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CAROLEE'S COMMENTS

PEER LEARNING GROUPS

Who are you, really? Want to find out? Become an NRW Board member. The NRW Board is a small, peer-learning group with a common agenda.

Peer Learning Groups are catching on. These are small groups of like-minded people who gather, either in person or on-line, to help each other learn and grow and excel. These groups sound suspiciously like the NRW Board or Directors.

Serving on the NRW Board of Directors will sharpen and clarify your skills, your values, your positions and your convictions. It will demand your best and you will

surprise and amaze yourself – over and over.

The primary responsibility of the Board of Directors is to protect the stakeholders assets and ensure they receive a decent return on their investment. Who are these stakeholders. They are you. They are our active and associate members. They are our elected officials and Republican candidates. They are our voting base in the community. They all have a stake in us and how we perform. They all support us just as surely as we support them.

Say “yes” to the nominating committee. You will be greeted by the most wonderful peer-learning group where learning comes easily, help is waiting and satisfaction is a certainty. What you lack, you will gain. Be part of something bigger than yourself and be more than you can be.

Bring along your knowledge, your skills and your talent. And don't forget to bring along your sense of humor. It's a lot of fun.

Campaigns: NRW has “adopted” the following Republican Candidates to help **GOTV for 2010:**

Stefani Carter, State Rep. Dist 102; **Dan Montalvo** (Cnty. District Court #2); **Vanita White** (Cnty. Criminal Court #4); **Jennifer Jackson** (Cnty. Criminal Court of Appeals #2)

NRW GENERAL MEETING

August 23, 2010

At the home of Sherry Walker
6401 Barkwood Lane, Dallas 75248

9:30 a.m. – coffee

10:00 a.m – meeting/speaker

Hostesses: Pat Reid, Sharon Hassell, Mary McElvany

Speaker: 'Borah Van Dormolen
Texas National Committeewoman

Topic: Republican Party Structure



AUGUST SPEAKER:

'Borah Van Dormolen

- Texas National Committeewoman
- Past President of the Texas Federation of Republican Women
- A retired United States Army Lieutenant Colonel
- Republican Political Leader, and a Community Leader.

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) 'Borah Van Dormolen has traveled a long way since her early days as a student at West Chester College, Pennsylvania. In 1974, she enlisted in the U.S. Army and rose through the ranks retiring in 1997 after 23 years with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

'Borah and 5th generation Texan, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Rich Castle, her husband of 22 years, ventured into the business world establishing Design Technology Group, Inc., a highly successful manufacturing and marketing firm of outdoor stainless steel electric grills.

'Borah's political activities are remarkable in their width and breadth accomplished in such a short period of time since her military retirement. She has served the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) as President in 2006-2007, was VP of Finance, VP of Legislation, Chairman of Leadership Development, District Director Coordinator and District Director of Senatorial District 24. Borah has applied her considerable leadership and teaching skills to campaign management seminars for the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) and TFRW.

'Borah is an important community leader serving as officer for the Texas Council of Chapters of the Military Officers Association of America; Board of Governors for the Association of the United States Army, Fort Hood Chapter; Rotarian; and past member of the Board of Directors for the Mill Creek Golf and Country Club and Central Texas Women's Golf Association.



This and That

THANK YOU Judy Nordseth Photography, located on the SW corner of Hillcrest and McCallum, for allowing NRW to park in her spaces for our June 9th meeting. Judy was gracious to grant this one time use. Please respect her property and do not park there except with her permission.

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Caring for America



Delma Hendrix & Lorna Crocker

Food Banks Need Our Help!

Food banks across the Metroplex are hurting! These organizations that help so many who are struggling are now struggling themselves. As contributions to these important organizations has fallen off...the number of clients seeking help from their programs has jumped ... meaning more people are going home with less food.

They Need Our Help!

NRW is stepping up to this challenge. Member Lorna Crocker is setting up our monthly meetings as a collection point for food donations...canned or boxed.. Any amount is appreciated. The food will be delivered to the 'Network of Community Ministries' in Richardson, who meet us, help us unload and weigh the food stuff

Lorna's goal is 400 lbs. of food collected by Christmas – 149 lbs. has been collected and delivered already. We urge our members to go to their probably

overflowing pantries and bring several offerings to our general meetings. There will be a collection box there, and the telephone committee will give you a gentle reminder each month. A growing number of families too often nowadays choose between buying food and paying bills. They are our neighbors...NRW can and will extend a helping hand!

Delma Hendrix / Reporter

GUEST ARTICLE

Just My Two Cents . . . Time for Adults to Take Charge

It seems like overnight, all the concerns voters had about bailouts, stimulus bills and ObamaCare disappeared. No longer is the conversation about the failing economy, the growing unemployment rate or health insurance premiums rising. With the passage of Arizona's SB1070, the conversation switched from the economy to racial profiling. Obama and the Democrats must be smiling.

We had a conversation about illegal immigration a few years ago when President Bush proposed Comprehensive Immigration Reform. That debate soon turned into accusations about racism, promoting amnesty and nothing was done about the problem. This time around, I was hoping that we would be able to discuss this issue rationally. I was even hoping that we might achieve a solution, only to be disappointed.

