



## Jan's Journal



This summer has seen the loss of my sweet husband, Jack, and I think it is necessary to take some time to put my life back together. I am asking Brenda Jones to assume the duties of the President. Please give her all the support that you have given me. I love you all and look forward to being with you soon.

*Jan Folmar*  
President

On Jan's behalf, I am submitting the following column. We have all felt her leadership for many months and let us vow now to keep her momentum going.

The Dallas summer has brought unprecedented rain and flooding. We grieve for those families who suffered losses in the raging waters even as we cheered the welcome rain and cooler temperatures.

The passing months are bringing us closer to the presidential election and with it an unprecedented flood of rhetoric. Candidates from both parties are running against each other in the primaries in hopes of selecting the candidate they believe can win the general election.

When the two surviving candidates hit the ballot box on November 4, 2008 the direction of this country will be sealed for many years to come.

Our club is committed to supporting Republican Candidates. That will be our main focus from now through 2008. Please join me in honoring Jan's work.

*Brenda Jones*

## News from our members

Our hearts go out to **Jan Folmar** and **Barbara Campbell** on the loss of their husbands this summer. Let's lift them up in our prayers, give them a call, tell them how much we love them.

**Franne Jackson** was badly injured in a car accident in July. Both **Jean Hoffman** and **Martha Davenport** underwent recent surgery. We send our very best thoughts to Franne, Jean and Martha for a full and speedy recovery.

## NRW GENERAL MEETING August 27, 2007

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. Coffee  
10:00 a.m. Meeting



**Place:** Gretchen Sampson's House  
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**Hostesses:** Mary McElvany, Cathie Adams, and Marcile Turney

**Speaker:** Rebecca L. Dugger, P.E.  
Trinity River Coordinator

**Topic:** Trinity River Project: The Straight Facts

Rebecca Dugger will be talking on the Dallas Trinity Project. She is very knowledgeable on this subject and can answer any questions you may have on the Trinity Project.

Our website is still being constructed  
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See how it looks so far

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### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

The Pledge of allegiance to the state flag is:

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee,  
Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.



We will be voting on the proposed amendments at the August general meeting. The amendments were sent to all members with the May newsletter. Please review them and be prepared to vote.

# NRW Investigates . . .

by Carolee Blumin, Editor

## How Fair is the FairTax?



Recently, you heard speaker David Derelius of Americans for Fair Taxation speak in favor of the FairTax. This column seeks only to investigate the other side while we wait for the amended bill. We may or may not agree, but let us be adequately informed. Verification for the following information can be found by typing The FairTax into the search line of your Internet home page.

Even opponents of the FairTax agree. Let's scrap the complex income tax and the brutal IRS. But they also warn that the FairTax could and would be just as complex and draconian. Worse yet, the FairTax could be layered right on top of the dreaded income tax. Although the first draft of H.R.10 does call for the elimination of the income tax, it will take an amendment to the constitution to abolish the 16<sup>th</sup> amendment that gives congress the right to impose an income tax. Even if the bill passes in its original form and the 16<sup>th</sup> amendment is abolished, nothing will stop the legislators from tinkering with the sales tax by adding exemptions, deductions, rebates, excises, and tariffs while bowing to pressure from interest groups – those very same lobbyists who are currently roaming around the halls of Congress. Pre-bate checks will be sent to every household up to the poverty level to compensate for the taxes imposed on necessities.

Opponents further warn that a national sales tax would open all of us up to scrutiny we cannot yet imagine. Instead of examining our every source of income, now the government would be able to snoop into every buying habit. Massive sales records would be kept and the same agency that now monitors our income will begin to monitor our cash flow. So say opponents of the FairTax. Are they right?

David Derelius reports that Gov. Mike Huckabee and former Senator Mike Gravel have lent their support to the FairTax. According to a news release from FairTax, pledging their verbal support, if elected President, are Tom Tancredo, Duncan Hunter, John McCain, Ron Paul, John Cox and Fred Thompson. Log on to [www.FairTax.org](http://www.FairTax.org) for more information.

