



Liberty Belle



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Message from the President

Hello Republican Women!! It is a great time to have that title. We've just returned from the TFRW conference this weekend and had a fabulous time. Tommie went early for the district directors meeting and aren't we lucky to have her in this position. Maureen, Jane and I joined her on Friday for the dinner with Dana Perino and Karen Hughes. Sandra Turner joined us on Saturday for the conference and training. It was good to mingle with the other Republican Women throughout the state. Karen and Dana both shared stories of their time with President Bush. They inspired us to speak out about our Republican Values and know that we are not in the minority.

Our January meeting was very well attended and we had representatives or the candidates for 5 of the 6 candidates for Supreme Court of Texas place 3. I think we can all agree that whoever wins will represent us well. This was also a time for us to make our move to the Rogers Hotel as our meeting space. Because of the size of the crowd we stayed in the lobby but our regular meetings will be in the ballroom on the second floor. Larry Burns allows us to use this space. When you see him please express our gratitude for this.

February 8 will be our candidate forum at the Waxahachie Civic Center. We are expecting a huge crowd in attendance. Let's all be there to find out useful information and the stand our candidates have but also to support the Republican Women. We don't ever want this county to not know the presence of the Republican Women. Melanie Reed is our Hospitality Chairman. If there is a way you can contribute financially, baking cookies, etc, please give her a call and let her know. Thanks Melanie!

We will also have our regular monthly meeting on February 16 and Tommie is working on our program for then. We need a good turnout so you can be a part of making our plans for the new year. We have fundraising as a priority. We have several things we are committed to such as the Inez Lewis Scholarship, Constitution Day and Dictionary campaign that we need to have the available funds for this year. It takes all of us to have a successful year and I know you want to be a part.

Remember to count those campaign hours and get them reported to Anna King. If you have any questions about what to count, give her or anyone on the executive board a call and we can answer for you.

I'm looking forward to this year and all that we can accomplish. See you all at the Candidate Forum!!

~Cheree' Barrett
President ECRW

February 8th Program

The ECRW along with the Waxahachie Daily Light and **KBEC AM 1390** Radio, will host a Republican Party Candidates Forum at 7 p.m. Monday February 8 at the Waxahachie Civic Center. All local Republican Party candidates in the county races have been invited to participate. We are encouraging the members of the community to attend the forum and learn more about the candidates seeking office in the Republican Primary on March 2.

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During the formal program the candidates will give an opening and closing remarks and answer a series of questions. The program will be broadcast live on KBEC and a complete coverage will be published later in the *Waxahachie Daily Light*.

The candidates have been invited to attend a reception to meet the public. The reception begins at 6:00 p.m. and the ECRW will be serving refreshments.

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2010 Inez Lewis Scholarship

I am honored to chair the Inez Lewis Scholarship committee in 2010. Joining me in this special project are Jane Vineyard, Gwen Hood, Laura Smith, and Mary Bridges. Two \$1,000.00 scholarships will be awarded to the winning recipients. Counselors at Ellis County ISD's High Schools have distributed the guidelines and applications to their seniors, and we are anxiously awaiting incoming applications.

Guidelines for Eligibility:

1. *The student must be a 2010 graduate of an Ellis County High School.*
2. *The student must be in the top 25% of his/her class.*
3. *The student must take either the SAT or ACT; copy of student's score must be included with the application.*
4. *The student must submit an application and autobiography.*

This is an exciting opportunity for the Ellis County Republican Women to assist two deserving students with college expenses. Interested students should submit their completed applications (to their school counselors or to the contact below) no later than March 12, 2010.

Martha Vansyckle

Inez Lewis Scholarship

109 Suburban Drive
mzoev1@hotmail.com

Phone: 214.499.5678 Fax to: 972.692.7703

February 16 Program

The ECRW will be meeting again on February 16 at the Rogers Hotel at 7:00 p.m.

The two candidates, Justice Jeff Brown and Mr. Rick Green, seeking office in March 2 Republican Primary for Texas Supreme Court Place 3 that were unable to attend the January 19th meeting have been invited again to attend. Also Judge Al Scoggins and Justice Felipe Reyna, candidates for the 10th Court of Appeals and Senator Kip Averitt and Darren Yancy, candidates seeking the nomination for Texas Senator in SD 22 have been invited to attend the meeting. As of this writing, who will be attending is unknown.

Caring for America Project

The number of items donated to the Hope Clinic Coat Drive was 18 coats and jackets. The donors were Susan Worthy, Martha Vansyckle, Maureen Kennedy and Tommie Worthy.

