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DCCRW General Meeting

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

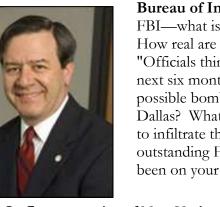
"Major Criminal Justice Efforts in America"

with Special Agents Robert E. Casey, Jr. and James L. Capra

The March 3 meeting is our opportunity to talk with the top two law enforcement officials in this region about major crimes in America. Hear **Jimmy Capra** (photo at right), **Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration** talk about drug trafficking right here in Dallas County! Hear about the arrests of La Familia, one of the largest busts in history. Hear about national efforts to fight drug trafficking in America. Has "Just Say No" helped us at all?



And if that's not enough intrigue for the morning, listen to **Bob Casey** (photo below), **Special Agent in Charge of the Federal**



Bureau of Investigations, talk about current efforts of the FBI—what is being done to make this country safe after 911? How real are the threats we keep hearing about—such as, "Officials think America could face another attack within the next six months"? How did the government divert the possible bombing of the Fountain Place building in downtown Dallas? What happened at Fort Hood that allowed a terrorist to infiltrate the ranks of the military? Ask these two outstanding Federal officials questions about things that have been on your mind.

James L. Capra, a native of New York, received his BS from Marist College and MA in Education from Seton Hall University. Prior to his law enforcement career, he served in the U. S. Navy, U. S. Navy Reserve, Air National Guard and as a Military Intelligence Officer with the U. S. Army Reserve.

Mr. Capra began his federal law enforcement career with the DEA in 1987. He held various field

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9:30 a.m. Refreshments 10:00 a.m. Meeting

Dallas County GOP HQ 10100 N. Central, Suite 175

Thanks to Host Club Preston West

Note date change for this meeting to avoid conflict with the Primary!

President's Message



A Great Time to Be a Republican

What a difference a year makes, doesn't it? Think back to this time last year when Republicans were still reeling from the aftershocks of

the November 2008 elections and the installation of a new Administration that was clearly not interested in working across the aisle.

Today, there's excitement in the air. Hope. And with the election of Scott Brown as the U.S. Senator from Massachusetts, there's something more: it's no longer just hope – it's a new reality.

Calvin "Cal" Jillson, Southern Methodist University political science professor said it best last week in addressing the Greater Dallas Pachyderm Club: *It's a great time to be a Republican*.

The wind may be at our backs, but the real work has just begun. The dissatisfaction with the current Administration has opened a "Window of Opportunity" for Republicans to capture the hearts and the minds of those who are looking for new answers to our nation's problems.

What can each of us do to build the strength we need to win in November?

First and foremost, let's get out the vote!

Starting Tuesday, February 16, Dallas County residents can participate in early voting at ANY polling place in the county. Not everyone may be aware of this convenience, which makes it so much easier for people to vote in the primary. Please mention this to your friends and family members. It could make a world of difference in turnout and engage more people in the GOP.

Volunteer to help out at GOP Headquarters.

Right now, the phones at headquarters on Central Expressway are ringing off the hook with people who want to know more about the GOP and the Primary. The GOP office needs our help in covering the phones during business hours. A friendly and helpful voice on the phone will be appreciated by the callers and can give them a great impression of the Republican party. Thanks to **Northwood Republican Woman** for stepping forward to cover phone for two days this month. Can your club help?

Be an Election Judge or Clerk for the Primary.

Volunteers are needed to serve as Election Judges or Clerks for the Republican Primary. This is yet another opportunity for you to help create goodwill among those who visit the polls. If we can't cover all the polls we will have to consolidate polls, which can cause frustration among would-be voters. You'll find details on page 7.

Attend your Precinct Convention after the Polls close on March 2.

This is as grassroots as it gets – Precinct Conventions are held just after the polls close at 7 p.m. at the same location where your precinct voted March 2. This is where delegates to the Senate District Conventions are selected and new resolutions may be brought up to bring forward through the Convention process. For more information on these meetings, go to (http://staging.electionmall.ws/texasgopsite/in ner.asp?z=2).

