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DCCRW Christmas Tea



Tuesday, December 1

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Milestone Culinary Arts Center
4531 McKinney, Dallas

\$15.00 per person



Anita Hill Award Presentation
Installation of Officers

Book Signing

Christmas at the White House
by Dallas author, researcher, and
political fundraiser **Jennifer
Pickens**, documents the lavish
private and public Christmas
celebrations, decorations, themes
and traditions spanning half of a
century inside the world's most
famous address: 1600 Pennsylvania
Avenue. (Book sells for \$75.)

Reservations Required.

Your check is your reservation.
Reservation deadline: November 24.
Please note and respect this deadline.

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Thanks to **White Rock Republican Women** for serving as host Club for the Tea.



DCCRW 2010 Kick-off General Meeting

Tuesday, January 5, 2010
9:30 a.m. Refreshments, 10:00 Program
GOP Headquarters

Keynote: **Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs**
"Texas and the U.S. Economy—How Texas is Staying
Ahead of the Rest of the Nation"

President's Message



The good news is that many who voted for Obama have seen his agenda and are running from it. The "Tea Parties" began in the spring and are showing no signs of letting up. Virginia and New Jersey voted for Republican Governors. Obama campaigned for the Democrat, almost

took up residence in New Jersey, and had no impact. As Dennis Miller put it, "*Obama had the coattails of a naked midget.*" Rush put it another way. Losing New Jersey is like Kennedy losing Massachusetts.

The trillion dollars Stimulus Bill, passed entirely by Democrats (not counting our *Rhino* Republican Maine Senators and party switcher Specter) was supposed to create jobs. The numbers came out and we have lost 3.3 million jobs since it was passed. Obama wanted us to resemble Western Europe, and with our unemployment hitting 10.2 % and no job growth in the private sector, it looks like we do.

While most Americans are fixated on ObamaCare, there is a sleight of hand trick in regards to Cap and Trade. If anything, this is **worse** than the ObamaCare Bill. Barbara Boxer is doing her best to get it passed and Senators Lindsey Graham, Lieberman, and Kerry are working on legislation that would reduce greenhouse gasses.

Two days ago, we had the worst terrorist strike on our soil since 9/11 at Fort Hood, Texas. Mr. Obama's immediate reaction was totally different to the situation in Cambridge, MA when he said the policeman had acted "stupidly." Of course, he had to apologize by hosting the *beer summit* in the Rose Garden. This time he didn't want to jump to any conclusions about a Muslim yelling "*Allah is great!*" as he shoots maims and kills about 36 people. It might just be your average *angry white man*.

The polls are showing that the citizens who **don't** want ObamaCare are double digits to those that do. Liberals always think they know what is best for us and will try to pass it anyway. Government control is the agenda. This health care bill will provide for tax-funded abortions, eliminate private insurance in 2013. It will **increase** cost and **reduce** health services. And it does not require proof of citizenship for treatment. To keep health care cost from "appearing" as expensive as it is, additional Medicaid mandates will be forced on the states.

In keeping with his goal for more control and less freedom for people, Mr. Obama declined to attend the 20th Anniversary of the fallen Berlin Wall. As one cynic put it, "Communists don't celebrate their defeats. He'll show up when the wall is rebuilt."

Iran is a growing threat and Obama appears to just want to get along. In Afghanistan, his preferred candidate dropped out of the race. When he does deploy troops, it will not be close to what General McChrystal asked.

The energy for "change" is now with the conservatives. When the youth who voted for Obama find out that they will be forced to buy expensive health insurance and that the government will suck it from their checking accounts every month, they may move to the *right* in large numbers.

Remember, when the government takes your money, they reduce your options and your freedom.

This power-grabbing **nanny-government** must be stopped.

Stay alert to their tricks and their tyranny and don't believe their lies.

We are in the fight of our lives to keep the liberty this nation was founded on.

Janet Clesi

DCCRW expresses deep gratitude to Janet for her efficient leadership of the Council and Board over the past two years.

