



The Liberty Belle

The Ellis County Republican Women PAC Newsletter

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A Message from Your President

The “AYES” have it!

WELCOME, to this year of the Ellis County Republican Women PAC

Let me encourage each of you to let the “AYES” be visible in your public and personal life this year.

- INFORM** - present members, potential members, and the public about our goals and accomplishments.
- INNOVATE** - Try new ideas and awaken the latent talents in each of our members.
- INSPIRE** - every member to take an active part in our activities.
- INFLUENCE** - prospective members with our club’s achievements. People like to be identified with a successful organization.
- INVOLVE** - be involved yourself and encourage and assist new members to find their place in our group.
- INSTILL** - loyalty in every member to the CORE VALUES of the Republican Party.

Set the example, Be enthusiastic!

Everyone counts and everyone can make a difference - Come along with us!

*Ellen Miller, President
Ellis County Republican Women PAC*

GOVERNMENT AT WORK

Our Guest this Month:

State Representative Jim Pitts

The Ellis County Republican Women PAC would like to take this opportunity to give a special thank you to Representative Jim Pitts for giving us this opportunity to read his ideas and thoughts as he answered the questions below.

1. Representative Pitts, what are your goals for this legislative session?

“ My goal every session is to represent the citizens of District 10 and try to find ways that government can better serve them. Among the issues I intend to work on this session is legislation that will enhance our public schools and strengthen penalties for sexual predators. I also intend to make sure that my constituents see the property tax relief that we promised them last year.”

2. What challenges does the House of Representatives face during this session?

“ Every session the Legislature has to tackle a variety of issues, from balancing the budget to current public policy issues. This session we face the challenge of balancing our budget while also providing state funds to reduce local property taxes. I also expect serious debate about school vouchers, how to handle our growing criminal justice population, improving our state parks, and reigning in the effects of the Trans Texas Corridor, to name a few. I believe my fourteen years in the Texas Legislature puts me in an excellent position to be a strong voice for the residence of District 10.”

3. What assets does Ellis County offer its citizens?

“Ellis County offers a beautiful place for people to raise a family where traditional family values are still important. We have a growing economy that is diversifying every day, offering children growing up here now the promise of a quality education and good paying jobs when they finish their education. Residents of Ellis County enjoy the benefits of a strong community you might expect only in small towns, while also getting the benefits you might expect only in a large city. I can't think of a better place to live or work.

4. What can the people of Ellis County do to help their community and the Republican Party?

“ The residents of this county have a long tradition of giving back to the community, and volunteering your time and efforts to a worthy cause is the best way I can think of to give back to the community. In terms of helping the Republican Party, the two most important ways people can help is to volunteer their time, and of course, vote.”

Points to Ponder

Are you aware that you can be a Deputized Voter Registrar for the next two years? All it takes is for you to go to the Voter Registration Office, get a briefing on how to fill out the forms, and be sworn in as a Deputized Voter Registrar. **Why do this?**

1. You can check the voters in your family and make sure they have their correct address on their voter registration card.
2. You can visit your neighbors, especially the newer ones and help them get registered to vote or change their address.

What a great way to meet new people and talk about our town and party!

3. You can take your form booklet to church or to work and ask if anyone needs to update their voter registration address or fill out a new form.
4. Take blank voter registrations forms and leave them at different clubs and groups that you belong to in our community. Talk about our country and what can be done to help our community.

EVERY VOTE COUNTS - EVERY VOICE CAN BE HEARD

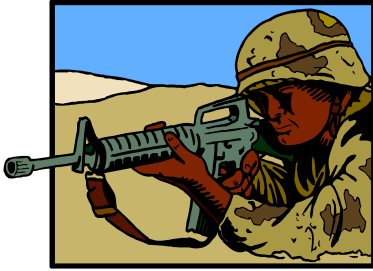
Voter Registration Office Waxahachie, TX 972 - 923 -5195
*****Please call ahead and make an appointment*****



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From the Front Lines*****

Our **Patriotism Committee** is still gathering supplies to take to Fort Hood to be used by the wounded and sick soldiers coming back from the war zones. We made one trip last year with a large van full of items such as toiletries, books, socks, etc. We currently have about half a car full of supplies. We want to continue to collect items. For those of you who cannot get the items on the list, please bring pocket change to the meetings and donate to the fund. Here is Sue Turner's story about how she got involved in the project.

