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Carolee's Comments On Becoming a Member

In his writings about *"Becoming a Modern Person,"* John S. Veitch describes a modern person as one who identifies beliefs and values and then acts on them. A modern person will have interests beyond work and family. A modern person will join purpose-driven groups. A modern person is part of a team-based group. A modern person is self-reliant and confident. A modern person has explored and displayed skills and talents. In other words, a modern person has membership.

Membership is a place - a place to put your identity, your mind and body, your heart and soul, your skills and talents, your loyalty. It is a place where everyone follows the same rules; a place where committees work together to solve, resolve and enact; a place where every member feels responsible for the success of the group. Membership makes you a modern person - someone who has a sense of being grounded and a willingness to protect self interests through membership.

We are constantly under attack. When information is sabotaged and corrupted, NRW stands ready to "speak truth to power." It must be heard over the media bias and this liberal administration. Many voices are needed.

Every meeting and every event is an opportunity to invite a guest and potential member. Membership ensures that we continue our work year after year. We must not silence our own voices for lack of membership. It's not too late to **RENEW** your membership and not too early to **RECRUIT** new members.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF SPEAKER:

NORTHWOOD REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

Honor our New Member Luncheon APRIL 26, 2010

TIME: 11:30 a.m. -- 1:30 p.m.

Location: Community Room
North Central Police Station
6969 McCallum Blvd.

SPEAKER: Robert W. Jordan
Former U. S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia
Topic: Hot Spots in the Middle East

Hostesses: Beth Braziller, Fran Berry,
Laurie Schacherer, Sandra Breedlove, Judy Smith,
Carol LaFountain, Pat Reid, and Connie Cross

Robert W. Jordan



Robert Jordan was selected by President George W. Bush to serve as the United States Ambassador to Saudi Arabia at the most critical point in the history of the relationship between the two countries. After Senate confirmation, he served as ambassador from October 2001 through October 2003.

Mr. Jordan took charge of his Mission in the wake of the September 11 attacks that radically affected U.S.-Saudi relations. He led American efforts to secure Saudi cooperation in the Middle East following 9/11.

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As ambassador, he worked closely with President Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell in matters such as the historic presidential summit meetings in Crawford, Texas and Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

Mr. Jordan vigorously pursued stronger Saudi collaboration in the war on terrorism and terrorist financing, and advocated promotion of American business, human rights, democracy and economic reform in the Kingdom, including reforms needed to qualify for Saudi accession to the World Trade Organization.

Resuming his law career at Baker Botts in 2004, Mr. Jordan currently engages in an international business, government relations, and dispute resolution practice.

Mr. Jordan serves as Diplomat in Residence and adjunct professor of political science at Southern Methodist University, and as Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law at SMU's Dedman School of Law. In 2007 he received the Fellows Award presented by the Dallas Bar Foundation. He frequently shares his in-depth experience in international relations in interviews with the major international news media, and gives speeches before many foreign relations audiences.

Legislative Report

Valerie Neely, Legislative Chair

You know what you're seeing happen in our federal government? Well, it's been happening in our schools for some time. One of the largest taxes we pay is to the local school districts so it is important for all of us to be informed and see how this huge portion of our tax money is being spent. Arm yourself with the facts and make a difference in our schools. You're invited to attend the conference on Public Education, April 24, 2010 from 9:00am to 3:00pm, Bellas, 2701 Custer Parkway, Richardson TX. Learn practical and effective ways to improve your school district and meet area school board candidates.

It is critical we stay informed on what is happening in our city and local government so for the most up to date information check the following websites frequently: www.heritage.org, www.ncpa.org, www.thomas.gov and www.gcrw.org

✓ Remember to vote on May 8th, our next General Election. For more information on candidates and their views go to www.dalcoelections.org. Get involved and be a part of making a difference in our country!



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This and That

Condolences to Wanda King whose mother passed away on April 9. She also lost her father just a month or so ago. Keep Wanda in your thoughts and prayers.

2010 NRW Fundraiser

"911 – Put out the Fire!"

Brenda Gaustad, Fundraiser Chair

Douse the flames of liberalism with your contribution to the 2010 NRW non-event fundraiser! This is truly a "911" year for our country!