We all lead very busy lives and are engaged with our families, our professions and our communities. Thank you for giving the extra effort we'll need in the coming months to show Dallas County *it*'s *a* great time to be a Republican!

Best,

Joyce Hanson



Calendar of Events

February 26 (Friday) 3:30 p.m. Investiture of Justice Lana Myers, Belo Mansion

March 3 (Wednesday) 9:30 a.m. coffee/10:00 meeting DCCRW General Meeting; GOP Headquarters

March 6 (Saturday) 6:00 VIP Reception; 7:00 Dinner DCRP Reagan Day Dinner Gala; Westin Park Central

April 6 (Tuesday) 9:30 a.m. coffee/10:00 meeting DCCRW General Meeting; GOP Headquarters

Legislative Update

By Director of Legislation Angie King

One year into the first term of the Obama administration, and we find ourselves still waiting for the promised "Change." The only change we have seen so far has been an insurmountable increase to our national debt, closed door, non-transparent negotiations on radical changes to our health care system, and an attempt to bring to trial a known terrorist in a civilian federal court in the heart of New York City.

President Obama released the \$3.8 trillion budget for fiscal year 2011. Despite promises of a spending freeze, we see a \$1.56 trillion deficit. In addition, it raises taxes \$2 trillion per year across a wide spectrum, including small businesses and families making under \$250,000 per year. The budget also calls for a \$870 billion national energy tax. The health care reform bill passed both the House and Senate chambers, and reports say that House and Senate Democratic leadership will forge ahead. With the election of Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown, the Senate loses the Democratic majority and they must rework their strategy. The most likely scenario would be the House passing the Senate bill and both chambers then passing a separate budget reconciliation bill - requires only 51 votes to pass the Senate – then modifying the Senate bill to address House concerns with the legislation. The appointed conference committee has sent their version of the bill to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) where they will measure the cost of the legislation. The current objective is to get the cost under the magic number of \$900 billion, but there has been no real movement from the scoring office.

On the state level, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst has issued the Senate Interim Charges for the Texas Senate in 2010. Key priorities are focused on job creation and health care reform within the state of Texas. For a full list of the charges, visit: http://www.senate.state.tx.us/assets/pdf/Senat eInterimCharges81.pdf.

Speaker Straus announced a House Select Committee on Federal Legislation on January 12. This special committee will be charged with improving communication and exchange of information between Washington D.C., and Texas. They will concentrate their efforts on reviewing pending legislation and evaluating the impact of such bills on the economy and citizens of our state. A special emphasis will be put on the current health care reform legislation. Representative John Zerwas (R-Richmond) was appointed as chair of the committee and Representative Garnet Coleman (D-Houston) will serve as vice chair. Committee members include: **Dan Branch (R-Dallas),** Warren Chisum (R-Pampa), Ellen Cohen (D-Houston), Donna Howard (D-Austin), Susan King (R-Abilene), Lois Kolkhorst (R-Brenham), Trey Martinez Fischer (D-San ("Legislative Update" continued Page 5)

Primary & Convention Calendar

February 16-26

Feb 16-19 (Monday-Friday), 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Feb 20 (Saturday), 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Feb 21 (Sunday), 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Feb 22-26 (Monday-Friday), 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Primary Election Early Voting in Person
(See dalcoelections.org for hours and locations)

February 23 (Tuesday)

Last day to apply for mail ballot (application to be received by Elections Dept. during bus. hours)

March 2 (Tuesday)

- ☆ 7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. PRIMARY ELECTION
- ☆ Precinct Conventions at respective precinct polling places, following close of polls

March 20 (Saturday)

Senate District Conventions (see page 7)

April 13, 2010 (Tuesday) 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. RUNOFF ELECTION (if applicable)

June 10-12 (Thursday through Saturday) GOP State Convention, Dallas Convention Center

DMN Voter Guide Compares Candidate Views

The Republican Primary is our opportunity to choose the Republican candidates who will be on our ballot in the November Election. Click the following link for the Dallas Morning News' Voter Guide, where you can compare the candidates' own responses to questions on various issues:

http://www.thevoterguide.org/v/dallas/race-index.do

Five Ballot Propositions to be on March 2 Primary Ballot

By Neal J. Katz, SREC, Senate District 8

At the December 5 General Meeting of the State Republican Executive Committee in Austin, five propositions were approved to be added to the March 2, 2010 Republican Primary ballot. They were approved by the State Resolutions Committee, then unanimously and individually by the SREC.

