



# NEWSLETTER

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## CONFIDENTIAL

**My first year as president of NRW has passed, but not without noteworthy comment.** NRW is a place to learn and grow and meet new challenges you never thought you could do. With the help, advice and experience of other members, you can soar. But, in order to grow, you must be recognized, appreciated and validated. This is where we really shine. Every member, at every and any level of involvement, is important and we appreciate you. Without you, we are one woman short.

Since settling into Dallas, I have noticed that the ladies of Dallas never say goodbye. They say, "Let's have lunch." It's just a Dallas thing, I think. Los Angeles was never like this. But NRW is just like that. When I stop and think about what happens at these lunches that old clique comes to mind - we bond.

But, that's the end result. First, we make connections. We plan and brainstorm together. We inform and learn from each other. We laugh together. We complain and we gossip. We criticize and confide. We commiserate and understand. We relate and commit. We travel together and we build trust. We help each other and we become friends. In other words - we bond. Lunch may not be free, but it is a small price to pay for such a value. These are power lunches. And that is how I see NRW -- A very powerful lunch group.

So, what do I love about NRW. NRW is tolerant, accepting, forgiving, encouraging, helpful, complimentary, focused, diverse - and, in spite of all that serious stuff, fun-loving.

Your new Board is in place and ready to work. Come soar with us in 2010. Blue skies are smiling on us. **Nothing but blue skies from now on.**

### NORTHWOOD REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

January 25, 2010

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

**Hostesses:** Sharon Hassell, Laurie Schacherer,  
and Lisa Leach

Location: Community Room  
North Central Police Station  
6969 McCallum Blvd.  
(Hillcrest Rd. and McCallum Blvd.)  
Dallas, Texas 75252

**Speaker: Robert Casey**  
Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

**Topic: Current Events and Homeland Security**



In May 2006 Robert Casey was appointed by the FBI Director as Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas Field Office

A native of Indianapolis, Indiana, Mr. Casey earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana State University in 1980. He began his career as a police officer in the Houston, Texas Police Department in 1981, serving as a patrol officer from 1981 to 1984. He was recognized as "The Police Officer of the Year" for 1983 by the One Hundred Club of Houston. From 1984 to 1986 he served in the Houston Police Department's Criminal Intelligence Division as an investigator on the organized crime squad.

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Mr. Casey was appointed an FBI special agent in September 1986. In December 1992, he was promoted to Supervisory Special Agent in the Criminal Investigative Division at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he held program management responsibilities. In April 1995, he was designated a field supervisor in the Chicago Field Office, where he supervised investigations in the violent crime and drug programs. In July 2000, he was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Miami Field Office, where he had program management responsibility for the organized crime and drug programs.

In October 2002, Mr. Casey was promoted to the ranks of the Senior Executive Service by the FBI Director and assigned to direct a multi-agency task force in the Counterterrorism Division at FBI Headquarters. In April 2003, he was appointed as the first Section Chief of the FBI's Intelligence Operations Section, where he was responsible for developing new intelligence processes and capabilities. In July 2004, he was promoted to Deputy Assistant Director in the Directorate of Intelligence, in which capacity he was responsible for development and oversight of the FBI's intelligence capabilities, policies, and processes. He has also represented the FBI on a number of national intelligence community and law enforcement boards and advisory groups.

Mr. Casey was awarded the honor of Distinguished Alumni by Indiana State University and is the recipient of a 2006 Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive.



**Sherry Walker, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs**

As Program Chairman, Sherry is responsible for securing the speaker for each NRW meeting. This year she has booked excellent speakers on a variety of topics. You will not want to miss a one of our general meetings. The list of speakers for 2010 will be in the Yearbook. Thank you, Sherry, for keeping us informed this year.



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2010 OFFICERS**

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**This and That –**

**• Northwood RW Receives Awards –**

At the recent Texas Federation of Republican Women convention, NRW was awarded the John Goodwin Tower Award for Excellence and the Diamond Award for Club Achievement. NRW was also awarded the Best Newsletter Award in the category of 125+ members. Way to Go NRW.

• Congratulations to the following who were listed in the Top Ten Texas Republican Women: June Rentmeester (Richardson RW) and Mary Darby (Garland RW).

• **Northwood RW was the Host Club for the January 5<sup>th</sup> DCCRW meeting.** The club was well represented by several members who attended. We thank our Hospitality Chairs and their recruits who provided a great spread for the day, and Kathy Zerangue who presented the NRW history.

