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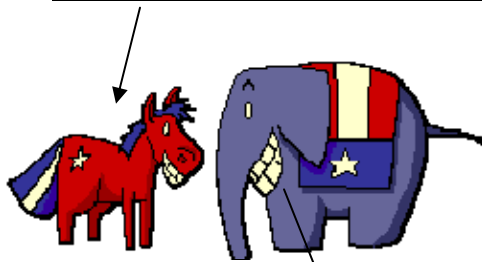
**The American Recovery
And Reinvestment Act
(aka the Stimulus Bill)
Your Tax Dollars at Work**



**The People's Eatery
All you can eat. No charge.**

**The Daily Special
The Ear Mark
The Pork Barrel
The Home Saver
The Left Overs
The Full Trough**

Your order, please?



One of each, please and keep the change.

**Remember these three Republicans:
Arlen Specter, Olympia Snowe
and Susan Collins.
They helped pass the Stimulus Bill.**

NRW GENERAL MEETING March 23, 2009

Time: 9:15 a.m. coffee and social
9:45 a.m. special speaker, Rick Keith from
Young America's Foundation
10:00 a.m. meeting

Place: Fretz Park Library

Speakers: Ron Natinsky, Dallas City
Councilmember, District 12, and
Anne Raymond, Citizens Against the
Tax-payer Hotel

Topic: A Dallas Convention Center Hotel.
Do We Need It? And If So, How
Should We Pay For It?

A controversial topic these past few months is the role the City of Dallas should play in owning and operating a Convention Center Hotel. Our speakers on March 23rd will be Anne Raymond, managing director of Crow Holdings, who heads a committee opposed to the hotel, Citizens Against the Taxpayer-Owned Hotel, and Ron Natinsky, Dallas City Councilman, District 12.

This is an important issue that will affect all City of Dallas residents. Come hear both sides of the issue to make up your own mind. Dallas citizens vote on the issue May 9.

Chrissi Gumbert, Program Chair



Convention Center Hotel Conceptual Drawing

Debate: The Pros and Cons of a City-owned Convention Hotel

Anne Raymond was appointed to the Mayor's Convention Center Hotel Project Private Sector Advisory Committee, both by Mayor Laura Miller and Mayor Tom Leppert. Her participation on this committee is based on nearly 25 years of hotel development and investment experience as executive vice president and CFO of Wyndham International and as a member of the board of directors of Kimpton Hotel Company, developer of boutique hotels. Ms. Raymond has led or been involved in over \$5 billion of hotel transactions during her career.

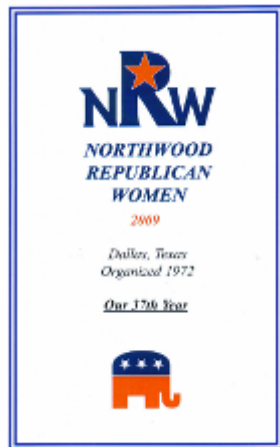
A CPA by training and a member of the Urban Land Institute and the Real Estate Roundtable since 2000, Anne has been managing director of Crow Holdings that owns the Hilton Anatole among many other investments.

Ron Natinsky is serving his second term as Dallas Councilmember, District 12. He has served the City of Dallas on a long list of Boards and Commissions during the last 25 years. As District 12 Councilmember, Ron serves as Chair of the Economic Development Committee and is also a member of the Public Safety Committee, Finance, Audit and Accountability Committee and Transportation and Environment Committee. Ron is also on the Transportation Steering and Planning Committee for the National League of Cities and serves on the Resolutions Committee for the Texas Municipal League. He also represents the City of Dallas on, and as Secretary to, the Regional Transportation Council and on the Executive Committee of the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition.

Ron grew up in Dallas, graduated from Hillcrest High School and attended North Texas State University. He started his first business venture in 1967, and since then has used his entrepreneurial spirit to start seven successful businesses. Ron has served as speaker at conventions and business meetings and has published numerous articles. Ron is married to Nancy. They have two adult sons and two adorable puppies.

2009 NRW Membership Directory available

The directory/yearbook is ready for members to pick up at the General Meeting March 23rd at 9:15 a.m. Please remember to come to the meeting so you can have your book. If you would like your book mailed, send a check for \$3.00 to: **Anne Montgomery, 5008 Briar Tree Drive, Dallas 75248.** This will cover postage and handling.



