



# NEWSLETTER

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**Carolee's  
Comments**



**Politically correct is alive and better than ever.** Our ever changing English language now eliminates the word terrorist for, well, terrorists. That word is now reserved for Americans who disagree with the new administration. Man-made-disasters is the new term. It certainly does sound less terrorizing.

The global-warming alarmists are losing steam but are still hissing. The politically correct word for global warming is now climate change. What brought about this warmer, friendlier word change? Never letting facts get in their way and with a firm commitment to change the social and economic structure of America, Liberals just tone down the rhetoric. Scientists who dare to speak out against global warming are leaving the fray as they see their grants eliminated; are not invited to conferences where man-made, global warming is already considered a fact of life; are accused of being in the pay of oil companies; and are discredited as deniers. Key discoveries in climate research go mostly unreported now.

World War II came and went without my knowledge. The Vietnam War came and went without my kids' knowledge. The Iraqi war will come and go without my grandchildren's knowledge. None of us, alive or yet to be born, will escape the knowledge of the Obama administration when America entered a war of choice against America?

The Republican Party has new leaders at every level working hard for our principles. We must be willing to work as hard as they are. Many are still students and need our support more than ever. Democrats know how to win and they don't care how they do it.

In order to be in the game, we have to be the game.

**Don't take Dallas County for granted. Get out the vote!**

## NRW GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 28, 2009

- Time:** 9:30 a.m. coffee and social  
10:00 a.m. meeting
- Place:** Community Room  
North Central Police Station  
Hillcrest & McCallum Roads
- Hostesses:** Sharon Hassell, Brenda Gaustad  
and Sherry Walker
- Speaker:** Susan Combs, Texas State  
Comptroller of Public Accounts
- Topic:** A general update of the Texas  
economy, transparency, etc.



**Susan Combs** was scheduled to be the speaker for NRW in April. Due to bad weather, she was unable to get to Dallas before our meeting. She has re-scheduled for this month, and we look forward to welcoming her to Northwood in September.



Northwood RW members at Red River 44 Breakfast and dedication in Grand Prairie (page 2)

## Red River 44 Breakfast



On September 17, 2008, a CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed just outside of Basra, Iraq, killing all seven soldiers on board. The "Red River 44" crew members who died were from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 149<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, stationed in Grand Prairie. On September 13, 2009, ten NRW members, along with Dallas Mayor and Mrs. Tom Leppert and other area Republican women, had the privilege to serve breakfast to approximately 600 family members of the Fallen and their fellow soldiers. We also attended the Memorial Service and the "Red River 44" Park Dedication Service. Many hugs and tears later, we were all so thankful for this opportunity to express our gratitude and encouragement. NRW members who were not able to attend had generously donated money toward the cost of the breakfast. Seven park benches are located in the "Red River 44" Memorial park – each bench representing a Fallen Soldier. NRW donated funds to purchase one bench in honor of the sacrifices made by these brave men. The seven Fallen Soldiers leave behind eleven children along with countless loved ones and friends.

As the American flag was presented to each of these children and the bagpipes played "Amazing Grace," we were reminded that.....

**All gave some but some gave ALL."**

Thank you, NRW, for once again stepping up to the plate to show our love for this Country and those who defend Her.

**Brenda Gaustad**

### NRW Members who attended were:

Linda Smith	Brenda Jones
Claudia Nelson	Brenda Gaustad
Pat Reid	Roger Reid
Lorna Crocker	John Crocker
Jan Horne	Lesley (Jan's friend)



## NORTHWOOD REPUBLICAN WOMEN 2009 OFFICERS

President	Carolee Blumin	9/250-5039
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Parliamentarian	Brenda Jones	9/238-1202
Webmaster	Jan Folmar	9/931-9700



**Members served breakfast**



**John Crocker, NRW Associate Member,  
visits with soldiers at the breakfast.**

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Jan Horne, Chair

The 81<sup>st</sup> Session of the Texas Legislature adjourned on June 1. Of 7,419 bills filed, 1,459 passed through both the House and Senate and were signed by the Governor. On June 25<sup>th</sup> a Special Session was called for the extension of five agencies to help provide options for financing the state's highways.