\$200.00	4 alarm level
100.00	3 alarm level
50.00	2 alarm level
25.00	1 alarm level

Any and all contributions are appreciated and will help elect Republican candidates in November. At this point, 26 NRW members have donated to our fundraiser. Our goal is 100% participation - please consider writing your check today to NRW and mail to: Brenda Gaustad, 5612 Shubert Court, Dallas, Texas 75252.

THANK YOU!

Caring For America

Lorna Crocker, Chair

We are on our way!!!!!!

Last quarter we collected 34 pounds of food for those less fortunate in our area. The second quarter gives us the opportunity to bring food to 3 meetings.

How about aiming for 400 pounds by the end of the year? While grocery shopping, just take 2 or 3 items down, giving a portion to the food bank and I promise it will make you feel ever so good.

Many thanks for your thoughtfulness.

The following letter is from the THREE CHEERS column of the *Dallas Morning News*.

WELCOME HOME – Never have two words meant so much as they did when I returned home to the U. S. recently after serving the last six months in Afghanistan.

Some 200 of my comrades in arms and I were welcomed at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport by complete strangers with handshakes, hugs and claps that made this 19-year service member weep like a child who had found his family after a long absence.

Thank you to those Texans, who truly made me feel welcome in their home. It is so good to be back on American soil. And while I will be heading back in two short weeks, I look forward to my next trip through Texas, because I now know that when I come home for good, even the welcome home celebrations are bigger in Texas.

Thank you for making my first memory back here so memorable.

Nico Melendez, Lake Elsinore, California

Members of Northwood Republican Women, along with husbands, children and grandchildren, friends and neighbors have been welcoming back service men and women at D-FW Airport for the past several years. It is one of the most rewarding things we do. Next time NRW is scheduled to go, remember how much this simple gift of a few hours can mean to someone who is returning home to the U.S., and join the group.



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month



Pictured are Senator Florence Shapiro, Alice Lott (White Rock Republican Women), NRW members: Laurie Schacherer, Chrissi Gumbert, Carolyn Cardinal and Brenda Gaustad.

Attendees not pictured are Joyce Hanson (DCCRW), Mary Etta and Bunny Martin (NRW).

"Prevention is Key - What Can I Do?"

The realities of child abuse:

- In 2009, the rate of children dying from abuse or neglect rose 30 percent.
- Texas has the highest number of child deaths due to abuse, while the U.S. has the highest child death rate in the world.
- Every 6 hours a child is killed by abuse or neglect.
- Over 90 percent of the time, children are victimized not by strangers, but by people they know and trust.

The first step in preventing child abuse is awareness and education. On Friday, April 9, the 3rd annual Dallas County Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Event took place featuring keynote speaker Texas Senator Florence Shapiro. Dallas County Republican women, North Dallas Democratic women and numerous other organizations participated in honoring the memory of the 29 children who died in Dallas County in 2009 and to recognize the dedication of our CPS workers in protecting our children. Over 300 volunteers and CPS workers attended the heart-warming and inspiring event.

Senator Shapiro commended Dallas County Council of Republican Women and Northwood Republican Women for their participation and contributions toward the cost of gifts for the CPS workers. She encouraged us to continue to be out in the community working to find solutions to core problems that transcend politics. Republican women are compassionate and care deeply about these issues.

If you are interested in information about the non-profits who serve child abuse victims, please contact Shari Markey at 214-515-9045, ext. 20 to volunteer.

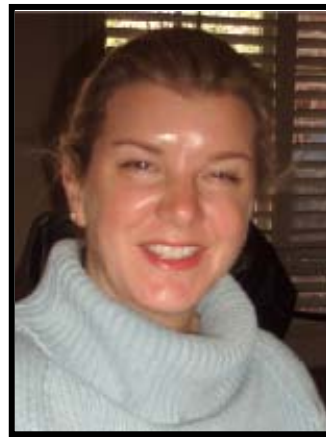
Thank you. Brenda Gaustad

Waiting in The Wings
Laurie Schacherer, NRW President-elect
Delma Hendrix, NRW Reporter

The first thing I noticed about our incoming President was her wonderful smile. It truly lights up her whole being and makes you want to smile in return.

Laurie Schacherer was born in California into a Navy family. They moved to Texas for her formative years and she attended Arlington Martin High School. Her Viet Nam vet father became a policeman there and her brother became a fireman/paramedic in Grand Prairie. Laurie studied to be a registered nurse and since 1996 has been working as an operating room nurse at the Texas Institute for Surgery, on the Presbyterian Hospital campus. It was there that she met her husband Tim, an orthopedic hand surgeon. He, too, is a Navy veteran.