The Hon. Susan Combs, Texas Comptroller, was the featured speaker. We also got to meet and hear many of our Republican candidates for 2010.

• Northwood RW is also pleased to have three members serving as DCCRW officers this year: Joyce Hanson, President; Brenda Gaustad, Vice President; and Kathy Zerangue, Director of Hospitality.

**Share the Vision, Join Republican Women** is a membership action plan by NFRW and TFRW for 2010-2011.

“By sharing the vision of what it means to be a part of Republican Women we can work together to increase the effectiveness of electing more Republicans to make a positive impact upon our communities and our country.”

(VP Membership, TFRW)

Northwood has always been a leader in recruiting new members. **THIS YEAR ASK A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR TO JOIN YOU** – If every member recruits just one new member we will double our membership!



**Chrissi Gumbert, Membership Chairman**

## 2010 Membership Dues Renewal Information

Annual Dues are now due for all Northwood Members. Please get your check and any change of address, etc. information to our Membership Chair so that you will be included in our Year Book. We also encourage associate memberships as noted below.

### **Annual Membership Dues:**

**\$35 Active** (full privileges – may be active member in only one club)

**\$30 Associate (female)** (Holds primary membership in another RWC; may neither vote nor hold an office in this club)

**\$30 Associate (male)** (May neither vote nor hold an office in this club)

Please make check payable to “Northwood Republican Women” and mail to:

**NRW Membership Chairman Chrissi Gumbert,  
312 Stonebridge Drive, Richardson 75080**

## LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

### **MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!**

We live in an age of instant communication. We have all received e-mails telling us about some impending legislation and directing us to call our representatives or senators. How do you know whether these e-mails are accurate?

In checking the accuracy of an e-mail, you can rely on those sent from the National Republican Party, the Texas Republican Party or your Senator or Representative. Generally, e-mail from TFRW is accurate and timely because several people look at the e-mail before it goes out. To check on information if you are receiving it from a source that you are not sure about, you can check on the following web sites:

National Republican Party: <http://www.gop.com/>  
Texas Republican Party: <http://www.texasgop.org/>  
Texas Legislature On-line: <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>  
The Library of Congress Thomas: <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

(above information from TFRW VP Legislation)

### **CONTACTING THE WHITE HOUSE**

**PHONE:** (202) 456-1111

**WEB SITE:** [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov)

### **ADDRESS:**

*President of the United States of America  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500*

### **CONTACTING CONGRESS**

#### **PHONE:**

**(202) 224-3121** (Through the U.S. Capitol operator, you can reach any representative's or senator's office.)

#### **WEB SITES:**

[www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)

[www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)

[www.congress.org/congressorg/dba/officials/](http://www.congress.org/congressorg/dba/officials/)

#### **ADDRESS:**

*The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510*

*The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515*

## **NFRW/TFRW/DCCRW – Did you know ??**

As a member of Northwood Republican Women, when you paid your dues, you also become a member of the following political organizations. Below are the purposes of the organizations and a little information about each. Check out the contact web sites for more information about each organization.

### **National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW):**

Founded in 1938, the Federation is a grassroots political organization with thousands of active members in local clubs across the nation, making it one of the largest and most influential women's political organizations in the country. NFRW strengthens 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.

Contact web site: NFRW – [www.nfrw.org](http://www.nfrw.org)

President for 2010: Sue Lynch

### **The Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW)**

is a volunteer army unmatched by any other women's organization. TFRW makes it possible for women to influence how local, state, and federal government manages such critical issues as health, crime, education, taxes and financial security. The TFRW's long-standing goals of education, training, participation in government, electing Republicans and encouraging Republican women to run for office has helped create a powerful organization that is over 10,000 members strong with 164 Local Clubs across the state of Texas.

President for 2010: Rebecca Bradford

Contact web page: TFRW – [www.tfrw.org](http://www.tfrw.org)

### **The Dallas County Council of Republican Women (DCCRW)**

is an alliance of 17 Republican Women's groups in Dallas County. The Council provides support to the Republican Women's groups - and other Republican groups in Dallas County - by sponsoring general meetings throughout the year, distributing a Council newsletter and holding training seminars. The DCCRW sponsors a major community project every year.



The Council also supports candidates running in Dallas County with petition signing drives, phone bank staffing, sign building parties and neighborhood literature drops. Most DCCRW general meetings are at 9:30 a.m. at the Dallas County Republican Party headquarters on the first Tuesday of each month. All NRW members are invited to attend.