Below are just some of the important bills passed this session:

**SB 883**-TxDOT cannot pledge or encumber money in the state highway fund to guarantee a loan obtained by a public or private entity for development for a toll project

**SB 348**-provides TxDOT the ability to establish advisory committees

**SB 1382**-requires TxDOT to coordinate and develop a plan for statewide passenger rail

**SB**- provides a property tax exemption for totally disabled veterans

**SB**-addresses smuggling of guns into Mexico

**HB**- prohibits an operator of a motor vehicle from using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle within a school-crossing zone unless the vehicle is stopped or the wireless device is hands-free device

**HB**-overhaul the Texas Disaster Act to improve energy security and maintenance, health and safety provisions for readiness and contingency planning and preparedness

**SB 1**- budget for 2010-2011 \$182.3 billion, education-41.4%, health and human services-32.7%, higher education-\$7 billion, public education-\$1.9 billion

**HB 4765**-exempt small businesses with gross receipts of \$300,000 to \$1 million from the franchise tax

**SB 175**-modifies the top 10% automatic admissions law at the University of Texas at Austin by capping the percentage of the entering freshman class required to be admitted from the top 10% at 75 percent and allowing the remaining students to be selected based on other criteria

**SB956**-provides in-state tuition for all military veterans

**SB 956**-Univeristy of North Texas to establish a law school in Dallas

**HB 3613**-requires that the market value of a resident homestead be determined solely on the basis of the property's value as a resident homestead

**HJR-14**-proposes a constitutional amendment to prevent government from taking private property, **unless it is for legitimate public use**

**HB 2730**-Department of Public Safety sunset bill

**SB 643**-increases oversight and accountability for the protection of intellectually and developmentally disabled residents in state schools and community-based care

**HB 558**-allows a minor to be charged with public intoxication

Because of the process called "chubbing" the voter ID legislation, **SB 36** died in the process. Chubbing is a term that refers to the practice of stalling a bill through extended debate or questioning.

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## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES



### DCCRW Night Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Keynote Speaker:

Senator John Carona

"Unraveling the 81<sup>st</sup>  
Legislative Session"

6:30 Dinner

7:00 Program

Culinary Arts Center, 4531 McKinney, Dallas

\$15 per person

(make check payable to DCCRW and mail to: Wanda King,  
4800 St. James Court, Mesquite, TX 75150-1195)

Reservation deadline: September 30

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### TFRW

### Campaign Management School

Saturday, October 24

Dallas will host one of TFRW's popular Campaign Management Schools in Dallas. The school is very instructive for every Republican activist. Attend this school to become more effective in your efforts:

Saturday, October 24

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Dallas County Republican Party Headquarters

10100 North Central Expressway, Suite 175

\$50/person; \$85/couple (share a book)

Further information: TFRW office, 512-477-1615

Please register without delay by mailing your check with the following information:

Name, Occupation, Address, Phone and E-mail:

Make checks payable to "TFRW/PAC"

Mail to: TFRW PAC

1108 Lavaca, Suite 505

Austin, TX 78701

## Texas Federation of Republican

**Women** 27<sup>th</sup> State Convention – November 13-15 at the Galveston Island Convention Center  
Visit: [www.TFRW.org](http://www.TFRW.org) for complete information and registration instructions

### National Federation of Republican Women Convention Highlights

NRW was represented by Carolee Blumin and Chrissi Gumbert at the NFRW 35<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention in Orlando, Florida on September 10-13. More than 1,300 registrants from 46 states attended.

Addresses by Republican Leaders and elected officials, political analysts, policy experts, authors and other notable guests were presented.

Common themes and topics during the four-day event included opposing President Barack Obama's healthcare reform plan, supporting the flourishing tea parties and other grassroots conservative movements, and helping the Republican Party build momentum for the 2010 elections.

