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Carolee's
Comments



MR. BLAME IS MY NAME

Mr. Blame is my name. Blaming Bush is my game. Bush wasn't the nicest. He left me a crisis. Bush wanted protection. Now I'm stuck with correction. Bush honored NAFTA, but I don't havta. And, if worst comes to worst, blame America first. When will the Obama bubble burst?

So, let's review. Obama blames Bush, America, Israel, Republicans, bankers, Wall Street, healthcare, 24-hour news cycles, talk radio, businesses, insurance companies, doctors, lobbyists, scare tactics and fear mongering. Obama blames America for American offenses against international goodwill and humanity. Europe cheers. Obama blames Europe for also blaming America. Europe is silent. And, more recently, racist cops. Stay tuned. You may be next.

Let's see now, who does Obama not blame? That would be Democrats, unions, regulators, Courts, United Nations, terrorists and their organizations, dictators, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Does Obama blame Obama? Yes, indeed. He admits to mishandling the Tom Daschle appointment. Apparently, the buck stops there.

Mentalhelp.net will tell us that people who blame others often have these qualities in common: a grandiose sense of self-importance; fantasies of unlimited success, power and brilliance; believes that he or she is special; requires excessive admiration; has a sense of entitlement; shows arrogant and haughty behaviors or attitudes.



Mr. Blame is his name. Will America see his shame?

The Republican Party will be working hard to move forward. **Northwood Republican Women** will be the force we have always been. Watch for opportunities to help for the 2010 elections.

**Don't Take Dallas County for granted.
Get out the vote.**

NRW General Meeting August 24, 2009

Time: 9:30 AM. Social
10:00 AM Meeting

Place: The home of The Honorable Chrissi Gumbert
312 Stonebridge Drive, Richardson 75080

Hostesses: Sandra Breedlove, Jan Woody and
Mary McElvany

Speaker: Senator Florence Shapiro,
Senate District 8

Topic: State Legislative Session Wrap-Up.

**Please bring a friend and introduce her to
Northwood Republican Women.**

FLORENCE SHAPIRO

Florence Shapiro is known as a deeply committed legislator who gives voice to the values of those she serves. From education to transportation, homeland security to our children's safety, she always maintains the values of the constituents and families she serves.

As a first generation American, the daughter of Holocaust survivors and the first in her family to attend college, Shapiro's journey into Texas politics began years prior to her election to the Texas Senate in 1993, and miles away from the State Capitol.



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Florence Shapiro (cont'd from page 1)

Her life of service began as a public school teacher, where she established her foremost premise that the focus should always be on children. Decades later, following six terms on the Plano City Council, and after serving as Mayor of Plano, Shapiro was elected by her peers in the Texas Senate to serve as Governor for a Day in 2005. Keeping in mind her commitment to children, she said "Our children deserve the best Texas we can imagine."

She has carried this vision and determination throughout her service. As a champion of children, she passed landmark legislation to protect them against sexual predators. Her series of bills known as Ashley's Laws, protects against, adjudicates, and punishes sex offenders whose victims are children. These laws, which began in 1995, were national benchmarks.

While serving as Chair of the Senate State Affairs Committee in 1999, Senator Shapiro committed herself to the issue of transportation, creating the first Texas Mobility Fund so Texas could bond for road building.

Since becoming Chair of the Senate Education Committee, she has brought the focus of public education back to the student, with legislation to phase out the TAKS test and replace it with end-of-course exams. Additionally, she has worked to create a seamless system of pre-K through 16 pipeline, ensuring all Texas students have access to and encouragement for post-secondary education. Her work has led to legislation to curb dropouts, improve college readiness, and increase public school accountability.

As Education Chair, she has also passed legislation to overhaul the state's school finance system, significantly lowering property taxes, providing more money for schools, along with a teacher pay raise and the first ever incentive pay program.

Her leadership has earned her many honors over the years. Today, she serves as Co-Chair of the Education Policy Taskforce for the National Council of State Governments, as well as on the Southern Regional Education Board, and the Education Commission on the States, coalitions of elected officials and education leaders that address issues for the advancement of education among the states. She is also an appointee to the Governor's Criminal Justice Advisory Council, as well as a member of the Standing Committee on Education for the National Conference of State Legislators.

A graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, Shapiro holds a bachelor's degree in secondary education.

Shapiro is a former small business owner. She and her husband Howard live in Plano. They have three children: Lisa and her husband, Brian Strauss of Houston, with grandchildren Joshua, Noa and Ari; Todd and his wife, Jori Shapiro, with grandchildren Ella and Zachary; and Staci and her husband Paul Rubin, with grandchildren Sam and Natalie, all of Frisco.



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This and That

Volunteer Hours – Just a reminder to keep tract of your volunteer hours – both NRW and for organizations other than Republican oriented. Submit these hours to Brenda Gaustad, our Campaign Chair.

