

# Liberty Belle

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



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## President's Message

Summer is finally here!!! We had a great State Republican Convention and we're going to share the details at the next meeting. Needless to say all the State Republican Leaders (which is all!!!) were there to inspire us and get us ready for the next election in November.

Jane Vineyard and I were talking today about a contribution that was given to the club to use as a fundraiser. It was from Dorothy Brown Hekking. I remember at our fundraiser that I had a conversation with her and she said she was too old to be an active member. She had an idea, acted on it and the club will be the benefactor of that idea.

Speaking of being a part, WE DID IT! We hit our goal of increasing our membership. The magic number was 49 and we hit it at our last meeting. Vicki Blair has done a great job on membership and she along with everyone in the club are to be commended. But, our work isn't done. There is room for more and more is what we need to be successful in November.

Our speaker was Rick Green for June and he gave an inspiring talk about our rights given to us in the constitution. We had a large turn out for this. Tommie Worthy has done an outstanding job on programs this year. I don't think I could choose a best but all outstanding.

Remember we still need donations for Constitution Day in September and then we have our Dictionary Project in November. Donations are needed for both in order for every child in Ellis County to be reached.

Watch for the Republican Women in the Grape Myrtle parade. Send up a yell!!!

See you in July!

*Cheree' Barrett*



## July Program

On July 21, the ECRW will be meeting at the historic Rogers Hotel, second floor, in downtown Waxahachie at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Captain Pat Merrill of Waxahachie and his presentation will be on the history and etiquette of the United States flag.

Captain Merrill retired after serving 38 years with the U.S. Navy. During his 8 years of enlisted service, he was advanced from grades E-1 through E-6, was promoted from First Class Petty Officer to Ensign and was promoted through the officer ranks of O-1 through O-6. Captain Merrill's specialty was Intelligence and was privileged to provide war fighter support during Viet Nam, Desert Storm, Bosnia, Enduring Freedom and other operations in Bagdad and Afghanistan.

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**Captain Pat Merrill**

He was awarded the Legion of Merit, Two Joint Meritorious Service medals and other personal and command awards for his support in worldwide intelligence coordination.

Captain Merrill is retired from Merrill Medical, Inc., a medical sales company which he enjoyed for several years. During that time he was one of 4 regional sales managers who provided surgical business development nationwide.

Captain Merrill is the president of a national organization of retired Intelligence personnel. He is married to Jan Merrill, has 4 children and 10 grandchildren and enjoys traveling, riding motorcycles, sailing, and church and community involvement.

The public is always welcome at the Ellis County Republican Women’s meetings. Light refreshments will be served. For information contact Tommie Worthy at 972.627.3447 or email [tommieworthy2@windstream.net](mailto:tommieworthy2@windstream.net) or any member of the ECRW.



**Patriotic Quotes**

“My patriotic heart beats red, white, and blue.”  
~Author Unknown

“Democracy is the government of the people, by the people, for the people.” ~Abraham Lincoln

“Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed-else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die.”  
~Dwight D. Eisenhower

“My God! How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy!”  
~Thomas Jefferson

“America is much more than a geographical fact. It is a political and moral fact-the first community in which men set out in principle to institutionalize freedom, responsible government, and human equality.”  
~Adlai Stevenson

“Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves.” ~Abraham Lincoln

“Patriotism is your conviction that this country is superior to all other countries because you were born in it.” ~George Bernard Shaw

“The winds that blow through the wide sky in these mounts, the winds that sweep from Canada to Mexico, from the Pacific to the Atlantic – have always blown on free men.” ~Franklin D. Roosevelt

“On this Independence Day, let us remember the sacrifices that have been made for our freedom. Let us also remember that America is not defined by the politicians who run it, but the people who love it. These patriotic quotes remind us that patriotism in America does not mean following blindly, but rather is means holding to the ideals that gave birth to this great nation.” ~Author Unknown

**TFRW Tribute to Women**

What an honor it was to be selected by you, the ECRW, to represent our club at the Tribute to Women Brunch on Friday, June 11, 2010 at the State Republican Convention in Dallas. The morning started off with a photo opt with Comptroller Susan Combs and TFRW State President Rebecca Bradford. The honorees, republican women and special guests all enjoyed a delicious meal while inspirational speeches were given by elected officials, too numerous to name.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was demonstrated by Republican ladies marching among the attendees dressed in long sleeved white blouses and ankle length black skirts carrying signs giving women Right to Vote, etc. This was in celebration of the 90th Anniversary of Woman Suffrage. The group was led by Susan B. Anthony, aka Toni Anne Dashiell, TFRW IPP.

Each honoree was presented with a “Tribute to Women” Gold Pin.

The meeting adjourned with the song “I Am Woman”.

My sincere thanks to all of you,

Tommie



## *Caring for America*

Thank you to Ellen Miller and Jane Vineyard for sending 3 boxes of paperback books and toiletries to the troops this month. Operation paperback is an ongoing project of ECRW so I am still taking all the gently used paperbacks that you are through reading, even if it's more than once.

*Maureen Kennedy*

**NFRW has guidelines for counting hours spent on Caring for America projects. They are listed below:**

The purpose of Caring for America Committees at the National, State and local levels is to promote and advance Republican values by performing acts of community service. These acts of community service are not to be confused with Campaign hours and are to be held at the club level separately until requested by the TFRW Caring for America Chair. These hours will count toward awards given by NFRW and TFRW at The 2011 conventions held in the fall.