~~ Maureen Kennedy

Calendar of Events

February 16- ECRW Meeting – Rogers Hotel
 February 16- Early Voting begins for the Primary Election
 February 23-Last day to receive applications for ballot by mail
 February 26-Last day of early voting for **Primary Election**
 March 2- - Primary Election/Precinct Convention
 March 12 -Last day a primary runoff candidate may Withdraw from ballot
 March 20 - **SD/County Convention**
 April 5 -Early Voting for Primary Runoff Election
 April 9 -Last day of early voting for Primary Runoff
 April 13 -**Primary Runoff Election Day**
 May 3 -New County Chairmen & Precinct Chairs take Office
 June 11-12 -**Republican Party of Texas State Convention (Dallas, Texas)**

Membership Dues

2010 Membership Dues \$25.00
 Associate and Young Republicans Dues \$10.00
 Please make check payable to ECRW PAC
 Mail to: Vicki Blair, Membership Chair
 1120 Maree Dr., Waxahachie, TX 75165

Websites: *Ellis County Republican Women* www.ecrw.org
Texas Federation of Republican Women www.tfrw.org
National Federation of Republican Women www.nfrw.org

Ellis County Republican Women PAC

2010 Membership New & Renewal Application

Date: _____

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone : (H) _____ (C) _____ (W) _____

E-Mail : _____ Publish in Directory? Yes/no

Fax: _____ Birthday (Month / Day) (Spouse) _____

Occupation (Required for PAC report) : _____

Voter Information – located on your voter registration card

Pct. # (voting box) _____ or Precinct Chair _____

State Rep. District # _____ or State Representative _____

State Senate District # _____ or State Senator _____

Congressional District # _____ or Congressman _____

TFRW Senatorial District # 22 District Director : Tommy Worthy

I am interested in serving in the following areas: (Circle as many as interest you). Please complete this section even if you are not a new member. Preferences may change each year.

American ism & Caring for American Campaign Activities Directory Fund Raising Historian

Hospitality Legislation Literacy Membership Newsletter Programs
Publicity

Telephone Voter Registration

Membership Status: New /Renewal Full Member \$25____ Associate \$10 (M/F)____ Young Affiliate (M/F) \$10 _____

Paid Check # _____ Amount \$ _____ Cash Amount \$ _____

It is customary for the Republican clubs to provide membership lists, names and addresses only, to Republican candidates. If you wish to opt out, please indicate NO. ____

Please make checks payable to ECRW PAC & mail to: Vickie Blair, 1120 Maree Drive, Waxahachie, TX 75165 Phone 972-938-7082

Just a Reminder . . .

. . . that it is time to pay your 2010 membership dues if you haven't already. We need everyone's participation this year! To be a voting member with full privileges your dues must be paid for 2010. Your dues entitle you to membership in the Ellis County Republican Women as well as the Texas Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women. What a bargain! This will be an important year for our party. We all need to pitch in and help. Tommie has included an application with this newsletter (thanks, Tommie). You can bring it to our next meeting, February 16, or mail it to the address on the form. Looking forward to hearing from you. Vickie Blair-Membership
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Texas Republican Party Conventions Your Grass Roots Road Map to Participation

Precinct Convention

Held after the polls close on Primary Election Day at your polling place. **March 2, 2010**

- *To participate, you must have voted in the Republican primary (Have your voter card stamped to verify voting.)
- *Precinct chairman may open the meeting and then a permanent chairman is elected.
- *Delegates for the Senatorial Convention are selected and voted upon.
- *Resolutions for platform may be presented in writing and voted upon.
- *There is no quorum requirement to hold the convention.
- *Required paperwork is provided and must be returned to the County Republican Party headquarters by the date stipulated in the packet or it will not be valid.
- *Remind your voters and members to attend this very important, first step in the Grassroots process.
- *Precinct Convention may last from a few minutes to an hour or more.

County Convention

Held Saturday, March 20, 2010

***Delegates are those chosen at the Precinct Conventions**

- *Each Senatorial District or County will hold a convention.
- *Some Precinct delegates will be asked to help organize this Convention and serve on Temporary Committees: Credentials, Rules, Organization, Resolutions, Nominations. These meeting will precede the Convention. *These meeting will precede the Convention*
- *Permanent committee members are elected by the whole body of the convention on
- *Delegates to the State convention in Dallas will be selected by the Nominations Committee and then presented to the whole body of the convention for a vote.
- *Resolutions will be selected by the Resolutions Committee and presented to the whole body for a vote
- *Convention last one day.
- *Vote is by caucus (Your vote will be a % of those attending. Ex: 20 delegate positions: 10 attendees=2 votes per delegate.)

Note: The State Republican Convention will be held in Dallas, Texas on June 11 & 12, 2010.
The National Convention is only held before a Presidential Election.

RPT conventions rules maybe accessed at www.texasgop.org

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