Calendar of Events

November 13-15 (Friday – Sunday)

TFRW State Convention, Galveston Island

December 1 (Tuesday)

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

DCCRW Christmas Tea, Culinary Arts Center

January 5, 2010 (Tuesday)

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

DCCRW General Meeting, GOP Headquarters

- When vetting information yourself, contact the elected official being maligned by the email, or contact the State or County Republican Party (www.texasgop.org, or www.dallasgop.org) for research info and advice. Other sources are your DCCRW Director of Campaigns and TFRW (www.tfrw.org). Call or email to ask questions.

- If the correspondence does not identify the organization as an affiliate of the Republican Party, it probably is not. Remember our club purpose is to elect Republicans, not take them out of office!

- Friendly advice – avoid sending too many emails! Review all important emails before deciding which ones to forward. By sending too many you may annoy people and if you send faulty information you will lose credibility.

"As TFRW leaders (and club leaders), you are viewed and respected as politically knowledgeable individuals. **The growing movement to discredit ALL office holders is not practical and potentially destructive to our (party's) future.**"

Be wise. Think twice . . . before you hit "send."

Forwarding Email—Do You Know What You Are Sending?

By *Annette Ratliff*

Campaigns Director

It is so easy to just click "forward" and "send" – but do you really know about what it is you have just sent to your list of email friends who trust you as a political source? Do you know if it is the legitimate fundraising site for your cause or candidate? Do you know if the organization that you are promoting (by forwarding) has goals and objectives that are in sync with the bylaws of your Republican women's club? Maybe you should think twice before you hit "send."

Following are excerpts from a message generated by Rebecca Williamson, our TFRW 1st VP and a member of the State Republican Executive Committee (SREC) about how to deal with misinformation:

"With the Tea Party movement, we are being bombarded with tremendous amounts of information, primarily via email (from groups that "sound conservative"). As conservative leaders, we owe it to our elected officials, Party, friends and families to take on an added responsibility: become a cyber truth watcher."

Here are some practical tips about forwarding email –

- If you receive an email that is questionable (maybe you should question more of them!), please vet it yourself or ask the sender to vet it for you before you will consider forwarding it.
- Many new groups are emerging and blasting misinformation (through our RWC's) in a manner which will not only elicit anger and frustration, but may also ask for a donation – beware!

Primary / Convention Calendar

December 3 (Thursday)

Earliest day to file an application for a place on the primary ballot for office other than Precinct Chair. (Note: Precinct Chair filing period is now open.)

January 4, 2010 (Monday)

6:00 p.m.

Deadline for applications for a place on the ballot for all offices including Precinct Chair. Must be **received** by the state or county chair, as applicable.

March 2, 2010 (Tuesday)

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY;

Precinct Conventions following close of polls.

March 20, 2010 (Saturday)

Senate District Conventions

April 13, 2010 (Tuesday)

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

RUNOFF ELECTION DAY (if applicable)

June 11-12, 2010 (Friday and Saturday)

State Convention, Dallas

DCCRW Participates in "Support Our Soldiers" Day



By *Brenda Gaustad*

On Saturday, November 7, two hundred and six soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan were greeted by a large and enthusiastic crowd of supporters as they arrived at DFW for a two week R&R. Included in the crowd were members of Dallas County Council of Republican Women, a Girl Scout troop, the National Honor Society at Berkner High School, Fidelity Investment employees, Veterans, and a youth group from Royal Lane Baptist Church. With patriotic music playing, flags waving, hands clapping, crowd cheering, we all welcomed our heroes home. Watching families re-unite with their loved ones and seeing the soldiers' smile and eyes light up in appreciation of our reception was truly a heart warming experience.

Dallas County Council of Republican Women collected items to be shipped to deployed troops in Afghanistan. These packages will be received in time for the Holiday season. **"Thank you"** for your participation - either by your presence Saturday, purchasing items to be shipped or by contributing to the shipping costs.

We owe an incredible debt to the men and women of our Armed Forces; they deserve our respect and gratitude.



Remember..... **All gave some but some gave all.**



Republican women were joined by many, including these Berkner High School National Honor Society students.



Incoming DCCRW president Joyce Hanson with husband Steve and daughter Alene.