Once again the extremes on both sides of the political spectrum have grabbed the mike and dominate the debate. Politicians on the Left, who were more than happy to talk about anything other than their city budget problems, have organized silly boycotts. Others took to the streets comparing their marches to the Civil Rights marches led by Dr. King (the only problem with this comparison is that the marches in the 60s were about granting civil rights to American citizens and had nothing to do with individuals who either overstayed their visa or entered the country illegally. But I digress). The Left brought back the same old verbal games of lumping legal and illegal immigration together under the term "immigrants" and referring to illegal immigrants as "undocumented" workers as if they had documents and somehow lost them along the way.

Not to be outdone, talk radio immediately started pounding the message that anything short of mass deportations is amnesty. Organizations on the Right revved up their email machines and soon our email boxes were full of all kinds of stats about illegal immigrants. Number after number. Statistic after statistic. One number in particular caught my eye. One group estimated that 70% of illegal immigrants don't have auto insurance. How do you get a number like that? Did they poll illegal immigrants?

Pollster: "Sir, are you here illegally?"
Respondent: "Yes, I am."
Pollster: "Do you have auto insurance?"
Respondent: "No, I do not".
Pollster: "Thank you for your time, sir"
Click.

Yeah, right! Who in their right mind would admit to that? Yes, I am being silly. But so much of what is being said and done is silly. And childish. I confess I was amused until I saw a couple in their

LEGISLATION

Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act

All republican women clubs are asked to campaign for an issue that is important to women.



This year we have chosen to campaign for **Bill H.R. 1691 and Bill S. 688**. It is called the *Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2009*, which will require insurance companies to cover a minimum 48-hour hospital stay for patients undergoing a mastectomy.

The bill has been introduced six times, most recently in March of 2009. Each time it has died in committee.

NRW members are being asked to contact their representatives in the House and Senate by telephone or email and voice your support for this bill.

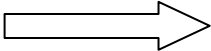
It only takes a few moments and makes a big difference. Please help make NRW effective in the treatment of breast cancer patients by calling or emailing your respective state representatives and senators.

Voter ID

We all know the arguments for (Republican) and the arguments against (Democrat) Voter ID.

As a Republican Women's club, we are asked to support a state issue. Our club has chosen to voice our support for the **Voter ID Senate Bill No. 362** pending in the Texas State Legislature.

Each of us should call or email their respective state Senators and voice your support for this important issue.

 You can count your time for both calls towards campaign hours - even if it only takes 15 minutes or less. Report your time to **Nancy Natinsky**.

60s wearing T-shirts in support of Arizona as if they were teenagers wearing a shirt promoting their favorite band. And it dawned on me. This is a serious issue involving the security of our country. Our economy. It is about children who only know America as their country. About families. About our values. Our Constitution. This issue is too important to be a slogan on a T-Shirt. It is too important to continue having children dominate the conversation. It is time for the adults to take charge for the sake of our beloved country.

Cinzia Croce, NRW Member

Republican Party of Texas or "RPT"

RPT Structure: The Republican Party of Texas ("RPT") is comprised of millions of Republican voters across Texas. The RPT is legally classified as a political action committee whose structure is determined by State law & by Party rules not in conflict with State law.

RPT's Mission: To promote a conservative philosophy of government: 1) By promoting conservative principles; and 2) By providing the infrastructure through which those who share our conservative principles can get involved in the political process, run for and be elected to public office, and govern according to our principles when elected.

What Republicans Believe: A platform is the formal declaration of the principles on which a party stands and makes it appeal to voters. Basically, it is the Party's statement of beliefs on certain issues. As explained below, the RPT platform is passed at the state convention in June of even-numbered years.

Becoming a Republican: Texas does not have registration by political party. A voter becomes a Republican by voting in the Republican Primary or Republican Primary Run-Off.

Primary Process: Political parties hold primary election in March of even-numbered years. Currently, only two parties hold primaries – Republican Party and Democrat Party.

In Texas, registered voters may vote in either political party's primary; however, a voter may vote in only one party's primary in each election cycle.

If a voter votes in one party's primary, he may not vote in the other party's run-off election in that same year. Registered voters who do not vote in the primary election may vote in a run-off election of either party that year.

Republican Primary voters elect the Republican candidates who will appear on the general election ballot, their precinct chairmen, and their county chairmen. Thus, primary voters have a greater influence on the final outcome of the general election than those who only vote in the general election.

Those who vote in the Republican primary election (either in person or by mail) can then attend the various Republican Party conventions held that year.

DCCRW POWER RALLY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2010

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Royal Oaks Country Club

Greenville Avenue, Dallas

Keynote Speaker: ANGELA MCGLOWAN

Special Educational Sessions:

Your GOP Elevator Speech

3 keys to November success

How to get Involved

Ready, Set, Go !

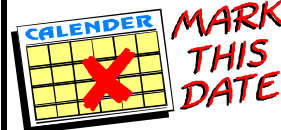
For information: www.DCCRW.org

\$30.00 rally admission to Brenda Gaustad,
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Calendar of Events

August 23	NRW General Meeting
Sept. 11	DCCRW Power Rally
Sept. 13	NRW Board Meeting
Sept. 27	NRW General Meeting
March 3, 2011	TFRW Legislative Day at the Capitol

**Next NRW Board Meeting – September 13th,
1:30 p.m. at the home of Carolee Blumin**



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