Volunteering can take many different forms. A sample of things that would count for Caring for America hours are: Meals on Wheels, food drives for community food banks, sending care packages to the Military , greeting our troops as they return or deploy from nearby airports, knitting helmet liners for the troops, provide personal care items and reading materials to women’s shelters, Teach English as a second language for legal immigrants, participating in Literacy programs, working as a volunteer at local hospitals and nursing homes and adopting indigent elderly in nursing homes for Christmas and providing them with presents. The hours spent in planning and executing a project and the travel to and from that project would all be counted as Caring for America hours.

The forms for Caring for America and My Favorite Teacher awards can be found on the NFRW’s website. Each clubs Caring for America chair, or some one else appointed by the club President, should download copies for their clubs to submit for various awards. The time frame for the awards runs from May 2009 through May 2011. All Caring for America hours collected during this two year cycle should be submitted to The Caring for America Chair by the required deadlines. The 2009-2010 hours through May 2010 are now due. From June to December 31 are due in January 2011 and from Jan 01 through May are due by May 15. The application form must be mailed to the Caring for America Chair of NFRW, by the TFRW chair, by June 01 of 2011.

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### Crepe Myrtle Parade

Sue has designed another classy float for the Crepe Myrtle Parade on July 3, in Waxahachie. Your support is appreciated.



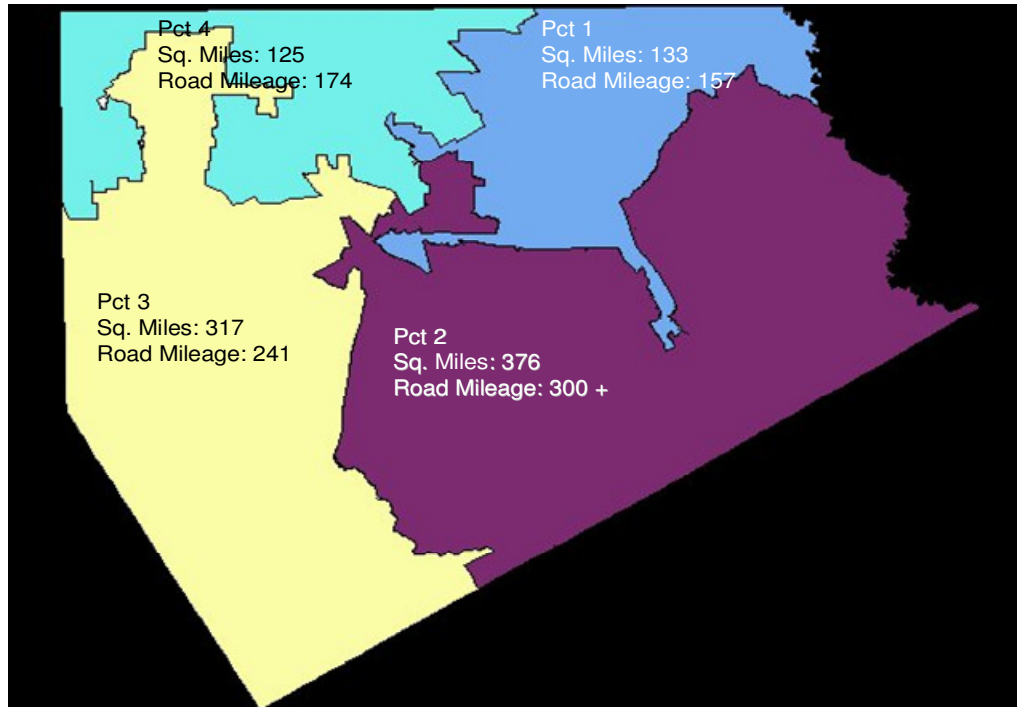
And I’m proud to be an American,  
Where at least I Know I’m free.  
And I won’t forget the men who died,  
Who gave that right to me.

~Lee Greenwood

### Membership Dues

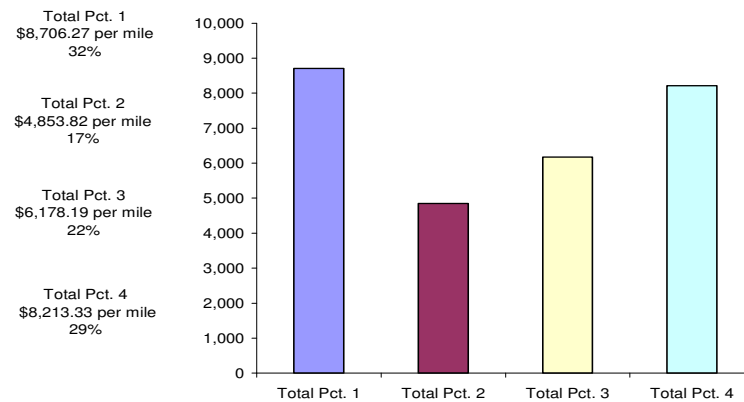
2010 Membership Dues \$25.00  
Associate & Young Republican Dues \$10.00  
Please make check payable to ECRW PAC  
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1120 Maree Dr, Waxahachie, TX 75165

**Commissioner Dodson's Article cont'd from the June edition.**



**Ellis County's R&B & FM Budgets  
Disbursement by Road Mile**

Disbursement 1999 - 2009



**The ECRW wishes You, Your Family and Friends a very Happy Fourth of July  
As we celebrate our Nation's 234 birthday!**

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