



Jan's Journal



So far, March has been a busy and exciting Month. You will read about all the events in this issue of the NRW Newsletter.

As my presidency gets underway, I am impressed with the level of participation. Together with their committees, the new Board is actively working to attain the highest quality of programs in every area.

We are hitting home runs just by getting to first base. For the first time, two members, Jan Horne and Liz Walquist, have teamed up to bring the best speakers to our general meetings. Special Events Chair, Pat Reid, has planned the first-ever exciting Birthday Bash. Nelda Neale has introduced the first legislative insert to the newsletter. Editor Carolee Blumin has introduced the first investigative column. Under Membership Chair Brenda Gaustad, our club is growing faster than ever.

The contributions and cooperation of all our members is astounding and is testament to the success of NRW. This year will be a test of our strength, as the GOP will need massive support to regain its leadership.

Governor Perry told this story to us on Legislative Day: When he told a group of women that the women were the backbone of the Republican Party, one woman said that we are really the heart and soul of the Party. When he repeated this story to another group, a woman there said that we were actually the brains of the Party. So, when all the parts come together, we are the embodiment of the Republican Party.

Happy Easter and Happy Passover!

Jan Folmar
 President

Reagan Day Dinner Gala

Dallas County Republican Party hosts the 2007 Reagan Day Dinner Gala with special guest Governor Mitt Romney. All festivities will start at 6:30 PM and take place at the Hilton Lincoln Center, 5410 LBJ Freeway. This is a very important rebuilding year for the GOP and we need your help. Tables are filling up, so RSVP ASAP. For reservations and more information, please call Mike Walz at 214-369-9555 or email at mike@dallasgop.org.

NRW GENERAL MEETING March 20, 2007



Time: 10:30 AM—1:15 PM

Place: Bent Tree Country Club

Hostesses: Kim Boyko, Barbara Vaughn and
 Corky Evans

Topic: Dallas Mayoral Forum

Speakers: Mayoral Candidates

Reminder: There will be no general meeting on March 26 as all business will be conducted at the Bent Tree Country Club Birthday Bash event.

As the campaign for the next Mayor of Dallas gets started, NRW will be one of the first organizations to formally introduce the candidates to the public. Many of the hopefuls have not yet completed the requirements to be placed on the ballot. Those who do so by the deadline will receive an invitation to speak at the Birthday Bash.

Each candidate will be given three minutes to introduce him or herself and then be required to answer a question, submitted by our members, that will be drawn from a grab bag. Please keep in mind that this is a non-partisan forum as the office of Mayor is non-partisan.




Birthday Bash
 New Member Orientation
 Mayoral Candidate Forum
 March 20, 10:30 AM—1:15 PM
 Bent Tree Country Club
 \$35 per person includes lunch & valet parking
 To register, call Pat Reid at 972-931-1960.

The Northwood Republican Women are looking for a member to maintain our Web site. If you are interested, please contact Jan Folmar at 972-931-9700 or e-mail her at jmftique@swbell.net.

NRW Investigates. . .

By Carolee Blumin, Editor



Truth, Half-Truth and No Truth

Scare tactics. They're fun and they work. But, we have taken a closer look. Now, what we see is that there are no back-room, under-the-radar, secret negotiations; no plan to erase the borders between Mexico, U.S. and Canada; no printing of a common currency; and no foreign sovereignty on U.S. soil.

According to Tiffany Melvin, Executive Director of North America's SuperCorridor Coalition (NASCO), we live in a global economy and if America wants to participate, it has to carry its load, so to speak. NASCO proposes to use existing infrastructure to boost economic development along I-35, which extends from Laredo to Duluth. NASCO is bringing together entities that can provide the innovation needed to move goods across America using a system of truck, rail, air, inland ports and ocean shipping. NASCO has raised over \$500M from local, state, federal and private members and intends to proceed independently of any other project. It should be noted that Dallas County is not listed as one of their members.

Senator John Carona (R-TX) chairs the Texas Transportation and Homeland Security Committee and is currently holding public hearings on the Trans-Texas Corridor (TTC) and proposed toll roads. The TTC proposes to construct a network of privately-owned toll roads, parallel with existing highways, in order to meet expanding transportation demands. It will take 50 years to develop at a cost of approximately \$160 billion. The proposal seeks to ease traffic congestion, re-route hazardous materials away from populated areas, increase security of all cargo, and provide a clean and efficient transportation system. Senator Carona has introduced bills to protect the State's financial exposure. However, Transportation Commissioner Ric Williamson has stated, "It's either toll roads, slow roads or no roads."

Inland ports are being developed around the country to move containerized cargo in North America. According to Dallas City Councilman Ron Natinsky, Dallas has been bypassed by NASCO in favor of Fort Worth and a Kansas City inland port. However, Natinsky insists that Dallas is ideally situated to become the inland port. While NASCO supports an alignment focused on Fort Worth and Kansas City, many coalitions are working to assure that Dallas becomes the inland port along the I-35 trade and transportation corridor.



