



Jan's Journal



Even if it is cold outside, things are heating up for our Northwood Republican Women's Club. We have two impending events to look forward to:

March 1st is TRFW Legislative Day in Austin. Several of our members will be in attendance (dressed in red, of course) to speak to our legislators concerning up coming bills.

Nelda Neale has done an outstanding job in reducing down the number of bills that we should be focusing on during this legislative session. Please see the insert in this newsletter for more details.

March 20th is our club's first "Birthday Bash" Luncheon. We have so many opportunities to use this event to meet other members, hear the mayoral candidates speak, orientate our new members and just have a great time enjoying being together.

We also have a new-featured article in our newsletter entitled "NRW Investigates..." written by our newsletter editor, Carolee Blumin.

Jan Folmar
 President

Birthday Bash

Northwood Republican Women will kickoff the Dallas election campaign season with a big doubleheader--a Birthday Bash Luncheon and Mayoral Candidate Forum---at Bent Tree Country Club on Tuesday, March 20.

"NRW needs to put on a 'full court press' to guarantee a big turnout and demonstrate our keen interest in the May election," according to Pat Reid, event chairman. "A record number of individuals have indicated their intention to run for Mayor and this will be our opportunity to size them up, side-by side."

This will be an excellent opportunity to showcase our Club to prospective members so please invite friends, relatives or neighbors to attend.

The cost is \$35 per person, which includes a scrumptious lunch, delicious birthday cake, and valet parking. Send your check to Pat Reid, 17303 Village Lane, Dallas 75248, or call if you have questions at 972-931-1960.

Bent Tree Country Club is 2 blocks east of the North Dallas Tollway at 5901 Westgrove.

NRW GENERAL MEETING February 26, 2007



Time: 9:30 Coffee -10:00 Meeting
Place: Fretz Park
Hostesses: Charlene Boynton, Maurine Dickey, Anne Montgomery and Barbara Vaughan
Topic: Homeland Security
Speaker: David Kunkle, Dallas Chief of Police

David Knuckle began his career in 1972 as a patrol officer with the Dallas Police Department. Shortly thereafter, he was promoted to sergeant, lieutenant, and captain. At twenty-eight, Kunkle was the youngest captain in the history of the Dallas Police Department. In 1982, he was hired as Grand Prairie's Police Chief where he spent the next three years of his career.

On January 14, 1985, David Kunkle assumed the duties of Police Chief in Arlington. In 1996, The Arlington Police Department was selected as one of "America's Best" police forces according to a special report in the November issue of *Good Housekeeping* magazine. In March 1999, David Kunkle became a Deputy City Manager in Arlington in charge of the City's Administration Group. In June 2004, David Kunkle assumed the duties of Police Chief in Dallas, Texas.

David Kunkle has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Texas at Arlington.

How the Texas System Works

- The House has 150 members. The Senate has 31.
- Each chamber has committees that consider bills. A Bill must pass both chambers in identical form. If the governor signs it, it becomes law. If vetoed, the Legislature can over-ride if 2/3 of members of each chamber agree. Each bill can be tracked through its number. Call Bill Status Hotline at 1-877-824-7038 to track legislators' voting record.
- Chamber Bill Analysts: The House Research Organization and The Senate Research Center both evaluate legislative bills by presenting arguments for and against.
- How to get involved: Contact your lawmaker. Visit the Capitol. Testify before a committee. Organize a lobbying day. Ask your group for help.



NRW Investigates. . .
The U.S. will never give up our sovereignty

An article appeared in the TFRW Texas Star Winter 2006 edition entitled "Shipping Corridor Deal", which tells of a shipping port to be established in Kansas City, MO. It will be designated as Mexican sovereign territory and run as an inspection facility for cargo coming into the United States from China through Mexico non-stop into Kansas City for its first open-container inspection before distribution.



To fulfill this concept, two private, nonprofit organizations are involved. SmartPort is asking the taxpayer to foot the bill for high-tech, drive-thru inspections along the highway. NASCO (North America's SuperCorridor Coalition, based in Dallas) is planning to build a 12-lane transportation system through the United States.