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This and That –

NRW members attend TFRW Leadership Workshop

On Saturday, February 21, members of NRW attended the TFRW Leadership Workshop. The training received will help to more effectively achieve the goals of the club this year. Watch out for these trained members.

The NRW members attending were: Carolee Blumin, Pat Reid, Jan Horne, Sherry Walker, Carolyn Cardinal, Kaye Smith, Brenda Jones, Valerie Neeley, Sharon Hassell, Laurie Schacherer, Connie Cross, Kathy Zerangue and Mary McElvany.

Cynthia Wittenburg, mother of NRW member Crissi Gumbert, was presented with the coveted Gold Spur award by the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Association recently. Wittenburg is the first woman to receive this award, the first woman elected to the association board and the only woman to serve as association president. This award is presented annually to an outstanding volunteer who has given of his or her time beyond the call of duty during the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo. Congratulations, Cynthia.

SAVE THE DATE

BBQ to honor our Veterans
Monday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m.
At the home of Nancy and Ron Natinsky
5501 Prestwick Lane, Dallas TX 75252

Watch this space for more details.



MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Joyce Hanson, Membership Chair

"One to One" Membership Campaign: It Works!



Last month we introduced our new "One to One" Member Recruitment Program with the goal of doubling the size of NRW by asking each existing member to bring in a new member this year. Does it work? Yes it does.

In January and February, we welcomed many new members who connected with NRW through our current membership:

Greg Hirsch, by way of **Chris Davis** and **Maureen Dickey**

Connie Cross, friend of **Laurie Schacherer**

Joyce Cummings, via **Nancy Natinsky**

Joan Martin, through **Mary McElvany** and **Pam Meyercord**

Ada Rosa McNeff, via **Pat Reid**,

Lugay Wills, by way of **Linda Hughes** and **Pam Meyercord**

Patricia Kitzmiller, friend of **Penny Hajdu**,

Sharon Hassell, via **Kaye Smith**, and

Kathy Zerangue, by **Mary McElvany**

As you can see, by reaching out to your friends, neighbors and acquaintances, we can build our club with people who share our passion for taking action and getting results. Please take a moment today to contact someone and invite them to our March 23 meeting!

Thank you for supporting our One to One membership initiative.

Coming Up: New Member Recognition at April 27 Meeting

Please join us in welcoming new members by attending the April general meeting, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with the coffee/social portion of our program. If you haven't met our new members, take some time to get to know them during coffee and snacks. It's a great way to welcome them to our club. More details to come in our April newsletter.

Americanism

Marion Mitchell, Chair

"The American lives even more for his goals for the future than the European. Life for him is always becoming, never being."
Albert Einstein

"There are those who will say that the liberation of humanity, the freedom of man and mind is nothing but a dream. They are right. It is the American Dream."
Archibald MacLeish

2009 Reagan Day Dinner

by Delma Hendrix



A sellout crowd of over 500 Republicans made this February event a huge success and helped raise more than \$125,000.00 for our local efforts. The Westin Park Central rocked with enthusiastic supporters of the Grand Old Party.

Northwood Republican Women was listed as a Congressional host and

seated two tables of members.

Jonathan Neerman, Chairman of Dallas County Republicans who spoke at our NRW meeting a few days before, was the capable Master of Ceremonies. Texas Speaker Joe Straus introduced Keynote speaker Governor Mark Sanford of South Carolina. Governor Sanford excited the assembly with a speech laced with humor that exhorted us to remember our core Republican values.

Many dignitaries were present and a special welcome was given to Michael Thornton, a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, who deserved his standing ovation.

Especially rewarding to our club was the presentation, by Senator John Carona, of the 2008 Chairman Award to our own Bruce and Jan Woody for their service to the Dallas County Republican Party.

On a personal note, several guests at our table showed interest in joining a Republican Women's Club. What a great opportunity to use our new bookmarks and brochures to quickly get this information to them.

The evening was a rousing success, energizing the crowd and giving us an opportunity to be with those who support our **Grand Old Party!**

Legislative Issues:

Jan Horne, Legislative Chair



The nation's unemployment rate is now 8.1 percent. Last month we lost 651,000 jobs – the highest level since 1983. In Texas, 26,000 Texans are filing new unemployment insurance claims each week, rapidly depleting the state's \$1 billion fund. Almost 100,000 people were able to get through to the Texas Workforce Commission's four call centers which had to add additional workers. Is this what the stimulus bill promised? Is there a shimmer of hope? Will this economy get worse before getting better?