Contact information:

Dallas County Council of Republican Women  
10100 N. Central Expressway, Suite 175 Dallas 75231  
214-369-9555 [www.dccrw.org](http://www.dccrw.org)

President for 2010 – Joyce Hanson (Northwood)

## ***Dallas County Council of Republican Women Monthly Meeting***

***Tuesday, February 2, 2010,  
9:30 a.m. Refreshments, 10:00 Program  
Dallas County Republican Headquarters,  
10100 North Central Expressway Suite 175***



***Keynote Speaker: Chris Davis, speaking on  
"Making a Difference in the Party 101"  
The meeting is free and open to the public.  
No reservation required.***

***For further information: [mary@dallastex.com](mailto:mary@dallastex.com)***

## **Award of Appreciation from the 2d Battalion, 149<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment Stationed in Grand Prairie**

A framed color photograph of the 2d Battalion, 149<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment was presented to Northwood Republican Women and DCCRW at a Community Appreciation Luncheon on November 14 to express the Battalion's appreciation for the participation and support of the Memorial Service for the 7-members of the Red River 44 Crew who died in a helicopter crash in Basara, Iraq. Northwood and other Republican Women served breakfast for 600 soldiers, family members and guests. The breakfast was paid for with contributions from Northwood and other Republican Women who also contributed funds for the Memorial Park on the Armory grounds in memory of the seven Fallen Heroes. Commander Stillinger asked that heartfelt thanks of the soldiers for supporting the troops be conveyed.

Battalion Commander Joanne McGregor has written a message on the glass front of the frame housing the photo, which says "To the Dallas County Council of Republican Women Thanks for the countless hours spent and funds donated to the soldiers and families of Red River 44 Ground Support Aviation Battalion. We could not have succeeded without support of volunteers like you." The photo will be on permanent display at Republican Party Headquarters.



## 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.



## Republican Party of Texas or “RPT”

**RPT Structure:** The Republican Party of Texas is comprised of millions of Republican voters across the State of Texas. The RPT is legally classified a political action committee whose structure is determined by State law and 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. 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 a primary election in March of even-numbered years. Currently, only two parties hold primaries: the Republican Party and the 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

### 2010 Primary Election Dates

Feb. 16- 26	Early Voting for Primary
March 2	Primary Election Day
March 20	County/SD Conventions
April 13	Runoff Election Day (if applicable)
June 10, 11, 12	Republican State Convention, Dallas Convention Center

## CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

Jonathan Neerman, Dallas County Republican Party Chairman, announced on the last day to file as a Republican candidate in 2010 "I am proud to tell you that our recruiting efforts were very successful at every level.

We recruited quality candidates to run against Democrat incumbents in State House districts 101, 102, 106, and 107. All four of these seats were held by Republicans until 2006 and 2008. Our eventual nominees will be very competitive in these districts.

Republican State Legislators Linda Harper-Brown, Dan Branch, Angie Chen Button, Jim Jackson, Will Hartnett, and Joe Driver filed for re-election.

Wade Emmert (County Judge candidate) and Danny Clancy (District Attorney candidate) will lead our countywide effort. County Commissioners Mike Cantrell (Precinct 2) and Ken Mayfield (Precinct 4) filed for re-election.

We have candidates running for 42 judicial places around the County.

For a complete list of all Republican candidates, visit [www.dallasgop.org](http://www.dallasgop.org).

## AMERICANISM

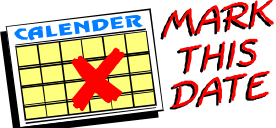


Quote From Theodore Roosevelt, 26<sup>TH</sup> US President (1901-09), 1858-1919:

"Americanism means the virtues of courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity, and hardihood – the virtues that made America. The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-any-price, peace-at-any-price, safety-first instead of duty-first, the love of soft living and the get-rich-quick theory of life."

Sandra Breedlove, Chair



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**Next NRW Board Meeting** – February 8, 1:30 p.m.  
at the home of Carolee Blumin



### Calendar of Events

<b>Jan. 25</b>	<b>NRW General Meeting</b>
Feb. 1	Last day to register to vote for Primary
Feb. 2	DCCRW Meeting
<b>Feb. 8</b>	<b>NRW Board Meeting</b>
Feb. 16-26	Early Voting for Primary
<b>Feb. 22</b>	<b>NRW General Meeting</b>
March 2	Primary Election Day
March 20	County/SD Conventions
April 13	Runoff Election Day (if applicable)
June 10, 11, 12	Republican State Convention, Dallas Convention Center

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