Next issue, Ron Natinsky will respond in depth on the Trans-Texas Corridor and its implications for the city of Dallas.



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Yearbook Directories Are Now Available

Yearbook directories will be available at the Birthday Bash meeting on March 20th. You can also make arrangements to pick up your copy directly from Anne Montgomery. Anne will also mail you your copy after receipt of a \$3.00 check to cover postage. Please call Anne at 972-380-2261.

The Awards Committee Wants To Know

Are any NRW members serving on a local, state or national board or commission?

Has an NRW member received an appointment to a local or state Party committee or special committee, either temporary or permanent, in 2006 or 2007?

If you are involved or know a member who is, please call or e-mail one of our Awards Chairpersons.

Betty Doke (214) 750-4456: bettydoke@tx.rr.com
Barbara Vaughn (972) 380-9169: willsgee@sbcglobal.net

News from our members

Congratulations to Claudia Nelson on the birth of her granddaughter, Caroline Elizabeth Nelson.

If any members know of medical concerns or if someone is celebrating a special event, please e-mail Gretchen Sampson at gretchensampson@sbcglobal.net or call her at (214) 773-4393.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Two half-page columns in the Dallas Morning News are of interest to NRW. First, Sen. Kay Hutchison has proposed that Iraq be settled into three separate semiautonomous groups with a limited central government. Secondly, Betty Doke's husband, Marshall, wrote of the importance of Texas history. The character of these great men and women of the past can guide today.

UNITED STATES CONGRESS

IRAQ WAR FUNDING: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is in a balancing box. Rep. John Murtha (D-PA) and liberals want us out of Iraq now, but "Blue Dog" Democrats and other moderates do not want anything that appears to cut off troop funding. Pelosi's answer: a \$100 Billion plan that includes \$20 million for agriculture help for the southern "Blue Dogs", Katrina, child health care, and homeland security. House debate was slated to begin March 13.

BIG LABOR: Rep. George Miller (D-CA) presented the "Employees Free Choice Act", which actually does away with the secret ballot in labor union votes! Labor unions have only 7% of the private sector and want to make unionizing groups much easier, such as for port and airport security. This would be payback for big labor's last election votes.

TOBACCO INDUSTRY: Senators Ted Kennedy and Henry Waxman (also co-sponsored by Sen. John Cornyn) are promoting "The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act." However, small tobacco companies say this burdens them with disproportionate costs and clearly protects the dominant name recognized brands.

TEXAS LEGISLATIVE

There are over 5,000 (!) bills before congress. Of course, very few will make it out of committee and to the floor. Here are a few highlights.

HPV VACCINE: Governor Perry seems to have lost this one. The House has rejected the Governor's proposal, and the State Attorney General has ruled he does not have the authority to mandate vaccinations. The Senate may not have a need to act on this.

RECORDED LEGISLATURE VOTES: The House State Affairs Committee chairman Rep. David Swinford prefers a bill by Dallas Rep. Dan Branch. His bill is one of six that would mandate on-the-record, roll-call votes on every bill the Legislature passes into law.

GOVERNMENT SPENDING CAP: The House and Senate passed the measure to lift the state limit to offset property tax cuts approved last year. Gov. Perry signed it. He says we can lower tax rates by one-third and spend \$362 million on higher education.

CITY OF DALLAS

UNT LAW SCHOOL: A vital need for Dallas. It would be in the Old City Hall. The plan calls for it to pay for itself in 10 years. Next step: Legislature approval.

RED LIGHT REVENUE: State Senator Corona's transportation committee approved dipping into City revenue from red light camera fines. The state would be required to return a share for trauma care. Should local funds leave Dallas and other cities in the first place?

**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

Rep. Sam Johnson: 972-470-0892; FAX 972-470-9937; e-mail; www.samjohnson.house.gov

STATE OF TEX AS

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

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst: 512-463-0001; FAX: 512-463-0677; e-mail: www.senate.state.tx.us

Sen. John Carona: 214-378-5751 / 1-800-662-0334; FAX: 512-463-3135; e-mail: john.carona@senate.tx.us

Sen. Florence Shapiro: 972-403-3401; FAX: 972-403-3405; e-mail: florence.shapiro@senate.state.tx.us

Rep. Jerry A. Madden: 972-424-2235; no listed fax; e-mail: jerry.madden@house.state.tx.us

Rep. Tony Goolsby: 214-503-1900; FAX: 512-480-8934; e-mail: tony.goolsby@house.state.tx.us

Rep. Fred Hill: 972-234-8980; FAX: 972-480-0512; e-mail: fred.hill@house.state.tx.us

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

LEGISLATIVE DAY



Above, Senator Carona poses with Carolee Blumin, Brenda Jones, Jan Horne and Jan Folmar at Carmelo's restaurant in Austin where he hosted dinner for 30 early-arriving republican women on the evening before Legislative Day. Red roses were a gift from Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

Over 600 ladies-in-red were present to meet with and observe our legislators at work. During lunch, Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Speaker Tom Craddick treated us with witty, informative and emotional speeches. Senators Florence Shapiro and Jane Nelson took time out to lunch with us.



