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Carolee's Comments

Open minds can be purchased

Of course, there are many reasons and times when an open mind is appropriate and even necessary for the advancement of personal and universal promise. But, it is also possible to have such an open mind that it is too porous to hold a conviction. The open mind theory treats all ideas, values and behaviors as worthy of consideration no matter how contradictory to reality. It becomes impossible to make conclusions.

A George Bernard Shaw quote tells us, "The open mind never acts. When we have done our utmost to arrive at a reasonable conclusion, we still must close our minds with a snap and act dogmatically on our conclusions. "

In the political world, leaders depend on those who have an open mind to garner support for their positions. Persuasion is the most effective tactic used on the open mind. Everything can make sense if you give it a long enough time in your presence. You will remain vulnerable as long as you can see both sides, as long as you can argue the other side, and as long as you call yourself an Independent.

It is the undecided congressman and senator who will pass or fail the health care, cap and trade, stimulus package, bailouts, etc. Those who have made up their minds will not be persuaded otherwise. Do you want your elected representatives to keep an open mind? Open minds can be purchased.

This is why we must be diligent in contacting our elected officials and keep them bathed in our conviction of smaller government, lower taxes, national security and fiscal responsibility. Make them spend enough time in the presence of Republican ideas to keep them loyal Republicans.

NRW General Meeting

Monday, September 27th

9:30 a.m. – coffee

10:00 a.m. – meeting/speaker

Location: Community Room North Central
Police Station, 6969 McCallum Blvd.

SPEAKERS:

Representative Jerry Madden, Texas House of Representatives – "Redistricting and what to expect in regards to the State Budget"

Colleen McCain Nelson, member of the editorial board for *The Dallas Morning News* – "Internal working of the DMN Editorial Board and how Political Candidate Endorsement is determined"



Northwood Republican Women were well represented at the DCCRW Power Rally held Saturday, September 11th.
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SEPTEMBER SPEAKERS:



Representative Jerry Madden: First elected to the Texas Legislature in November of 1992. Madden is Vice Chair of the House Committee on Corrections, which he chaired from 2005 - 2009, and is a member of the Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee. Different legislative initiatives for which he has been commended range from the highly successful 2007

criminal justice system reforms which sought to divert individuals from prison through mental health and drug treatment programs to supporting participation of military voters in elections; from advocating for victim's rights to instituting judicial campaign fairness.

He has been honored for his work in a variety of policy areas by organizations; has been involved in numerous veterans' and community organizations; served on the Advisory Board of the Plano Chamber of Commerce; was instrumental in launching the Collin County Caring for Children program. Dedicated to the Republican philosophy, Jerry was elected Precinct Chairman in his local neighborhood in 1974, and Chairman of the Republican Party of Collin County in 1984. In wake of the 2007 Legislative Session, Rep. Madden was designated by Texas Monthly as one of its 10 Best Legislators.

Jerry Madden continues to exhibit the commitment and drive which he first brought to the Legislature. Representative Madden seeks to promote limited government, fiscal responsibility, safe and thriving communities and successful families and businesses.



Colleen McCain Nelson:

Ms. Nelson is a member of the editorial board at *The Dallas Morning News*. This year, Colleen and two of her colleagues were awarded the

Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Writing for their work deploring the stark social and economic disparities between Dallas' better-off northern half and distressed southern half. While Colleen is eager to share her opinion on almost any subject, she writes most frequently about City Hall, politics and environmental issues. In addition to writing staff editorials, Colleen writes occasional columns and opinion essays for the paper. And she appears each week on the "Inside Texas Politics" television program on Channel 8 in Dallas.



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This and That

Congratulations to Kathy & Frank Zerangue on birth of twin granddaughters, Aidan Rose and Madeleine Rowan on July 14th.

Congratulations to Betty Ann & J.E. Cox on the birth of their grandson, Charles Joseph, in Munich.

Our Members Write – Letter to Senator Cornyn

I am greatly concerned over the health care legislation that was passed. I ask that you work to repeal it, do not fund it, and create new legislation that will supplant it. I especially ask that you create legislation allowing shopping for health coverage across state lines, allow small businesses to form collectives to gain insurance, and repeal this giveaway to 30 million people that we cannot afford.