Texas Rep. Ron Paul, (R) has denounced this NAFTA superhighway, called the Trans-Texas corridor, as part of a larger plot to merge the U.S., Canada and Mexico into a Integrated North American Union, resulting in a new currency, a cross-national bureaucracy and borderless travel within the union. Rep. Paul says, "Plans for such a superhighway are moving forward without congressional oversight or media attention."

Kansas City SmartPort is a non-profit organization promoting Kansas City as America's "Inland Port Solution" to attracting business as a cheaper, faster and more efficient way to move goods.

A spokesman for State Senator John Carona (R-TX) relates that Mr. Carona believes the corridor is a mistake and proposes other methods for improving business and transportation. Please see Editorials, "Transit, Tolls and Taxes" in the Dallas Morning News, February 1, 2007.

The office of Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX) states that this is not a federal issue and that the above facts are not correct. Accordingly, the Trans-Texas corridor is a trade corridor where businesses can work together. Kansas City Inland

Port is for cargo going into Mexico, and is for the purpose of reducing the backlog at the border. The US will never give up sovereignty. And finally, security remains a priority for Republicans and Democrats.

For more information, pro and con, check with Internet site www.corridorwatch.org or simply type NASCO and/or Kansas City SmartPort into



Pete Sessions

the search line.

NRW is contacting other elected officials and will report their views and positions.

Carolee Blumin
 Editor



NORTHWOOD REPUBLICAN WOMEN
2007 OFFICERS

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Judge Woody Joins Law Firm

I want to inform you that I have become Of Counsel to a law firm in Carrollton. This will be a good opportunity for me, and I hope you will be thinking of us as all of you have done for so long.

We will always remember everything all of you have done for us, and we will continue to work together.

Thank you and please let me know if we can ever do anything for you.

Bruce Woody

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News from our members

Northwood republican Women want to express our concerns for the illness of Betty Scoggin's husband, Hollis. We pray for a healthy recovery.

Condolences to Texas State Senator Florence Shapiro on the death of her father, Martin Donald, who died earlier this month.

If any members know of medical concerns from members or immediate family, please let Gretchen know by e-mail at gretchensampson@sbcglobal.net or call 214-773-4393.

Legislative Issues

We are adding this page to help understand some of the myriad legislative issues that have been coming fast (and furiously) at us with the new U.S. Congress. Also included are some state and local issues.

Our U.S. Senators: We feel obliged to thank Senator Hutchison once again for settlement of the Wright Amendment. In this session she has introduced bills for a permanent sales tax deduction; permanent marriage penalty tax relief; and pension equity for all airlines.

Senator Cornyn has joined Senator Jan Kyl of Arizona to present The Enforcement and Immigration Act. He has also been very active in endorsing other legislation. Remember, bills do not become law until both legislative chambers agree and the President signs.

THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

Minimum Wage: Each chamber passed an hourly minimum wage of \$7.25 for all U.S. businesses. However, the House had one exception in American Samoa, a large tuna resource for Sunkist and Del Monte which are headquartered in Nancy Pelosi's state of California. Those wages stay at \$3.26. The Senate's version gives some exemptions for more small businesses.

Ethics Reform: Each Chamber curbs financing of congressional trips, meals and gifts. Also each requires disclosure of "earmarking" in bills ("slipped in" funding for lobbyists and "pork" for individual legislators.) However, previous earmarks get to be renewed again. The Democratic Senate refused Bush the authority to single out and send back wasteful projects in spending bills.

Health Care: There are many different proposals from virtual universal coverage to approaches for personal responsibility. Confusing the mix even more are all the presidential candidates with their own agendas.

Stem Cell Research: House passed that embryonic cells can only be used by donations from consenting couples and only if the embryos were designated to be discarded. The Senate has put this issue on their legislative calendar. Bush vetoed the last stem cell bill.