The passage of the federal stimulus package has put pressure on Gov. Perry to expand unemployment insurance or send federal tax dollars to other states. This has highlighted troubles with the state's unemployment fund. Gov. Perry pushed members of the Texas Workforce Commission last year to suspend the unemployment insurance replenishment tax, and now the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund could be depleted within months.

Austin Legislative Issues:

TFRW called all members to rally in Austin on March 10th for the Voter Photo ID. The Senate took the whole day to get going on the voter ID bill. Much of the day was spent with the senators questioning each other before even the first expert witness testified. The Voter ID proposal (SB 362) was approved by the Senate Committee on a 20-12 vote. It now goes to the House.

Senator Carona's SB 855 and SRR 24 Local Option Transportation Act were filed for creating county option funding for DFW region for rail and other mobility projects. North Texans spend countless hours stuck in gridlock on the highways. Now is the time for our state to be a leader in local transportation funding to relieve congestion not just in our area but throughout the state. Six counties and more than 40 cities are supportive of this program and have passed the resolutions. It does not impose any new taxes as some have indicated. It provides local options to do so if the voters in the region approve specific measures for specific projects. Key to this legislation is voter choice. The residents in each city and county will have the final say in an election, not just to specify certain transportation project, but also which fees they would like to use for the funding.

Representative Dan Branch has filed a bill that would let seven public universities compete for a new pool of state money so they can do more research and recruit professors and students.

Senator Jane Nelson's bill to provide safeguards to prevent abuse and neglect of residents in the state's large home for mentally disabled was passed.

Dallas Issues:

Debate and face-off on building a Dallas Convention Center hotel is between Mayor Tom Leppert and real estate executive Anne Raymond. This debate is over which is the greater risk to tax-payers – building the publicly owned facility during these economic conditions or forfeiting a potential future economic windfall by not constructing it at all. Mayor Leppert argues it is the best time because construction costs are low and the national economy will improve. Anne Raymond argues it is a terrible time to build because the hotel industry is "falling off a cliff".

More Information: All are invited to attend:

DCCRW General Meeting – Tuesday, April 7, 2009

Join for "Coffee and Conversation" with Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert as he addresses the Convention Center Hotel, the Trinity River Project, the State of DISD Schools – 9:30 a.m. coffee; 10:00 meeting – Dallas County Republican Headquarters, 10100 North Central,

THERE IS A BETTER WAY!

by Laurie Schacherer, RN



Ever wonder why so many Americans are uninsured? The short answer? Because in our system of health care, the greatest in the world, something fundamental is missing – it is called the consumer? Allow me to explain.

In 1984, a car phone cost an average \$3,500.00. Remember how large they were? How you carried it in a bag? And how it required your car's antenna to work?

Fast forward to today. The car phone of today with all of its capabilities and comparative low costs, only came about because of competition and consumption.

Now, it may seem odd to think about patients as consumers of health care, but just consider the example of plastic surgery. Believe me, customers of plastic surgeons shop! The only way to fix our current health care "crisis" is to add this missing link.

DCCRW Meeting, Monday, March 1

by Nelda Neale, DCCRW Rep

Joyce Hanson, DCCRW Program Chair, brought us another excellent speaker in Texas Railroad Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones. The Commissioner told us much about Texas energy resources, the expense and risk of producing them, and the “windfall” tax problem.

The Texas Railroad Commission (formed in the late 1800’s) has very little to do with trains today. Instead, it regulates the state fossil fuel industry. Its duties include: overseeing the drilling of wells; production and transportation of oil and gas; pipeline delivery and safety; ensuring the plugging of abandoned wells; and administration of federal surface coal mining and reclamation laws in Texas.

Texas produces over 30 percent of the natural gas and 18 percent of all onshore crude oil making us the No.1 producing state in the U.S. We are the fifth largest in coal. We are rich in uranium reserves. We lead in wind energy production. We are hot on the trail of cutting edge energy technologies.

In the last few years shale drilling has boosted production of natural gas. One shale rig can horizontally drill several sites without disturbing the ecology. Equipment grinds up the shale with water to create retrievable natural gas from hydrocarbons. Such technology has made drilling in urban and suburban settings possible. The Ft. Worth area is an example.

