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DCCRW General Meeting

Tuesday, September 1, 2009

"Four Trends Facing the Nation—Political, Economic, Religious and Cultural"

Guest Speaker:

Kerby Anderson

What is happening in the changing
political landscape and where is it
leading our country? How long will
these tough economic times last?

Join us as Kerby Anderson,
National Director of Probe
Ministries International, offers
thought-provoking commentary
on these issues and more at our
September meeting.

Kerby Anderson is nationally recognized for
his in-depth exploration and commentary of
American culture and issues. He holds masters
degrees from Yale University (science) and
from Georgetown University (government).

He is the author of several books, including *Christian Ethics in Plain Language*, *Genetic Engineering*, *Origin Science*, and *Signs of Warning, Signs of Hope*. His new series with Harvest House Publishers includes: *A Biblical Point of View on Islam* and *A Biblical Point of View on Homosexuality*. He is the host of "Point of View" (USA Radio Network) and regular guest on "Prime Time America" (Moody Broadcasting Network) and "Fire Away" (American Family Radio). He produces a daily syndicated radio commentary and writes editorials that have appeared in major newspapers across the country. For more information visit www.probe.org.



9:30 a.m. Refreshments

10:00 a.m. Meeting

Dallas County Republican HQ
10100 North Central Expressway
Suite 175

Thanks to our meeting host,
First Ladies Republican Women

President's Message



In six months of the Obama Presidency, we have seen a power grab like no other time in our history. Please know this is not caused by his desire to get our country turned around and growing. It is because the goal is to make our U.S. a leftist socialist country with no

super power status. The defense of our nation is being dismantled. The plans to eliminate our anti-missile defense (SDI) are underway. The trillions spent on the stimulus is nowhere to be found. If you are in business and have had a good relationship with a bank for many years, it will not enable you to get a loan and continue to grow.

The "transparency" was a hoax. No bills are printed and available for us to read. Our Congressmen are not allowed to read bills prior to voting. This "Cap and Trade" bill, which passed in the House, has not even been written. We now learn that any research that disagrees with *global warming* is tossed and the researchers reassigned.

With increased expenses on energy and cost of doing business, discretionary income decreases. Taxes, which were not going to be raised on anyone earning less than \$250,000, will be raised to pay for *Nationalized Healthcare*. Union workers will not have to pay taxes on their health insurance but the rest of us will.

We see Obama's choice for the Supreme Court. Could Sotomayor be worse than David Souter? Who knows? She is however younger and we know that she rules in favor of minorities. How many people in Dallas County are aware that Sheriff Lupe Valdez was in Washington D.C. on June 29 to meet with the President as a member of the Gay Lesbian Transgender Organization?

These facts are just the tip of the iceberg. Most people who voted for Obama and Lupe Valdez are

typical of uninformed Democrats. They have no clue! They think that *uninsured* means no healthcare. They hear what the media wants them to know and what Obama says and are unaware of liberals' actions.

It is imperative that we locate our tepid conservative friends and Republican voters and get them engaged for 2010. During the summer months, please start contacting Dallas County Republican voters. DCRP has a list and needs our volunteers.

With few exceptions, we can be proud of our Texas Republican office holders on both the state and national level. We must keep Texas *RED!*

Please keep our elected officials, our country, and our servicemen and women in your daily prayers. There is a concerted effort to destroy any God-fearing conservative. There are many in power that seek to destroy our country from within. Pray and work for their defeat.

May God bless you in your effort!

Janet Clesi

P. S. Because the above was written earlier, please allow a brief addendum. We find ourselves with a bit of a breather while the Democrat controlled Congress tries another approach to get their Government-Run Universal Healthcare passed. Blog, write, email, and call your congressmen. If they pass it, Medicare will be gutted and rationed. Those here illegally will be covered. Taxes and costs will increase. Keep informed and be ready to respond.

Calendar of Events

August 8 (Saturday)

11:30

Mesquite RW Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show

September 1 (Tuesday)

9:30 a.m. coffee/10:00 meeting

DCCRW General Meeting; GOP Headquarters

October 6 (Tuesday)

DCCRW Night Meeting (details forthcoming)

October 24 (Saturday)

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (time & venue to be confirmed)

TFRW Campaign Management School

Legislative Update

By *Angie King*

After a sizzling 81st Legislative Session, Texas conservatives can celebrate in their many accomplishments that will help to ensure our state's success for generations to come. While Texas lawmakers may take a break and escape the scorching weather, the heat of the health care debate in Washington D. C. is in full force. With never a dull moment, Dallas County Republican women are needed to help put a stop to this disastrous effort.

A Review of the 81st Texas Legislative Session:

What an exciting legislative session! With Republicans holding a slight majority in the House, Texas conservatives had their work cut out! Thanks to their hard work, the Republicans were able to stop several damaging pieces of legislation while at the same time achieving numerous significant successes.