Pay As You Go ("Pay-Go"): The House passed bringing back rules that require lawmakers to show how they would pay for spending hikes and tax cuts. No Senate action as of this writing.

Reducing Student Loans: Ted Kennedy has proposed legislation for the Senate to add to the House proposal to halve the interest rates on some student loans and add more direct student aid.

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STATE OF TEXAS

Some agendas on Gov. Perry's State of the State Address 2007

- **Sale of State Lottery** to USB for 14 billion dollars.
 - >8 billion invested for endowment for public education.
 - >2.7 billion health insurance for low-income Texans.
 - >3 billion for cancer research.
- **General education**
 - >Good teachers will be rewarded; under-performing ones will be removed.
 - >80 million for "early start" programs.
 - >College students must take a designated no. of hours.
 - >More technology scholarships offered.
- **Miscellaneous**
 - >Cut property taxes, but have a spending cap.
 - >Work with federal gov't. to stop illegal immigration by having tax-paying guest workers with no amnesty. Also, shore up patrols and equipment on the border.
 - >Prioritize regional land use needed for water over federal wild-life preserves.
 - >Prisoner rehab.
- **Controversial issues supported by the Governor**
 - >Proposed TXU's eleven new coal power plants.
 - >Trans-Texas Superhighway (see editor's column.)
 - >State financing (71 million) for his "Executive Order" for the HPV Vaccine for all girls in the sixth grade. This circumvents legislation. Senator Jane Nelson, R-Grapevine, and Rep. Jim Keefer, R-Eastland, have asked the state district attorney for an opinion as to the legality. 26 of the 31 senators have signed a letter to rescind this order so that the legislature can debate the merits.

NEW KILLER BEES?

Angry Democrats were able to gather enough votes (34) to block the House from mustering 120 votes needed to start hearing bills in committee and debating them on the floor before March. Each bill will need the consent of 80% of the House to get to the floor before March 17. There are over 1600 proposed bills. The legislative session ends in May.

DALLAS CITY AND COUNTY

Though the filing time is not up, we have 14 people running for the Dallas City Council and at least 20 saying they will run for Mayor. The speech at our last meeting by our exceptional City Manager, Mary Suhm, was so informative that we will just mention some of the current challenges for the City. They are: Crime, The Trinity River Project, City Services, Law School, The Cotton Bowl, Economic Development, and Property Taxes.

**Legislators DO pay attention
when someone contacts them with an opinion**

YOUR OPINION MATTERS!

We suggest calling, faxing, or e-mailing.
DO NOT SEND 'FORM' LETTERS , FAXES OR E-MAILS
Following is a shortened version of listings in NRW yearbook.
If a legislator has stated a preference for communication, it is underlined.

U.S. GOVERNMENT

Pres. Geo. W. Bush: 202-456-1414; FAX: 202-456-2326; e-mail: president@whitehouse.gov

V. Pres Richard Cheney: 202-224-8391; FAX: 202-224-2424; e-mail: vice.president@whitehouse.gov

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison: 214-361-3500; FAX: 214-361-3502; e-mail: www.hutchison.senate.gov

Sen. John Cornyn: 972-239-1310; FAX: 972-239-2110; e-mail: www.cornyn.senate.gov

Rep. Jeb Hensarling: 214-349-9996; FAX: 214-349-4738. No e-mail listed.

Rep. Kenny Marchant: 972-556-0162; FAX: 972-409-9704. No e-mail listed.

Rep. Pete Sessions: 972-392-0505; FAX: 972-392-0615; e-mail: petes@mail.house.gov

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Gov. Rick Perry: 1-800-252-9600; FAX: 512-463-1849; e-mail: www.governor.state.tx.us

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Rep. Will Hartnett: 214-891-1776; FAX: 214-891-1693; e-mail: will.hartnett@house.state.tx.us

Rep. Jim Jackson: 972-416-7698; FAX: 972-418-1304; e-mail: jim.jackson@house.state.tx.us

Marchant Supports Minimum Wage and Chastises Democrats

Rep. Kenny Marchant (R-TX) released the following statement on January 10, 2007:

“The federal minimum wage has not been raised since 1996. This increase is long overdue and I am glad to support it. Raising the minimum wage is a common sense piece of legislation that will enable working Americans to better provide for their families. Today’s vote represents a step in the right direction. Over 24 states already have a higher minimum wage than the federal minimum of \$5.15.