The propositions are non-binding; they **determine how the electorate feels on certain issues**. Overwhelming support for a proposition **may lead to legislation being introduced in the future**.

Please read the propositions below, and remember to vote on them on March 2. They will be at the end of the ballot following all the candidate races.

Proposition #1: Photo ID: The Texas Legislature should make it a priority to protect the integrity of our election process by enacting legislation that requires voters to provide valid photo identification in order to cast a ballot in any and all elections conducted in the State of Texas. () YES () NO

Proposition #2: Controlling Government Growth Every government body in Texas should be required to limit any annual increase in its budget and spending to the combined increase of population and inflation unless it first gets voter approval to exceed the allowed annual growth or in the case of an official emergency. () YES () NO

Proposition #3: Cutting Federal Income Taxes

In addition to aggressively eliminating irresponsible federal spending, Congress should empower American citizens to stimulate the economy by Congress cutting federal income taxes for all federal taxpayers, rather than spending hundreds of billions of dollars on so-called "federal economic stimulus." () YES () NO

Proposition #4: Public Acknowledgement of God

The use of the word "God," prayers, and the Ten Commandments should be allowed at public gatherings and public educational institutions, as well as be permitted on government buildings and property. () YES () NO

Proposition #5: Sonograms: The Texas Legislature should enact legislation requiring a sonogram to be performed and shown to each mother about to undergo a medically unnecessary, elective abortion. () YES () NO

February General Meeting Rocks!

On February 2, Headquarters was packed with DCCRW members and Primary candidates, including **Hon. Kay Bailey Hutchison**, shown below with DCCRW President Joyce Hanson as they prepared for her greeting.





A full house enjoyed instructive tips from SREC Committeewoman **Chris Davis** (left) on how each of us can help Republican candidates win this year.

Following the program, the Council honored its Immediate Past President **Janet Clesi** with an

elegant "book of memories" full of photos, press releases and other features of her tenure. She is shown here with **Deborah Brown** (at right of photos), who designed the gift book.



(February Meeting coverage continued next page)

Spotlight on February Host Club Dallas Star

Dallas Star Republican Women is currently the only Republican Women Club south of the Trinity in Dallas County. Our current President is **Leslie Thomas**, a homeschool mom/ProBono Attorney. We meet at the Read Law firm the second Saturday of the month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. DSRW was



Dallas Star members Leslie Thomas (president), Anita Conrad, Sandra Julien, with Marjorie Ford

formed in February 2003. We are a young club but have already established several traditions. Our Spaghetti Dinner in September is our large fundraiser. Every year we raise thousands of dollars which we use to buy Christmas for Veterans in the Spinal Cord Ward at the Veterans Hospital. For our July meeting we have a hotdog lunch fundraiser that funds our U.S. Constitution for 5th graders program. Dallas Stars can be seen waving from their floats at the Dallas MLK Parade and the Duncanville Fourth of July Parade. You'll find the Dallas Stars also at their T.E.A. Booth registering voters. You can follow us on Face Book by placing "Dallas Star Republican Women" in the search box. Please become our "friend!"



Joyce Hanson, Chris Davis, and DCCRW Program Director Hon. Mary Poss relish DCCRW's February meeting.

DCCRW Bragging Rights

Congratulations to DCCRW members **Elaine Cook** (SD 9) and **Leslie Thomas** (SD 23), both of Dallas Star RW, and **Jan Woody** (SD 8) of Richardson RW, on receiving volunteer awards from the Republican Party of Texas at an awards ceremony on December 4, 2009.

DCRP to Host Reagan Day Dinner Gala



Saturday, March 6, 2010 6 p.m. VIP Reception 7 p.m. Dinner

Westin Park Central Grand Ballroom 12720 Merit Drive, Dallas

Keynote: **Hon. Tim Pawlenty,** Governor of Minnesota

The event promises to be an inspiring and thoroughly enjoyable evening with fellow activists and officials.