State Board of Education: Good news, conservatives were successful in stopping the numerous bills that attacked the authority of the SBOE in determining the content of textbooks and curriculum in Texas schools. These bills attempted to undermine the elected board members, thus taking power away from the voters who put these elected officials in office. However, one bill did pass which would remove their authority over digitalized textbooks. Thanks to Governor Perry who after initially signing the bill issued an Executive Order to retain the authority of the SBOE.

Medicaid/CHIP Expansion: Committees in both the House and Senate chambers passed bills that would have expanded eligibility for both the Medicaid and CHIP programs, but were successfully defeated during the legislative process. Currently, Medicaid consumes 60 percent of the federal funds accounted in the state budget and is the fastest growing governmental program.

Voter ID: After valiant efforts of many conservative groups, what was known as the Voter ID bill passed in the Texas Senate. However, following Democrat stalling tactics including "chubbing" on the House floor, the bill died on the House calendar.

Margin Tax: A significant legislative success was the passage of H.B 4765 which raised the exemption threshold for the margin tax from \$300,000 to

\$1 million for the next two years, and reduces to \$600,000 in the following years. This is a significant benefit to small business which is the driving force of all job creation.

Higher Education: The Texas Legislature passed a major piece of legislation that creates a fund to provide over \$100 million in research grants to research institutions attempting to reach Tier-One status. In addition, SB175 passed, which caps at 75% the percentage of incoming freshman the University of Texas at Austin is required to admit under the Top Ten Percent rule.

National: While one can celebrate in the many successes of the 81st Texas Legislative Session, Republican women MUST turn their focus and work like never before to defeat **ObamaCare**. Passage of socialized medicine would be devastating to our country. The provisions contained in the House version of the bill, America's Affordable Choices Act of 2009 (HR3200) will cost over \$1 trillion and would reduce quality and access to care, cut Medicare and Medicaid by \$400 billion taking from our elderly and persons in need, and cost tax payers an additional \$581 billion in increases taxes. It would create a government-run health care plan which would reimburse physicians at the current Medicare rates. These rates are lower than what is currently offered by insurance companies and would have a long-term effect of eliminating competition, therefore access to care. In addition, the bill contains a mandate of coverage to both individuals and business.

The Senate is expected to drop the two versions of their health reform bill. Chairman Baucus, Chair of the very powerful Senate Finance Committee, is under extreme pressure from the Administration to provide a way to successfully fund the bill.

With every health organization vying for their pieces of the pie, Capitol Hill is abuzz with high profile lobbyists. You can be assured that all of the "Big Guns" have been hired, health associations have

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In Memoriam

Sue Daniel
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increased their representation, and there is significant pressure on our elected officials to look after the special interests of these groups. Republican women need to rally, engage and make every effort to defeat this disastrous bill. Below are listed several sources to help you track the action in Washington DC. In addition, you can receive real-time messages from key members of Congress via Twitter.

Senate Republican Doctors:

<http://republican.senate.gov/doctors>

Congressional Healthcare Caucus:

<http://health.burgess.house.gov>

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation:

<http://healthreform.kff.org>

The Heritage Foundation:

<http://fixhealthcarepolicy.com>

Contact your elected officials today. Remember to support and thank your Republican members for their hard efforts to defeat this initiative.

Find your elected officials:

<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>

DCCRW members make the most of Legislative Day 2009



On the morning of April 16th, dressed to the nines in their best red suits, members of the Dallas County Council of Republican Women boarded a bus bound for Austin to participate in TFRW Legislative Day. After receiving recognition in both the House and Senate galleries, these activists participated in the legislative process with visits to the offices of our elected officials. The Texas Federation of Republican Women hosted a luncheon for over 800 members who were addressed by Governor **Rick Perry** and Senator **Kay Bailey Hutchison**.

Congratulations to the following Dallas County clubs and club members who received awards at the luncheon in connection with Lt. Gov. **David Dewhurst's** General Election Competition Awards for volunteer campaign hours:

David Dewhurst Award, Small Club category:

Richardson RW

Small Club with most campaign hours:

Dallas Star RW (First Place)

Candidate with most campaign hours:

Cindy Werner (First Place)

Associate Member with most campaign hours:

Paul Hoffman (Garland RW)



Following the luncheon, the women of DCCRW congregated in a private meeting room where they were addressed by Comptroller **Susan Combs**, Texas Railroad Commissioner **Elizabeth Ames Jones**, Senator **John Carona**, and Representative **Dan Branch**. The attendees were afforded a unique opportunity to personally address concerns regarding current legislation in a small private setting. Thank you to all who attended Legislative Day and made your voices heard in the halls of our State Capitol.

Thank you to all DCCRW women who worked tirelessly to make this day possible, and to our special sponsors who enabled us to have a great excursion and day in Austin:

Senator Florence Shapiro

Senator John Carona

Representative Will Hartnett

Representative Jim Jackson

Representative Dan Branch

Representative Linda Harper-Brown

Commissioner Kenneth Mayfield

Commissioner Maurine Dickey



See more Legislative Day and other event photos at www.DCCRW.org.

DCCRW members on site at the Capitol, with Railroad Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones (front center)

DCCRW's Cinco de Mayo Dinner Meeting a big hit

At our May 5 night meeting at Milestone Culinary Arts Center, Republican Women and guests enjoyed camaraderie, a delicious dinner and instructive remarks from **Brian Chase**, Deputy Chief of Staff to Congressman Jeb Hensarling.

Many thanks to the host Clubs, **Westlake RW**, **Downtown RW** and **Dallas Republican Career Women**, and to the following individuals for their participation: Westlake President **Rebecca Kay**, who gave the invocation; **Sandy Denton**, PAC Treasurer of Downtown RW, and **Colleen Skinner**, President of Dallas RCW, who led pledges to the American and Texas flags, respectively. And thanks to **Wanda King**, Lake Highlands RW and DCCRW Treasurer; **Delma Hendrix**, Northwood RW; **Deborah Guerriero**, First RW; **Maebelle Raiza**, Northwood RW; and **Suzanne Leach**, First RW, for their efficient handling of registration.

All 17 Clubs were represented at the meeting and numerous special guests were in attendance as well.



DCCRW Program Director Joyce Hanson and Hospitality Director Pat Reid, with Mayor Tom Leppert.



Maebelle Raiza, Pat Reid, Delma Hendrix, Janet Clesi, and Wanda King greet members and guests.

2009-2010 Friends of DCCRW

Deborah Guerriero
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Pat Reid
Hon. Mike Cantrell
Marty Forte'
Vicki Slaton
Dot Adler
Hon. Joe Driver
Northwood Republican Women, in honor of
founding member **Martha MacKelvie**

Heartfelt thanks to Friends of DCCRW!

Become a 2009 "Friend" of DCCRW

DCCRW Fundraising Director **Vicki Slaton** urges Republicans to become "Friends of DCCRW."

DCCRW recognizes contributions of \$100 or more. All monies collected during 2009-2010 will support campaigns of Republicans on the 2010 general election ballot in Dallas County. With your help we can turn Dallas County back to Red! Friends will receive a free hard-copy subscription to DCCRW's *Republican Reporter*.

Please make checks payable to "DCCRW" with a "Friends" notation, and mail to Treasurer **Wanda King**, 4800 St. James Court, Mesquite, TX 75150.

Receive the *Reporter* free via e-mail

To receive DCCRW's *Republican Reporter* via e-mail at no cost, e-mail martyforte@sbcglobal.net. You will be added immediately to the distribution. **Please be sure your system does not block this address.**

The *Republican Reporter* is no longer available via hard copy except by subscription (\$10/year), or as a complimentary benefit to Friends of DCCRW. To subscribe for hard copies of the newsletter, send your check for \$10 payable to "DCCRW," with the notation, "newsletter subscription," to **Wanda King**, 4800 St. James Court, Mesquite, TX 75150.

Note: To contribute material to the *Republican Reporter* please e-mail pieces and photos to Marty Forte' at martyforte@sbcglobal.net. Items submitted after the first week of the issue month may not be included. We appreciate receiving pieces and photos of special/annual events of individual Clubs.

Annette Ratliff joins DCCRW Board

DCCRW Board welcomes **Annette Ratliff** as Director of Campaigns for the second half of the 2009 term. Annette succeeds **Cindy Werner** who has resigned to focus on pressing family matters. Our appreciation to Cindy for her contributions this year, and our thanks to Annette for committing to help get us ready for the 2010 campaign cycle.

Mesquite RW welcomes all to 15th Annual Luncheon & Fashion Show



Saturday, August 8, 2009, 11:30 a.m.
Hampton Inn and Convention Center
1700 Rodeo Drive, Mesquite

Lunch, fashion show, silent auction, door prizes and a special feature: Senator **Bob Deuell** and his Jazz Band!



Fashions will be modeled by elected officials and members of the club.

Tickets: **\$30.00**. Contact:

Poppy Airhart: 972-270-6973 or 972-743-5182, or

Clare Gates: 972-222-5452; or mail checks to:

Mesquite Republican Women

P.O. Box 851464, Mesquite, TX 75185-1464.

Don't miss the fun! Everyone loves this event!

Dallas Downtown Republican Women announces new web

Dallas Downtown Republican Women's Club has a new website: **www.ddrwc.org**. DDRWC meets through the summer at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday each month at Republican HQ.

Dallas to host TFRW Campaign Management School October 24

TFRW plans to conduct one of its popular Campaign Management Schools in Dallas on Saturday, October 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Save this date and look for details in the September *Republican Reporter*.

Our own **Dot Adler** notes, "What's taught at TFRW Campaign Management workshops is extremely valuable, regardless of whether you plan to run for office or to be a campaign manager. I have attended both TFRW and NFRW Campaign Management workshops. I found the TFRW workshop to be better. It's a great value...."

Republicans Report on Special Events

Northwood RW Advocates for Children

Through Dallas County Commissioner **Maurine Dickey**, NRW became aware of an opportunity to join in the fight against child abuse. Working with the Greater Texas Community Partners and other child abuse agencies, NRW participated in the April 24 event to honor foster parents and CPS workers and to promote public awareness of child abuse. NRW donated money to purchase "Prevention is Key" key chains as gifts for CPS workers and to help cover the cost of refreshments for the event.

In 2008, 24 children in Dallas County died as a result of child abuse. NRW members, thank you for joining in the fight to prevent future tragedies. Your generosity enables us to not only support Republican candidates and philosophies, but the entire community as well. The opportunity is great.



Brenda Gaustad and Pat Reid representing Northwood RW, with members of the St. Phillips Children's Choir

Preston West honors past presidents at Annual Spring Luncheon



L-R standing: Dee Phelps, Judy Schies, Joyce Cochran, Barbara Foreman, Jo Fischer, Alma Box, Vicki Goode (current), Marty Forte'. Seated: Audrey Ball, Jo Corkery, Margaret Whittington.

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Special Feature

The Texas Economy Today

By Texas Comptroller Susan Combs

Every day the national press discusses the economic uncertainty facing the nation. Though we face our own economic challenges, we are fortunate to live in Texas -- one of the few states not facing a state budget deficit. California, New York, and other states are struggling in their legislative sessions to balance their budgets.



Texas is better positioned to weather the storm, largely because we are much more diverse an economy than others, and also because we have not seen our state government spending balloon out of control. It is not an accident that Texas was responsible for over 70 percent of all new job creation across the entire country in 2008. The job climate is both welcoming and rational. We know however that we will lose some of those gains in 2009, but believe that the downturn will be significantly less severe than that experienced elsewhere.

While many families are having to tighten their belts, so must government, and one of the best ways to keep spending under control is through transparent budgeting. When I announced the Biennial Revenue Estimate in early January, I pointed out that we were going to see about 10 percent less revenue than the previous budget cycle, but we were very fortunate to have the Rainy Day Fund for emergencies.

It now seems that the federal stimulus dollars, between 15 and 16 billion is expected to be allocated to Texas, can be used in certain circumstances for one-time projects which will not obligate the state in years going forward. This however must be closely monitored. The bill is very lengthy, and our staff has put up on the web all the information we have about this package, and we will modify it as more information is received. You can find more information at www.window.state.tx.us/recovery.

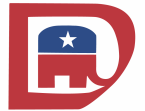
The most critical part of this is to avoid committing to ongoing expenditures funded by one-time sources of revenue. Otherwise, the legislature will face billions of dollars in new spending obligations

without an ongoing revenue source to fund them. In this economic climate, it is wise to be cautious and prudent, and I know that the Republicans in the legislature will do just that.

For more information about the Texas economy and transparent budgeting, please visit my website at www.window.state.tx.us.

Reminder: DCRP Urges All Clubs to Engage in 2010 Initiative

Help increase GOP Club membership 10% by year end.



It's simple: Contact and invite known Republicans to join a Republican Club. This gets Republicans engaged. It results in more Republicans becoming better informed and being part of the solution rather than sitting on the sidelines. And ultimately, it will improve Dallas County's GOP voter turnout in 2010.

How: Request a contact list of known Republicans from Kim Garza at GOP headquarters. E-mail her at kingarza@dallasgop.org, being ready to designate the precinct or street(s) you wish call. If your Club is participating this initiative, you should request lists through your club's point person; otherwise individual Club members may contact Kim directly.

Participants can earn incentive awards for recruiting new active Club members, including a full-year DCRP Eagle Membership, complimentary passes to Reagan Day 2010, and/or dinner for two with the member's Congressman and DCRP Chairman Jonathan Neerman. The Club that recruits the most new active members, relative to its size, wins a full table at the Reagan Day dinner.

For details, contact **Taffy Goldsmith** at ctgoldsmith@aol.com or **Marty Forte** at martyforte@sbcglobal.net.

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At its Spring Luncheon on May 27 at the Park City Club, Preston West Republican Women honored its past presidents in attendance with a Freedom Rose, compliments of its Hospitality Chair **Anne Tanner**. Railroad Commissioner **Michael Williams** energized the audience with his keynote address.

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DCCRW urges Club officers to get to know and stay in touch with their Council counterparts to improve communications and synergies among Dallas County Republican women.



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