**DCCRW General Meeting –
Tuesday, September 1st**

Speaker: Kerby Anderson – “Four Trends Facing the Nation – Political, Economic, Religious and Cultural”
9:30 a.m. coffee; 10:00 a.m. meeting
Dallas County Republican HQ
10100 North Central Expressway, Suite 175

NOTE: Our Meeting Place Has Changed

The library budget has been cut and Fretz Park Library will no longer be available to us. Therefore, beginning with the September 28th general meeting, NRW has booked our general meetings into the new community room at police headquarters located at Hillcrest and McCallum – just north of Beltline.



National Federation of Republican Women

WHO: Founded in 1938 and one of the largest and most influential women's political organizations in the country, the Federation is a grassroots organization with 100,000 members and 1,825 local clubs nationwide. We strengthen the Republican Party by Recruiting, training and electing candidates; advocating the Party's philosophy and initiatives; and, empowering women of all ages, ethnicities and backgrounds in the political process.

WHAT: Once an auxiliary of the Republican National Committee (RNC), the NFRW is financially and organizationally independent today.

The NFRW uses its resources to:

- Elect Republican candidates to public office
- Train campaign leaders and volunteers
- Recruit and train women for public office and other leadership roles
- Educate members on legislative issues
- Promote Republican principles and policies

The Seal of the National Federation of Republican Women is a registered trademark.

It features the American Eagle, king of birds holding a quill pen and standing guard over our most treasured tool of democracy – the ballot box.

Adopted at the biennial convention in 1944, it portrays the Federation's interest in the protection and integrity of our electoral process.

The American Eagle is adopted from the great seal of the United States.

The Quill is symbolic of the power of words, especially as contained in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

Copy and seal submitted by Toni Anne Dashiell, President of the Texas Federation Republican Women.



Republican Principles

I am a Republican because:

I believe the strength of our nation lies with the individual and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility must be honored.

I believe in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex, age or disability.

I believe that free enterprise and the encouragement of individual initiative have brought this nation opportunity, economic growth and prosperity.

I believe government must practice fiscal responsibility and allow individuals to keep more of the money they earn.

I believe the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations and that the best government is that which governs least.

I believe the most effective, responsible and responsive government is government closest to the people.

I believe Americans must retain the principles that have made us strong while developing new and innovative ideas to meet the challenges of changing times.

I believe Americans value and should preserve our national strength and pride while working to extend peace, freedom and human rights throughout the world.

Finally, I believe the Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government.

Republican Party. The Republican Party emerged in the 1850s from a party system torn by political pressures. The organizers of the new party brought together formerly hostile groups, including Northern Whigs, and dissident Democrats — all affected by worsening North-South tensions unleashed by the struggle for control of the Kansas territory. The new party grew rapidly as conflict intensified in the late 1850s. Its opposition to the expansion of slavery and its backing of free labor and federal support for economic development — a reflection of its Whig ancestry — as well as its nativism all won support in the North.

The election in 1860 of Abraham Lincoln, the first Republican president, and the Civil War that followed, solidified Republican dominance. At first prepared only to restrict slavery, not to abolish it, Republican leaders gradually accepted emancipation both as a war measure and as an expression of the expanded understanding of liberty forged in the heat of conflict.



REMEMBER WHO DID THIS

Franklin Delano Roosevelt introduced Social Security (FICA) Program.

He Promised:

1. Participation in the program would be completely voluntary.
2. Participates would pay only 1% of the first \$1,400 of their annual incomes.
3. Contributions would be deductible from their income for tax purposes.
4. Contributions would go into an independent trust fund to fund Social Security and for no other government program.
5. Annuity payments to retirees would never be taxed as income.

Then:

Democrats put Social Security into the General Fund for Congress to SPEND, TAX and GIVE AWAY!

And Then:

After violating the original contract, the Democrats tell you that the Republicans want to take your social security away!

GET OUT THE VOTE

DO NOT TAKE DALLAS COUNTY FOR GRANTED

Republican Party of Texas or "RPT" (cont'd from last newsletter)

Political Party Conventions

In Texas, parties hold their own conventions in election years. In even-numbered years, Texas Republicans hold precinct conventions, county or senatorial district conventions, a state convention, and in presidential years, a national convention.

The purpose of the conventions are to:

- Choose delegates and alternates to the next higher convention level, when applicable; and
- Consider resolutions or statements on policy issues to send to the next higher convention and/or for eventual inclusion in the state or national Party platform.

Delegates/Alternates

Delegates are persons elected at a convention to represent the body electing them at the next higher convention level, except at the highest convention level in a given year where they simply serve as the representatives of the body that elected them. Alternates are elected to serve in the event that a delegate cannot or does not serve. In order to be elected a delegate or alternate to a Republican convention, the person must be a registered voter in the represented area and have voted in the most recent Republican primary election.

Resolutions

A resolution is a formal statement or expression of an opinion put before or adopted by an assembly. Resolutions are offered by delegates for discussion and may address any topic. Resolutions passed by delegates at a convention are sent to the next convention level for consideration. Resolutions may eventually become part of the Party's platform.

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When Carolee asked me to write an article on Homeland Security, I became aware of how distant the trauma of September 11th had become for me and how our Nation appeared to have healed and become safe again. The prospect of taking a closer look at the Department of Homeland security (DHS) under the new Administration, with its focus on terminology, Overseas Contingency Operation and Man-Made Disasters, rather than the War on Terror and terrorist attacks, seemed easy pickings and quite the sport for a longtime hawk.

