



Brenda's Beat

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Come climb the ladder of success.



I would like to address the election for just a few short words. I know that you all are just as disappointed as I am. It hurts when you know the candidates so well. Lowell Cannaday and Bill Keffer are such good friends of this Club and we wish them well. Maurine Dickey, David Bridges, Kerry Fitzgerald, and our own wonderful Mary Murphy are our shining stars and we say, "Thank You, thank You."

We have a lot of work to do in the next two years. So, let us leave the election behind and proceed ahead.

I would like to thank everyone for all the hard work this year. This club is amazing and I love all of you. What a wonderful year. We had great speakers, hard workers, a great picnic, raised money, and came together as Republican Women.

You all are the greatest. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Glad to have been your President,
Brenda Jones

NRW Christmas Luncheon

December 9 at 11:30 at the Bent Tree Country Club

Guest speakers
 Kay Bailey Hutchison & Mayor Tom Leppert

Installation of Officers for 2009

RSVP by November 30 to NRW Treasurer
 Kaye Smith, 6914 Kings Hollow, Dallas, TX 75248

Make checks out to Northwood Republican Women

\$45.00 per person. Husbands and friends are welcome

Don't miss this wonderful occasion

NRW GENERAL MEETING November 24, 2008

Time: 9:00 AM Coffee
 10:00 AM Meeting

Place: Fretz Park

Hostesses: Barbara Vaughn,
 Corky Evans and
 Charlene Boynton

Speaker: Commissioner Maurine Dickey

Topics: Transportation
 Thoughts on the Election



Commissioner Maurine Dickey was elected to her first term as County Commissioner in 2004. She comes to the Dallas County Commissioners Court as former Chairman of the Parkland Hospital Board with a Bachelor of Humanities and Science Degree from Southern Methodist University and a Mater of Science in Social Work from The University of Texas at Arlington.

Maurine chaired the Texas Department of Protective & Regulatory Services for two years during her service on this agency that is devoted to the protection of children.

Other related service includes chairing the Dallas County Youth Services Advisory Board, the Dallas County Child Welfare Board, as well as Dallas County MHMR. She also served on the Regional Child Welfare Board, the CPS State Advisory Committee and was a founding member of CPS Community Partners in 1990. She also serves on the Board of the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

The tremendous benefit she brings is her working knowledge of the needs, challenges and benefits of local government and service institutions that work to help provide a safety net for those most disadvantaged members of our society in need of extra care and protection.

Maurine has been married to Roland Dickey for 40 years. They have two grown sons. Maurine, Roland, and their sons are all graduates of Southern Methodist University. The Dickey family owns Dickey's Barbecue Restaurants, a franchised chain of 86 restaurants in more than 12 states. Dickey's was originally established by Roland's father in



NRW Investigates . . . And Retires

As the NRW Investigates column retires, I want to say thank you to our membership for their support, their help and their many kind words.



NRW is a place where one can learn; where one can develop skills; where one can and where one will grow personally; and where one can draw on strengths that one didn't even know one had.

It is the warmth, the love, the challenges, the support, the teamwork, the forgiving attitude, the humor, the professionalism, and the commitment. And, it is all here waiting.

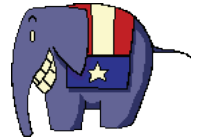
NRW has given more to me than I will ever give back. Who knew that I could edit a newsletter or write a political column? Who knew that I even had an opinion? It was the confidence that you all showed in me when you handed me the editorship. It is an awesome job and it has been my pleasure to represent Northwood Republican Woman as your editor.

As we give our support to the new administration, we must continue to honor our differences as stated below.



Conservative vs Liberal: What's the Difference?

Reprint from May 2007 issue



Recently, a list of differences between the Democrats and the Republicans was read at an NRW General Meeting. To add the underlying premises that promote those differences, here is a summary of the literature that can be found on the Internet site Conservative Central. The liberal answer to the following can be found on the Internet site Classical Liberalism.

“One of the great choices in life is between conservatism and liberalism. It’s not just about politics, but about the way we see the world and the values we hold,” says Mark Richardson in his article *Conservative vs Liberalism*.

Conservatives recognize that human beings are born into a culture, an ethnic group, a nation, and a gender. They believe that all human beings are born with a flawed nature and must be taught right from wrong. They believe that individuals are responsible for their own behavior and it’s consequences. And, they believe in a set of values making them more apt to be religious and favor group identities.

Liberals, however, believe that human beings are born with a clean slate and a free will to choose all aspects of self. That belief includes choosing your culture, your ethnic group, your nationality and your gender. Further, they believe that all human beings are born basically good and that society is the cause of bad behavior. Therefore, government must intervene to change society. They are more apt to favor globalism as an answer to the fulfillment of their vision for the welfare and equality of the individual.