A recent survey of my congressional district found that an increase in the minimum wage as overwhelmingly supported. Although I am of the same opinion, I remain disappointed at the level of partisanship being displayed by Democratic leadership. Earlier this month, I joined my colleagues in proposing a similar measure, H.R. 324, which would raise the minimum wage while implementing protections for small businesses as well. However, Democrats maintained their “martial law” mentality and forbid any Republicans from participating in the legislative process. This is unacceptable.”

BE A VITAL PART OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS.



At the January general meeting, our NRW ladies pose in their birthday month outfits, ready for the Birthday Bash Luncheon. From left to right: Lorna Crocker, Charlene Boynton, Gloria Cecil, Brenda Jones, Linda Clubb, Nelda Neale, Cindy Folmar, Janis Hutchison, Delma Hendrix, Gretchen Sampson, Barbara Vaughan, Pat Allen.

It’s time for **R&R**. . .



Renew your NRW membership!
Recruit new NRW members!

Our R&R plan is working! We currently have 136 active members and 38 associate members. Thank you for your membership renewals. Please continue to encourage others to join NRW and become involved in our club.

Please welcome these ladies and let them know how glad we are that they joined NRW!

1. **Debbie Brock**, 5520 Prestwick Lane, Dallas, Texas 75252. 469-828-0478
2. **Judie Cline**, 9 Vista Cliff Place, Richardson, Texas 75080. 972-931-9133, judie_cline@tx.rr.com.
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Message to new members - Please make your reservations to attend the Birthday Bash Luncheon and Mayoral Candidate Forum on March 20th. The agenda will include a time for new member recognition and a brief new member orientation. Also, you will receive a special new member “treat!” You don’t want to miss this event!! Reservations are due to Pat Reid by March 14th.

REMEMBER...R&R!!!

Brenda Gaustad
NRW Membership Chair
972-733-4002



Caring for America

Our first trip out to DFW to greet the troops will be March the 28th, so please mark your calendars and SAVE the date. More details will follow as time gets closer. We will need you wonderful bakers to make your cookie specialties and also look for some great candy buys.

The knitting of helmet liners is still on the wish list. They have a couple more months of cold weather, so please remember our dear soldiers at this time.

It was mentioned that coupons were not welcome anymore. We have found out that it was only one station that was overwhelmed by these. I will find out for you and give you new addresses. But in the meantime, please get out your scissors and start cutting out those coupons once again.



Lorna Croccker
972- 818-2766

NRW Board Meeting is at Jan Folmar's home on March 12, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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| February 26 | NRW General Meeting, Fretz Park |
| March 1 | TFRW Legislative Day, Austin |
| March 2 | TFRW Board Meeting, Austin |
| March 6 | DCCR General Meeting |
| March 20 | NRW Birthday Bash/Membership Mixer Luncheon, Bent Tree CC, Dallas |
| March 28-31 | NFRW Day On the Hill Board Meeting, Washington, D.C. |
| April 3 | NRW Hosts DCCRW Meeting |

Note: Due to rising costs and our desire to keep the newsletter at the current quality, we will be e-mailing the newsletter to anyone who has provided us with an e-mail address. The NRW Board appreciates your cooperation with this necessary step to preserve our financial resources.



AMERICANISM

Did you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the American flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

The 1st fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who have a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong'.

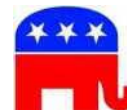
The 6th fold is for where the hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

Please watch for more folds in the next issue of the NRW Newsletter.

Northwood Republican Women

We do make a difference



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