Imagine my surprise to open the DHS Website and see that our National Threat Level is Elevated, or Yellow, meaning there is a significant risk of terrorist attacks and our Domestic and International flight threat levels are High, or Orange, indicating a high risk of terrorist attacks. How could I have missed the advisories and responsible media coverage keeping us informed? Quite simply, there had been no advisories or media coverage to miss.

It took some time to alter course, to forego my first impulse to research the who, what, when, and where, and to seek information that would be beneficial to every reader not just today but every day regardless of the emergency or National Threat Level. The answer was "Preparedness". Some of the things we can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as developing a Family Emergency Preparedness Plan and making an Emergency Supply Kit, are the same for both a natural and man-made emergency and are worthwhile regardless of the National Threat Level.

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan in advance: how you will contact one another, cellular and land line services may not be working; how you will get back together, and where you will meet. Every member of the family needs to participate in creating the plan. You will be better prepared to safely reunite your family and loved ones during an emergency if you think ahead and communicate with others in advance.

You also need to inquire about emergency plans at places where your family spends time: work, daycare and school. Of primary importance are the daycare and school plans. What preparations are in place to care for your child for an extended period of time? How will they be kept safe? Who will they release your child to? If no plans exist, consider volunteering to help create one. Talk to your neighbors about how you can work together in the event of an emergency. Identify residents who may have special needs, the elderly or disabled, and children that may need care until their parents can get home. This is an excellent opportunity for Homeowner Associations to bring their community together.

As for Emergency Supply Kits, they are as individual as each family. At a minimum yours should include water, food, first aid supplies, clothing and bedding, tools and supplies, and special requirements to meet your family's needs. Keep in mind power may be out for an extended period so food items should be non-perishable, you will need a manual can opener, battery operated flashlights, and be sure to include age appropriate books, playing cards, and board games. For those with children, or Grand Mamas that fill in until Mom and Dad can get home, the last three items could be the very key to your survival.

There is a wealth of information at both Federal and State Government websites designed to assist you through the planning process. I strongly recommend that you start at www.whatsyourrq.org. This is a fun website that will test your family's Readiness Quotient (RQ), your workplace RQ, your school RQ, and your community RQ.

The majority of Americans remain unprepared. Only 4% have taken all of the preparedness actions recommended and 23% have not taken a single action.

We can change those statistics if we start today.

May God bless, and keep safe, you and your family.

Sharon Hassell, Homeland Security Chair

Help Shape Homeland Security Policies and Priorities

This year, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will conduct the first-ever **Quadrennial Homeland Security Review** (QHSR). This congressionally-mandated, top-to-bottom review of Homeland Security policies and priorities will guide the Department and the nation for the next four years.

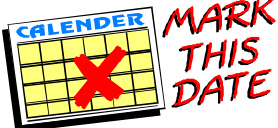
Now is your opportunity to help shape our nation's Homeland Security policies and priorities. As part of her commitment to strengthening Homeland Security partnerships, Secretary Napolitano has recognized that the Department's capacity for mission-focused innovation depends on its ability to reach out to partners and draw on their insights and expertise. Accordingly, over the next three months, DHS will conduct a series of web-based, interactive dialogues around the key questions and topics that DHS is considering in its review. Internal agencies and external partners—including federal agencies, state, local and tribal governments, first responders, business leaders, academics, and other policy experts—will be engaged around six focus areas:

- **Counterterrorism and Domestic Security Management**
- **Securing Our Borders**
- **Smart and Tough Enforcement of Immigration Laws**
- **Preparing for, Responding to, and Recovering from Disasters**
- **Homeland Security National Risk Assessment**
- **Homeland Security Planning and Capabilities**

Hosted by the National Academy of Public Administration, these dialogues will take place in three phases, enabling key partners from across the nation to weigh in on the Homeland Security missions, goals, and priorities being proposed by the QHSR review teams. Participants can also suggest their own alternatives to these proposals, refine them in open discussion, and rate the best ones.

The feedback received through these dialogues will be considered by the teams responsible for conducting the overall review, and will directly inform our Homeland Security policies and priorities for the next four years.

Mark your calendar to log on and participate! www.HomelandSecurityDialogue.org
August 3rd-9th; August 31st – September 6th; September 28th – October 4th



Calendar of Events

August 24	NRW General Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
Sept. 1	DCCRW General Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
Sept. 10-13	NFRW Biennial Convention, Orlando
Sept. 12	Postmark for John Goodwin Tower Award
Sept. 12	Postmark for Newsletter Awards
Sept. 14	NRW Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	NRW General Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
Oct. 13	Deadline for TFRW Delegates and Alternates
Oct. 24	TFRW Campaign Management School, in Dallas, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 13-15	27 th Biennial TFRW Convention, Galveston
December 8	NRW Christmas Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at BTCC

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**Next NRW Board Meeting – September 14th,
1:30 p.m., at the home of Carolee Blumin**



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