



# Liberty Belle



**Ellis County Republican Women**  
Affiliate of Texas & National Federation of Republican Women

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## Message from the President

Hello Republican Women,

I recently read an article about clubs that have members who have become complacent or lost interest. This can be a reflection on the fellowship of the group. Fellowship is a sharing of common interests, goals, and views. Synonyms for fellowship are companionship and camaraderie. Being a member of Republican Women isn't just being a member of the group but a group of women who gather to discuss our values and enjoy the fellowship of each other. We are only as strong as our membership. There are some in the membership who have no time for physical involvement but still want to be included in the group. Others want to help in some manner, even if it is just baking a cake for a fundraiser or sending a card to a sick member or making a phone call. Their contribution connects them to the club as an important asset even though they may never show-up for a meeting. A lot of the work can and is done by a few members. We do not want to alienate any of the members. All this to say that every member is needed and an asset in some way. If you are one of those members that can't attend but wants to be included, give me a call and let me know. There is always something to be done and there is a spot for you. At the same time those who are there for every meeting and every event need to be appreciated for what they do and their contributions. We don't want to burn out those members. I thank everyone for what they bring to the table but especially want to say thank you to those who are there at all times.

The Republican Women are important to this county. The contributions we make to the schools through the dictionary project, constitution day project, scholarships as well as the parades that we are in throughout the county may be all that some know about us. But they may not know of our contributions to the Republican Party. A lot of our membership is election judges in the upcoming election, some are precinct chairman. Be sure to tell them thank you. I can tell you that it isn't an easy job and a lot of times a thankless job.

The positive thought is that I feel the Republicans are about to win big in the fall. Let's all be on board to help that happen and share in the success a big win will bring.

~ Cheree' Barrett



## March Program

On March 16, 2010 the ECRW will be meeting at the Rogers Hotel at 7:00 p.m. and the program will be a presentation on a national program called Cities Readiness Initiative by Diana Claussen, CRI Program Coordinator. Ellis County is participating in the federally funded program aimed at increasing our capacity to deliver medicines and medical supplies in the event of public health emergency. The CRI enables counties to deliver and administer vaccines or antibiotics from designated locations throughout Ellis County. The CRI is in need of a large number of volunteers to accomplish their mission in case an event ever happens where a POD site will be open to provide vaccinations or medicines to the residents of Ellis County.

Guests are always welcome!

~ Tommie Worthy,  
1<sup>st</sup> VP/ Program Chair

**TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN**  
*Patrons Program*

**WHAT IS A PATRON?**

TFRW Patrons...

- are member of the most powerful women’s organization in our great State of Texas, The Texas Federation of Republican Women.
- include members of the Texas State House, Senate, Judges, top executives and community Leaders.
- have the privilege of receiving the bimonthly President’s Newsletter and invitations to all TFRW Board Meetings and events.
- are invited to exclusive receptions at TFRW meetings featuring special guest speakers and photo opportunities with elected officials.
- receive a specially-designed membership pin, and reserved priority seating at all TFRW functions.
- membership is reserved for women who wish to make a commitment of \$250 annually to the Texas Federation of Republican Women.

As we look forward to the future, let us remember how important it is that we support the Texas Federation of Republican Women and the work that it does for our candidates and Party – let’s not forget that WE are STILL the most powerful women’s organization in Texas!

We are asking for your support of TFRW through our Patron’s Program. Your support will provide TFRW with operating capital and allow us to maintain a membership rate that is affordable to all clubs.

Please join us in the TFRW Patron’s Program. Tommie Worthy would be happy to assist you with an application form.

**Quote**

A smile of encouragement at the right moment may act like sunlight on a closed-up flower; It may be the turning point for a struggling life.

~ Author unknown

**ECRW Committee Chairs**

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**Treats for Troops for Easter Packages**

It’s time to start gathering items to fill the Easter care packages to the troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

**Following is a partial list of items that can be easily donated for the cause:**

Small size toiletries; individual bars of soap in Ziploc bags; small package of disposable razors; shaving cream; toothbrushes, toothpaste; lip balm, tubes of sun screen; deodorant; Tylenol, Advil; baby wipes; hand cream, moisturizer; shampoo, conditioner; eye drops, instants tears and paperback books.

Snacks and food items: Canned meat (no pork); sealed beef jerky; canned chips, salty snacks like peanuts; Little Debbie cakes and brownies; packaged snack crackers; packaged tuna or chicken meals; individual packets of Crystal Light, Lipton tea or Propel; homemade cookies, a favorite with the soldiers.

Also hand-written notes and letters of encouragement to the troops and cash donations are needed for shipping.

Please bring your items to the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and boxes will be packed ready for shipping by March 18<sup>th</sup>.