Further, there are proposed cuts to Medicare reimbursement to physicians. **DO NOT PASS THEM.** Doctors are telling us they are leaving their practices because they are losing money.

We need **NATIONWIDE TORT REFORM.** Get rid of the flawed Sustained Growth Rate for Medicare. The economic crisis of Obamacare is far worse than anything he had in mind when selling this travesty.

I am an active member of Northwood Republican Women in Dallas, and we are counting on you.

Marlane Willins

Please contact your senator at <http://congress.org>

Legislation



TFRW is counting on you , , ,

. . . to support **Voter ID Senate Bill No. 362** pending in the Texas State Legislature.

Each of us should call or email their respective state Senators, especially those senators in your district who are not supporting the bill, and voice your support for this important issue. **A phone call is more effective than email.**

It's not too late to fulfill an important requirement of all Federated Republican Clubs. We must lend our support to a legislative issue that is important to women. NRW has chosen to support the Breast Cancer Protection Bill - which will require insurance companies to keep surgical patients in the hospital for a minimum of 48 hours before sending them home.

If each member of NRW will send just one email or make just one phone call to their respective Congressional Representative, we can do our part to make a difference.

It is so easy! Just open up your NRW directory to pages 18, 19 and 20 to find your representative. Phone numbers and emails are listed right there.

Please also send an email to cblumin@me.com. that you have done this so that I can take credit for our club and count your cumulative time.

With all the election activity, it is also important to continue with our regular work. It all matters.

Many thanks for your participation.
Carolee Blumin (cblumin@me.com)

Americanism

Sandra Breedlove, Chair

"Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle."
Abraham Lincoln

"Every success is built on the ability to do better than . . . good enough."
Unknown

"It is important that we work to educate our fellow citizens on the importance of understanding the contents of our Constitution. Our best hope for the future of our country relies on the extent of our knowledge of the United States Constitution."

Sue Lynch, President, NFRW

Campaigns



Please find time to put in a few hours volunteering for the NRW adopted Republican candidates:

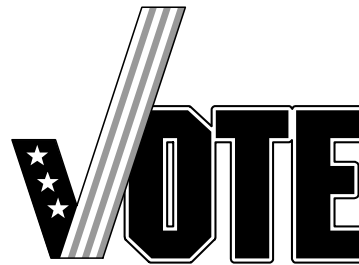
Stefani Carter, State Rep. Dist 102,
Dan Montalvo, Cnty. District Court #2
Vanita White, Cnty. Criminal Court #4
Jennifer Jackson, Cnty. Criminal Court of Appeals #2

DCCRW POWER RALLY

On Saturday, September 11th, NRW members attended the Power 2010 Rally at Royal Oaks Country Club presented by the Dallas County Council of Republican Women. An inspiring Keynote Address was given by Angela McGlowan, FOX News Political Analyst, and Founder of Political Strategies and Insights. POWER Presentations were also given by Denise McNamara, Amy Clark, Chris Davis, Jeni McGarry and Kat Rice, and U. S. Congressman Jeb Hensarling. We were challenged to get out and work for our candidates, develop an "Elevator Speech", talk to our friends about why we support our candidates, and to turn the Internet red. We also enjoyed lunch, fellowship with others and were introduced to current office holders and candidates. We all left with a renewed vigor to get to work for November's candidates. Congratulations to Joyce Hanson, DCCRW President, and the Power Rally Committee for a job well done.

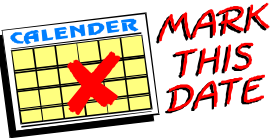
(Following are pictures of additional NRW members and guests at the rally.)






Reminder – You must be registered by October 4, 2010 to vote in the November election. For more information, go to www.dalcoelections.org.

Next NRW Board Meeting – September 13th, 1:30 p.m. at the home of Carolee Blumin



Calendar of Events

Sept. 27	NRW General Meeting
Oct. 11	NRW Board Meeting
Oct. 25	NRW General Meeting
Oct. 18-29	Early Voting
Nov. 2	ELECTION DAY
Nov. 11-12	TFRW Board of Directors meeting
March 3, 2011	TFRW Legislative Day at the Capitol
March 4, 2011	TFRW Board of directors meeting



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