Greeters included Republican judicial candidate Lisa DeWitt (at far left); a mother, son and daughter waiting on Captain "Dad's" arrival; Northwood RW charter member Lorna Crocker and DCCRW organizer Brenda Gaustad (at far right of photo).



Republican women gather to greet troops.

2010 DCCRW Officers and Directors Elected by Acclamation

DCCRW's Nominating Committee proposed the following slate of 2010 Officers and Directors (their home Clubs noted), unanimously approved by the general membership on November 3rd:

President.	Joyce Hanson Northwood
Vice President.	Brenda Gaustad Northwood
Recording Secretary. . .	Ada Brown White Rock
Treasurer.	Wanda King Lake Highlands
PAC Treasurer.	Valerie Ertz Career Women
Corresp. Secretary. . . .	Deborah Guerriero First
Newsletter Editor. . . .	Marty Forte' Preston West
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Director-Hospitality	Kathy Zerangue Northwood
Director-Legislation	Angie King Park Cities
Director-Membership	Pat Bielefeld Bentwood
Director-Outreach. . . .	Debbie Georgatos Park Cities
Director-Programs. . . .	Hon. Mary Poss White Rock
Director-Projects.	Cynthia Jenkins Irving
Director-Publicity. . . .	Deborah Brown Lake Highlands
Director-Historian. . . .	Catherine Monk Richardson
Parliamentarian*.	Hon. Taffy Goldsmith , Westlake
Webmaster*.	Hon. Jan Woody Richardson

*Positions appointed by president

Our congratulations and thanks to the incoming Officers and Directors for their willingness to serve in this important, upcoming campaign year. These

women will be installed at the Christmas Tea on December 1st.

Nominating Committee members were **Marty Forte', Brenda Gaustad, Annette Ratliff, Debbie Georgatos, Cindy Burkett, Taffy Goldsmith and Joann Messina**. Our appreciation to this group for their proficient work on the slate.

Cathie Adams elected Chair of Republican Party of Texas



Dallas' own **Cathie Adams** (Park Cities Republican Women) was elected Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas at a special called meeting of the SREC. She succeeds Tina Benkiser, who stepped down on October 5th.

Cathie comes to the state party from a long career of supporting the conservative cause in Texas—as an election judge; a member of the district, state and national resolutions/platform committees; a delegate to every Republican senatorial district and state convention since 1988 and the last five national conventions. At the 2008 Republican State Convention, she was elected National Committeewoman for Texas. She has served as president of the Texas Eagle Forum for 16 years.

Our congratulations to Cathie, and our thanks to her for her leadership.

Ken Fairchild addresses DCCRW



Political consultant Ken Fairchild, with long-time friend Taffy Goldsmith, at DCCRW's November General Meeting where Ken spoke on "Can We Take Back Dallas?" Answer: YES.

DCCRW to Present 2009 Anita Hill Award at Christmas Tea

By Dot Adler

The Dallas County Council of Republican Women will present the 2009 Anita Hill Lifetime Achievement Award at its Christmas Tea on Tuesday, December 1st, at Milestone Culinary Arts Center.

The award will honor an outstanding Republican woman who has consistently and continuously supported the Republican Party, its candidates and its goals, objectives and values year after year.

The award winner must have been a primary member of a Dallas County Council of Republican Women's club for at least five years, hold current membership in that club, and demonstrate a consistent Republican voting record.

The award is named in honor of the late State Representative **Anita Hill** of Garland, who served in the Texas House of Representatives from 1977 to 1993. She was an active community volunteer until she was encouraged to run for public office. Ms. Hill took pride in her work on behalf of the elderly and children that included nursing home regulation and mandatory children's safety car-seat use.

Past Anita Hill Award winners are Gwyn Shea, 2004; Betty Marquis, 2005; Ruth Potter, 2006; Jan Patterson, 2007; and Marty Forté, 2008.

The honorees' names are on a plaque at Dallas County Republican Headquarters, on the wall just outside the room where the DCCRW meets.

2009-2010 Friends of DCCRW

Deborah Guerriero

Taffy Goldsmith

Carolee Blumin

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

Hon. Jan Woody

*Heartfelt thanks
to Friends of
DCCRW!*

Become a "Friend" of DCCRW

DCCRW recognizes contributions of \$100 or more. All monies collected during 2009-2010 will support campaigns of Republicans on the 2010 ballot in Dallas County. Friends 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.