**MY FAVORITE TEACHER AWARD** – the fifth NFRW biennial award presented to elementary school teacher and former army pilot **Susan Jordan**, Salina, Kansas.

#### ELECTION OF NFRW OFFICERS 2010-2011

President – **Sue Lynch**, Wisconsin  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President – **Joyce Smith**, Indiana  
2nd Vice President - **Rae Lynne Chornenky**, Arizona  
3rd Vice President – **Martha Jenkins**, North Carolina  
4th Vice President – **Jessie Morton**, Louisiana  
Secretary - **Jane Lane**, New Hampshire  
Treasurer – **Brenda Smith**, Kansas  
Members-at-Large to the Executive Committee: **Patt Parker**, Maryland | **Kathy Brugger**, California | **Carrie Almond**, Missouri

**OTHER BUSINESS** - Delegates also approved three amendments to the NFRW Bylaws -- an annual membership dues increase, a resolution supporting the Enumerated Powers Act (H.R. 450), as well as four additional resolutions. The Bylaws amendments and the dues increase will take effect Jan. 1, 2010.

**AWARDS OF DISTINCTION** – NRW presented awards recognizing accomplishments at the state and local levels in the areas of membership and program development, campaign activities, community service, and public relations, including almost 500 Club Achievement Awards. The NRW recognized the outstanding leadership of **Toni Anne Dashiell**, president of the TFRW with the third biennial Ronald Reagan Leadership Award.

Kansas City, Missouri, will be the site of the 36<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention, Sept. 29 – Oct. 2, 2011.

## ”Readers Are Leaders”

September is Literacy Month

In 2002 NFRW launched NFRW Literacy Month. Each September local clubs have the opportunity to share their projects.

Literacy has always been important to the members of NRW. Each year NRW joins with other Republican clubs and donates books to our local public library or a school library through the Mamie Eisenhower Library Project. This year in celebration of Literacy Month, NRW is donating the following books to the George W. Bush Presidential Library in Dallas:

**Woodrow, the White House Mouse** by Peter Barnes – tells the story of the job of the President and the art, architecture and history of the White House through rhyming verse. (K-4 grades)

**House Mouse, Senate Mouse**, by Peter Barnes – teaches children how our laws are made in our nation's Capitol in rhyming verse (K-4 grades)

**Leading Ladies, American Trailblazers** by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison – Examines the lives of 63 pioneers in military service, journalism, public health, social reform, science, and politics – all American women.

NRW has also supported the NFRW Dictionary Project by donating dictionaries to local school children. This year we will again be donating dictionaries to a local elementary school.

NRW truly believes that readers are leaders. The importance of reading cannot be underestimated.

**Sherry Walker, NRW Literacy Chair**

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**NOTICE:** The community hours that our members spend in volunteer work in organizations other than Republican-related are highly valued by NRW, TFRW and NFRW. Their goal is to reach a million hours. Our Awards Chair, Camille Dillard, will be collecting your hours. Just keep a list going whenever you perform community work - date, place and time - and mail or e-mail your list to Camille at [camdil7@yahoo.com](mailto:camdil7@yahoo.com) or 5920 Richwater Drive, Dallas, TX 75252, (972) 931-6038. You can start now to keep your list. Make a habit of reporting to Camille at the end of each month. NRW will report them at the appropriate time.

Camille and her committee will be entertaining you at the September General Meeting with a skit designed to show the importance of your community work. Don't miss it!

# WHICH PARTY SUPPORTS YOUR VALUES?

Compare the basic philosophy of the Republican and Democrat Parties on key issues  
Then, Decide for Yourself . . .

## THE REPUBLICAN PARTY BELIEVES:

ψ That our Nation was founded on the fundamental principle that individuals have certain rights and freedoms which cannot be infringed and may be restricted only to the degree necessary to preserve the rights of others.

ψ That the money you earn is yours and the government in a free society has the right to take only as much as is needed to perform those limited functions which are appropriate to it.

ψ That the traditional family and the values it fosters are the foundation of American society and their preservation is essential to our Nation's continued success.