Support DCRP by serving as an Eagle Host (\$1000 – \$10,000 levels). See **dallasgop.org** for full details).

Individual General Admission tickets are \$100. Make individual, corporate or PAC check payable to: Dallas County Republican Party, 10100 North Central Expressway, Suite 175, Dallas 75231.

Election Workers still needed for March 2 Primary Polling Places

Be part of democracy in action! Serve as a Primary Election Judge or Clerk on March 2. Polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Clerks may work part time. To serve, you must be a registered voter in Dallas County; however (new this year), high school students may work as Clerks and be paid, subject to permission from their school and parents. Election Judges and Clerks must attend training. Both will be paid \$8.50 per hour. If interested, please contact Jennifer Lang at 214-369-9555 or **jennifer@dallasgop.org**.

(Legislative Update continued from Page 3) Antonio), Tommy Merritt (R-Longview), Geanie Morrison (R-Victoria), Elliott Naishtat (D-Austin), Solomon Ortiz Jr. (D-Corpus Christi), Tara Rios Ybarra (D-South Padre Island) and Mark Shelton (R-Fort Worth).

Report from Massachusetts

By Lisa DeWitt

As a judicial candidate, I receive a myriad of emails each day concerning Republican and community meeting and events. One of those was very different. It was from Jonathan Neerman. The subject line: Urgent Attorney Help Needed in Mass. Senate Race. I opened it to learn that the Scott Brown Campaign would deploy lawyers to help with ballot security in key precincts. I volunteered to serve and began a journey of excitement and enlightenment. From the time of the initial email on Thursday, January 14, there was a steady stream of confirmations, updates and training materials. We received the Memorandum to Local Election Officials issued by William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It contained an overview of the election process and laws. On Monday evening, we arrived in Boston and received our Election Day credentials. Next, we were briefed in a conference call about our assignments. The Lawyers for Scott Brown Election Day Operation had two stated goals: Assure that every vote is counted and that no voter is disenfranchised by error or fraud. My initial assignment was to a roving legal team:



Boston 5. On the morning of the election, I was assigned to be Scott Brown's designated observer at the Ward 15, Precinct 1 polling place located in the East Zone

Early Learning Center on Boston's south side. I arrived in the dark to find an illegally placed Martha Coakley sign. My challenge of the electioneering went unheard by the Warden, the presiding election official. Ultimately, it was the police officer assigned to the polling location who removed the sign. All over, similar challenges to illegal practices were made and for the first time in the state's history, the electioneering law was enforced.

The roving legal teams were dispatched to many instances of fraud to gather and document evidence. In one instance, a ballot marked for Scott Brown was intentionally withheld from the ballot box by election officials and later spoiled after being found in a secrecy sleeve. Affidavits were drafted at the legal team headquarters and videographers were available to interview witnesses for any later recounts or court challenge.

The election laws and process in Massachusetts are rife with opportunities for error and fraud. Voters do not have to present a certificate to vote and can only be asked for identification in limited circumstances. My experience there taught me that election fraud exists for two reasons: complicity and complacency. The ballot box is our national birthright and treasure. We must guard it jealously or be ruled by those who would loot it.

Lisa DeWitt (shown in photo left) is an active member and serves on the Board of White Rock Republican Women. She is the Republican Candidate for 292nd Judicial District Court in Dallas County.

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assignments and later served at Headquarters as the Agency's liaison with Congress and as Executive Assistant to the Chief of Operations. He was later appointed to the U. S. Senior Executive Service and became its Chief of Domestic Operations, where he was principal advisor to the Chief of Operations and DEA's Administrator on all operational and enforcement matters throughout the continental U. S. and its territories.

