

Spring-Summer 2008

Lubbock Area Republican Women

Together We Do Make A Difference



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Kudos to the LARW members who have offered to help here and there. Your willingness to take a turn at 4th on Broadway to register voters is greatly appreciated and noted.

We now have 142 Members and we are proud to announce them; Emily Baker, Shirley Bland Bobbe Crawford, Joannetta Kitchens, Bobbi Pratt, Linda Riegel, Delorios Scott, Ruth Smith, and new Associate Members Frank Gutierrez, Dr. A.J Govindan. Steve Syper, and Christina Nicole Tippit. I am also pleased that we had 15 attendees at our Pachyderm social Wednesday, June 25.

Cyndi Ortiz on her own volition is helping Penny Turner get our volunteer hours recorded. Thank you for seeing a need and responding. Read below about the hours that count - We should stack up mightily by the end of the year for this contest.

Evelyn Winn has graciously pitched in to make our meetings a little more fun by purchasing door prizes to be given away each month - Our club is filled with great hearts and for this I thank you all!

SAVE THE DATE! LARW needs you at the AT&T's tailgate party on August 30th for the opening Texas Tech game. We will help with the "Get Out the Vote" party. Start time has not been announced, but plan on an early 10am. The focus of this event is to register voters. More information will be announced at the July 17th LARW luncheon.

The 2008 LARW yearbooks came out a couple of months ago and you will want your copy. It is stock full of LARW, TFRW information and contact numbers, this year we sold ads to pay for the publication. If you have the chance, thank those that contributed, and please honor these advertisers by using their businesses. You can pick up your copy at the next luncheon or go by the GOP office at 1001 Main St. Room #703.



We couldn't be needed any more than we are at this time! Mark a spot in your schedule to help walk, call or sit at headquarters. Our efforts DO make a difference ladies and gentlemen, when you have the opportunity to speak out on behalf of the Republican party and what we stand for, take advantage of one of our rights - freedom to speak!

GO FOR IT, LARW!

Sincerely,

Deanne Clark Dunn
President LARW

Volunteer Hours & Campaign Activities Count! LARW Can Win Up to \$1500.00

The TFRW is having a Campaign Hour competition sponsored by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst from April 9th through November 5th, 2008. LARW falls into the Jumbo Club category, 101 - 200 members, we currently have 141 members. We have the opportunity to win \$1000.00 to \$1500.00. Internally, at the end of the year, the person who has worked the most hours will get a gift lotions/bath gel, from Elisabeth's shop - The Lemon Tree.

LARW has many members and associate members that volunteer numerous hours on campaigns. We would like to be recognized by the TFRW and NFRW as a Club that is dedicated to getting Republicans elected. We can accomplish this if everyone would simply report their volunteer hours by emailing them to Penny Turner at ptlubbock@aol.com.

The following is a list from the 2008-2009 TFRW Leadership Handbook for Campaign Activity and the policy for counting campaign hours:

- 1) ONLY count hours pertaining to non-paid activities. Hours as Election Judge, Clerk, and Poll Watcher count ONLY if pay is turned over to a county party, your local Federated Republican Women's Club, a candidate or the TFRW PAC.
- 2) Include work done at home, such as mailings; preparing campaign posters or signs; telephoning - solicited by a candidate/campaign; baking for a campaign, but not for club meetings.
- 3) Count hours spent working at a special event or organizing the event. BUT NOT if you attend as a guest or if you are compensated for the event.

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2008 Monthly Meetings

If you are interested in attending please RSVP to Jane Strong at 806-795-8979 or email jsstrong@msn.com at least 2 days prior to the event. Luncheon's are \$14.00 at-the-door and our Evening Dinner's are \$15.00. Lunch meetings are at 11:45a.m. Dinner meetings are at 6:30p.m. All are held at the Lubbock Women's Club 2020 Broadway Lubbock, TX.

July 17

Senator Robert Duncan

"Water: Crisis in West Texas Locally and Legislatively"

August 21

Lubbock City Manager Lee Ann Dumbauld "Short and Long Term Goals for Our City: Solutions and What We As Citizens Can Do to Help"

September 18

Texas Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst
Special Guest Introduction - Senator Robert Duncan
(evening event - 6:30pm to 8:00pm)

October 16

Election of 2009 LARW Officers
Chief Executive Officer Gary Lawrence
Lubbock Economic Development

November 20

Chancellor Kent Hance
"Texas Tech Goals & Scholarship Program"
(evening event 6:30pm-8:00pm)

December 18

Christmas Party, 2008 LARW Awards
Presentations, & Installation of 2009 LARW Officers
(evening event 6:30pm-8:00pm)

I Have To Pass A Urine Test For My Job!?