FairTax COO, David Polyansky reports fast-growing support around the country. Grassroots rallies are gearing up and a 50-state challenge is in the making. Efforts in Iowa have made the FairTax the deciding issue in Iowa's Straw Poll. We will continue to work on a non-partisan basis with all candidates as we educate the public, says Polyansky.

**When Republican women Work,  
Republican candidates win.  
Don't take Dallas County for granted.  
Get out the vote!**



### NORTHWOOD REPUBLICAN WOMEN 2007 OFFICERS

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NRW promotes patriotism as Jan Folmar, Principal Kay Reynolds and Pat Reid display a flag presented to Dobie Elementary School, from our club, to honor the school's dedication to diversity in the student body.



These are the faces of American heroes. They have come to let us honor them on Memorial Day for their service to our country. They came to serve when called upon and we owe them much. The room overflowed with NRW members and Dallas veterans.



# Legislative Issues



Compiled by Nelda Neale, Legislative Chair (972) 732-0075

The 80<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature is over and will not meet again until 2009 unless the Governor calls a special session. It was certainly not a dull session with the Democrats pulling a fast one to keep bills from getting to the floor until March. Over 3500 bills needed to get out of each legislative body's committee, on the calendar, to the floor and passed. Then it was the other legislative body's turn to have a go at it. If both the Senate and House agreed, the bill went to the Governor. He then had the option to sign, veto or ignore. The Governor signed 1,739 bills generated by the House; 1,009 generated by the Senate; and 22 became law without any action on his part. He vetoed 53 bills that had no time to get an override before the session ended. The primary sources for this abbreviated resume of some of the most important bills passed are from the reports of Senators Shapiro and Carona. Both Dallas-area Senators are superior and have been very active in getting their own bills passed and sponsoring other bills.

## THE FOLLOWING BILLS ARE NOW TEXAS LAW

### The Budget: \$152.45 Billion

This is the only bill that is mandated to pass in each legislative session. It covers from September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009. It includes:

- \$ 80.14 Billion State general revenue funds
- \$ 14.20 Billion Property tax relief to seniors and the disabled by constitutional amendment
- \$ 7.0 Billion Reserves to avoid deficit in future years
- \$216.00 Million Reduces supplemental appropriations



### Health and Human Services: 33.5% of the budget

- SB10 Expands Medicaid fraud and abuse prevention. Medicare consumes 25% of total state budget.
- SB758 Makes numerous reforms to our foster care system
- HB109 Increases the number of children eligible (127,000 additional) for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- HB14 Establishes the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute
- HJR90 If approved by voters on Nov. 6, will fund \$3 billion, which will apportion \$300 million a year among the universities, hospitals and the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute

### Education: 40% of budget

- HB3900 Creates the Texas Tomorrow Fund II that allows the purchase of tuition contracts at today's prices.
- HB2237 Provides methods to keep at-risk students in public school.
- SB8 Provides random testing for steroid for high school athletes.
- SB1517 Strengthens the no-pass, no-play rule. Only core subjects will count from now on
- SB1031 Eliminates TAKS testing. Replaced by end-of-course exams for grades 9-12
- SB530 Requires elementary and middle schools to place greater emphasis on P.E.

**Religion in Public Schools.** HB1287 allows school districts to offer electives on the Old and New Testaments; but must accommodate diverse religious views, traditions and perspectives. HB3678 allows schools to invoke religion at limited public forums.

**Safety in Public Schools.** HB323 requires seat belts in school buses bought after September 1, 2010. Buses can be retrofitted if schools can pay for them. SB9 requires any school employee and certain volunteers to undergo criminal background checks. The school must fire and cannot hire anyone who has been convicted of certain felonies.

**Jessica's Law** HB8 strengthens penalties for sexual assault of a minor child, prostitution, and child pornography. It also gives prosecutors discretion in seeking the death penalty or life without parole in cases dealing with repeat violent offenders. SB6 strengthens penalties for Internet solicitation of a minor, and creates new tools for law enforcement.