Robert E. Casey, Jr., is a native of Indianapolis, Indiana and earned a BS from Indiana State University. In 1981 he joined the Houston Police Department as a patrol officer and soon became an organized crime investigator in its Criminal Intelligence Division. He became an FBI special agent in 1986 and undertook numerous field assignments in Phoenix, Chicago and Miami investigating organized and violent crime. He also served at FBI Headquarters in the Criminal Investigative Division and directed a multi-agency task force in the Counterterrorism Division. He has since held numerous other executive positions, responsible for development and oversight of the FBI's intelligence capabilities, policies, and processes. He has represented the FBI on national intelligence and law enforcement boards and advisory groups. Mr. Casey was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus by Indiana State University and received a 2006 Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive.

Get involved in the GOP Conventions

Precinct Convention—March 2

Voting in the GOP Primary (early or on Election Day) qualifies you to attend your Precinct Convention at your **precinct's polling place** after the polls close at 7 p.m. March 2. Here delegates and alternates to the Senatorial District Conventions are elected. (If you cannot attend, ask your Precinct Chair to list you as a delegate to the SD Convention—you need not be present at the Precinct Convention to be elected.) Resolutions may be presented and voted on (bring at least three written copies of each resolution). Resolutions passed at Precinct Conventions go on to the SD Convention Resolutions Committee and may influence the GOP Platform.

Senate District Conventions—March 20

Plan to attend your **Senatorial District Convention on Saturday, March 20.** To help, contact the Temporary Convention Chair for your SD, listed below along with venues and start times:

SD 2: Cox Event Center, Dallas Christian School 1515 Republic Parkway, Mesquite 75150 Registration: 9:00 a.m. **Larry Jeffus: larry@jeffus.org**

SD 8: The North Church 1615 W. Belt Line Rd, Carrollton, 75006 Registration 8:00 a.m.; Call to order 9:00 a.m. **Jarrod Atkinson: dallasjarrod@gmail.com**

SD 9: Grand Prairie Family Church 1513 S. Belt Line Rd, Grand Prairie, 75051-3304 Registration 9:00 a.m. **Rick Cook: rick@sd9texas.org**

SD16: Richardson Civic Center 411 West Arapaho Road, Richardson 75080-4551 Registration 9:00 a.m. **Chris Davis: cbdavis75@gmail.com**

SD 23: Gospel Lighthouse Church 5525 West Illinois Avenue, Dallas 75211-6612 Registration 9:00 a.m. **Angie King, Angie.King@FMS-Regional.com**



State Convention—June 10-12

Dallas is privileged to be hosting the 2010 **State Republican Convention** June 10-12 at the Dallas Convention Center. Please help, and urge other Republicans to help.

Many volunteers-registration workers, pages and

sergeants-at-arms—are needed to help make this run smoothly and properly. Republicans interested in volunteering in any of those capacities can find the respective application form at this link (click "Get Involved"):

http://www.TexasGOP.org/event.asp?artid=119

If you have questions:

- **Registration** volunteers—contact **Marty Forte'** at martyforte@sbcglobal.net;
- **Pages**, young people aged 15-18 as of June 9, 2010, contact **Deon Starnes** at neon_deon@verizon.net;
- Sergeants-at-Arms (must be 18 years or older as of June 9, 2010), contact Paul Hoffman at ph2gop@gmail.com.

Become a 2010 "Friend of DCCRW"

The 2010 "Friends" Program is active. DCCRW recognizes donors for contributions of **\$100 or more**. Plans are forthcoming for a special event for Friends. Our thanks to the following 2010 Friends of DCCRW for their support:

Susan Fischer	Deborah Guerriero
Barbara Foreman	Joyce Hanson
Marty Forte'	Vicki Slaton
Taffy Goldsmith	Janine Woody

To participate, please send your check payable to "DCCRW," with "Friends" notation, to **Treasurer Wanda King,** 4800 St. James Court, Mesquite 75150.

January Newsletter Corrections

Please note the following contact information corrected from the January issue of the *Republican Reporter:*

Diane Lockman, President, Dallas Republican Career Women, Preferred phone number: 214-642-5155

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Newsletter Submissions: DCCRW welcomes features and photos of member Clubs' special events and initiatives, and of awards and recognition of individual members, subject to space availability and approval. Please e-mail martyforte@sbcglobal.net.

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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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