~Maureen Kennedy

**Calendar of Events**

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| February 26- | Last day of early voting for <b>Primary Election</b>                |
| March 2      | - Primary Election/Precinct Convention                              |
| March 12     | -Last day a primary runoff candidate may Withdraw from ballot       |
| March 17     | - St. Patrick Day   |
| March 20     | - <b>SD/County Convention</b>                                       |
| April 5      | -Early Voting for Primary Runoff Election                           |
| April 9      | -Last day of early voting for Primary Runoff                        |
| April 13     | - <b>Primary Runoff Election Day</b>                                |
| May 3        | -New County Chairmen & Precinct Chairs take Office                  |
| June 11-12   | - <b>Republican Party of Texas State Convention (Dallas, Texas)</b> |
| June 14      | -Flag Day   |
| July 4-      | - <b>Independence Day</b>   |

**Where Are All The JOBS?!**

**Submitted by: Ann Weaver, Legislative Chair**

President Obama signed the "stimulus" bill into law a year ago today, and Democrats like Rep Chet Edwards (CD 17) and Ciro Rodriguez voted for it. And after a year, we know that unemployment remains too high nationwide and that the Democrats have claimed to have "saved or created" anywhere from "thousands" to more than 1.5 million jobs. And, they claim to have "saved or created" jobs in Congressional districts that don't even exist.

The Democrats think the way to stimulate the economy is to have government borrow from foreign countries and from our own future generations and have the government spend spend spend (and tax tax tax later on to pay for it all). Republicans know that the way to stimulate the economy is to get government out of your way and get out of your pocketbook, by cutting taxes so that you will have more of your own money to spend as you see fit. This is one of the fundamental differences between the two parties. But with the Democrats in charge in Washington and the Texas Democrats supporting them, real stimulus won't occur.

The Republican leadership in the House has released a pair of reports on the stimulus. House Minority Leader John Boehner's report is [here](#), and Whip Eric Cantor's report is [here](#).

The House Republicans who hail from Texas all opposed the stimulus bill, as did our senators. The Democrats - Chet Edwards and Ciro Rodriguez among them - may claim to be "Blue Dogs" but they voted for this failed stimulus and should answer for casting these and other votes for their party's far left leadership on Election Day this November.

Copied from <http://www.texasgop.org/news.asp?artid=139> - To view the entire report go to [www.texasgop.org](http://www.texasgop.org)



**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 - one day.
- \*Vote is by caucus (Your vote will be a % of those attending. Ex: 20 delegate positions: 10 attendees=2 votes per delegate.)

## 2010 ECRW MEMBER ROSTER

### New Members

Gail Abbey  
Reba Griesinger  
Amanda Gus  
Sandra Wilkinson  
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Melanie Reed  
Linda Sibley  
Laura Smith  
Sandra Turner  
Sue Turner  
Martha Vansyckle  
Jane Vineyard  
Ann Weaver  
Tommie Worthy  
Jackie Wray  
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### Renewing Members

Cheree' Barrett  
Bette Baird  
Anita Blackwell  
Vickie Blair  
Mary Bridges  
Judy Burden  
Theresa Edwards  
Cindy Ermatinger  
Kim Garlitz  
Maureen Kennedy  
Anna King  
Evelyn Knize  
Ann Ledbetter  
Mary Meeks  
Ellen Miller  
Vernelle Nealy  
Cindy Polley

### Associate Members

Nelson Baird  
Rick Barrett  
Charles Blair  
John Bridges  
Brian Garlitz  
T. R. Kennedy  
Gene Knize  
Phil Nealy  
Jeff Reed  
John Turner  
Bill Vansyckle

Our membership currently stands at 31 members well on the way to our goal of 50. We want to welcome our new members for 2010.

~Vickie Blair  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership Chair

## Program Chair's Notes

I just want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the members of the ECRW, Ken Roberts, KBEC vice president and general manager and Neal White, editor of Waxahachie Newspapers Inc., all the candidates, the Rogers Hotel and the Waxahachie Civic Center that let us host three outstanding meetings in their facilities.

Our last three meetings gave our community a chance to learn more about the candidates who are seeking State and local offices in the March 2 Republican Primary.

We were honored to have 4 of the 6 candidates and a sister of one seeking office for the Texas Supreme Court Place 3 at the January 19 meeting.

On February 8, the Republican Candidates seeking local offices was well attended by 250 enthusiastic voters.

At the last meeting on February 16, we enjoyed hearing from the candidates running for Ellis County Republican Chair and Darren Yancy, a candidate for Senate SD 22.

The professional conduct displayed by all participants was outstanding.

Thank you for 3 great meetings!  
~ Tommie



# AN EVENING WITH SARAH PALIN

Thursday, April 29, 2010 • Austin Convention Center • Austin, TX

## AN EVENING WITH SARAH PALIN

Brought to you by *Heroic Media*, Majella Cares Outreach

General Admission – \$50.00 per ticket.

Patron – \$100 per ticket, Reserved seating and listing in program, (Must meet April 15, 2010 deadline).

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