times longer than the Bible. Though comprehensive tax reform has been on the GOP agenda since 1994, the tax code today remains a nightmare. Believe it or not, it now consists of over 9,000,000 words and forces Americans to work billions of additional hours just trying to figure it out -- let alone afford the bill. Is it any wonder that 60% of Americans pay someone else to prepare their taxes for them? Bottom line: We are an overtaxed nation and we believe that hardworking Americans deserve a break. The tax code has deteriorated beyond repair, and we need to start from scratch. The time has come for Congress to sunset the entire Internal Revenue Code and set a hard date for its final elimination. Only then can we achieve true and meaningful tax reform.

Four simple principles. For those who believe Washington spends too much, we agree. For those who believe Washington still taxes too much, we agree. For those who believe we must balance the budget, cut wasteful Washington spending and provide further, permanent tax relief, we agree. And so we pledge to do it better and get it right. Whoever wants to lead the Republican Party as its Presidential nominee would be wise to adopt these rights. Our leaders must never forget that tax money belongs to the taxpayers, not the government.

Birthday Bash a Real Smash



Three in one: an informative Mayoral Candidate Forum, a festive and fun Birthday Bash luncheon, and New Member Orientation. That's what NRW offered up March 20 and members responded with robust attendance. More than 160 members, guests, Mayoral Candidates and staff attended the big event held at Bent Tree Country Club.

Program Chairman Liz Wahlquist, assisted by Jan Horne, coordinated the Forum featuring 10 candidates for Dallas Mayor. Each candidate spelled out their vision for Dallas, described their position on major issues, and answered a question posed by members. This was a great opportunity for members to size up the candidates side-by-side and to place a name with a face. One candidate described the NRW forum as the best the candidates had experienced to date. You can read a summary of their comments in the minutes for the meeting which were emailed to all members.

Candidates participating were: John Capello, Sam Coats, Gary Griffin, Roger Herrera, Don Hill, Darrell Jordan, Tom Leppert, Ed Oakley, Edward Opka, and Max Wells. The election is May 12.

At the Birthday Bash, beautiful and originally-decorated tables based on a theme for each of the 12 months of the year provided an ideal setting for member-building relationships and lively discussion about the candidates. Special Events Chair Pat Reid praised the cooperation, commitment and support of the Table Captains: Marcel Turney, Kathy Turner, Claudia Nelson, Corky Evans, Brenda Jones, Cindy Folmar, Delma Hendrix, Linda Kirkpatrick, Donna Hulbert, Lorna Crocker, Nancy Natinsky, and Brenda Gaustad. In addition to the table decoration, Captains provided table favors, a birthday cake, and invited friends and members to fill the tables. Also, Pat extended a special thanks to Charlene Boynton for hand addressing all the invitations; Barbara Vaughan for handling registration; Pat Allen for publicity; and President Jan Folmar and NRW Board for their participation.

Membership Chairman Brenda Gaustad conducted the New Member Orientation which also served as a review for regular members. She described NRW's relationship to DCCRW, TFRW, and NFRW, and recalled some of the accomplishments and awards NRW has earned over the years, which model what NRW is all about. The new members, including eight that joined at the meeting, were recognized during the orientation.

NRW R&R – Recruit and Recruit An ongoing success!

Ladies, you are doing an incredible job of promoting Northwood Republican Women and recruiting new members! "Thank you!" We currently have 153 active members – 28 are new in 2007 – and 42 associate members. The Birthday Bash and Mayoral Candidate Forum on March 20 painted a perfect picture of our club's dedication to educating our members, enjoying our members and encouraging friends to join.

Please welcome the following new members:

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We're reminded daily of the tremendous challenge Republicans face in 2008. **Together** we will be prepared for the hard work ahead. Thank you for joining Northwood Republican Women!

REMEMBER...R&R!!!

Brenda Gaustad
NRW Membership Chair



Caring for America

First, I wish to thank each and every one of you who planned to Greet the Troops on March 28th. You know how disappointed we all were when we learned no troops were arriving that day. Putting ourselves in the shoes of those young men and women who were anticipating being on American soil that day palls our disappointment.

Our next Greet the Troops date will be the morning of April 25th. If you plan to go, please call me at 972-818-2766 or e-mail me at ljcrocker@sbcglobal.net.

We are now collecting books for our Veterans. These are greatly appreciated. If you would like to participate, a collection box will be at our next meeting. Please bring any appropriate books with you. If you are unable to attend, I will arrange to pick them up for you. The next trip to the V.A. Hospital will be May 4th. I am so very pleased to announce that our newest NRWC member, Lisa Leach, has graciously said she will chair this project. Many thanks, Lisa. Lisa's phone is 972-818-7028.

We have the opportunity to be involved in The National Federation of Republican Women 2007 "My Favorite Teacher" Award. This can be a retired teacher or one presently involved with the education system. One name has been submitted to me at this time. Kay Reynolds. If anyone has another teacher they feel is worthy of this award would you please contact me? The deadline is May 15, 2007.

Thanks for your support! You all are wonderful!

Lorna Crocker, (972) 818-2766
Caring for America Chair



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 23 NRW gen. mtg. at Fretz Park at 9:30 AM.
- May 1 DCCRW meeting at GOP Headquarters.
- May 4-5 NFRW Regional Conference in Lawrence, Kansas.
- May 15 Postmark date for NFRW award for My Favorite Teacher and Caring for America.
- May 15 Betty Rendel Scholarship & National Pathfinder Scholarship applications due.
- June 1 NFRW Club Achievement award form due.
- June 1 NFRW Club Campaign Activities award form due.
- June 1-2 TFRW Exec. Com. & Board of Dir. Meeting.
- June 22-23 RNC Women's Leadership conference in Dallas.

AMERICANISM

Gloria Cecil, Americanism Chair (214) 352-2700

With today's controversy raging over the course of the Iraq war, it is important to print the following two statements: one made by Senator Joseph Lieberman and one made by President Bill Clinton.

On March 2, 2007 Senator Joseph Lieberman said, "There is something profoundly wrong when opposition to the war in Iraq seems to inspire greater passion than opposition to Islamist extremism. There is something profoundly wrong when there is so much distrust of our intelligence community that some Americans doubt the plain and ominous facts about the threat to us posted by Iran. And there is something profoundly wrong when, in the face of attacks by radical Islam, we think we can find safety and stability by pulling back, by talking to and accommodating our enemies, and abandoning our friends and allies. Some of this wrong-headed thinking about the world is happening because we're in a political climate where, for many people, when George Bush says 'yes' their reflex reaction is to say 'no'. That is unacceptable."

During his administration, President Clinton said, "We need a spirit of community, a sense that we are all in this together. If we have no sense of community, the American dream will wither."



Please note change of place
NRW Board Meeting is at Brenda Jones' home
on May 14, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.

Northwood Republican Women
We do make a difference

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