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Message from the President

Welcome to Spring...finally! We have been having an amazing turnout at our monthly meetings. Standing room only at our March meeting in the library at the Rogers Hotel. If you haven't been attending regularly, please come. There's nothing better than to outgrow a room! So many of our Women worked the primary elections and we owe them all a big Thank You! The Republican Women are on the frontlines when it's election time as election judges, alternates, clerks, etc. Whatever it takes, right? It's recognized believe me. I was told recently that the Republican Women had been the only thing visible of the Republican Party in a long time. That's why we need to be visible throughout the county. Whether working on the parade entries, working elections or campaigns or just going about your everyday activities we need to talk to other women about the Republican Women. If we are going to take back Congress starting with the general election in November, we need an ALL HANDS CALL!!

We have our first fundraiser of the year planned for May 11, 2010 at the Rogers Hotel with Jim Gatewood as our speaker. The Dish will cater and I'm anticipating a wonderful turnout. That means.....we sell tickets. Not just the regular members who always sell tickets but everyone needs to sell tickets to everyone. You can choose to purchase a table and invite guests or sell each seat. The tickets will be disbursed at our April meeting so please plan to be there and pick up your share for sell. This is different than what we've had recently but the executive board, headed by our fundraiser chairman Kim Garlitz, has been brainstorming for new ideas. Kim has made contacts for an art show and you'll hear more on that in the future but we still plan to have our style show dinner in November. Also we plan a non-event that will be so easy to help in fundraising you'll want to participate I'm sure. More to come on all these. Also Tommie and Kim have been soliciting for grants to support the Constitution Day project. Last year Wal-Mart participated in Waxahachie so they've branched out this year to several Wal-Marts in Ellis County. Tommie has already gotten a donation from CNB so she's well on the way finding coverage for the funds we need for that project. Ellen Miller has challenged us all to buy a case of dictionaries for our Dictionary distribution we do annually to all 3rd graders in Ellis County. She has contacted the publishers already and verified the price hasn't gone up. This is the 8th year this has been done and the Republican stickers are put in each of these books.

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RUNOFF ELECTION

Early voting is April 5 – 9 and there will only be 14 polling places throughout the county on April 13. Please call the Voter Registration's office at 972.923.5195 for more details on the places to vote.



April Program

On April 20, 2010, a presentation on the Patriot Honor Guard program will be presented by Rick Crabb. The Patriot Honor Guard participates in a variety of events including promotions, retirement ceremonies, large sports events and military funeral honors. Come to the meeting at the Rogers Hotel at 7:00 p.m. and learn more about this outstanding group of volunteers who render honors to our fallen heroes and other events.

President's Message

Vicki Blair has been pursuing all leads to grow our membership. She's been mailing applications, she was set up at the County Convention this past weekend and has been chasing past members that we haven't seen for a while. Big thanks to Vicki for all she's doing to make us the best. Maureen Kennedy sent out the call for Treats for Troops and we had an overwhelming response at the last meeting. I believe she needed more boxes than she had planned there was so much. Thank you Maureen for taking care of the troops. Also the Inez Lewis scholarship committee headed by Martha Vansyckle is hard at work choosing the 2 winners for us this year. They had 53 applications submitted and each has to be reviewed and the finalist chosen for interviewing. Thank you ladies for your time and diligence in choosing the best to represent our club.

At our March meeting I told everyone about the TFRW Salute to Women that will coincide with the State Republican Convention June 11-12, 2010. The club nominated Tommie Worthy, Maureen Kennedy, Ellen Miller and Sue Turner as women who had contributed so much to the Republican Women and the Republican Party. Their names are being submitted for recognition at the luncheon during the convention. Congratulations to all of you and thank you for all you do for the Ellis County Republican Women!

Cheree' Barrett,
President ECRW



Legislative

Mar 21, 2010

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF TEXAS CHAIRMAN STATEMENT ON THE PASSAGE OF THE DEMOCRATS' 2.5 TRILLION DOLLAR GOVERNMENT-RUN HEALTH CARE EXPERIMENT

Republican Party of Texas Chairman Cathie Adams released the following statement tonight:

"This evening, following a series of backroom deals and arm twisting, President Barack Obama and Speaker Nancy Pelosi convinced their members to support a \$2.5 trillion dollar government-run health care bill that increases taxes, raises premiums, slashes Medicare and does nothing to control the cost of healthcare. This bill does nothing to help Texans struggling with rising insurance premiums, but instead is loaded with sweetheart deals and kickbacks for special interests, which seems to be just business as usual in Nancy Pelosi's Democratic Congress. This bill saddles Texans with over \$24 billion in new spending over the next ten years, spending which the Democrats in Washington are mandating but will not cover and which Texas cannot afford. This bill creates a new army of over 16,000 IRS agents to enforce its onerous new taxes and Democrat-imposed mandates. This bill is not reform.

"Unfortunately for all Texans, our Democratic representatives in Congress ignored the consistent pleas of their constituents, asking them not to vote for such a reckless piece of legislation, and instead chose to stand with their party bosses in Washington. Make no doubt about it, come November the people of Texas will come to the ballot box in droves to vote for Republican candidates who will listen to them and focus on creating an environment that promotes jobs in the Lone Star State – not a government takeover of their healthcare.