Clubs Reminded to feature only Republican Speakers

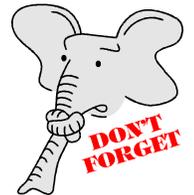
At DCCRW's November meeting, the Clubs were reminded to validate that **all speakers at Club meetings are Republicans**. All DCCRW Clubs adhere to TFRW endorsement policies and the objective to "foster loyalty to the Republican Party and to promote its principles and candidates in all elections including non-partisan elections." It was noted that not all the "tea party" speakers are Republican and some have loyalty to third parties; Clubs should be careful in scheduling such speakers. Our efforts should promote Republicans and help unite people upon the broad, basic principles of the Republican Party.

Club Recruiting Competition Closes December 31st

Don't forget DCRP's 2010 Initiative, challenging every Republican Club to increase its membership by at least 10% by the end of this year. This involves simply contacting known Republicans and inviting them to join a Republican Club.

Engaging Republicans results in more Republicans becoming better informed and being part of the solution rather than sitting on the sidelines. Ultimately it will improve Dallas County's GOP voter turnout in 2010.

Top recruiters may win 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.



A Deeper Connection With Each Other In Ten Minutes or Less

Facebook -- In 3 Easy Steps

By Jeni McGarry



**Fellow Republicans,
we need your help**

increasing the tools in OUR toolbox. Just like the ever-important gatherings, phone calls, door knocking, mailings, and e-mail alerts, we need to connect with each other online to help each other deliver our conservative message faster through the tool of Facebook. Even if you are not currently online, the folks we need to hear our message likely are online. Please help set the pace for our futures.

Facebook allows Clubs and individuals to promote events to like-minded conservatives and provides access to the largest and fastest-growing social network on the Internet.

We are putting together a special Social Media accomplishment plaque that will be hung at Dallas County GOP Headquarters for the Republican Women Clubs of Dallas. Each club that is able to have 60% or more complete this Facebook sign up will have its name added to this plaque.

Our goal is to have all Dallas County Precinct Chairs and Women's Club members connected together by December 1st. Will you please do your part in this effort?

Why is this so important for our future? Everyone keeps pushing this, **WHY?**

Being together is crucial; we think we can all agree on that. As communications evolve, new tools become crucial. (Remember when e-mail was new? ☺) Please watch this simple 1 min 47 sec video on just what social networking can do for our message and us. They really do a great job of explaining networking. Click here: **Social Networking in Plain English** We have condensed the Facebook direction below, but here is a video link below with an expanded version should you want to go deeper in to setting up your profile.

Thank you for taking your time to HELP spread the conservative message!

How to Set Up Your Facebook Account in 3 Easy Steps:

1. Go to www.facebook.com

You will see the area to create a Facebook account on the homepage. Under the "Sign Up," type your:

- First and last name.
- Create a password.
- Birthday – *We know this can be a sore point; any date you type will be accepted!*
- Click "Sign up" and follow the instructions.

You're really close!

2. Wait for your confirmation e-mail. This e-mail will confirm your registration. When you get the e-mail, click on the link in the e-mail to confirm that you did in fact register for a Facebook account. It will take you back to Facebook!

3. Type "Dallas County Republican Party" into the search bar and add this group. When this is complete e-mail jeni.mcgarry@gmail.com.

Congratulations!!! You have finished creating your profile on Facebook! And have joined the Dallas County Republican Party GROUP!

Optional Features:

Click on "My Profile" to view your current profile. You can edit some items directly from this page.

Click "Edit" from anywhere on your profile. You can choose to edit a specific section on your profile, or you can click "Edit" on the navigation menu. Basically, they all go to the same place, with the choice to edit your Basic, Contact, Personal, Education, Work and Picture information. Remember to click on the "Save Changes" button before you edit a different part of your profile or you will lose newly entered data.

For additional help, click here: **Video Instructions to set up your Facebook account and profile.**

Note: The above process puts you on Jeni's e-mail distribution to receive periodic tips for gradually increasing your Facebook skills!



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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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