Because liberals believe that the rights of the individual are more important than the rights of society, they must denounce nationalism, embrace open borders, espouse gender sameness, blur family roles and claim many forms of family, denounce moral judgments, reject the concept of good and bad, and equate tolerance with unqualified acceptance. Liberals see anything that limits our ability to choose our own individual identity as negative and oppressive and so seek to deconstruct traditional styles, values and moral codes. Conservatives want to “conserve” the guidance and experience of tradition. Therefore, the liberal prefers multiculturalism to nationalism.

These liberal beliefs are held most dearly by our government employees, our teachers, our universities, mainstream media, Hollywood, the British Labor Party and the American Democrats.

Conservatism is often equated with the establishment, but, in fact, liberalism is more dominant in western cultures. It is their refusal to make any judgment on any act or individual that places western cultures in danger of being hijacked by a very determined liberal culture.

Democrats will say that these ideologies belong to the radical fringe. But, listen carefully and you’ll hear the mainstreaming of a “MoveOn” toward *Progressive Liberalism* - one step at a time.

Carolee Blumin, Editor

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DCCRW Holiday Tea

**Tuesday, December 2, 2008
4:00 - 6:00 PM**

**Milestone Culinary Arts Center
4531 McKinney Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75205
\$12.00 per person**

RSVP with check to DCCRW Treasurer:
Elizabeth Jones
10860 Strait Lane
Dallas, Texas 75229

Non-Event Fund Raiser Nears Goal

There is still time to make your contribution to this important fund raiser. Just **\$25.00** will enable us to continue making significant donations to Republican candidates. There is no limit on who can become First Ladies, Presidents, Senators and Representatives.

To declare your level of participation and submit your check, please call Nancy Natinsky at (972) 732-4000 or email her at nancy@obgt.com.

Our goal is to have 100% participation.

Please help NRW stay on target.



News from our members

On Saturday morning, November 8, 2008, **Judy and Denny Beikman's Son Chris** went home to be with the Lord. Chris was 41 and their only Son. Donations may be made to SPCA or to the Dallas Food Bank.

Judy and Denny have many friends and they would so appreciate cards and emails. So that they may have private time as a family, please, if you have any questions call Lynn Wagner at 972-818-8021 or email at lfw5656@aol.com

Barbara Campbell has moved, but still feels a part of NRW and wants to stay connected to the group. Please update your directory to include her new address as listed below.

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Legislative Issues

By Nelda Neale, Chair (972) 732-0075



No doubt we all are concerned over the democrats continuing control over the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate. We are wondering what kind of legislation will come. However, there is a bright spot. The Democrats have only 57 members in the Senate, and that leaves filibuster room for the Republicans. Cloture (stopping filibuster) will be difficult and we have a chance of stopping some socialist legislation.

It is ironical that the legislative action and the pressure to make bad mortgage loans from Democrats Barney Frank and Christopher Dodd are, in large part, cause of the economic crisis. Yet, that very crisis contributed to Republican losses in the election.

Throughout the years politics seesaws. We have recovered many times, and this time will be no different. We'll have to pay even closer attention to legislation and make our voices heard. This is done through contact with both Republican and Democrat legislators: e-mail, write, call. We must become more active.

Jan Horne is your new Legislative Chairman for NRW. She is already searching for new ways to keep you informed. You can help her by passing on significant legislative information that you read or hear.

Stay concerned and determined.

Now what do you have to say?



I hope you like peanuts.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 1 Deadline for articles for Winter issue of Texas Star
April 16, 2009 TFRW Legislative Day in Austin

AMERICANISM

A SALUTE TO OLD GLORY

By Marion Mitchell, Chair (972) 239-2958

The Flag is very much a part of our daily lives, worthy of respect because it represents everything we are as Americans and everything we hope to be.

The red, white and blue colors and their arrangement on the Flag are often interpreted as expressing the very character of our nation. The Continental Congress of 1777 declared that the white stars in the field of blue shall represent a "new constellation." George Washington described the white in the Flag as symbolizing our desire for liberty—the land of the free. We say the red signifies the courage and sacrifices of the nation's defenders and the blue has been likened to the loyalty and unity of our citizens.

As our young country came into being, the number of stars and their arrangement as well as the number of stripes has changed as our nation has grown. The first display of the Stars and Stripes by the Continental Army was when the Flag was hoisted over Fort Stanwix, New York on August 3, 1777. In 1794 Congress voted that the Flag should have fifteen stripes and fifteen stars. This flag remained in use for twenty-three years and it was "The Star Spangled Banner" of which Francis Scott Key wrote in 1814.

In 1818 Congress passed an act providing that the Flag should have thirteen horizontal stripes alternating red and white and that the union should display twenty stars, representing the number of states in the Union. It also provided that on the admission of every new state to the Union a star should be added on the following July Fourth. This has been the regulation ever since.

Our flag is one of the oldest national standards in the world; older than the Union Jack of Great Britain or the Tricolor of France. Think of this when you say, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America...."



Next NRW Board Meeting is at Carolee Blumin's house on January 12, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.

NRW Newsletter



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