To those Obama-Reid-Pelosi Democrats in Texas, today we send a message: In November, Texans will remember. It's time to fire Nancy Pelosi as Speaker of the House, and the surest way to do that is to vote Republican in November."



Submitted by
Legislative Chair,
Ann Weaver



Caring For America

It's as simple as reading the label. Yes, you can still find products manufactured in America! We just need to take a minute before making a selection in the store. Recently, I bought 4 inexpensive plastic cereal bowls, "Made in USA". Curious about the company, their website, United Solutions, said it was started in 1919 by Eugee Tourigny, a recent arrival from Canada as United Com & Novelty Co. in Leominster, Mass. In 1977, Edward Zephir, Jr. acquired the business from his grandfather's estate and immediately set about revitalizing the company's growth.

In 1986 the company entered the plastic house wares market, later changing the company name to United Solutions in 2006. In 2009, it was the 90th anniversary, moving toward the 100th, their vision is to produce and sell a quality product line that represents the best value to the customer. "The most important and greatest assets of United have always been, and will continue to be, our dedicated employees and the long-term partnerships with our valued customers."

If we put forth a little effort, we can all "care for America" by keeping the jobs on our shores.

From Sue Turner,
A real dedicated Republican Lady



Spring Gardening

After a cold winter, are you ready for spring? Now that March is over and April is here with bright sunshine, birds' making nests and the soil is warming up and getting ready for your seeds and transplants.

For small backyard gardens or larger ones, I recommend planting what you like to eat. This could include tomatoes, peppers, squashes, cucumbers, and herbs. This is just a few – there are many more at the nurseries.

For flower beds and gardens, perennials (that come back every year) are great and hummingbirds and butterflies love them. Some that do good here are Turks Cap, Salvia Greggii, Black Foot Daisy, Purple Coneflower and Butterfly Weed. There are also many annuals (that you plant each year) that are easy to plant by seeds or transplants. Some sun-loving annuals are zinnias, cosmos, periwinkles, petunias, and marigolds. Some shade-loving annuals include coleus, impatiens, begonias, and caladiums.

Happy Gardening,



From Jung Garrett,
A Master Gardener

ECRW to Host Jim Gatewood for Spring Fundraiser

The Ellis County Republican Women will host noted historian, author and speaker Jim Gatewood at their dinner and silent auction on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rogers Hotel in Waxahachie. Tickets are \$20 each and proceeds from the event will benefit all of ECRW's community outreach programs, including the Dictionary Project, the TFRW Constitution Day Project, and the Scholarship Program for Ellis County high school seniors.

Mr. Gatewood, founder of the Dallas Assassination Review Board, will present findings from his book on *The JFK Assassination: a Mafia Conspiracy*. For the past decade, Mr. Gatewood has delivered numerous Texas history programs including the first flying circus and the first casino in Texas. Two of his books, *Slats Rodgers and the Love Field Lunatics* and *J. Frank Norris – Top O'Hill Casino*, will be available for bid in the silent auction.

Tickets will be distributed at the April meeting. There will also be signup sheets for volunteers to help with the event and to donate silent auction items. For any further information, please contact Kim Garlitz at 972-923-9208 or kim.garlitz@gmail.com.

Membership Dues

2010 Membership Dues \$25.00
Associate & Young Republican Dues \$10.00
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A special thank you to all the ladies that helped filled the boxes for the troops. You did a tremendous job in bringing paperback books and other items to our meeting on February 16th. The Dunlap Library in Italy provided enough paperback books to finish filling the boxes. Thank you again for supporting our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Maureen

Calendar of Events

- April 4 -Easter
- April 5 -Early voting for Primary Runoff Election
- April 9 -Last day of early voting
- April 13 -Primary Runoff Election Day
- May 3 -County Chairman & Precinct Chairs take office
- May 11 -ECRW Fundraiser
- May 31 -Memorial Day
- June 11-12 -Republican Party of Texas State Convention (Dallas)
- June 14 -Flag day
- July 4 -Independence Day

2010 Inez Lewis Scholarship

The 2010 **Inez Lewis Scholarship** Committee has selected sixteen finalists to be interviewed on **Thursday April 8th** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the **Comerica Bank's** second floor conference room. Committee members are Martha Vansyckle, Jane Vineyard, Laura Smith, Gwen Hood, and Mary Bridges. Any interested ECRW members may attend this exciting day to meet these exceptional students. Two recipients will each be awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship to assist them with college expenses. Winners will be invited to attend the April ECRW meeting.

Martha Vansyckle,
Scholarship Chair



**Welcome New Members,
Renewed Members
&
Dual Member**

New Members

Cheryl Chambers
Judy Egan
Angela Korthauer

Renewed Members

Yolanda Bunt
Susan Frisinger
Gwen Hood
Jeanie Stump

New Associates

Steve Egan
Judge Bill Woody

Merle Walker
Carol Wright

Dual Member

Helen Quiram



Editor's Note

The ECRW members were well represented at the Ellis County Republican Party Convention on March 20, 2010 at the Waxahachie Civic Center and I want to thank you for your participation. Also another big Thanks for serving as judges, alternate judges, clerks and other positions at the Primary Election on March 2. The ECRW will have a large delegation at the State Republican Party Convention in Dallas on June 11-12 where many are delegates and alternate delegates.

Thank you for serving,
Tommie