Like a lot of folks in this state, I have a job. I work, they pay me. I pay my taxes and the government distributes my taxes as it sees fit. In order to get that paycheck, I am required to pass a random urine test with which I have no problem. What I do have a problem with is the distribution of my taxes to people who don't have to pass a urine test. Shouldn't one have to pass a urine test to get a welfare check because I have to pass one to earn it for them? Please understand, I have no problem with helping people get back on their feet. I do, on the other hand, have a problem with helping someone sitting on their butt, doing drugs, while I work... Can you imagine how much money the state would save if people had to pass a urine test to get a public assistance check?



LARW Elephant Parade

The LARW would like to thank Robert Pratt for keeping us updated on-line. He has added several photos and refreshed our text. Thank you so much Mr. Pratt!

Now be sure to visit

www.lubbockgop.gov and check it out.

A special note of thanks to all the LARW who made time to attend the 2008 Republican Convention in Houston!



Many, many thanks to you for your contributions and sacrifices.

Congratulations John Steinmetz!

John Steinmetz, former chairman of the Lubbock County Republican Party, was recently appointed by Governor Rick Perry, to the Brazos River Authority Board of Directors. The Brazos River Authority is the oldest river authority in Texas. Created by the Texas Legislature in 1929, the Authority's 42,000 square-mile territory all or part of 70 counties: extending from the Texas-New Mexico border west of Lubbock to the Gulf of Mexico near Freeport. The Authority was created specifically to manage, develop and protect the water resources of an entire river basin. The term of the appointment is six years and there are 21 members on the board of directors.

LARW Happenings



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Volunteer Hours & Campaign Activities

- Count hours spent in session at Federation Board of Directors meetings and Federation Conventions also time spent in preparation of convention if on committee. You may include travel time.
- Count hours spent in session at precinct, county/district or state party conventions. You may include travel time. NOTE: Please remember to attend your precinct conventions.
- You may count hours spent as members of county or state party committees – ONLY during scheduled meeting times. You may include travel.
- County political work done at club meetings i.e., driving a candidate, working on mailings, getting candidate petitions signed, etc. DO NOT count hours in regular meetings.
- Volunteer hours done at county, state, or Federation Headquarters may be counted. BUT NOT for paid staff positions.
- All hours volunteered at campaigns and at headquarters include portal-to-portal travel, BUT NOT stops for personal errands.
- Count nonpartisan hours for known Republican candidates in city or school board elections.
- Women candidates who are members of a club may count their campaigning as volunteer hours as long as no salary is accepted. A separate award will be given in this category at award events.
- Male associate members may count volunteer hours and must follow the same rules, which apply to regular members. Male candidates cannot count hours working on their campaigns.
- A dual member's hours are only counted in her primary club.
- Whenever possible, please have your hours verified and initialed by the campaign or headquarters. This will help determine where our hours are most utilized.

NOTE: Presidents and Campaign Activities Chairmen are not permitted to work in nonpartisan as well as campaigns when there is more than one Republican in the race. Clubs may not endorse in the name of the club. Individual members may work for the Republican of their choice.

Ogallala Critical Source of Water For Panhandle and West Texas

Sen. Robert Duncan and Sen. Kel Seliger

Many angry landowners have contacted us about a plan that, contrary to good public policy, will negatively impact property rights of rural Texans from Roberts to Jack County. The brand new Roberts County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1, acting as an alter ego of businessman T. Boone Pickens and Mesa Power Pampa, LLC, has launched a private venture that may force landowners across 11 counties to submit to the power of eminent domain so they can pump water from the shrinking Ogallala Aquifer and sell wind-generated electricity. This new governmental entity is composed of only five people, all employees or associates of Mr. Pickens. Mesa is Mr. Pickens' private company – he controls the various corporate shells identified with this project in filings with the Public Utility Commission.

Mr. Pickens' plan is to sell 200,000 acre feet of the Ogallala each year to the Metroplex, even though the plan has not been embraced by water policy planners as an economically viable solution to the Metroplex's future water needs. Such an extensive extraction of water from this area of the Ogallala Aquifer will have a negative effect on natural spring flows and on the Panhandle and West Texas communities that rely on this resource for their future existence.



Senator Robert Duncan

Enabling the wind part of this project is a last-minute House amendment last year that allows a fresh water supply district to host transmission lines from wind energy projects on its rights-of-way or easements. This amendment lets Mr. Pickens' personal fresh water supply district develop right-of-way to build the transmission lines for wind-generated energy he intends to sell. This component of the plan also taps the emotions of those who support development of wind energy resources in the Panhandle (as we do).

Many believe that if they oppose Mr. Pickens' supply district's Ogallala-to-Metroplex water project, they will miss out on wind energy opportunities. That is not true.

