

ELLIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN PAC  
AFFILIATE OF TEXAS & NATIONAL FEDERATIONS OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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Ellis County  
Republican Women

Next Meeting  
April 20, 2004 @ 7:00 pm  
Ellis County Jail

## Quote of the Month

"The United States remains the last best hope for a mankind plagued by tyranny and deprivation. America is no stronger than its people - and that means you and me. Well, I believe in you, and I believe that if we work together then one day we will say, "We fought the good fight. We finished the race We kept the faith." And to our children and our children's children we can say, "We did all that could be done in the brief time that was given to us here on earth"

--Ronald Reagan

## Polka Fest

ECRW are planning a float for the Ennis National Polka Festival Parade which will be on Saturday, May 29 at 10:00 am in Downtown Ennis. We had a great time the last two years. If you want to join in the fun please call Parade Chairman Sue Turner.

## Pray for our Troops

Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

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April 2004

### Mark your Calendar

#### April

- 05 First Day of Early Voting for Runoff Primary Election
  - 06 Last Day to Receive Application for Ballots by Mail for Runoff Election
  - 09 Last Day of Early Voting for Runoff Primary Election
  - 12 Ellis County Commissioners Court 7:00 pm
  - 13 Runoff Primary Election Day
  - 20 General Meeting 7:00 pm Ellis County Jail
  - 23-24 TFRW Board Meeting
  - 26 Ellis County Commissioners Court 10:00 am
- #### May
- 10 Ellis County Commissioners Court 7:00 pm
  - 15 Armed Forces Day
  - 18 General Meeting 7:00 pm
  - 24 Ellis County Commissioners Court 10:00 am
  - 29 Ennis Polka Festival Parade 10:00 am
  - 31 Memorial Day

### 2004 Officers

*Past-President*  
Floy Poe

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Dorothy Rogers

*1st Vice-President*  
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Tommie Worthy

*Recording Secretary*  
Linda Alvarez

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## April Meeting

The ECRW March meeting will be Tuesday, April 20, 2004 at 7:00 at the Ellis County Jail, 300 South Jackson Street..

Ellis County opened the new jail in November 2001. Ellis County jail's need for more space was an on-going problem. The \$9.6 million expansion project was approved in early 2000 after the county was forced to address the growing need for jail space. In 2000 the Texas Jail Standards Commission mandated that Ellis County address the overcrowding situation in the jail.

The project added 348 beds to the jail as well as a 45-bed infirmary also required by the Texas Jail Standards Commission.

Sheriff Ray Stuart will be giving the ECRW a tour of the facility including the Arts and Crafts created by the inmates. Sheriff Stuart has said if the inmates put as much into daily life as they put into their Arts and Crafts they would say out of trouble.

ECRW will hold their regular monthly meeting at the jail following the tour.

## The Texas School Finance Project

Public education is arguably the state's most vital responsibility. Regardless of political, ethnic or economic background, everyone should agree that a quality education is the key to our students' future in an increasingly competitive global economy. The Texas public edu-

cation system faces severe challenges. In particular, the current school finance system relies too heavily on local property taxes. Already, half of our nearly 1,100 school districts levy taxes at or near the statutory cap of \$1.50 for Maintenance

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## March Meeting

ECRW March meeting was Tuesday, March 16, 2004 at 7:00 at the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce. The speaker was Mr. Rodger Williams. Mr. Williams is chairman of the Eagle's Program, Republican National Finance Committee & North Texas Chair for Bush Cheney 2004.

The oldest and best recognized of the Republican National Committee's major donor programs, the Republican Eagles were founded in 1975 under the direct personal leadership of President Gerald Ford and Jeremiah Milbank, the then-Finance Chairman of the Republican National Committee .

## Membership Dues



It is time to renew your membership in the Ellis County Republican Women's organization for 2003. The dues are \$20 per member and \$10 per associate member. So to learn more, have fun, and carry out the purpose of our local, state, and national organizations, please JOIN! Bring your payment to the next meeting or you can mail your membership payment to:

Tommie Worthy

## Texas School Finance cont.

and Operations. Moreover, the current school finance system was developed with little consideration of the costs of achieving the state's educational goals.

The Joint Committee on Public School Finance was created by Lt. Governor David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Cradick to address this critical issue. The Committee is charged to recommend innovative ways that the Legislature might fulfill its obligation to public education, while reducing the reliance on local property taxes.

The Joint Committee's charges included reviewing our tax system and assessing different options for public school funding. The committee and its highly skilled research team will be studying the entire public school enterprise, including

appropriate funding levels for high academic performance; adjustments for legitimate student and school district cost differences; the role of the state in providing school facilities; and incentives for improved student performance and cost-effective operation. In addition, the committee and its researchers will investigate school and district practices that contribute to high academic performance and cost-effective operation.

As a result of its work, the Joint Committee on Public School Finance hopes to ensure that Texas taxpayers receive the maximum value for their money and that all Texas students have access to a quality education that enables them to participate fully in the social, economic, and educational opportunities of our state.

## State Convention

The Republican Party of Texas 2004 State Convention will be Thursday, June 3, 2004 - Saturday, June 5, 2004 at the Henry B. González Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas.

Committee meetings will be held Monday, May 31, 2004-Wednesday, June 2, 2004.



## Style Show



Ellis County Republican Women hosted a spring fund raiser. The fundraiser was a Fashion Style Show and Luncheon held on Friday, March 26 at 12:00 noon at the Ellis County Women Building, 407 Jefferson Street. Fashions were modeled from Bealls Department Store.

ECRW members models were Linda Alvarez, Gwen Hood, Diana Weable, Tommy Worthy, Kelly Blackwell and Georgia (Anita Blackwell's daughter-in-law and granddaughter). As an honor Denise McNamara, National Committeewoman of the Republican Party of Texas was our guest and also a model.

More than 60 people attended raising just over \$1000. The money raised will be used for ECRW annual college scholarship.

## May Meeting

The ECRW May meeting will be Tuesday, May 18, 2004 at 7:00 at the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce. ECRW are planning to ask our next Republican County Chairman to be our guest speaker.

We will have to wait until after the April Runoff election to determine who will be the next Republican County Chairman.

ECRW would like to thank John Tabor for all his hard work he did as our Republican County Chairman for Ellis County.

Please note ECRW July meeting has been moved from July 20 to July 27.

## Joe Barton Luncheon

Ellis County Republican Woman and the Ellis County Republican Party will be Sponsoring a Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce luncheon. The luncheon is one of four the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce this year with the purpose of educating the business leaders in our community.

The luncheon is April 23, 2004 at the Waxahachie Civic Center — Crape Myrtle Room. "Spotlight on Legislation" luncheon will include Congressman Joe Barton. He will speak on the legislative process and how businesses can get involved including local issues that touch our community.

The luncheon will be catered by Occasions Unlimited and will cost \$15.00 per person. Please RSVP by April 20th to the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce.