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## **DCCRW Night Meeting**

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

"Unraveling the 81st Legislative Session"

Keynote Speaker:

### Senator John Carona

Join us as State Senator John Carona recaps the Legislative Session's ups and downs, from the very visible Voter ID Bill, to the "behind the scenes" activities that determined the course of events in Austin, plus the continued changes we face to our challenged transportation system.

First elected to the Texas Legislature in 1990, **Senator John Carona** is now in his fifth term in the Texas Senate, representing District 16 in Dallas County. Previously, Senator Carona was elected to three terms in the Texas House of Representatives. Senator Carona has distinguished himself in the Texas Legislature as an effective leader.

Following the 2007 legislative session, *The Dallas Morning News* named him to their "Legislative Leaderboard," *Capitol Inside* selected him as "Most Valuable Player-Texas (Senator Carona ~ continued on page 6)



6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Program Culinary Arts Center

4531 McKinney, Dallas

Reservations Required. \$15 per person.

Mail check payable to DCCRW to: Wanda King, 4800 St. James Court Mesquite, TX 75150-1195

Thanks to our host Clubs: Mesquite Republican Women Park Cities Republican Women Richardson Republican Women

Reach out and invite working ladies and other friends to DCCRW's October Night Meeting. Take advantage of this opportunity to expand our ranks by introducing more women to the activities of Dallas County Republican Women.

Reservation deadline: September 30. Please note and respect this deadline.

#### President's Message



In a little over seven months since Mr. Obama has taken office, we see that elections have consequences. He has spent more in a few months than all his predecessors combined. This is nothing if he gets his Cap and Trade passed in the Senate and his ObamaCare passed. According to Mark Steyn the

English Health Care is the third largest employer in the world. The largest employer in the world is the Chinese Army. Universal Health Care in the US could conceivably hire as many lawyers as doctors.

But take heart! The Tea Parties and Town Hall meetings across the nation have revealed a passion for our country and values not seen in my lifetime. While Madame Speaker condemns our grassroots as *Astroturf*, it is the leftwing of the DP that is forced to advertise on *Craig's List* and pay people to show up at town hall meetings. The going rate is \$10 - \$13 and

does not include healthcare insurance! ©

In spite of the *state-run media* being stenographers for the Obama White House, Obama and Democrats are dropping in the polls. ABC would not run negative ads against ObamaCare. NBC's President is working *in* the White House and GE would gain huge if Cap and Trade gets passed. People are watching FOX News Cable like never before. O'Reilly now has more audience than *CBS Evening News*. Glenn Beck, who is on *prior* to prime time, now has the second most watched show on FOX. This is especially noteworthy because viewers must pay more

to access FOX News.

Obama spoke with progressive clergy across America urging them to support his healthcare. Diocese of Dallas Bishop Kevin Farrell wrote a letter that was read at least from one pulpit supporting the Obama HealthCare Plan at an August 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass. (You can read it online at *Texas Catholic.*) Can anyone imagine the outrage if President Bush had

called on his Evangelical pastor friends to promote the privatization of Social Security or tax cuts? Would they be able to keep their tax-exempt status?

Obama has appointed czars in the White House who could not get clearance to hold security guard posts or even be a juror. **Van Jones**, an avowed Communist and former felon is our *Green Czar*. Think what he would like to do to *Cap and Trade!* He has signed on to the theory that Bush and Cheney knew in advance of *9/11*. If our state-run media is unsuccessful in hiding his biography, he may be forced to resign within the next few days.

Then there is House Ways and Means Chairman Charlie Rangel. I can't keep up with all the undeclared income he has. I believe it is upwards of \$500,000. He is on record as recently saying he wanted laws to be more onerous on tax cheats. Pressure is building for him to resign. ©

This is a reminder that Republicans, and especially conservatives, have to run not just against a Democrat opponent, but the state-run media, George Soros, and Tim Gill. There is *never* a level playing field. And don't ever expect it.

According to Rush, we can own all three branches of government. But if we don't start infiltrating the *Pop Culture*, we'll not be successful in winning over the youth. We must learn to use the technology of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century to communicate our message and build our base.

As always, keep our nation "*One Nation under God*," pray for our candidates and elected officials, and do

all you can to get our fine people elected.

May God bless you in your effort!

#### Janet Clesi

P.S. I call your attention to a good piece on Obama's healthcare plan from the League of American Voters, which we are including in this newsletter.

#### Get With the Program on Facebook!

Watch for Janet's e-mail providing do-it-yourself Facebook instructions outlined by our own Jeni

McGarry, and including links to an instruction video. DCCRW wants all members on Facebook by September 20th!

#### Calendar of Events

#### September 10-13

NFRW 35<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention Orlando, Florida

#### September 12 (Saturday)

1:00 p.m. (doors open at 12:30) Freedom Salute, Nokia Theater, Grand Prairie

#### September 13 (Sunday)

7:15 a.m.

Breakfast for Soldiers, National Guard Armory, GP

#### September 16 (Wednesday)

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Facebook Training, Dallas GOP HQ

#### September 26 (Saturday)

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Dallas Star RW Annual Spaghetti Dinner/Fundraiser

#### October 6 (Tuesday)

6:30 Dinner / 7:00 program and meeting DCCRW Night Meeting, Milestone Culinary Arts

#### October 24 (Saturday)

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

TFRW Campaign Management School Dallas County GOP Headquarters

#### November 12 (Thursday)

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

TFRW Campaign Management School Hilton Hotel, Galveston Island

#### November 13-15 (Friday – Sunday)

TFRW State Convention, Galveston Island

#### Campaign Update

#### By **Annette Ratliff** DCCRW Campaign Director



Ladies, as we approach the 2010 campaign season we have great opportunities before us. So much media speculation has been centered around the Republican gubernatorial primary and all of the other races that may "fall like dominoes" when candidates decide to commit to run for other offices because vacancies are created...clear as mud? Thought so. It could be a

"fruit basket turnover" in some of our state-wide offices, so it is extremely important that **we stay focused on our goal** of electing Republicans to our state-wide offices again, as well as adding back to our

county government. Whether you are supporting Rick or Kay for Governor...or any one of the excellent candidates that have indicated they would like to be our next U.S. Senator from Texas...please support your primary candidate of choice without doing our enemy's work for them! After March 2010 we have to come together and support our Republican Team all the way to November Victory, and that will be a much easier task if we have not brutalized each other up to March for having differences of opinion in our primary. Remember our goal is Republican Victory in November of 2010!

I've noticed by my in-box that our clubs are doing a good job circulating the notice about the TFRW Campaign Management School that will be at DCRP HQ on **Saturday, October 24, 2009**. Every club should be represented at this school – this is an excellent opportunity for our experienced members to refresh their campaign skills and to introduce our newly excited Republicans to the tools of campaigns. Space will be limited so send in your reservation immediately!

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#### Primary Calendar

#### October 4 (Sunday)

Earliest day to file an application for Precinct Chair.

#### December 3 (Thursday)

Earliest day to file an application for a place on the primary ballot for office other than Precinct Chair.

#### January 4, 2010 (Monday)

6:00 p.m.

Deadline for applications for a place on the ballot. Applications for all offices must be **received** by the state or county chair, as applicable to the office.

#### March 2, 2010 (Tuesday)

7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

(Precinct Conventions held at respective precinct polling places following close of polls.)

#### **April 13, 2010 (Tuesday)**

7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

#### RUNOFF ELECTION DAY (if applicable)



We are privileged to host one of TFRW's popular Campaign Management Schools in Dallas.

This school is very instructive for every Republican activist, whether or not one has an official capacity with a campaign. Attend this convenient school to become more effective in your efforts:

Saturday, October 24 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dallas County Republican Party Headquarters 10100 North Central Expressway, Suite 175 \$50/person; \$85/couple (share a book)

Further information:

TFRW office: 512-477-1615, or

Carol Hanle, VP Campaign Activities: 512-923-5647

Please register without delay by mailing your check with the following information (you may clip this form to submit with your check):

# TFRW Campaign Management School Registration Form

Please register me for the School at **Dallas County Republican Headquarters** on **October 24, 2009**:

Name:
Occupation:
Address:
Phone:
E-mail:
Make checks payable to "TFRW/PAC."

Mail the above information with your check to:

**TFRW PAC** 

1108 Lavaca—Suite 505 Austin, TX 78701

## TFRW hosts its State Convention at Galveston Island

Visit www.TFRW.org for complete information and registration instructions for the TFRW State Convention, November 13-15 at Galveston Island.

A **Campaign Management School** will be presented the day before the Convention:

Thursday, November 12 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Hilton Hotel 5400 Seawall Boulevard, Galveston Island \$50/person; \$85/couple (share a book)

In case the Galveston date and venue work better than Dallas for you, you may register by following the same instructions for the Dallas school, but designate "Galveston Island" when you mail your information and check.

#### TFRW Notes New Standing Rule 7

#### Club Program Chairmen, take note:

TFRW's Standing Rule 7 was changed at the July 31, 2009 TFRW Board Meeting. This has to do with inviting Republican candidates to your club. The new Rule reads as follows:

When one candidate in a Republican primary, non-partisan, or special election is invited to speak to a local club, all Republican candidates in that race shall be invited to speak either at the same meeting or a subsequent meeting. Each candidate shall be afforded equal time.

The rules apply during the time period beginning 90 days before the first day of the candidate filing period and ending the day after the election\*. If a runoff election is necessary, the period will end the day after the runoff election.

A candidate is defined as a person who has filed with the appropriate entity to appoint a campaign treasurer. \* Rule became effective September 4, 2009 for the 2010 Primary Election.

#### 2-149th Freedom Salute and Red River 44 Memorial Service



**DCRP** and **First Republican Women President Deborah Guerriero** encourage all
Republican women to help with the
following events and initiatives honoring
our home unit veterans:

GOP Vendor Table at Freedom Salute Saturday, September 12 Nokia Theater, Grand Prairie 1:00 p.m. (doors open at 12:30)

This program will honor the fallen seven from the 2-149<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment and their families, as well as 2-149<sup>th</sup> soldiers that just returned from Iraq. DCRP will have a vendor table in the Nokia lobby.

- Help man the table and greet people as they enter for the program.
- Make your Club's brochures available (deliver to Kim Locus at GOP HQ before Saturday).

Breakfast for the Soldiers
Sunday, September 13
7:15 a.m. (Precedes Red River 44 Memorial Service)
Texas Army National Guard Armory
1013 Lakecrest Drive, Grand Prairie

Help serve breakfast to 600 soldiers, including family of the fallen and the returning 2-149<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment. (Following breakfast, a caravan will leave for the DFW National Cemetery for the interment of the last remains of the Red River 44 crew, then return to the Armory for the Dedication of the Red River 44 Memorial Park.)

#### There are two ways to help financially:

- (a) Purchase a paver for the Memorial Park \$70.00, and choose your own engraving.
- (b) Help with the cost of the breakfast (note "Freedom Salute" in the memo line of your check).

Make checks payable to: "Family Readiness Group."

Mail to: Grand Prairie National Guard Attention Christine Gilbreath, Delta 2-149<sup>th</sup> AVN FRG Leader 1013 Lakecrest Drive Grand Prairie, TX 75051

For more information on these events and initiatives, contact **Deborah Guerriero**, 214-343-1606 or **guerrierodeborah@sbcglobal.net**.

## Member Clubs Invite All to Special Events

Preston West presents Facebook Training

"Facebook 101" Training Wednesday, September 16, 2009 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Dallas County GOP HQ 10100 N. Central, Suite 175, Dallas



- Learn the basics of "social media."
- Learn how to use Facebook for grassroots political outreach.
- Learn how to connect with others who have similar interests.

This beginner's class will introduce an important tool for engaging young conservatives and increasing Republican votes. For maximum benefit from the hand-on instruction, **bring a laptop with wireless internet** capability. Come learn how simple it is to use Facebook!

Please RSVP to Vicki Goode at vicki@vickigoode.com.
Charge: \$5 (pay at door).

Dallas Star Republican Women to Host Sixth Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Fundraiser

Saturday, September 26 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Kiestwood Assembly of God Church 2716 West Kiest Boulevard, Dallas \$15 per person, \$25 per couple, \$5 per child.

Speaker: **Hon. Michael Williams** Railroad Commissioner Candidate for U. S. Senate

- Silent Auction
- Free Parking
- Proceeds to benefit our Veterans.

Mail checks payable to "DSRW" to: **Anita Conrad,** 2622 Kingston, Dallas, TX 75211 More info: 214-942-0152 (H); 214-908-1187 (C)

In Memoriam

Claudette Reed 1939 -2009

# 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 kimgarza@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**.

#### Receive the Reporter free via e-mail

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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.

#### 2009-2010 Friends of DCCRW

Deborah Guerriero Heartfelt

thanks

Taffy Goldsmith to Friends of Carolee Blumin DCCRW!

Pat Reid

Hon. Mike Cantrell

Marty Forte' Vicki Slaton

Dot Adler

Hon. Joe Driver

Northwood Republican Women, in honor of

founding member Martha MacKelvie

Penny Hajdu Janet Clesi Jan Woody

#### Become a 2009 "Friend" 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. 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.

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(Senator Carona ~ continued from page 1)

Senate," and *Texas Monthly* recognized him as one of the "Ten Best Legislators." Senator Carona serves as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security and as a member of the Senate Criminal Justice, Jurisprudence, and State Affairs committees. In addition, he previously served as President Pro Tempore of the Texas Senate and Chairman of the Joint Legislative Study Committee on Private Participation in Toll Projects.

Senator Carona has been a resident of Dallas since early childhood. He was educated in the Dallas Independent School District, graduating from Bryan Adams High School. He received bachelors of business administration degrees in insurance and real estate from The University of Texas at Austin in 1978, and currently serves as president of a national realty management firm. Senator Carona is married and the proud father of five children.

#### Five Obama Lies About His Health Care Plan

#### From the League of American Voters August 27, 2009

...Here are just 5 of the big whoppers.

## Lie #1: 'You Keep Your Doctor, You Keep Your Insurer'

This is a complete fabrication. Under plans Obama has backed in the House and the Senate, almost any business can opt their employees into the "public option" - the government health plan. That means you could lose your insurer. And if your doctor is worth his salt, you'll lose him or her as well.

Why? Because great doctors probably will not want to get the very low rates the government will pay private doctors who are part of the new government system. So, without your consent, you very easily could lose your insurer and your doctor.

## Lie #2: The Elderly Will Not Face Rationing or Medicare Cuts

More baloney. In fact, just last week, The New York Times, a very liberal and very pro-Obama newspaper, admitted that fears of rationing for elderly patients are "not irrational." The truth is that Obamacare would almost 50 million new patients to government care. Who would pay for it. You would! Seniors on Medicare will be the first hit.

Here's what the Times reported: "Bills now in Congress would squeeze savings out of Medicare, a lifeline for the elderly, on the assumption that doctors and hospitals can be more efficient." This means that faceless bureaucrats will decide the type and quality of your care. It is a very dangerous thing to give your life and well-being over to government bureaucrats!

Imagine if you or a loved one is older than 80 years and critically needs heart surgery. Instead of getting the heart procedure, you or that loved one could be informed that you are simply too old....

#### Lie #3: There Will Be No "Death Panels."

More lies. Sure, they don't call them "death panels" in the legislation, but that's what their job will be. These committee members will set guidelines with which faceless bureaucrats will make decisions about you and your healthcare. They will decide who lives and who dies. They decide who gets critical procedures and expensive medicines.

Again, according to the New York Times, the Democratic plans call for saving money by creating new oversight committees. The Times says that Medicare and insurers would be expected to follow "advice from a new federal panel of medical experts on 'what treatments work best.""

Again, this very liberal paper concluded: "The zeal for cutting health costs, combined with proposals to compare the effectiveness of various treatments and to counsel seniors on end-of-life care, may explain why some people think the legislation is about rationing, which could affect access to the most expensive services in the final months of life"....

#### Lie #4: The Obama Plan Contains Costs

Absolute nonsense. The Obama plan will cost more than \$1 trillion in new federal outlays, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.

This past weekend, Sen. Joe Lieberman claimed that most of this cost comes from adding 50 million people, currently uninsured, to the government health system. But as Lieberman pointed out, we just don't have the money to do this right now. You can add only so many people to the government system by cutting medical care to seniors on Medicare and raising taxes. Democrats clearly plan to do both.

#### Lie #5: Illegals Are Not Covered by Obamacare

President Obama has stated time and again that illegal aliens are not covered under his new plan.

Still, Democrats say they want to add almost 50 million uninsured. Yet almost one-quarter of these uninsured are illegal aliens. None of the Democratic plans excludes illegal aliens.

In fact, when Republicans proposed an amendment to the House plan to block illegals from getting free government healthcare, Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her minions soundly defeated the motion.

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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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