**The troubled Texas Youth Commission** faces sweeping reforms under SB103 and HB914. Also, SB109 makes more reforms to adult corrections and parole system will let judges allow early parole termination for low risk offenders and early prison release for health reasons.

**The Theft of Copper** is a big problem to the state and individuals. New laws SB1154 & HB1767 punish in various ways and can make it a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony if damage is done to other property during theft.

**Cruelty to Animals** is addressed by HB1411 & HB2328. Under HB1355 dog owners are now responsible for their dog's attacks and can be charged with a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony.

**The "Castle Doctrine"** SB378 says that a threatened individual no longer has to make a reasonable effort to retreat before using deadly force.

**The Texas Water Supply** represented by HB3, HB4 and SB3 was a particularly contentious issue and resulted in the Dallas area receiving 19 sites protected for potential reservoir development.

**The 79 lobbyists were successful in quashing resistance to the TXU buyout.** TXU is already planning their 1<sup>st</sup> new lignite coal plant. At this writing the sale is not complete, but the new buyers say they will only build a total of three. Dallas area air pollution may increase.

**The Texas Residential Construction Commission (TRCC)** under HB1038 now has more power to penalize the builders who do not register with the state and fine them up to \$100,000 for fraud.

**The North Texas Tollway Authority,** not the Spanish Company Cintra, will build the Highway 121 Toll Road. Under SB792 there is a two-year moratorium on toll road permits with few exceptions. In the Nov. 6 election, voters will be asked to approve SJR64 for up to \$5 billion in transportation bonds.

**Homeland and Border Security** has a new comprehensive bill SB11 that expands: wire tapping; gang data base; closed school board security planning; higher education security planning; Emergency Alert System training and planning; and a Border Security Council to advise the Governor.

**Legislators' Votes** will be put to the voters as an amendment in the Nov. 6 elections. If passed, each house will have to publish, on the Internet, how each legislator voted on final passage of substantive legislation.

**Landowner's Bill of Rights** HB1495 establishes additional guidelines for eminent domain negotiations.

**Silver Alert Program** SB1315 for missing seniors has been established.

**Access to State Spending** HB3430 makes access possible to individuals with the creation of a single, searchable and publicly available online database.

**Bills that should have passed but didn't**

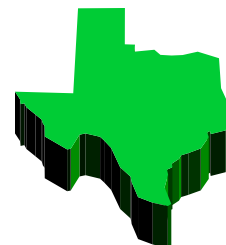
UNT Law School at Dallas (will rise again in 2009)

The Dart "Cut" in North Dallas

A moratorium on new coal plants

Verification of citizenship for voting privileges

Expansion of state's role in enforcing federal immigration laws



## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Thank you, Northwood Republican Women, for your generous support of the Dallas County Council of Republican Women's recent Community Service Project.

On Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, the second annual College "Kick-Off" Party for TRAC (Transition Action Resource Center) students was held. **TRAC is a one-stop resource that helps young adults who have aged out of foster care attain self-sufficiency.** We had a packed house to celebrate those youth aging out of foster care who are advancing their education by attending college.

Decorating the tables for the more than 150 students and well-wishers in attendance were the desk lamps with office supplies for the students provided by the generous donations of Northwood members. Each student also received a basket of needed items to begin dorm life. These baskets, provided by individual DCCRW clubs, were well received by all of the recipients. A lunch of hot-dogs and hamburgers was enjoyed, followed by inspirational words from **Faith Johnson, Congressman Jeb Hensarling, Sloan Rawlins and Lonnie Mims.**

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Again, I thank you, the members of Northwood, for your concern, caring and support of these great young people. The day was a blessing for the youth, but most importantly, a blessing for the members of the DCCRW clubs.

**Thank you again for your contribution of the lamps and office supplies,** and to the Northwood members who spent Friday afternoon setting up and decorating to make this event so special. You are the best!



Mary McElvany, President  
Dallas County Council of Republican Women



The Trinity River Project is expected to overshadow other issues on the November 2007 ballot. Be informed. Plan to attend the Northwood Republic Women general meeting on August 27th at 9:30 A.M. See front page for details. Photo by Scot Miller.