ψ That parents have the right to determine the values with which their children will be raised and should have their choice among public, private and religious schooling, and that competition will improve public education.

ψ That the American free enterprise system is the most effective engine of economic progress, and entrepreneurship should be encouraged.

ψ That the heavy burden of taxation, regulation, litigation, and runaway government spending impede small business, stifle job creation and hinder economic growth.

ψ That individuals must take responsibility for their own actions and our criminal justice system must serve to protect the innocent and punish those who violate our laws.

That private property is yours and you have the right to make use of it without unreasonable government restriction.

ψ That human life is sacred and worthy of preservation.

ψ That post 9-11, a strong national defense is essential to preserve our rights and freedoms.

## THE DEMOCRAT PARTY BELIEVES:

ψ That certain constitutional rights, such as the right to freedom of religious expression, the right to bear arms and the right to private property are no longer guaranteed or even necessary in today's society.

ψ That the government has a right to use your money as it sees fit to fund welfare programs and redistribute wealth, and to return to you only that portion which it sees fit.

ψ That American society must redefine its values and the role of the family to fit alternative lifestyles, including changing the definition of marriage.

ψ That the federal government has the responsibility to determine the values which children will be taught in public schools and that competition will only harm public education.

ψ That government regulation and control of economic activity can better redistribute wealth and services like healthcare.

ψ That penalizing families and businesses with higher taxes and increased government is required to achieve economic and social equality.

ψ That individual behavior, including criminal behavior, can be blamed on societal conditions and that social welfare programs can combat crime.

ψ That the government has the right to regulate the use of private property.

ψ That there should be no restrictions on abortion.

ψ That the United State should be concerned with world opinion before defending our own interests.



**Americanism definition**

**Ameri·can·ism** (ə mer'i kən iz'əm)

**Noun**

devotion or loyalty to the U.S., or to its traditions, customs, institutions, etc.

**American Self-Reliance**

**J. Ollie Edmunds**

This country was not built by men who relied on somebody else to take care of them. It was built by men who relied on themselves, who dared to shape their own lives, who had enough courage to blaze new trails with enough confidence in themselves to take the necessary risks. This self-reliance is our American legacy. It is the secret of that something which stamped Americans as Americans. Some call it individual initiative, others backbone. But whatever it is called, it is a precious ingredient in our national character, one which we must not lose. The time has come for us to re-establish the rights for which we stand, to re-assert our inalienable rights to human dignity, self-respect, self-reliance—to be again the kind of people who once made America great. Such a crusade for renewed independence will require a succession of inspired leaders, leaders in spirit and in knowledge of the problem, not just men with political power, but men who are militantly for the distinctive way of life that was America. We are likely to find such leaders only among those that promote self-reliance and who practice it with strict devotion and understanding.

**Primary Calendar**

**October 4 (Sunday)**

Earliest day to file an application for Precinct Chair

**December 3 (Thursday)**

Earliest day to file an application for a place on the primary ballot for officer other than Precinct Chair

**January 4, 2010 (Monday)**

6:00 p.m.

Deadline for application for a place on the ballot  
Applications for all offices must be received by the state or county chair as applicable to the office.

**March 2, 2010 (Tuesday)**

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**

(Precinct Conventions held at respective precinct polling places following close of polls.)

**April 13, 2010 (Tuesday)**

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**RUNOFF ELECTION DAY** (if applicable)

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**Next NRW Board Meeting location TBA**

**October 12, 2009 at 1:30 p.m**



**MARK THIS DATE**

**Calendar of Events**

- Sept. 28**      **NRW General Meeting, 9:30 a.m.**
- Oct. 6        DCCRW evening meeting
- Oct. 12**      **NRW Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m.**
- Oct. 13      Deadline for TFRW Delegates and Alternates
- Oct. 22**      **NRW General Meeting**
- Oct. 24      TFRW Campaign Management School in Dallas, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Nov. 13-15    27<sup>th</sup> Biennial TFRW Convention, Galveston
- December 8   NRW Christmas Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at BTCC



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