Texas income and taxes profit from our oil and gas production. However, the Obama administration wants CHANGE. Obama wants to reinstate the Carter Administration’s disastrous “windfall” profits tax which contributed to the current deficit of \$700 billion being paid to other countries for their oil. Further, he wants no Alaska ANWR and no further U.S. continental shelf drilling.

There is no basis for such a tax on the energy industry. No “windfall” tax is proposed on the high-tech or entertainment industries, both of which generate higher profit margins than the oil and gas companies.

Elizabeth Ames Jones concluded by saying “Let us do our own thing!”

From **Congressman Pete Sessions’** Newsletter – (March 13) This week in Washington, President Obama signed into law a \$410 billion omnibus spending bill to fund government operations for the remaining six months of the 2009 fiscal year. The *Majority* has spent \$1 billion every hour for the 50 days of this Congress. Democrats have spent more money in the first two months of 2009 than the combined costs of the Iraq war, Afghanistan war, and the response to Hurricane Katrina.

DALLAS COUNTY COUNCIL OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN and NORTHWOOD WOMEN SPONSOR

“SUPPORT OUR SOLDIERS DAY” – TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009



“Greeting the Troops” at DFW may seem like old news – something we’ve done or talked about before – but it’s not old news to our soldiers and their families. Each soldier is making a great sacrifice to defend our freedom and protect our homeland. Soldiers arrive daily at DFW from Iraq and Afghanistan for a well-deserved two week R&R. Please join the Dallas County Council of Republican Women and Northwood Republican Women as we wholeheartedly express our support and appreciation to these soldiers.

Tuesday, March 24, 2009 – Approximately 7:55 a.m. *
**DFW Airport, Terminal D, International Arrivals,
Door 22, Lower Level**

We are also asking that you **bring any or all of the items listed below.** These commonly requested items will be shipped from DFW to deployed troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. All items must be new and unopened. Please check expiration dates.

Protein powder, energy bars, beef jerky, Slim Jims, Ramen noodles, nuts – any kind, candy (chocolate OK), Crystal Light (“on the go” packets), CD’s, DVD’s, Xbox with PSP games, PS2 or PS3 games, body wash (20 ounces or less, shaving cream, foot powder, toothpaste, athletic socks.

We promise that this will be a most rewarding and memorable time for our soldiers, their families and you. Invite a friend – this is a great opportunity for club membership recruitment. **Thank you** in advance for your participation!

**PLEASE WATCH YouTube – WELCOME
HOME SOLDIER**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WorT6bnRmf8>
[YouTube – Welcome Home Soldier](#)

*** To verify troop arrival time, call 972-574-0392
after 8:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23**

If you have any questions, please call Lorna Crocker at 972-818-2766 or Brenda Gaustad at 972-733-4002 or 214-356-5239.

**Dallas County Council of Republican Women
2009 Community Project**

**Northwood Republican Women 2009
“Caring for America”**

Reminder! Reminder!

March 23rd General Meeting
Coffee and social will start at 9:15
Rick Keith will speak at 9:45

Please join us.

Organized 1972 --- Our 37th Year!!!

**Northwood Republican Women
"WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!"**

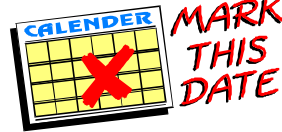
NRW reaches deep into the community.
NRW supports the military.
NRW's main focus and goal remains three fold: Educate and inform our membership; support and elect Republican candidates; and promote Republican Party philosophy.

Taking Action and Getting Results



Northwood Republican Women

Mary McElvany, Newsletter
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Dallas TX 75248



Calendar of Events

March 23	NRW General Meeting, Fretz Library
March 24	"Greeting the Troops" at DFW
April 7	DCCRW Meeting, GOP Headquarters
April 13	NRW Board Meeting
April 16	TFRW Legislative Day, Austin
April 27	NRW General Meeting, Fretz Library
May 18	NRW "Honor the Veterans" BBQ
Sept. 10-13	NFRW Biennial Convention, Orlando
Nov. 13-15	27 th Biennial TFRW Convention, Galveston

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**Next NRW Board Meeting – April 13th at the
home of Carolee Blumin**