### American Competitiveness Needs research, Education and Innovation

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

**Innovation and ingenuity are the hallmarks of our nation's success.** However, rising powers like China and India threaten America's economic prominence, and we must address this head-on. I recently joined with many of my Senate colleagues to meet this challenge by passing the America COMPETES Act. This bill strengthens America's long-term economic competitiveness by increasing research, education and innovation.

**The United States graduates about 70,000 engineers annually, yet more than half come from overseas.** India matriculates far more engineers each year (around 250,000), and in China the number is even greater. If this trend continues, within a few years approximately 90% of the world's scientists and engineers will live in Asia.

**In the 1990s, U.S. patent applications grew at an annual rate of 10%,** but since 2001, their growth has slowed to less than 3%. China has passed us as the world's largest exporter of information-technology products, while we have become a net importer of such products. Many of the recommendations for remedying the current trend are included in the America COMPETES Act.

**First, we would increase research investment by doubling the funding levels** for the National Science Foundation (NSF) and substantially increasing funding for the Department of Energy's Office of Science. We have also created a framework to increase funding for research at NASA, one of our premier scientific institutions.

**Second, we have focused on improving education,** specifically in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and foreign languages. We have authorized competitive grants to states and teachers and support for the NSF's Teachers Institutes for the 21st Century Program

**Finally, our bill focuses on innovation.** For over a century, America has been the world capital of technology. Economic studies show that as much as 85% of the measured growth in per capita income is due to technological change, and our bill ensures that both NASA and NSF are able to expand their strong traditional roles in technological and scientific excellence.

**When this legislation becomes law,** we will have a better-educated workforce, increased research, and groundbreaking ideas that will recharge our competitiveness and raise our overall standard of living.

# Caring for America

It's hard to realize that our summer is almost behind us. Now it is time to get back to the necessary acts of kindness Northwood Republican Club Woman and Men are know for.

Let's have a BIG turnout for our **Greet the Troops Day, SEPTEMBER 12TH**. We plan to go out to DFW. The procedures are the same. Call the night before after 8:00 PM (972) 574-0392 and learn the time of arrival. It is a good idea to call in the morning to check for any change in arrival time. A signup sheet will be at the next NRW general meeting.

**Reminder!** Please bring any books for the V.A. Hospital to the August 27th meeting.

Lorna Crocker, Chair 972-818-2766



On May 29th, NRW joined with others to greet the arriving troops with thanks, handshakes, smiles and cookies for the road. Please plan to join us at DFW on September 12th to greet more troops.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug 27 General meeting at Gretchen Sampson's at 9:30am.
- Sep 4 DCCRW meeting at 9:30 am. John Carona will be speaking.
- Sep 10 Board meeting at 1:30 pm at Brenda Jones' home.
- Sep 24 NRW General Meeting at Fretz Park at 9:30 am.
- Sep 27-30 NFRW 33rd Biennial Convention, Palm Springs.
- Nov 9-11 TFRW 26th Biennial Convention, El Paso.

## CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Club accumulates almost 2000 volunteer campaign hours

The Campaign Committee will be in high gear as the presidential election gathers speed. As always our goal is to support the Republican candidates. We can do this by financial donations, attending rallies and coffees, addressing postcards, stuffing envelopes, making phone calls, having a presence at the polls, and in other ways when called upon. The Campaign Committee is committed to keeping you informed of our candidates needs.

Most recently, our club responded to the call to rally at the arrival of Fred Thompson at Love Field on Wed. July 25. At right, he waves to his Fred Heads holding up signs that say, "Run, Fred, Run."



Now more than ever, we will be called upon to show support and get out the vote.

NRW has contributed close to 2000 hours this year and is still counting.

Please turn in any unreported campaign hours you worked since January of 2007, including the Dallas Mayoral race. If you need an individual campaign report form, please contact me.

Linda Clubb, Chair (972) 380-6147. lclubb@aol.com.



Next NRW Board Meeting is at Brenda Jones' home on September 10, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.

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