Sue started sending CARE packages to the troops when 4 of her neighbor's sons were in the Marines. "Andy served his time in Iraq and was getting out. When he found out that Roy was going he signed up again, provided that he would be in the same outfit as Roy. That is when I sent to both boys. The Dallas news had an ad in 2005 about www.anysoldier.com. So, I go and pick out somebody. Sometimes it was by where they were from or where they were stationed. When Roy VanWay went back for the 2nd time, I sent to him until he was wounded in June. I kept sending packages to his buddies until they came home the 1st of October."

" I always put in pens, paper, envelopes, usually 2 picture post cards, one with my address and one blank. I use tin boxes to fill with snacks, jerky, nuts, dip, candy, etc. and then seal with tape." This keeps powder or anything with a scent from mixing with the food. I enclose at least one letter, sometimes several, I always include sox and a t-shirt and if there is room, I send a CD or DVD. I sent 25 valentines each to Drobny and Work on Dec 27 so they would get them in time to send back to whom ever. Drobny is in Afghanistan where they visited an orphanage, so I sent pencils and crayons.

*** If every member could donate just a couple of dollars each meeting, we all could assist Sue to continue to send her packages to our young men and woman (Most of them between the ages of 18 - 25) Look for the donation jar at the next meeting or just hand Sue your dollars.**

*** All of you ladies know that those spice bottles that you have on your kitchen shelf are not any good after a year. Please grab them up, throw them in a bag and bring them to Sue and I to use for our booth at the Crawford, Texas Easter Egg Roll for the kids of the Fort Hood Soldiers and sponsored by the Texas Federation of Republican Women. We will clean them up and wash them out. Small glass or plastic bottles of any kind with lids will be of use. We want to have colored sand for the kids to fill up the bottles.**

Sue has made a spinning wheel for the kids to twirl and get a prize. We are also collecting Easter egg goodies that will not melt, it was hot last year and the cupcakes got a little soft. Small toys, plastic eggs, hard candy, pencils, erasures, stickers, or other items are really appreciated. We used these as prizes for the kids.

Jean Lane

ECRW Monthly Meeting Information

3rd Tuesday of the Month 7:00 pm Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce - YMCA Drive

January 2007 - Our Speaker was **Pastor Dean Kilmer**

Pastor Dean Kilmer from the College Street Church of Christ spoke on the topic of his newest book, *Igniting the Moral Courage of America*. In his book, Pastor Kilmer believes that the moral landscape of America is eroding and the values of "The Greatest Generation" have been replaced with a widespread disdain for the traditional moral values on which this great nation was founded. Pastor Kilmer challenges individual Americans to take action to reverse the tidal wave of negative values that is destroying the greatness of America. Pastor Kilmer believes that each person can step forward and renew their moral courage to make a positive change in our country. His book is available at the church office at 423 N. College St. Waxahachie. Thank you Pastor Kilmer for your inspirational words.

February 20, 2007 - Our Speaker will be **Jodi Dillard**

Jodi Dillard of Kaufman County, the TFRW ballot securement officer and past County Republican Chair. The focus of the talk will be on increasing the ECRW member.

Odds and Ends of Information

1. **A Campaign Committee Chairman is still needed.**
Contact Ellen for information.
2. **Think about fund raisers for our organization.**
3. **Legislative Day in Austin is March 1, 2007**
Contact Tommie Worthy (972-627-3447) for info.
4. **A special thank you to Joann and Al Thompson and the Farley Street Baptist Church for their donations to Project America.**
We really appreciate your help and support!!!

Dates and Data:

March 1 - Legislative Day, Austin
March 28-29 NFRW Day on the Hill

Websites:

*** **Trans Texas Corridor Watch**
www.corridorwatch.org

TFRW: www.tfrw.org

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