Newly elected Comptroller Susan Combs personally invited us to her office for a warm and informative session on how she sees her role. Her motto: Simpler, Smarter, Faster.

Texas Transportation and Homeland Security Committee Chair Senator John Carona invited us to sit in on his public hearing of the Trans-Texas Corridor. Both sides of the issue were presented in a passionate exchange of views on the proposed toll road and its construction route.

NRW SEEKS PUBLICITY OPPORTUNITIES

Northwood Republican Women are making efforts to publicize our meetings and special events in as many newspapers as possible. In addition to the *Dallas Morning News*, we have also tried to get information in the *People* and neighborhood papers.

If anyone sees an article regarding NRW, please clip it out and send or hold for Pat Allen, Public Relations/Historian. Pat can be reached at 972-934-2032; Phadallas@yahoo.com; 14128 Regency Place, Dallas, TX 75254.

It's time for **R&R**. . .with one little change.
Recruit & Recruit new NRW members!

Ladies, thank you for working so hard in our NRW membership **Renew & Recruit (R&R)** effort!! You've done such a great job renewing membership that we get to change our theme to **Recruit & Recruit**—still R&R! Our membership currently stands at 141 active members and 41 associate members. We have 17 incredible new members for 2007. This is fantastic!

Hint to "old" members—get to know the "new" members. **Hint to "new" members**—get involved. We must have our team ready for 2008.

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

1. **Barbara Dewberry**, 7532 Glen Albens, Dallas, Texas 75225. 214-521-1963, bdewberry@aol.com
2. **Joan Flatt**, 4747 Roxbury Lane, Dallas, Texas 75229. 214-363-7100, joanmclatt@yahoo.com
3. **Linda Liebman**, 12381 Montego Plaza, Dallas, Texas 75230. 972-233-4411, liebmanlinda@sbcglobal.net

Our very special Birthday Bash Luncheon on March 20 offers an excellent opportunity to bring prospective members and to meet our new members. Please participate.

REMEMBER...R&R!!!

Brenda Gaustad
NRW Membership Chair
972-733-4002



Easter Egg Roll

The Western White House Easter Egg Roll will be held Saturday, April 7, 2007 from 10AM-4PM at Tonkawa Park in Crawford, Texas.

We need your club's help to organize and run a craft or carnival booth. If your club is unable to attend, then we ask for candy-filled plastic Easter eggs, small toys or cash for necessary purchases. We need volunteers to bake, park cars, provide security and help clean up.

Free food, entertainment and celebrity authors will be on hand throughout the day.

Contact Valerie Duty at 254.420.1481 or 254.840.2027, westernwhgifts@aol.com.

Please send donations to: Valerie Duty, PO Box 116, Crawford, Texas 76638.

Caring for America

The next MEET THE TROOPS gathering will be March 28th. The troops usually arrive at DFW between 8:30 and 9:30 AM. Please contact Lorna Crocker if you wish to go and have not yet signed up.

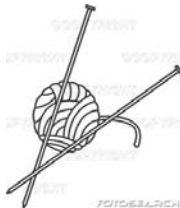
For those of you not able to make this exciting visit this time, but would like to make cookies, please call Lorna and information will be sent to you. Lorna's phone number is (972) 818-2677 or email her ljcrocker@sbcglobal.net.



Lorna Crocker

Knitting Instructions

- For caps to be worn in the hospital, use black yarn only.
- Materials: Can be found at Hobby Lobby. Check Sunday paper for 40% off coupon—every other Sunday.
- Size 10 knitting needles
- 2 ounces Bernat camouflage yarn (black, cammo, brown, dark green) 1 skein makes 3 caps.
- Cast on 72 stitches
- Row 1: K2, P2, K2 across ending with P2
- Rows 2-6: Repeat first row
- Row 7: Knit
- Row 8: Purl
- Repeat last two rows until hat is 8-1/2" from the start. End on purl row.
- K2 together across the row
- Purl a row
- K2 together across the row.
- Last row: Purl across
- With a separate 14" piece of yarn, thread a yarn needle and pull yarn through the stitches left on the needle and remove the needle. Pull tightly then sew seam shut.



If you would like to put your name, e-mail or home address inside the cap, that is okay. A few soldiers have written thanking the knitters.

AMERICANISM

Folds of the Flag
(continued from last month)



The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The thirteenth fold: When the Flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our Nation's motto, "In God We Trust." After the Flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.



NRW Board Meeting is at Jan Folmar's home on April 9, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.

Northwood Republican Women

We do make a difference



Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 20 Birthday Bash and General Meeting, Bent Tree Country Club, 10:30 AM.
- March 28 Greet the Troops
- April 3 NRW Hosts DCCRW Meeting, Republican Headquarters, 9:30 AM
- April 9 NRW Board Meeting at Jan Folmar's Home, 1:30 PM.
- April 11 Reagan Day Dinner Gala, Lincoln Center. See front page of newsletter for details.
- April 23 NRW General Meeting, Fretz Park Library, 9:30 AM