*Senator Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, serves 46 Panhandle and West Texas counties in the Texas Senate.
Senator Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, represents 26 counties from the Panhandle to the Permian Basin*

The fact is, Mr. Pickens isn't the only one seeking to develop wind energy. He's just the only one who personally owns a governmental entity (a new freshwater supply district) to obtain the right-of-way for him.

There is an undeniable demand growing for renewable energy. Wind power is coming to Texas and it will be developed in the Panhandle and West Texas, regardless of whether Mr. Pickens' latest venture succeeds. To transport the much-needed renewable energy to the rest of the state and nation, companies will construct transmission lines. Mesa Power is proposing one transmission line, but it isn't the only proposal.



Senator Kel Seliger

Within the next few weeks, the PUC will complete its Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZs) proceeding, consistent with the public policy priority of efficient and orderly development of wind energy. A transmission route will be selected to carry wind energy to the state's energy grid. Since this process began in 2006, more than a hundred people have filed comments with the PUC, and 85 parties, Mesa among them, have participated in this process.

The Panhandle and West Texas have a long history of helping our neighbors. Our cotton, grain, beef and oil have clothed, fed and moved Texans for generations, and we're proud of that heritage. While we look forward to developing renewable energy to be purchased by our neighbors, we cannot give up an important future source of water for our region – nor are we required to do so. The Ogallala is not "surplus" water; it is a critical source of water for future generations who choose to settle and raise their families in the Panhandle and West Texas.

We are working with our colleagues in the Legislature to develop long term solutions for water and wind resources. We intend to address the issues raised by this poorly conceived project. Water is not like oil; it is like blood -- life-sustaining.

I Do Not Have A Headache

The national "drive by" media tells us everyday that we are in a recession.

If you tell someone everyday they have a "headache", guess what, pretty soon, they actually do have a headache. Although, the media reported that some areas of Texas are not feeling the recession. Interesting! Let's discuss the definition of recession.

A recession is a decline in a country's gross domestic product (GDP), or negative real economic growth, for two or more successive quarters of a year. A recession may involve simultaneous declines in coincident measures of overall economic activity such as employment, investment, and corporate profits. Recessions may be associated with falling prices (deflation), or, alternatively, sharply rising prices (inflation) in a process known as stagflation. According to the economists [7], since 1854, USA has encountered 32 cycles of expansions and contractions, on average with 17 months of contraction



and 38 months of expansion. However in recent years, they have been shorter and much less common. Since 1980, there have been only four recessions. The stats below show the impact on stock market indices.

- Jan-July 1980: 6 months
- July 1981-Nov 1982: 16 months
- July 1990-March 1991: 8 months
- March 2001-Nov 2001: 8 months

During March 1991 to March 2001, The United States experienced the longest economic expansion - 120 months
Repeat after me, I DO NOT HAVE A HEADACHE!

**Information derived from Wikipedia.com*

- Quote From A Military Wife -

If you are not willing to stand BEHIND our troops, than please, please feel free to stand in FRONT of them....



State Convention Report

GOP Chairman Chris Winn

The week of June 11th, the Lubbock County Republican Party had approximately 55 delegates and alternates in Houston for the 2008 State Convention held at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Led by Chairman Chris Winn, the Lubbock County delegation and other members of Senate District 28 and Congressional District 19 made a significant impact on the business of the convention.

Elected as Delegates to the National Convention in Minneapolis in September:

Chris Winn of Lubbock County
Dr. Donald R. May of Lubbock County
Kevin Christian from Taylor County
Glenn Warren of Lubbock County Delegate-at-Large.

Alternates elected:

Dustin Burrows of Lubbock County
Jay Gober from Young County
Dee Lott from Taylor County

Also elected by the delegation:

Ken Corbin of Lubbock County
Congressional District 19 Presidential Elector

Cheri Isett of Lubbock County Committeewoman of the
State Republican Executive Committee (SREC)

Russ Deurstine of Tom Green County Committeeman of the State
Republican Executive Committee (SREC), Russ was also appointed to
the Electoral College for the National Republican Convention.

Jane Cansino District Director of Senatorial District 28
for Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW)

Congratulations To Those Elected!

The Texas Federation of Republican Women hosted a luncheon at which awards were given for outstanding service and leadership to Republican Women's Organizations. Recognized from Lubbock Area Republican Women were Jane Cansino, former SREC Committeewoman for SD28, Donna Walz, Jane Strong and Tammy Long.

Serving on Convention Committees were Mallory Miller, former Assistant General Counsel for SREC on the Platform and Resolutions Committee; Tim Lambert on the Permanent Credentials Committee; and Tammy Long on the Permanent Organization Committee.

"We are grateful to the Delegates and Alternates from our local Republican Party who went to Houston to participate in the Convention process of helping determine planks for our National Platform and selecting representatives for the National Convention." Please feel free to Contact our office at (806) 797-3197 or visit our web site at www.lubbockgop.org.



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