When asked how she became interested in politics, she quickly said, "9-11". Before then she was 'politically inert', thinking those affairs just took care of themselves. She started paying attention, watching news reports and discussing world situations with her military minded family members. Going back to class to get her Bachelors, she took a History course at UTD and was shocked. Her instructor was a woman from Connecticut and in the liberal camp. She put her biased spin on everything, a real wake up call for Laurie. The two got into some spirited debates, with Laurie challenging some of her facts and views. At least some of the innocent 17-year-old students in the class got to hear another side speak up.



On a lighter side, Laurie is a self-proclaimed "Little Bo-Peep", raising small Soay sheep on their nearby farm on the weekends. This breed is from Scotland and have short tails, while their wool falls off them. Her 24 little darlings are helping improve their pasture land...I won't go into that. She has sold a few when they were 3 months old, but, in her

own words, 'They're just too cute'. However, she does sell their special soft wool to a few weavers.

After the 2006 election, when Democrats swept Dallas County, Laurie attended a Republican Women luncheon where Senator Florence Shapiro was the speaker. She met Commissioner Maurine Dickey and a few nice ladies from Northwood Republican Women. They told her about our club and invited her to come join. We are so very glad they did and are looking forward to having her as our next NRW President.

Campaigns

NRW "adopts" four Republican candidates for 2010:

- Stephani Carter, State Rep. District 102,
- Wade Emmert, Candidate for County Judge,
- Danny Clancy, Candidate for District Attorney,
- Cliff Boyd, Candidate for District Clerk

Next NRW Board Meeting – May10, 1:30 p.m.
at the home of Carolee Blumin



Calendar of Events

April 26	NRW General Meeting – New Member Luncheon
April 29-30	TFRW Executive Committee & Board of Directors meeting, Austin
May 10	NRW Board Meeting
May 17	NRW General Meeting (6:30 p.m.) – BBQ to honor veterans
June 9	NRW Luncheon & Special Speaker
June 10, 11, 12	Republican State Convention, Dallas Convention Center

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Dallas County Council of Republican Women May Meeting

Join us as we Kick Off our exciting new initiative:



“Power of Women to Elect Republicans”

Tuesday, May 4
6:30 Reception 7:00 p.m. Kick Off
Milestone Culinary Arts Center
4531 McKinney Ave.
Dallas, Texas 75205

**Women have the POWER to shape the vote
this November – join us and find out how!**

- Hear from **POWER**ful Women!
- Meet RNC Committeewoman
& Guest Speaker Borah Van Dormolen
- Get your **POWER** Pin!
- Sign up for the Sept. 11 **POWER** Rally



\$15 Per Person

Send check to: Kathy Zerangue 10532 Ravenscroft Drive, Dallas, Texas 75230.

For more information contact kathy.zerangue@mac.com.

Your cancelled check is your reservation.

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Northwood Republican Women's Club
MEMORIAL DAY BARBECUE

Honoring All Veterans
Monday, May 17th 6:30 pm

\$25.00 person
Limited Seating

At the home of...
Nancy & Ron Natinsky
5501 Prestwick Lane, Dallas, Texas 75252
Your check to "NRW" is your reservation.
Mail to Nancy Natinsky by Monday, May 10th.

BBQ Speaker: Justice Carolyn Wright
Chief Justice of the Fifth Court of Appeals

Justice Wright is currently one of thirteen justices on the Fifth District Court of Appeals. She sits on a rotating panel of three justices who decide criminal, civil, family, juvenile, and probate matters that are appealed from trial courts in seven North Texas counties from which she is elected. Justice Carolyn Wright has served in the judiciary for more than 20 years.

The Court of Appeals for the Fifth District of Texas at Dallas has jurisdiction over appeals from both district and county courts located in Dallas, Collin, Grayson, Hunt, Rockwall and Kaufman counties. The Court hears both civil and criminal appeals.

A special Flag Ceremony will be presented by Boy Scouts from Brentfield Elementary School.

If you would like to have an invitation mailed to a special guest, please contact Judy Smith at 972-250-2222 or e-mail: jks.gls@sbcglobal.net